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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

EXPENDITURE.

Marine.

SIMLA, THE 31ST OCTOBER 1876.

Read the undermentioned documents on the following subjects:—

I.—What Department of the Government of India should judge of the necessity for steamers or other vessels desired by local officers and Governments, and of the manner in which the receipts and charges of such vessels should be brought to account.

(Office memorandum from the Military (Marine) Department, No. 40, dated 24th August 1876, regarding an application by the Chief Commissioner of Assam, for one of the famine steamers for employment as a ferry in Assam.)

II.—Whether the Military (Marine) Department of the Government of India should control or supervise expenditure for vessels maintained from Provincial funds.

(Papers received unofficially from the Marine Department, and not recorded in the Financial Department, being letters from the Government of Bengal, No. 1990, dated 19th July, and No. 2075, dated 24th July 1876.)

III.—The credit to be afforded to the Bengal famine grant, for steamers and vessels which, after termination of famine relief operations, were made over to the Marine and other Departments.

(Letter from the Department of Revenue, Agriculture and Commerce, to the Government of Bengal, No. 648, dated 18th November 1874, and enclosures.

Letter from the Government of Bengal, to Department of Revenue, Agriculture and Commerce, No. 6829, dated 26th November 1874.

Letter from the Department of Revenue, Agriculture and Commerce, to the Government of Bengal, No. 675, dated 2nd December 1874.

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Financial Resolution, No. 1204, dated 24th February 1875.

Endorsements from the Department of Revenue, Agriculture and Commerce, Nos. 313 and 404, dated, respectively, the 9th June and 8th July 1875.

Letter from the Government of Bengal, to the Financial Department, No. 59 T., dated 27th October 1875.

Office memo. from the Department of Revenue, Agriculture and Commerce, No. 460, dated 30th July 1875.

Letter from the Government of Bengal, No. 1905, dated 10th July 1876.

Office memo. from the Military (Marine) Department, No. 375, dated 21st July 1876.

Office memo. to the Military (Marine) Department, No. 1860, dated 26th July 1876.

Endorsement from the Marine Department, No. 25 S, dated 12th October 1876.)

RESOLUTION.—The Hon'ble the President in Council is pleased to decide that Marine expenditure shall continue to be controlled in the Military (Marine) Department, in which Department proposals for this class of expenditure can be most conveniently examined. When necessary, the opinion of Government in any other Department of the Government of India will be taken; but it will rest with the Military (Marine) Department to recommend such proposals for sanction in the Financial Department.

2. A practice is springing up of employing steamers and other vessels in the service of the Government in various Departments at the cost of the Imperial or Provincial Revenues without adequate authority.

3. In order to bring this class of expenditure under proper supervision and control, His Honor in Council considers it necessary to pass the following orders:—

I.—No marine service now charged to the Marine grant shall be paid for from Provincial Funds, without the sanction of the Government of India. The cost of the construction and establishment, and the working expenses, of every vessel other than a row-boat or a steam launch, in whatever department it may be employed, shall, as a general rule, be recorded in the public estimates and accounts under the head 18-*Marine*. No such expenditure shall be admitted under any other head of the Imperial or Provincial Estimates or Accounts without the special sanction of the Government of India in the Financial Department. This Rule will take effect from the beginning of the current financial year 1876-77.

II.—No such expenditure shall, in future, be incurred without the previous sanction of the Government of India in the Military (Marine) and Financial Departments; and the sanction of these Departments is also necessary for the construction and employment of a steam launch, although its cost may be recorded in the public Estimates and Accounts under some head other than 18-*Marine*.

III.—Sanction will henceforth be given to the construction and maintenance of Government vessels only upon the same conditions, and after the same scrutiny that applies to the sanction of establishments of all kinds, and returns will be prescribed in the Military (Marine) Department to be submitted to the Government of India through the Local Government, in order to show, periodically, the nature of the service actually done by each vessel and the necessity for her continued employment. Extracts from these returns will be communicated to the Departmental Officers of Account to enable them to check and enforce the application of Rule IV.

IV.—Without the special sanction of the Government of India, no officer is entitled to travelling allowances for a journey made in any vessel, the cost of which is borne from Imperial, Provincial or Local Funds. Any officer whose travelling allowances are fixed by the day or month, must forego his allowances for any day on which he travels in such a vessel, unless he can certify that he has, on the same day, incurred actual personal travelling expenses, in which case he may recover the actual sum which he has so incurred not exceeding the amount deducted under this Rule from his fixed allowances.

V.—Rules I, II, and III and VI do not apply to vessels constructed and maintained at the cost of any Port Fund or other Local Fund, and of which no part of the cost is a charge upon the Provincial or Imperial Revenues; but Rule IV applies to such vessels.

VI.—Fresh sanction must be specially obtained before the close of the current financial year for the retention, at the cost of the Imperial or Provincial Revenues, of any vessel not a mere row-boat now employed in any department

of the public service. Without such renewed special sanction, no charge, even though it be included in the grant for the service of the year 1877-78, will be admitted on account of any such vessel after the 1st April 1877.

4. The famine steamers must be treated like any other Government steamers. If, after consultation with Local Governments, the retention of any of them be deemed expedient, the Marine Department will recommend the arrangement for sanction in the Financial Department. If the Marine Department determines that the vessels are not wanted, they should be put out of commission and be sold.

5. In whatever way the famine steamers may be disposed of, a valuation of them should be made in the Marine Department, and the amount of such valuation should be charged to the Marine grant, in order to afford a corresponding credit by deduction from the Famine Expenditure. The excess which will thus be caused under 18-*Marine* should be adjusted as a sanctioned charge in the accounts for 1875-76.

ORDERED, that this Resolution be distributed for information and guidance as follows:—

To the several Departments of the Government of India.

To the several Local Governments and Administrations.

To the Comptroller General and to the several Accountants General and Deputy Accountants General in independent charge.

To the several Chiefs of Departments administered by the Government of India in the Financial Department.

R. B. CHAPMAN,
Secretary to the Govt. of India.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

30th April 1877 No. 296.

Steamers and Vessels.

Read the following paper :—

No. 59. *Proceedings of the Government of India in the Financial Department, dated Simla, 31st October 1876, No. 3765.*

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R. B. CHAPMAN,
Secy. to the Govt. of India.

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

No. 60. ORDER THEREON, 30th April 1877, No. 296.

Communicated to all Departments, and to the Master Attendant, Madras, who will report on the subject if necessary.

2. Rule IV will be published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, for information of all concerned.

(True Extract.)

Offg. Chief Secretary.

" Military Department.
" Public Works Department.
" Master Attendant, Madras.

Exd. J. Wright.

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Steamers and Vessels.—Communicating Resolution of Government of India passing orders for the proper supervision and control of expenditure incurred in employing steamers and other vessels in the service of Government in various Departments.

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