Revenue Department

G. 6 Duo 1310 of 27-9-1858

Book No 43-44

Diary 28-9-1858

No. 43. Read the following letter from G. L. PRENDERGAST, Esq., Accountant General; to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Fort Saint George; 15th September 1858, No. 187.

SIR,

With reference to Extract from Minutes of Consultation in the Revenue Department dated the 19th July last No. 990, calling upon me* to explain whether the returns furnished to this office by Collectors do not give the means of discovering the existence of separate deposit funds in the Mofussil Treasuries. I have the honor to state that Collectors are required to exhibit at the foot of their Cash Balance Reports all Deposits unconnected with the Government cash. Such deposits chiefly consisted of monies received from the Provincial Courts, which, under recent instructions† from this office, have been merged into the Government cash, excepting those uncurrent coins and jewellery which are required to be returned in the same state in which they may have been received.

* *Para.* 3.

† *Circular dated 16th April* 1858.

2. There are other deposits also shewn in the reports of a few‡ Collectors, such as cash and jewels belonging to Zemindaries and Government Promissory Notes, &c., as security received from public servants. The Collector of South Arcot has never shewn at the foot of his Cash Balance Reports any of the deposits described by Messrs. Harrison and Breeks or this office would have taken notice of it in time, and prevented the keeping of such deposits distinct from the general cash balance in the Treasury. The Collector of South Arcot will be directed to carry to the credit of deposit the several sums enumerated in the enclosure No. 1 which accompanied the letter from Messrs. Harrison and Breeks dated 24th May 1858. The sums belonging to Messrs. Taylor, Hall, McDonell, Puckle, and Banbury will of course be excepted, as they appear to be the private funds of those Gentlemen, which the cash keeper must have secured in a separate chest under the Circular Orders of the Board of Revenue dated 14th April 1851, (vide Circular Order Book Volume II. Page 13).

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3. This office has not the means to discover any deposit which a Collector may receive, and which he may not choose to bring to account, or to exhibit at the foot of the Cash Balance Reports furnished by him to this office. I have now issued a circular to the Collectors, strictly enjoining them not to allow in their Treasury any separate deposits without being brought to account, except those uncurrent coins, jewels, Promissory Notes, &c., which shall have to be returned to the parties from whom they were received. I have also directed them to exhibit such deposits also at the foot of the cash balance in the monthly Treasury account, with the exception of the private funds of the Collector and his subordinates which may remain in a private cash chest in the Treasury according to the orders of the Board of Revenue referred to in the preceding para.

No. 44. ORDER THEREON, No. 1310; dated 27th September 1858.

The Government will await the report called for from the Board of Revenue in Extract Minutes of Consultation 19th July 1858, No. 990.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Financial Depart.t

Fort Saint George
Account.t Gen.l's Office
15.th September 1858.

No. 187.

From

The Accountant General

To

The Chief Secretary
to Government

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your obedient servant
W. Kindersley
Accountt General

Comm.r Dr. W. Laird

Cons. 20th July 58 Nos 859 & 860.

Ee Pkts: B of Revd 27th Sept 58
C No 1538 re Cons
19 Oct

No 483. & 484

C 20 Sep. R 25th

Revenue 1858 Dept
Dy to Consr 28th Sept
No 1459.

From The Accountt General

To The Chief Secretary
to Government

Dated 15 Septr 1858.
Dispd 16 Do —
Recd 22 Do —

Referring to Extract Minutes of Cons. dated 19 July last No 990, states that the Collrs are required to exhibit at the foot of their Cash Balance Report all deposits unconnected with the Government Cash & under recent order have been merged with Government Cash except Uncurrent Coins & Jewellery which the Collr of South Arcot never shewn any of the deposits in his Cash Balance Reports described by Messrs Harrison & Brooks to have taken notice of & further states that the Collr of South Arcot will be directed to attend to it & that a circular to all Collrs on this subject will be issued.

27th September 1858.

No 1310 Draft are Order.

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The Government will await the reports called for from the Board of Revenue in Extract Mint Cons 19 July 1858 No 990.

Fort St George
27th Sept 1858.

To the Bd of Revr Dept 28th
Accountt Genl