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Government of Madras.

Financial DEPARTMENT.

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from 9th to 15th July 1859.*

No. 14. Read the following letter from G. L. PRENDERGAST, Esq., Accountant General; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 18th June 1859, No. 65.

1. The orders of Government, dated 11th April last, No. 214, directed me to call on the different Collectors, named in the margin,* to state whether the system of Bengal accounts has been introduced into their Districts, and if it has, to what extent the changes and reductions, recommended by Mr. Breeks in their Establishments, have been carried out. I have the honor accordingly to report that the new system of accounts has been brought into full operation, in all these Districts in question, and the accounts are rendered to this Office in the modified Forms. The reductions in the Establishments, however, have not been effected to the proposed extent, owing to the causes assigned by Collectors in their reports in reply to my requisition.

2. The reduction of the Establishment in North Arcot, proposed and sanctioned by Government, amounts to Rupees 98, of this sum a reduction of Rupees 45 was effected on the 11th July last. The further reduction of Rupees 53, the Collector states, will be carried out by dispensing with the appointments of a writer on Rupees 10, and of a Goomastah on Rupees 19, so soon as the work appertaining to transcription of the Journal and Ledger for 1857-58, and the preparation of the annual Treasury account for 1858-59, shall have been completed, leaving the reduction of the salary of the Native Accountant, which will be the complement of reduction, to be effected on the occurrence of a vacancy.

3. The reduction of Rupees 31-8-0 in the Establishment of the Collector of Madras, was fully effected in August 1858.

4. The Collector of South Arcot states, that the reductions proposed and approved of, will be carried out gradually as opportunities occur, without affecting the present incumbents, or impairing the efficiency of the Establishment. The only reduction he has been already able to effect out of the 200 Rupees to be taken from his Establishment, amounts to Rupees 57-8-0.

5. The Head Assistant Collector in charge of Guntoor reports that the reduction of Rupees 26, recommended to be made in his Establishment, will be effected on the Office of the Deputy Cash-keeper, becoming vacant, whose salary is Rupees 28, when an addition of Rupees 2 to the salary of the Native Accountant, will have to be given.

6. The Collector of Kurnool remarks, in connection with the reduction of Rupees 65, to be effected in his Establishment, that, in his reply to the Extract Minutes of Consultation, dated 24th September 1858, No. 632, he had requested the Government, to be allowed to defer giving his opinion until the Printing Press be brought into play in his Department, and that as soon as the Press shall have been worked, which is now idle, for want of Teloogoo Types and a Foreman, he will report upon the reductions that can be effected.

7. The Collector of Bellary reports, that he effected the reduction ordered in his Establishment, viz., Rupees 14, on the 1st February last.

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8. The Acting Collector of Cuddapah states, that out of Rupees 45 recommended to be reduced in his Establishment, the only saving he has been able to effect, is Rupees 17. The fifth Goomastah whose services Mr. Breeks recommended should be dispensed with, the Collector proposes to retain, till he can provide him with an appointment in some Talook. He further observes that no reductions of salary ought to take place, and that it is notorious that the Native Establishments of the Madras Presidency in the lower Departments, are as a rule, underpaid, and he would earnestly deprecate any change for the worse.

9. The Collector of Chingleput states, that out of the Net decrease, viz., Rupees 65, to be effected in his Establishment, he is now saving permanently Rupees 7 monthly, by the reduction of the salary of a Goomastah, from Rupees 21 to Rupees 14, and Rupees 10½ temporarily by certain acting appointments made in his Office, in consequence of the absence on leave of his translator, which are to be eventually confirmed on the reduced rates of pay, as recommended by Mr. Breeks.

	Proposed reduction.	Reduction effected.	Reduction to be effected.	10. In the margin is given a Tabular Statement from which it will be seen that from the proposed reduction of Rupees 544-8-0 in the Estab- lishments of the eight Districts under notice, Rupees 172 only have been actually saved, leaving Rupees 372-8-0 to be prospectively reduced.
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Madras.....	31 8 0	31 8 0	0 0 0	
South Arcot.....	200 0 0	57 8 0	142 8 0	
Guntoor.....	26 0 0	0 0 0	26 0 0	
Kurnool.....	65 0 0	0 0 0	65 0 0	
Bellary.....	14 0 0	14 0 0	0 0 0	
Cuddapah.....	45 0 0	17 0 0	28 0 0	
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No. 15. ORDER THEREON, 13th July 1859, No. 383.

It appears from the foregoing letter that the Bengal system of Account has been brought into full operation in all the Collectorates that have been visited and reported upon by Mr. Breeks; but that the reductions recommended in the Collector's Establishments consequent on the change have not been carried out, in some of them, to the extent sanctioned by Government, owing to causes assigned by the Collectors. These, the Honorable the Governor in Council proceeds to notice.

2. The reductions in North Arcot consist of Rupees 74 the pay of situations to be abolished, and of Rupees 24 the amount of reduction in the salaries of offices to be continued. Of the former, one Writer on 45 Rupees has been dispensed with, leaving a Goomastah and a Writer of the aggregate pay of 29 Rupees whose services are retained for the preparation of certain Accounts. The Collector should see that this work is finished and the servants discharged without delay.

3. As regards reductions in the salaries of the servants who are to be retained, it should be understood that these cannot be postponed indefinitely. Every suitable opportunity should be taken for transferring such servants to Offices of not lower emoluments than their own in other Departments, and bringing in new hands on the reduced rates of pay. Intimation to this effect should be made to the several Collectors by the Accountant General.

4. In South Arcot it does not appear that the proposed reduction in the numerical strength of the Collector's Establishment, which was to have been carried out as the new system was introduced, has been effected. Now that the system has been in full operation for some time, the Government expect that the servants to be dispensed with will be at once discharged. It is observed that little more than one fourth of the authorised reduction in the cost of the Establishment has been effected in this District.

5. In Kurnool no reductions have yet been made in the Collector's Establishment, pending the setting up and working of a Printing Press. The Government desire to know what steps the Collector has taken for procuring Types and Foreman for his Press.

6. In the Cuddapah Collectorate, it is observed that of the two Goomastahs on 17 Rupees each proposed to be dispensed with, one has died and the other is still retained till he can be absorbed on the occurrence of some vacancy in the Taluks. As this servant does not appear to be required, the Government direct that he be discharged. The remaining reduction of 11 Rupees in the pay of the Cashkeeper's Goomastah and Native Accountant will be carried out as vacancies occur or as arrangements can be made for their transfer to situations of equal emolument in other Departments and the admission of others on the reduced rates of pay.

7. In the Proceedings of the 8th November 1858, No. 724, the Collector of Cuddapah was requested to submit, through the Board of Revenue, his opinion on the other arrangements recommended by Mr. Breeks. This he appears to have done in a report to the Board, dated the 20th December 1858, which has not yet been laid before Government.

8. In the Chingleput District the actual reductions recommended by Mr. Breeks amounted to Rupees 129; but upon a representation submitted by the Collector on the subject, the Government ruled that the Pagoda and Post Office servants, whom it was proposed to disperse with, should remain as they are, and with respect to the two writers on Rupees 25 and Rupees 21, they suspended the orders for their reduction until the working of the new system of Account had been tried. The Collector was accordingly required to send in a report through the Board of Revenue at the end of the present year. The reductions in the pay of the servants to be retained should be carried out on the earliest opportunities occurring for effecting them, either by promotion or transfer to other offices.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. A. P. W. Begbie.

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To the Accountant General
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with Letter from the Collector of
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