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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
23rd June 1874.

No. 188. Read the following Resolution of the Government of India in the Financial Department, dated Fort William, 9th June 1874, No. 3612 (Accounts):—

In a recent defalcation in a Money Order Office, it became necessary to settle the proportions of the total loss for which the Deputy Commissioners in successive charge and their subordinate Treasury Officers should be held liable.

2. In discussing the liability of the officers, the Head of the Administration urged in extenuation of the neglect of duty by one officer that he "was inexperienced and uninstructed," and by another, "that it was impossible for him to know the rules, or to exercise the requisite control." This slack system of administration should not be permitted.

3. The Governor-General in Council accordingly requests that the several local Governments and Administrations will be good enough to clearly express in writing the duties and pecuniary responsibilities of District and Treasury Officers in respect of public moneys in treasuries of which they are in charge, and to see that such duties are thoroughly understood by those officers. The excuse of ignorance of rules cannot with propriety be again admitted for relieving an officer from personal liability for any embezzlement or loss of public money while it was entrusted to his charge.

ORDERED that this Resolution be communicated to the several local Governments and Administrations, the Comptroller-General, and the Accountants-General and Deputy Accountants-General in independent charge.

(Signed) R. H. HOLLINGBERY,
Asst. Secy to the Govt. of India.

No. 189. ORDER THEREON, 23rd June 1874, No. 1049.

Copy furnished to the Revenue Department in view to the issue of the necessary instructions on paragraph 3 of the Resolution.

(True Extract)

Copy furnished to the Revenue Department
Under Secretary
Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Revenue Department,

Exd. J. H. Burns.

Govt. of 1874. *Madras.*

FINANCIAL.

To THE REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Dated June, 23rd.

Mr.

Recd. July 1st.

Encl.

G.O., 23rd June 1874, No. 1049.

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Treasury Officers.—Resolution of the Government of India requesting that the several local Governments and Administrations will clearly express in writing the duties and pecuniary responsibilities of District and Treasury Officers in respect of public monies in treasuries of which they are in charge, and to see that such duties are thoroughly understood by those officers, furnished to the Revenue Department, in view to the issue of the necessary instructions.

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The B^d of Rev: will be requested to submit drafts of instructions of the description proposed by the B^d of Admin.

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