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No. 71. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 17th May 1873, No. 823 :—

Read the following letter from E. TURNER, Esq., Acting Head Assistant Collector, in charge of Kurnool, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 26th March 1873, No. 101 :—

I HAVE the honour to submit a report, drawn up by Mr. Chase, regarding the increase of Village Establishment called for by the Board in their Proceedings dated 16th May 1872, No. 789. The detailed statements have only just been completed, and hence the delay in the submission of the report.

2. In paragraph 3 of the report, Mr. Chase recommends a revision in the pay of the Reddi and Curnam in all the settled taluqs according to the existing revenue. If this proposal is sanctioned, as I have no doubt it will be, the revision will be carried out in six out of the eight taluqs of the district, including Pattikonda and Koilkuntla, where the introduction of the new settlement has been recently sanctioned; and only Markapur and Cumbum, the two poorest taluqs of the district, will be left without the benefit of the revision for an indefinite period, until the new rates are introduced.

3. I have lately received several petitions from the Curnams of these two taluqs, both for a general increase of pay according to the present revenue and for an increase in the minimum salary, from Rupees 5 to Rupees 7. A similar petition, addressed to the Board, has been referred to me for report, under date the 15th instant, No. 468 of 1873. The revenue of the two taluqs has increased from Rupees 2,24,715 in Fasli 1268 (1858-59), the year taken by Mr. Pelly, to Rupees 3,12,036 in 1871-72; and, unless the new settlement is likely to be carried out within a reasonable period, I think it hard to exclude the village-officers of these two taluqs from the advantage of the revision proposed for the other six taluqs.

	Fasli 1268.	Fasli 1281.
Markapur	68,857	1,00,455
Cumbum	1,55,858	2,11,581
Total, ...	2,24,715	3,12,036

4. As regards the increase in the minimum pay of the Curnam, the reason alleged is that the pay of the Reddi has been raised last year to Rupees 5, and he is further allowed half a rupee on every hundred collected, as shroff allowance; while the Curnam, though very hardly worked, does not enjoy any such advantage. I understand, however, that Mr. Chase refused to recommend any increase in the present minimum, which is Rupees 5 per mensem.

5. Since the original report was drawn up, the Sub-Magistrate of Kurnool Town has recommended an increase in the pay of the Dandians or Taliaris from Rupees 4 to Rupees 5 per mensem, and I beg to submit the proposal for the favourable consideration of the Board. As pointed out by the Sub-Magistrate, living is very expensive in Kurnool, and the work particularly heavy. There are only ten Taliaris, and the increase will amount to Rupees 10 per mensem, or Rupees 120 per annum.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From T. A. N. CHASE, Esq., Collector of Kurnool, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 3rd March 1873, No. 73-B.

As directed in Board's Proceedings No. 789, dated 16th May 1872, I have the honour to submit the accompanying statements for further increase in the number and emoluments of the Village Establishment in this district.

2. The increase amounts to twelve Reddis, sixteen Assistant Curnams, 125 Kattubadis or Vettyans, and 278 Taliaris.

3. In six villages, it is proposed to raise the pay of the Reddi from Rupees 8 to Rupees 10 and 12 respectively for reasons entered in the statement. Mr. Pelly's scale limits the pay of these officers to Rupees 8 for all villages yielding upwards of Rupees 8,000. I would beg to recommend that for villages between Rupees 10,000 and 15,000 the pay should be fixed at Rupees 10 and for villages above Rupees 15,000 the pay should be Rupees 12 per mensem. If the Board approve of this scale, the pay of the Reddis will have to be raised to Rupees 10 in five villages and to Rupees 12 in one village. For the Nandial Reddi, the Deputy-Collector recommends Rupees 25, as in the case of Kurnool. The pay of this Reddi was recently raised to Rupees 15, but, considering the heavy duties devolving upon him, I beg the Board will sanction the proposed increase. The Deputy-Collector originally recommended Rupees 25 a-month, but, in submitting my report in 1871, I reduced it to Rupees 15. The town is a large one, containing a population of 9,468, and yielding a revenue of above Rupees 17,400, and is situated on the junction of the Cuddapah, Cumbum, and Kurnool roads. There is also a large tank which irrigates more than 1,000 acres of Inam and Circar lands, besides much second crop cultivation. The Civil and Criminal work is also very great, and the town is the head-quarters of the Tahsildar, District Munsif, and Deputy-Collector, of the Range Officer and the Forest Assistant.

4. ASSISTANT CURNAMS.—In sixteen villages, Assistant Curnams are recommended, because the work is particularly heavy, and cannot be satisfactorily discharged by one Curnam.

In Koilkuntla, an Assistant is required in Donipad and Uppunilla Govindinne, yielding each a revenue of more than Rupees 12,000.

In Sirwell Taluq, seven villages, which yield a revenue of above Rupees 5,000, and where there is much wet cultivation both under Government tanks and under the irrigation canal, require the services of Assistant Curnams, at Rupees 5 per mensem each.

In Kalwa, in the Nandial Taluq, there are about 340 acres of Inam and Circar land under channel-irrigation, and the revenue of the village, after a very large reduction in the settlement, exceeds Rupees 5,600. An additional Curnam is, therefore, necessary for this village.

In Ramalkota Taluq, a Second Accountant is required for the hamlets attached to Kallur village. Here the cultivation under the irrigation canal, both first and second crop, is very large, and the duty of keeping the necessary Irrigation Registers and of inspecting the fields every week at least cannot be performed by one Curnam.

In Cumbum, the Tahsildar recommends additional Curnams for twenty-four villages, but the Head Assistant Collector considers it sufficient to appoint them for only five villages,* where the occupied area is large and the revenue yielded exceeds Rupees 5,000.

* Giddalur, Mundlapad, Turunilla, Akuvid, Kakarla.

5. VETTYANS.—In the number of Vettyans, an increase of 125 is recommended, according to the requirements of each taluq. The recent appointment of Reddis for several hamlets, the extension of the irrigation canal through five taluqs of the district, the difficulty of collecting the kists, where there are several Poyakaris as in Sirwell Taluq, are some of the chief reasons why this increase is proposed.

6. TALIARIS.—256 Taliaris are recommended for the different taluqs of the district, besides twenty-two required to guard the ghaut-roads. The Superintendent of Police considers the increase absolutely essential, and I agree with him. At present, with the increase lately sanctioned, the strength of the Village Police does not exceed 2,217 men for a country extending over 7,358 square miles, interspersed with mountain tracts and traversed by numerous roads.

7. Statement No. 3 shows the financial result of the increase above recommended. The Board will observe that, with the increase sanctioned in G. O. No. 714, dated 3rd May 1872, the cost of the Village Establishment did not exceed Rupees 3,07,764. The present increase will raise the expenditure by Rupees 21,288, leaving still a surplus of over 40,000 per annum in favour of the fund. It was my intention to have proposed a thorough revision in the pay of the Reddis and Curnams according to the present revenue of each village in the four settled taluqs of Kurnool proper; but I havenot been able to prepare the necessary statistics for the purpose. For Pattikonda, Government have sanctioned the revision of the Village Establishment simultaneously with the revision of assessment now being carried out in that taluq. I think the same course should be adopted in the four taluqs already settled, as the revenue has considerably improved since Fasli 1268, the year Mr. Pelly assumed as the basis of his calculation. If the Board approve of this proposal, I would suggest that the revision be carried out from next fasli (from July 1873), based on the revenue of the current year 1871-72.

	Rs.
Demand of Village Service Fund for Fasli 1281.	3,74,273
Expenditure, present and proposed...	3,29,340
Balance...	44,933

Paragraph 8., G. O dated 14th May 1872, No. 798B.
Board's Proceedings dated 28th May 1872, Miscellaneous No. 3,807.

8. Regarding the repair and construction of village chavadis, I regret I am unable to furnish as complete information as I would wish, owing to the reports from some taluqs being yet due. But the following proposition recommended by the Deputy-Collector of Peapally seems to me to be deserving of consideration.

9. The chavadis should be constructed on a uniform plan, suited to the requirements of each village, with a small room attached for keeping records and treasure, and a wooden-railed ward for confining prisoners. All the villages should be divided into three classes: the first class comprising those which yield a revenue of Rupees 10,000 and upwards; the second, those which yield between 4,000 and 10,000; and the third, which yield less than Rupees 4,000. For each of the first class villages I would allot Rupees 300 for a chavady; for second, Rupees 200; and for the third, Rupees 100. For the hamlets, for which new Reddis have been sanctioned, Rupees 75 might be allotted, and for Nandial and Maddikera, the two largest villages in the district, I would propose Rupees 500 each. The total outlay thus calculated would come to Rupees 90,075, as shown in Statement No. 4. I have not taken into consideration the number of chavadis that at present exist in several parts of the district, as some of them are private property, and most are useless.

10. Captain Hicks, Superintendent of Police, proposes that ghaut-huts should be built for Taliaris stationed on the high roads at a distance from the villages. He estimates the cost of each building at Rupees 50, and they are only required at thirty-four places on the Ghooty and Cumbum roads. I beg the Board will sanction this outlay; but I would recommend that the amount for each hut should be about Rupees 75 so that they may be weather-proof.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 2 to 13.—Statements.

ENCLOSUR No. 14.—Petition, Board's No. 468 of 1873.

IN these letters a reply is submitted to the instructions requiring the Collector of Kurnool to "again review the whole Village Establishment of the district, to ensure that no further measures of restoration are required."

2. It is proposed to appoint twelve new Reddis, so that twelve villages are to be re-integrated. It must be remembered that the hamlets of the new Reddis

are to be completely separated from the other villages, so as to form new groups. This is a smaller measure of relief than Government and the Board thought would be required, and the Collector will report whether it is finally sufficient. Of the 456 small villages originally amalgamated with others, 109 were separated by G. O. dated 3rd May 1872, No. 714, and, when the twelve to which new Reddis are now to be appointed have been separated, there will still be 335 grouped with others.

3. Sixteen Curnams are proposed, and in Mr. Chase's letter they are called Assistant Curnams. In the order just referred to, Government suggested that it would be better to raise the Curnam's pay, so as to admit of his employing a Clerk, than to give him an Assistant, paid by Government. The Collector will report on this suggestion. It would be best, of course, so far as the Curnam's work goes, that, when it is necessary to employ a second Curnam in any group, he should have a distinct territorial charge; but thismay be impossible.

4. Further information is necessary about raising the pay of the Reddi of Nandial. The Board are inclined to think that the maximum pay of Reddis, even in an exceptional position like this, should not be greater than Rupees 20; but the Collector is at liberty, if he thinks fit, to report the number and nature of the cases disposed of by the Munsif, the value of the property concerned, the number and result of appeals.

5. The Board see no reason why the Village Establishment in Cumbum and Markapur should not be raised at once on the basis of the existing settlement. The scheme for the whole district should be revised on the revenue of the current fasli.

6. The Head Assistant in charge proposes that the pay of the Taliaris in the Town of Kurnool should be raised from Rupees 4, the ordinary rate of the district, to Rupees 5. The reasons for the change are sound, and the Board find that the increased rate is proposed by Mr. Chase for twenty-two Tailaris exceptionally situated. They accordingly think it should be sanctioned.

7. The proposed increase in the pay of the Reddis of seven large villages (except that of the Nandial Reddi from Rupees 15 to Rupees 25, for the present it should be Rupees 20) may be accepted.

8. The construction of thirty-four ghaut-huts for the protection of Ghaut Taliaris, at a cost of Rupees 2,550, seems to be an excellent way of utilizing the surplus of the Village Service Fund.

9. The scheme for providing village chavadis, prescribed in paragraph 9 of Mr. Chase's letter, seems to be a good one. Full information was not before him when he wrote, but he estimated that the following would be required:—

		Rs.		Rs.
7	1st Class, costing	2,500	average cost	357
95	2nd ,, ...	19,000		200
95	3rd ,, ...	59,500		100
121	4th ,, ...	9,075		75

10. The last 121 are the 109 villages for which new Reddis were allowed in G. O. dated 3rd May 1872, No. 714, and the twelve for which it is now proposed to allow new Reddis. The Board think expenditure on this scheme may be sanctioned.

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9th July 1873.

11. The Collector will report how he thinks the large surplus, which will still remain, can best be utilized.

12. The points reserved for further consideration in these Proceedings are the advisability of disintegrating the groups still further, the appointment of Assistant Curnams, and the raising of the Nandial Reddi's pay above Rupees 20. They resolve to recommend Government to sanction.

(1.) A general revision of Village Establishments throughout the district on the basis of the revenue of the current fasli.

(2.) *Statement* 3.—The appointment of the following additional village-officers:—

12 Reddis.
125 Vettyans.
278 Taliaris (twenty-two for ghauts) at a cost of Rupees 20,328.

(3.) *Statement* 2.—The addition of Rupees 19 a-month, or Rupees 228 a-year, o the pay of seven Reddis.

(4.) *Statement* 5.—The expenditure of Rupees 2,550 on thirty-four ghaut, huts for Taliaris and the construction of village chavadis, on the scheme described by Mr. Chase, out of the surplus of the Village Service Fund.

13. The charges against the fund as last revised are Rupees 3,07,764. The increase now proposed is Rupees 20,556, so that, if it is allowed, the total charge will be Rupees 3,28,320, against an income (last year) of Rupees 3,40,309.

14. The surplus on the 1st April 1873 was Rupees 6,62,059. The estimated charges for ghaut-huts and village chavadis amount to Rupees 92,625.

No. 72. ORDER THEREON, 9th July 1873, No. 707.

Miscellaneous.

IN the Proceedings of Government, under date, 3rd May 1872, No. 714, the Governor in Council sanctioned certain improvements in the revised Village Establishments of the Kurnool District, and approved the proposal of the Board of Revenue that the Collector should once more review the whole of these establishments, in order to insure that no further measures of restoration were required.

2. With their present Proceedings, the Board submit the late Collector's proposals (1) for the re-integration of twelve more villages; (2) for the appointment of 125 Vettyans and 278 Taliaris; (3) for the nomination of 16 Assistant Curnams; (4) for the increase of the salary of the Reddy of Nundial to Rupees 25 per mensem; and (5) for the construction of 218 village-choultries and thirty-four ghaut-huts for the Taliaris from the surplus accumulation of the fund. The Collector would also calculate the salaries of the village-servants on the new rates of assessment in the six newly settled taluqs of the district, and the Head Assistant, recently in charge of the district, suggests that the salaries of these servants in the remaining two taluqs should also be calculated on the present rates of assessment, instead of on the rates which were in force when the revised scheme was prepared nearly fourteen years ago. The Head Assistant also proposes that the salaries of the Kurnool town Taliaris be raised from Rupees 4 to Rupees 5 per mensem.

3. The Collector and the Head Assistant adduce good reasons for their several proposals, and, with the exceptions of Nos. 3 and 4, they are approved and supported by the Board of Revenue.

4. The Governor in Council approves and sanctions the additions to the Village Establishment which are recommended by the Board at an increased cost of Rupees 20,556, and desires that the salaries of the village-officers may be calculated on the revenue of the year 1871-72 from the 1st instant. The proposed outlay on village-choultries and ghaut-huts from the surplus proceeds of the fund is also sanctioned.

5. The Acting Collector should be called upon to report, with as little delay as possible, on the points referred to him by the Board of Revenue, and should, at the same time, state the precise annual cost of the Village Establishments as now modified, and with any further additions which may seem to him to be required in order to make them complete in every respect and the annual receipts available to meet the charge. The amount of the surplus collections of the Village Service Fund up to 30th June last, after deducting the sums sanctioned for choultries and ghaut-huts, should also be ascertained and reported, with information as to whether any portion has been derived from Village Service Fees, or whether, as required by the Act, the whole of the fees have been expended in payment of the establishment of the villages in which they are raised.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Accountant-General.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Govt. of {1873} Madras.

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated July 9th.

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G. O., 9th July 1873, No. 707.

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Nos. 71-72.

Kurnool Village Establishments.—Sanctioning additions to the — at an increased cost of Rs. 20,556, and the erection of village-choultries and ghaut-huts from the surplus proceeds of the Village Service Fund.

Revenue Department

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Proceedings of the Madras Government

Read the following Proceedings

of Government Financial Department

Requesting to communicate the order issued by the Rev. Dept. on the subject of increase of cost of additions to the Village Establishments in the Kurnool Dist.

(G. O. 26 September 1874 No. 1617)

Order thereon 6 October 1874 No. 38.

The order dated 9 July 1873 No. 707 will accordingly be communicated to the Financial Department.

(True Extract)

Signature

Actg Under Secretary to Govt.

To

The Financial Department

with GO 9 July 74 No. 707

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Govt. of Madras.

To

REVENUE.

THE ~~BOARD OF~~ REVENUE,

Financial Department.

Dated 5 October 1874.

Received

Mis. G. O., 5 October 1874, No. 38.

Encl.

Revised Village Establishments. G.O. July 1873 No. 707 asked for by the Financial Dept. in the enclosed letter dated 5 October 1874.

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Establ.t at Kurnool, recorded.