Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
29th August 1872.

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Resolved that the proposals be accepted and submitted for sanction, the additional funds required being provided from the reserve.

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From J. STURROCK, Esq., Vice-President, to the President of the Local Fund Board, South Canara, dated Mangalore, 26th July 1872, No. 173.

As requested in the Board's Proceedings of the 1st instant I have the honour to report on the work to be done in the Board's office and to submit proposals for a revision of the establishment.

2. In doing so I have not failed to notice the Proceedings of Government, No. 1220, dated 10th August 1871, stating that they consider that no administrative establishments on any but the smallest scale will be required, and directing the Board of Revenue to discourage proposals tending to relieve the Collectorate establishment of work now done by them ; but, as my proposals are made solely with the view of increasing the administrative efficiency of the Board, I trust that they will not be condemned merely because they also tend to relieve the Collectorate establishment to a certain extent.

3. The effect of the order above quoted has been to lead the Collectorate Clerks to believe that they have nothing whatever to do with any work which would not have fallen upon them if no Local Fund Board had been established, and, as even what is practically the old work has been greatly modified and increased by new rules, the consequence is that very much more work has been thrown on the Local Fund establishment than appears to have been anticipated by Government. As a specimen of the work which has been modified and increased I may mention the correspondence with the Superintending Engineer. Formerly the Collector's office had but little to do with any works other than those to be executed from a road cess of 6 Pies in the Rupee, now the Board have to deal with the whole road work of the district. The former correspondence was chiefly in connexion with an expenditure of about Rupees 42,000, now it concerns an outlay of Rupees 1,56,390.

4. The correspondence with the Board of Revenue in connexion with public works has increased in a similar proportion, and in addition there is all the new work with reference to union schools, dispensaries, sanitation, and other miscellaneous matters.

5. The work now to be done in connexion with the working of twenty-five union schools is at present considerable, and it will continue to increase as the union system is extended throughout the district.

6. When we consider the amount of work which falls on the Collector's Clerks in connexion with other matters it is not to be wondered at that they seize every opportunity of declaring work to be such as would not have fallen on them if there had been no Local Fund Board, and even if they did not give way to such a very natural temptation I do not think they would find it by any means an easy matter to draw a line between the new and old work. In addition to the confusion which arises in this way I think there are many other disadvantages attending the present division of work between the Board's and the Collector's office, conspicuously amongst which I may mention the extreme difficulty of holding either the Collector's or the Board's Head Clerk responsible for the general conduct of the office work.

7. For the above reasons I would strongly recommend the complete separation of the work and the appointment of a responsible Manager for the Board's office on such a footing, as regards both pay and pension, as would attract a really good man to the post, and I am strongly of opinion that the increase of efficiency thereby obtained would more than compensate for the additional outlay.

The establishment I would propose* is—

	Rs.
One Manager on	70
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This is exclusive of the Clerk on Rupees 25 attached to the Treasury office. The duty of the Manager in addition to general superintendence would be collection and arrangement of materials for the draft Budget to be prepared by the Budget Committee, the preparation of the annual statement of incomplete works, the arrangement of materials for the Administration Report, the drafting of all the more important letters to the Superintending Engineer, the Board of Revenue, the Director of Public Instruction, comparing translations, &c., &c.

8. To the 2nd Clerk I would entrust the drafting of the mere routine English correspondence, the ordinary work in connexion with vernacular reports from Tahsildars, masters of union schools, &c., and all translation work. The last-mentioned is a very heavy item, whereas in this circle the Board have fortnightly meetings invariably attended by one or more native members unacquainted with English.

9. The 3rd Clerk would, I think, find sufficient occupation in doing copying work and keeping the various registers. I have appended a memorandum showing roughly the amount of work and an estimate of the time required for doing it. The Attender ought to be able to read and write, and may be employed, to a certain extent, in filing vernacular papers, addressing and weighing letters, preparing envelopes, &c.

10. In order that the Board may be able to obtain good men for their office I would urge the necessity of a speedy settlement of the question of pension, and I think Government might be asked whether it is proposed to issue general rules on the subject applicable to all circles. If this is not to be done we might submit proposals of our own. For the present I would only say that if pensions are to be secured by the payment of a percentage on the salary to the Imperial Pension Funds I would recommend that such percentage be paid by the Board on behalf of their employés in addition to the salaries above proposed.

11. With reference to the complaint of our work made by the Clerk in the Treasury office paid from the Local Funds, I am of opinion, after examination of the accounts, that the remedy lies in the hands of the Treasury Deputy Collector. He is partly employed in the preparation of Special Fund accounts, which formerly were called Local Funds and formed part of the old Local Fund Clerk's legitimate work, but with which the Local Fund Board have now no concern. I am not prepared to say that he should now be relieved of this work ; but it is evident that it cannot be taken into consideration when deciding whether the Local Fund work is so heavy as to call for an increased establishment.

12. He further complains that no assistance whatever is given him under any circumstances, and that he alone must tabulate, check, and compare. If such be really the case, I would say that Rules 68 to 71 do not seem to me to make such a separation of work a necessity, and I do not think I am far wrong in believing that two men working together in tabulating and checking will get through infinitely more than one man working by himself would manage in double the time.

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(True Copies and Extract.)

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