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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

3rd July 1877, No. 2,187.

Read the following paper:—

Enclosure for forwarding of the Officiating Chief Secretary to Government, dated Fort St. George, 24th May 1877, No. 1,112.

Read the following letter from L. C. PROBYN, Esq., Accountant-General, Madras, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Officiating Chief Secretary to Government, dated Fort St. George, 23rd May 1877, No. 211.

In forwarding, for the information of His Grace the Governor in Council, a copy of this office general letter, No. 1,457, dated the 10th instant, and of a reply to the same from the Acting Collector of Trichinopoly, No. 5, dated the 17th idem, I have the honor to express my regret that my letter was issued in ignorance of the instructions which, it now appears, were issued by the Government on this subject as No. 1,124, dated the 18th of May 1867, to which, I regret to see, it is somewhat opposed. I have adopted measures which I trust may prevent the inadvertent issue of such orders in future, but I have thought it best not to withdraw these pending the receipt of instructions.

2. The particular case (though there had been others of a different nature) which led to the issue of my instructions was that of a credit order issued on Tinnevely; this was by rule issued on the Collector, and, as a matter of course, posted in a cover addressed to that officer. It would seem that the practice of Collectors is not uniform: some apparently (as the Collector of Tinnevely, and, judging from his objection, the Collector of Trichinopoly) do not entrust the duty of opening their letters when absent from the Huzoor to any officer, but have them sent after them unopened. Others apparently follow the convenient plan of allowing some officer who remains at the Huzoor to open the letters and dispose of such as are urgent.

3. The Government will observe that my instructions did not in any way depart from the principle of the Collector's responsibility laid down in the orders of May 1867, which has been since re-arranged. They merely declared the adoption of a convenient plan for securing that the papers addressed by this office should not go wandering about the district after the Collector, but should receive prompt attention. Whatever may be the case in other departments of the public service, His Grace in Council will readily understand that great inconvenience must necessarily arise if the requirements of this office do not receive prompt attention.

4. I beg that His Grace in Council will decide whether this should be secured by instructions that the Collectors when on circuit should arrange that some officer should open all letters addressed to them, and see that those which are urgent are disposed of in anticipation of the Collector's instructions, or by the plan laid down in my letter.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From L. C. PROBYN, Esq., Accountant General, Madras, to all Collectors, dated Fort St. George, 10th May 1877, No. 1,457.

SEVERAL instances having lately occurred in which inconvenience resulted from covert despatches by this office following the Collector while on circuit without having been opened as he Huzoor, I have the honor to inform you that in future all letters addressed to you by this office will be enclosed in envelopes addressed to the officer in charge of the treasury.

2. You will, of course, arrange as you think proper for seeing such letters, and understand that the procedure will not in any way relieve you from responsibility.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

From H. SEWELL, Esq., Acting Collector of Trichinopoly, to L. C. PROBYN, Esq., Accountant-General, Madras, dated 17th May 1877, No. 5.

In reply to your printed letter, dated 10th instant, I have the honor to state that if the arrangement therein proposed is carried out, I have no means of ascertaining what letters, &c., ought to come to me, and that I must, therefore, decline to accept the extra responsibility unless ordered to do so by Government.

TRANSFERRED to the Revenue Department.

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Officiating Chief Secretary.

Revenue Department, 3rd July 1877, No. 2,187.

No. 39.

ORDER THEREON, 3rd July 1877, No. 2,187.

Miscellaneous.

THE G.Os., dated 15th January and 18th May 1867, Nos. 123 and 1,124, contain the directions on the subject, and are sufficiently specific. The Board of Revenue will call the attention of Collectors to these orders and to the necessity of acting upon the spirit of them, even when no Covenanted Assistant may be on the spot.

2. The Accountant-General's circular should, in the opinion of His Grace the Council, be withdrawn, as existing rules, with this further expression of the willment, will suffice to meet all cases.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
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Sir,

L. C. PROBYN,

Accountant General.

Last General Letter sent to you No. 1,357, dated 8th May 1877.

Tichinopoly Collector's Office
17th May 1877.

No 5.

From

The Ag. Collector
Tichinopoly.

To

The Accountant General
Madras.

Sir

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I have &c.

Sd/ Henry Jewell.
Ag. Collector.

True Copy/

A. Crawley.

Assnt to the Acctt Genl.

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No. 211

Fort Saint George,
Accountant General's Office,

23 May 1877.

FROM THE ACCOUNTANT GENERAL
TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

TO THE

Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort Saint George

SIR,

In forwarding for the information
of His Grace the Governor in Council a
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Sir
Your most Obedt Servt

W. H. Cole

Accountant General

Comp. Secy

Handwritten signature/initials

Revenue. 1844. Department
No 2640

From
Off^r Chief Secretary

Dated 24th May 1844
Recd 24th May 1844
No 112

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Transferring
letter from the Accts
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to them, & & &

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of the Collector's instructions

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Under date the 3rd July 1877

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 2640.

From Off^r Chief Secretary

Dated 24th May 1877.
FOR ORDERS.

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Under date the 3rd July 1877

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*On the subject
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*of the Collector's instructions
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Under date the 3rd July 1877*

*Read letter from
the Accountant General, dated
23 May 1877, N^o 211, requesting
to make arrangements regarding
the disposal of Communications
addressed to Collectors while
on circuit.*

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15 January and 18 May 1867
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14 Dec 1877
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Arrangements
regarding disposal of
Communications intended
to collect a list on
Criminals

Car. C. Nelson