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17*th December* 1866.

No. 35. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Revenue Department, dated 11th December 1866, No. 3343.

Passing orders on the provision to be made in the Budget of 1867-68 of the Revenue Settlement Departments. (Vide Proceedings, Revenue Department, dated 11th December 1866, Nos. 153—157.)

No. 36. ORDER THEREON, 17th December 1866, No. 478.

To be recorded.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

Read the following papers :—

No. 153. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

Submitting, for consideration of Government, letters from Officiating Director of Revenue Settlement and Collector of Nellore, on subject of Settlement operations in 1867-68; requesting former to provide Rupees 42,500 for that district in Budget of next official year, and desiring Collector of Tinnevelly to report what will be required for his district. } (Here enter 26th October 1866, No. 7,787.)

No. 154. From the Officiating Director of Revenue Settlement, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 30th October 1866, No. 1,400-49.

I have the honor to submit the Budget Estimate of the Revenue Settlement Department for the official year 1867-68. The total amount is Rupees 3,37,385 against Rupees 3,75,000, the estimate of the current year. Excluding the provision of Rupees 86,500 for the Settlement Establishments under the Collectors of Nellore and Tinnevelly, entered under instructions from the Board, the estimate of the Settlement Department proper is Rupees 2,50,885 against Rupees 3,25,000, the allotment for the current year. The decrease is owing to reductions lately effected in the Establishments. It will be observed that only one party (Kurnool and Cuddapah, No. 3) is provided for in full. The partial provision for Nos 1 and 2 is intended to meet the expenditure in Salem, the Settlement Report on which is now before the Board; in the Kistna, the report on the Guntoor Division of which is under preparation, and the Registers of the Masulipatam Division of which have to be written in diglott and printed; and in the Godavery, the final Registers of which have to be completed and printed. Provision has been made for the probable expenditure on Service Postage Stamps.

No. 155. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

Requesting Officiating Director of Revenue Settlement to provide Rupees 44,000 in Budget Estimate of Charges for 1867-68, on account of Settlement operations in Tinnevelly District. } (Here enter 29th October 1866, No. 7,829A.)

No. 156. From the Officiating Director of Revenue Settlement, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 6th December 1866, No. 1,564-53.

1. I have the honor to furnish the information called for in your Official Memorandum of the 5th instant, No. 148.

First.—The number of Clerks receiving salaries from 50 to Rupees 300 per mensem under the Deputy Director in No. 1 Party is raised from two to four, and no reasons are stated.

Officiating Director's letter, 14th December 1865, No. 1,549.

First.—Provision has been made for the number of Clerks receiving salaries from Rupees 50 to Rupees 300, who are actually employed at the present time and for no more. The estimate for 1866-67 included the Office Establishments of three Settlement parties, but in consequence of the carrying out of the settlement in the Kistna District, a fourth establishment was required, which has been hitherto

paid from the unexpended funds of the department. The expenditure will not be really larger than in the current year. As already explained in my letter of the 30th October last, No. 1,400, the provision for the ensuing year, made nominally for Parties 1 and 2, is intended to meet the expenditure in several districts.

Second.—The number of Assistant Directors in No. 3 Party is raised from two to three, but why the services of an extra officer will be required, is not explained.

Second.—Three Assistant Director are actually employed in No. 3 Party, and provision has been made for that number. In the estimate for 1866-67, two Assistants and one Probationary Assistant were originally entered, but the provision for the latter having been struck out by Government, the pay of the third Assistant has been met from the other funds of the department. For the whole department four Assistants have been estimated for in the coming year against six in the current year. The actual number employed at this moment is three, but provision has been made for a fourth, in the event of the services of one being required in connection with the settlement of Salem.

G. O. 23rd January 1866, No. 191, paragraph 5.

Thirdly.—Under Classification and Demarcation Establishments in the same (No. 3) Party, the estimates for 1867-68 are much larger than those for the current year, although the number of servants to be employed will be the same, as shewn in the subjoined table :—

Third.—In my letter of the 14th December 1865, No. 1,549, I explained that to meet the requirements of the department in the several districts, the field establishments of two and a half parties were estimated for in the Budget of 1866-67, and the cost of the half party was entered opposite Party No. 4, corresponding to Party No. 3 in the Budget now submitted, though, through inadvertence, the full number of servants, instead of the half number, was then entered in the appropriate column. The provision thus originally made was subsequently reduced by Government. The subjoined table will shew that the provision made for the full party next year is exactly double that for the half party this year, except in the item of servants, to which the increase of salaries sanctioned in Government Order 2nd May 1866, No. 1,037, necessitates a small addition. Though the estimate for No. 3 Party now submitted is thus double that of last year, it will be observed that a far more than corresponding reduction has been made in the estimates of Parties Nos. 1 and 2, from the provision for which much of the expenditure in No. 3 Party during the current year has been really met.

	Number.		Estimate for 1866-67.	Estimate for 1867-68.
	1866-67.	1867-68.		
			RS.	RS.
Clerks from Rupees 50 to 300 per mensem.	4	4	2,400	4,800
Do. below 50 per do.	140	140	12,000	30,792
Servants	96	96	2,602	6,912

	Original estimate for half party 1866-67.	Present estimate for full party 1867-68.
	RS.	RS.
Clerks from Rupees 50 to Rupees 300 per mensem	2,400	4,800
Do. below Rupees 50 do.	15,396	30,792
Servants	3,204	6,912

No. 157. ORDER THEREON, 11th December 1866, No. 3,343.

Land Revenue.

1. These papers relate to the provision to be made in the Budget of 1867-68 for carrying on the Settlement operations in that year.

2. The total of the estimate submitted by the Officiating Director of Revenue Settlement, inclusive of the Districts of Nellore and Tinnevelly, the operations in which are conducted under the supervision of the Board of Revenue, is Rs. 3,37,385 against Rupees 3,75,000, the estimate for the current year, and Rupees 3,59,509, the actual of 1865-66.

3. The portion of the Budget which relates immediately to the operations carried on under the Officiating Director of Revenue Settlement consists of the Central Office and three parties, two provided for partially, and one (No. 3) fully, as shewn in the subjoined table :—

	Actual of 1865-66.	Estimate of 1866-67.	Estimate for 1867-68.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
Central Office	48,181	50,000	50,000
No. 1 Party	22,377	85,965	43,544
,, 2 ,, ...	1,05,912	1,01,665	49,320
,, 3 ,, ...	1,20,210	87,370	1,12,021
	2,96,680	3,25,000	2,50,885

4. The provision made for the Central Office is moderate, considering the operations now carried on, but the Government are of opinion that when the work of Parties Nos. 1 and 2 is reduced, the cost of the controlling Office should be reduced also in proportion to the diminution in the amount of supervision required. Mr. Master will address Government on the subject at the proper time, and revise his establishment.

5. The total cost of Party No. 1 is less than the estimate for the current year. But the number of Clerks receiving salaries from 50 to Rupees 300 per mensem under the Deputy Director is raised from two to four, and Mr. Master explains that the latter is the number of Clerks actually employed at the present time, and that the provision made nominally for Parties 1 and 2 is intended to meet the expenditure in several districts. The round sum of Rupees 43,000 is passed for this party.

6. The Government observe that in the case of No. 2 Party, the Officiating Director proposes to retain the Deputy Director for the whole year, and to reduce the number of Assistant Directors from two to one. Large reductions are made under other items also. The round sum of Rupees 45,000 is passed for this party.

7. The estimate for No. 3 Party, viz., Rupees 1,12,021, exceeds the estimate (Rupees 87,370) for the current year by Rupees 24,651. The number of Assistant Directors is raised from two to three, but Mr. Master explains that these Officers are now actually employed, and that the third is paid during the current

year from savings. Under "Classification and Demarcation Establishments," the estimates for 1867-68 are much larger than those for the current year, although the number of servants to be employed will be the same as shewn in the subjoined table :—

	No.		Estimate for 1866-67.	Estimate for 1867-68.
	1866-67.	1867-68.		
			RS.	RS.
Clerks from Rupees 50 to 300 per mensem...	4	4	2,400	4,800
Do. below Rupees 50 per do.	140	140	12,000	30,792
Servants	96	96	2,602	6,912

8. Mr. Master states that in the estimate for 1866-67 the cost of half party was entered, whereas the present estimate provides for the full party, and that through inadvertence the full number of servants, instead of half the number, was entered in the former. The actual expenditure on account of this party in 1865-66 amounted to Rupees 1,20,210, and the regular estimate for the current year amounts to Rupees 99,908. Under these circumst[illegible] 1,12,000 is passed for this party for 1867-68. The total estimate passed for the department of the Director of Revenue Settlement is Rupees 2,50,000.

	RS.
Central Office	50,000
No. 1 Party	43,000
No. 2 do.	45,000
No. 3 do.	1,12,000
	2,50,000

9. The Settlement is now being conducted in two districts, Nellore and Tinnevelly, under the supervision of the Board of Revenue. The estimate for the current year for both the districts amounts to Rupees 50,000. The Director has provided Rupees 86,500 in the estimate for the next year, agreeably to the instructions of the Board. Both these estimates include unsanctioned establishments, but considering the nature of the work, the extent of establishment required cannot be at once fixed upon. The Board, moreover, remark in paragraph 2 of their Proceedings, dated 28th September 1866, No. 6,994, that the completion of the revision should be expedited as much as possible, and have directed Mr. Dykes, on his return from leave, to report precisely the nature of the small increase to the establishment which he suggests. The Government will not therefore interfere with the estimate, but no actual expenditure should be incurred either in Nellore or Tinnevelly without specific sanction. The total estimate passed for the Settlement Department is Rupees 3,36,500.

	RS.
Nellore	42,500
Tinnevelly	44,000
Total ...	86,500

10. The Officiating Director of Revenue Settlement should have entered round sums in his estimates.

11. The Proceedings of the Board dated 28th September 1866, No. 6,994, were disposed of by the Order of Government dated 22nd October 1866, No. 2,847.

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To the Accountant General, with Budget.
,, the Officiating Director of Revenue Settlement.
,, the Board of Revenue.
,, the Financial Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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