

Government (1898) of Madras.
REVENUE.

7th DEPARTMENT
ORDER.
ROUTINE SERIES
No. 512
Date 2-5-1898

Recd. 27/4/98

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Enclosures 1 in duplicate

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G.O., No. 202, 6th April 1898.

APRIL.

Order No. 512 of 2^d May '98

The proposition statement is sanctioned.

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To

The Rev Dept (A/O)

under Genl (Order on PS)

with S.C. & Rev Dept

Dep
S.C. 98.

Extension of Irrigation under the Periyar Project.

Sanctioning, with remarks, the proposals of the Collector of Madura for increasing the temporary establishment under the Special Deputy Collector and Special Tahsildar appointed in connection with the —.

WITH ORDER

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4.5.98

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), Mis. No. 1687, dated 8th March 1898:—

Read—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), Mis. No. 9616, dated 30th November 1897:—

Read—the following letter from M.R.Ry. M. TIRUMALAI PILLAI Avargal, B.A., Special Deputy Collector, Madura, to the Collector of Madura, dated 12th March 1897, Dis. No. 111:—

With reference to your Ref. on Cur. No. 881-Genl. of 1897, dated the 26th ultimo, I have the honour to submit a proposition statement in the prescribed form for the establishment required for 1897-98. My present request is for a little over the present sanctioned establishment, as I find that the increase is absolutely necessary, for the reasons given below, and I beg that you will be pleased to accord your strong support for the same.

2. The present establishment was recommended in Board's Proceedings, No. 29 (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), dated 22nd February 1896, and the Commissioner remarked that "with reference to the establishment required by the Collector, he and the Commissioner are agreed that the above staff will meet requirements for the present." From my experience of the past one year, I find that the work has increased very much. I beg to detail below the nature of the work allotted.

3. The special works I have been entrusted with are: (1) to deal with applications for loans in Periyár affected villages in the Madura and Mélúr taluks; (2) to acquire lands for distributaries; (3) to apportion amongst the ryots the waste lands applied for on darkhast; (4) to sell the lands available after darkhast; (5) to assist the Public Works Department in the distribution of water and instruct the people to change their seasons of cultivation; (6) to dispose of, in consultation with the Public Works Department, applications for water and for transfer of dry into wet; and (7) to deal with other miscellaneous correspondence connected with the special work.

4. As regards loan work, I need not say much as you yourself are fully aware of it. A large number of registers have to be maintained, and even those that are usually maintained in the treasury have been ordered to be kept by me as a special department. Several notices have to be sent in duplicate, and the opinion of the Special Executive Engineer has to be taken on the irrigability of the lands, and loan orders and often security bonds have to be written in triplicate. Intimation has to be sent to the village Revenue Inspector and Tahsildar and subsequent correspondence for the utilization of the amount advanced has to be conducted. I have already received about 1,000 applications involving about Rs. 1,20,000, and I see that applications are just beginning to freely come in. Next year, I think, two lakhs of rupees will be surely spent. There are two taluks in which loans have to be granted, and it is necessary that the records and registers of each taluk should be kept separate.

5. As regards land acquisition work, I beg to submit that the lands required for 94 distributaries have been acquired up to the end of February and there are many more cases in which applications from the Public Works Department are expected. In all cases of land acquisition, the law is very strict and not only have the legal requirements increased but the number of cases are also many, considering the small channels now laid out. Notices have to be sent in each case and a separate deposition, award and often receipts have to be written. Intimation has to be given to the Public Works Department and other accounts and returns maintained and submitted.

All this involves a good deal of clerical work, and I beg to point out that in Gódávári and Kistna districts, where the land acquisition is the only additional work, an adequate establishment has been given (*vide* Board's Proceedings, No. 380, Land Revenue, dated 7th October 1896).

6. Of the 133 villages in the Madura and Mélúr taluks affected by the Periyár, the darkhasts of all the villages with the exception of one (Thallakulam) in the Madura taluk have been disposed of up to the end of February and orders in most of the villages communicated to the Tahsildars. I cannot adequately express the hard work my establishment had to do under this item.

7. The sales of waste lands are shortly to take place and a very large amount of clerical work will have to be got through. It will also involve the collection of several lakhs of rupees and the keeping of accounts therefor.

8. Items 5 and 6 are very important and require much prompt clerical work.

9. Again, turning to the office correspondence, it has considerably increased. The enclosed statement will show the number of papers received and disposed of from May 1896 to the end of February 1897. The disposal number system has been introduced and all the registers have been maintained under that system.

10. Every branch of work I have is important and involves money and great responsibility:—loans, compensation and sale of waste lands, &c. I have also to be on circuit for long periods, as also the Tahsildar, and the supervision of the office clerical work at the time devolves on my head clerk. I beg therefore to recommend for him Rs. 30 per mensem. I propose for the second clerk Rs. 20, and pray for two additional clerks on Rs. 15 each. The increase I ask for is small, but it will be of great help to me for prompt despatch and correct maintenance of accounts and I can attend to out-door work better. I beg also to recommend an additional clerk on Rs. 20 to my Tahsildar as he cannot manage sales of waste lands with the only one clerk he has at present.

11. There is another thing which I again beg to bring to your kind notice and that is, the position of the special Revenue Inspectors. I recommended that their pay should be raised from Rs. 40 to Rs. 55, but the Board did not approve of this in spite of your kind support. Of the three Revenue Inspectors, two are working in the Madura taluk—both having their head-quarters at Madura—and the third Inspector is working in the Mélúr taluk having his head-quarters at Mélúr. They have to be almost always on circuit and have to travel over a large area, generally three ordinary Revenue Inspectors' firkas. Whenever there is heavy work, they are also called upon to go and work irrespective of the general distribution of work. When there was only one Special Revenue Inspector to assist the Madura Division Deputy Collector in the acquisition of lands alone for the Periyár works, he had been allowed a monthly salary of Rs. 55. Now the Special Revenue Inspectors have been entrusted with various duties. They have to measure all the lands marked out by the Public Works Department for distributaries, &c., and submit draft declarations; to sub-divide the lands taken up under the Act; to make preliminary enquiries on loan applications and to report on them; to measure and sub-divide the lands offered as security when necessary; to sub-divide portions of fields assigned on darkhast; to check second crop cultivation and to do all other works connected with the disposal of applications for loans and assignment of lands commanded by the Periyár project. On account of the special and sustained work, and the distances they have to travel, they have to incur additional expenditure and labour under greater disadvantages than the ordinary firka Revenue Inspectors. Considering the responsibilities of their work—loans and compensation—I selected permanent first class and good Revenue Inspectors and they have done satisfactory work. I beg, therefore, to strongly recommend that their pay may be raised to Rs. 55 a month.

12. I will be the last man just at present to ask for increase of expenditure; but I find that my establishment is unable to cope with the work, however, they may overwork. Though myself and my Special Tahsildar assist them in their work and get them additional help, I find it impossible to satisfactorily do the work entrusted to me with my present establishment. I, therefore, earnestly pray that you will be kindly pleased to support my proposals.

Endorsement of the Collector of Madura, thereon dated 2nd April 1897, Ref. on Cur. No. 881-Genl.

Submitted to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement and Director of the Department of Land Records and Agriculture, Madras.

2. The Special Deputy Collector has given good reasons for strengthening his office. Lately he has only kept up with the work by overworking the establishment and obtaining casual assistance wherever he could. The work is now increasing fast.

3. The most pressing work is connected with loans, applications for which are now pouring in freely. The construction of distributaries is proceeding at a very satisfactory rate, but more than half the work of acquisition is still to be done. The darkhasts for waste lands have been disposed of, but the sub-division, &c., remains to be done and there is heavy work in preparing for the sale of the remaining waste land. There is also much correspondence in connection with applications for, and distribution of water, and other miscellaneous work.

4. The work is not only very heavy and very responsible, but requires to be dealt with with the utmost promptitude. I, therefore, beg to recommend that a clerk on Rs. 30 and another on Rs. 15 may be sanctioned in addition to the present establishment of the Special Deputy Collector's office, which consists of one clerk on Rs. 20 and one on Rs. 15.

5. I also support his recommendation that an additional clerk on Rs. 20 may be allowed to the Special Tahsildar on the understanding that he shall not be entertained till the sales commence and render his services necessary.

6. I beg also to bring to notice again the case of Special Revenue Inspectors. I selected good Revenue Inspectors for this important work, two of them first class and one second class, drawing Rs. 40 and Rs. 35, respectively. They now draw Rs. 40 but have much more travelling to do than ordinary Revenue Inspectors. They have to work wherever work calls them over the whole Periyar-affected area, but if it were possible (as it may be in the future) to assign to each a definite range, such range would be not less than double the size of an ordinary Revenue Inspector's firka. A Revenue Inspector draws travelling allowance when on duty outside his own firka, and I would urge the advisability of giving an increase of pay to the Special Revenue Inspectors to make up for the cost of increased travelling, and loss of travelling allowance. If this is not done, I fear, I shall have to send them back to their permanent and more remunerative appointments, and replace them by less experienced men. I beg that the Board will be pleased to recommend to Government to reconsider their order communicated in Board's Proceedings, Mis. No. 2726, Land Revenue, dated 15th June 1896, and allow a pay of Rs. 50.

7. A proposition statement prepared in accordance with the foregoing recommendations is submitted.

Read—also letter from the Collector of Madura, dated 12th November 1897, Ref. on Cur. No. 3326-Genl.

ABSTRACT.—Submitting proposals for the re-entertainment of three clerks for one year in the Madura taluk in connection with Periyar works.

Resolution—Mis. No. 9616, dated 30th November 1897.

During the continuance of the existing financial pressure, the Board is extremely reluctant to go up to Government for an increase of the clerical establishment of the Special Deputy Collector and Tahsildar except on the strongest grounds. The advance of loans has ceased for the present, and the total advanced during the year is less than Rs. 32,000 according to the Accountant-General's statement, or a small

fraction of what was anticipated. Sales of waste lands are only just commencing, and, on the whole, the Board does not find it easy to demonstrate that the existing establishment is at present over-burdened.

2. Now that all loan operations have ceased, one or more of the three special Revenue Inspectors might well be required to help in the disposal of such office work as is immediately pressing. The Collector is requested to consider whether he cannot contrive to manage with the existing establishment for the rest of the current official year or to show further cause for the increase if he considers it indispensable.

3. The Board regrets that it cannot at present support the proposal to increase the pay of the three Revenue Inspectors, or the strength of the taluk establishment as there are no savings in the budget from which the cost can be met.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) R. V. SRINIVASIAH,
Secretary.

To the Collector of Madura.

Read—the following letter from M.R.Ry. M. TIRUMALAI PILLAI Avargal, B.A., Deputy Collector on Special Duty, Madura, to the Collector of Madura, dated 1st February 1898, R.C. No. 110.

Referring to the correspondence noted in the margin, I regret to be obliged to trouble you again for the increase to the office establishment of myself and the special Tahsildar which has been disallowed owing to financial pressure. I beg to assure you that the impossibility of getting on with my work with due expedition with the present inadequate establishment which was originally sanctioned solely to meet the then *present* requirements, compels me to make repeated representations on the subject.

2. One of the reasons assigned by the Board for declining to go up to Government for sanction for the additional establishment was that all loan operations have ceased for the present. An allotment of more than 70,000 rupees has now been sanctioned, and I have to disburse it in time to the eager applicants who are impatient that the working season is passing away.

3. The Board have asked me to get in one of the three special Revenue Inspectors to assist in the clerical work of the office, but I respectfully beg to submit that loan payments have been resumed and inspection has to be made of the Periyar irrigated area in about 75 inam villages urgently (in addition to other duties). I beg to enclose a statement showing roughly the amount of work that has to be got through by my establishment consisting of two clerks and an attender.

4. It takes up all the time of a clerk to register and despatch all papers under the Disposal Number System, and the attender helps him in the matter of petitions and water-rate applications which are received in hundreds. The attender also keeps the forms and stationery articles. There is thus only the head clerk left to look after the correspondence, fair copying work, periodical returns and the mass of scriptory work connected with loans and land acquisition. I detail below the registers to be maintained and the records to be prepared in connection with these two branches of work for easy reference.

5. The sale of waste lands fully occupies the simultaneous time and attention of not less than three hands at the time of sale. The reports to the Collector and communications to the taluk and purchasers are more than enough for a clerk.

6. You were kind enough to lend me temporarily the services of one of your clerks usually deputed to work under the Assistant Collector when there is one, and one of the two shroffs of the Tirumangalam taluk. Even with their assistance I regret to say that I have not been able to clear off all arrears. The former has already been taken away, as an Assistant Collector is posted to the district, and the shroff should be sent in a few days as the kist collections commence in February. I, therefore, submit that it will be impossible to get on in any satisfactory way without the additional hands already asked for, and request that you will be kindly pleased to obtain the very early sanction of Government for the addition to the number and salaries of the office establishment and of the special Revenue Inspectors already applied for.

ENCLOSURE.

REGISTERS to be maintained and the records to be prepared in connection with Loans and Land acquisition.

LOANS.

1. Registers to be maintained.—IIA, IIB, XA, XB, XI, XIIA, XIIC, XIII, XIV A.B.C., XVIIIA, XVIIIIA, XIXA and XXII.
2. Preparation of loan orders and security bounds in triplicate.
3. References to the Registration department for encumbrance certificates.
4. Intimation to the Registration department about loan advances.
5. Preparation of monthly and quarterly returns and annual reports.

LAND ACQUISITION.

1. Preparation of draft declaration and schedule for publication in the Gazette.
2. Issue of notice under sections 9 and 10.
3. Taking statements from the parties.
4. Submission of valuation statements for Collector's approval.
5. Preparation of award and award statements.
6. Preparation of subsidiary statements for transmission to the Examiner of Public Works Accounts.
7. Preparation of the return of lands acquired for transmission to the Registration department.
8. Preparation of half-yearly compensation statements I and II.

Endorsement of the Collector of Madura, thereon dated 24th February 1898, Dis. No. 736 of 1898.

Submitted to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement and Director of the Department of Land Records and Agriculture, Madras, with reference to paragraph 2 of the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, Mis. No. 9616, dated 30th November 1897.

2. I consider that the following increase of establishment already recommended by Mr. J. Twigg is urgently required. The pay of the Special Deputy Collector's head clerk should be raised from Rs. 20 to Rs. 30 considering the amount of responsibility devolving on him (*vide* paragraph 10 of the Special Deputy Collector's letter, No. 111, dated 12th March 1897, submitted with this office Ref. on C. No. 881-Gl., dated 2nd April 1897) and two additional clerks on Rs. 15 each should be sanctioned for the Special Deputy Collector's office for one year, and one additional hand on Rs. 15 should be sanctioned for the same period for the special Tahsildar from the date on which he is authorised to conduct sales.

3. I also consider that the pay of the three special Revenue Inspectors should be raised from Rs. 40 to Rs. 50 for the reasons stated in paragraph 11 of the Special Deputy Collector's letter, dated 12th March 1897, quoted above, and for the reason that they have taken much trouble in the sale of the Government assessed waste lands by way of procuring bidders and preventing combination among the bidders—a practice which is very common in the villages in these parts. The small addition to their pay will be an incentive to them to take more interest in the forthcoming sales of waste lands and will result in increasing the sale-proceeds of these lands.

4. I beg also that the Board will be pleased to accord its sanction for the entertainment of the additional establishment required from the 1st March next in anticipation of the sanction of Government and to obtain the early sanction of Government for the increase of pay to the existing establishment. No provision need be made for these in the current budget as the pay of the additional establishment for March will not be drawn in the current official year.

5. The usual proposition statement in duplicate is enclosed.

Resolution—Mis. No. 1687, dated 8th March 1898.

In his letter disposed of in Board's Proceedings, No. 9616, dated 30th November 1897, read above, the Collector of Madura reported that the existing scale of establishment for the Periyár Deputy Collector and Tahsildar was fixed in paragraph 12 of Board's Proceedings, No. 29, dated 22nd February 1896, with reference to the then estimated requirements, but that the work had since increased in all directions and the establishment was unable to cope with it. He, therefore, recommended that three new clerks on an aggregate salary of Rs. 65 per mensem might be sanctioned for those officers. The Collector also recommended that the pay of the three Revenue Inspectors should be raised from Rs. 40 to 50 per mensem. In its order, Mis. No. 2241, dated 9th June 1896, Government had expressed concurrence in the Board's view that it was unnecessary to increase the pay of these officers, but the Collector requested a reconsideration of the order, pointing out that, while the ordinary Revenue Inspectors have to move only within their firkas, the special Revenue Inspectors "have to go wherever work calls them over the whole Periyár affected area," thus entailing on them heavier travelling expenses than in the case of ordinary Revenue Inspectors, and that it was not possible to assign a definite range to each Inspector.

2. In view of the financial pressure, the Board was unwilling to apply to Government for an increase of the clerical establishment, and as the advance of loans had ceased for the time, it suggested that one or more of the special Revenue Inspectors might be employed to help in such office work as might be pressing.

3. The Special Deputy Collector states that loans work has now been resumed; that a large sum has been allotted and the amount has to be disbursed during the working season; that the Revenue Inspectors have also to make inspection in about 75 inam villages and that none of them can, therefore, be employed on office work. It would appear that one of the clerks in the Collector's office who had been temporarily lent to the Special Deputy Collector has been withdrawn, and a shroff in the taluk office who had been similarly lent has to be sent away. The Collector, therefore, considers that it is absolutely necessary to entertain for a period of one year two additional clerks on Rs. 15 in the Special Deputy Collector's office, and one clerk on Rs. 15 for the same period in the Special Tahsildar's office from the date on which sales of waste lands commence. The Collector also thinks that the pay of the Special Deputy Collector's head clerk should be raised from Rs. 20 to 30, in view of the fact that both the Special Deputy Collector and the Tahsildar have to be on circuit for long periods and the supervision of the office work devolves on the head clerk. In regard to Revenue Inspectors, the Collector again urges that their pay should be raised to Rs. 50 each. In addition to the reasons previously given, he states that they have taken much trouble in procuring bidders and in preventing combination among bidders in the recent sales of waste lands and the small addition proposed to their pay will be an incentive to them to take more interest in the forthcoming sales.

4. In the circumstances described above, the Board recommends that the Collector's proposals may be sanctioned. The Collector requests permission to entertain the additional establishment at once in anticipation of Government sanction. The Board would suggest that if Government sanctions the increased establishment, the sanction may be communicated to him by wire.

5. The necessary funds have been provided in the budget estimates for 1898-99—vide appendix F to Board's Proceedings, No. 336, dated 12th October 1897, Land Revenue, items 40 and 41.

6. The usual proposition statement is submitted in duplicate.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) R. V. SRINIVASIAH,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with proposition statement, in duplicate, and copy of Board's
Proceedings, No. 9616, dated 30th November 1897,
through the Accountant-General.
Copy to the Collector of Madura.

ORDER—No. 202, Revenue, dated 6th April 1898.

Irrigation No. 4.

The Government considers that the necessity for strengthening the establishments of the Special Deputy Collector and the Tahsildar appointed in connection with the extension of irrigation under the Periyár project has been fully made out.

The Collector's proposals, which are recommended by the Board of Revenue, are approved and sanctioned, with the exception that a clerk on Rs. 20 per mensem should be substituted for one of the additional clerks on Rs. 15 per mensem proposed for the Deputy Collector's establishment.

2. The proposition statement submitted by the Collector will be amended and transferred to the Financial Department.

3. The following telegram will be despatched to the Collector of Madura :—

"Board's Proceedings, No. 1687, dated 8th March 1898. Proposals approved and sanctioned subject to substitution one twenty rupees clerk for one of additional fifteen rupees clerks proposed for Deputy Collector."

(True Extract.)

S. S. Rohit
for Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement).
,, the Collector of Madura.
,, the Financial Department, with proposition statement.

Accountant General's Report.

Rs. $\frac{A.D.S.}{405}$

The entries in the column of "Present Scale" have been compared with the Registers of this Office, and are correct. The proposed ^{increase} ~~additions~~ is within the sanctioning powers of the Local Government.

Accountant General's Office
22nd March 1898

Accountant General

Statement of Proposition for Revision of establishment

The Revenue Department Madura District.

Order sanctioning present establishment.		Office to which the proposition refers.	NATURE OF CHARGE.						PERMANENT.		TEMPORARY.				Grounds of proposition.	Recommendation of the Collector and orders of Government.	
			PRESENT SCALE.			PROPOSED SCALE.			Increase per month.	Decrease per month.	Increase per month.		Decrease per month.				
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			1	Masalehi		6	1	Masalehi									
			1	Labsildar		150	1	Labsildar									
			1	Clerk		15	1	Clerk				15	do				
							1	Clerks									
			2	Peons on Rs 7 each		14	2	Peons on Rs 7 each									
			1	Masalehi		6	1	Masalehi									
			3	Revenue Inspectors on Rs 40 each		120	3	Revenue Inspectors on Rs 50 each				30	do				
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The grounds of proposition are fully set forth in this office's Report.

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Enclome 14 da letter
from the Genl of Medina

Dis: no: 736 of 1898
dated 24 February 1898

Statement of proposition of additional
Establishment required for two Special
Deputy Clerks & Special Stationary Office

June 1898
REVENUE DEPARTMENT

Enc. No. 3 to Bd's General Reg. No. 22 of 1898