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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

19th April 1877, No. 1290.

Accounts.

Read the following paper:—

No. 158. *Proceedings of the Government of India, Financial Department, dated Fort William, 28th March 1877, No. 1886.*

Accounts and Finance.

Read—

The Financial Statement by the Honorable Sir John Strachey, K.C.S.I., dated the 15th March 1877.

RESOLUTION.—The Governor-General in Council has determined—

- (1) to reincorporate in the general Estimates and Accounts the transactions of the Local Governments heretofore called provincial; and
- (2) to make over to provincial uses and management certain additional Revenues and Services, abstaining henceforth from detailed interference with the proceedings of the Local Government regarding them.

2. In consequence of this Resolution, and for other reasons, the Governor-General in Council is pleased to issue the following orders for the information and guidance of the officers of the Account Department.

3. The Comparative Statement of Receipts and Expenditure received monthly from the Comptroller-General need no longer be sent to the Secretary in the Financial Department.

4. The monthly Explanations of Variations from Budget-Estimates submitted by each Accountant-General under Comptroller-General's Order No. 1556, dated 3rd February 1871, are also no longer required by the Financial Secretary, and may be discontinued.

5. The Comptroller-General will, however, submit to the Financial Department, as soon as possible after the end of each month, a Statement of the Revenue and Expenditure and Receipts and Disbursements during the month and to the end of the month, in each Province, under each Major Head of Account, including the Debt Heads used in Statement No. V appended to the Financial Statement, and working from a balance to a balance.

6. The Comptroller-General will forward this Statement for each Province, and for India, General and Political, month by month, as soon as it can be correctly prepared, without waiting till it can be got ready for all India in the same detail: the Statement for all India should, however, be made ready and submitted as soon as the accounts of each month are ready.

7. As soon as his monthly accounts are ready, each Accountant-General will report directly to the Financial Secretary any deviations from estimates, or any thing

else in the accounts which appears to him of sufficient importance to require the attention of the Government of India, sending copy of his report to the Local Government: such report should be reserved for really important matters, and should not include any trivial or unimportant facts.

8. The Comptroller-General will give such instructions as may be necessary throughout the Accounts and Estimates a clear distinction between the items for which the Local Governments are responsible from the rest: this will be especially necessary in Madras for some subdivisions for which the Imperial Government, and for others a Local Government, is responsible.

9. Accountants-General will henceforth make no distinction in their returns between the items hitherto provincial and others that will submit to the Local Governments consolidated Estimates under all the Heads of Account, without any reference to the several or mutual responsibilities of the Imperial Government and the Local Governments. The Local Governments will pass orders upon the portion for which they are responsible, and then send the whole on to the Government of India as soon as possible. They must not reach the Government of India later than the 1st January.

10. With his estimate of *Balance of the Local Government, increased or decreased* as the case may be, the Accountant-General must present the details of the transactions of the Local Government from which he deduces his estimate, and show the opening and closing balances of the Local Government. To enable him to do this, the Controller of Public Works Accounts must supply to him, in good time, the needed accounts and estimates in the Public Works Department, and he must obtain needed accounts and estimates from the Superintendent of Stationery, who should have these accounts and estimates ready by the end of November at latest.

11. The Accountants-General must submit Estimates of the Debt Heads, used in Statement No. V appended to the Financial Statement, simultaneously with their Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure and in the same Statement.

12. The Comptroller-General will issue all needed supplementary orders and will report, at the end of six months whether the resolution of the Government to dispense with the voluminous monthly "Comparative Statement of Receipts and Expenditure," for the preparation of which three clerks were transferred to his office from the office of the Financial Secretary, will enable him to make any reduction in his establishment.

ORDERED, that this Resolution be distributed for information and guidance and for such further action as may be necessary as follows:

1. To the Public Works Department of the Government of India.
2. To the several Local Governments and Administrations: the Governments of Madras, Bombay, and Bengal will be good enough to communicate copy to the Superintendent of Stationery, with reference to paragraph 10.
3. To the Comptroller-General and to the several Accountants-General and Deputy Accountants-General in independent charge.

(Signed) R. B. CHAPMAN.

Secy. to the Govt. of India.

(Signed) R. H. HOLLINGBURY.

Asst. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 159.

ORDER THEREON, 19th April 1877, No. 1290.

Communicated to the Revenue Department and to the Board of Revenue, also to the Superintendent of Stationery.

(True Extract.)

Offg. Chief Secretary

To the Revenue Department.

Board of Revenue.

Superintendent of Stationery.

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