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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—again the following papers:—

G.O., Nos. 315, 316, Judicial, dated 20th February 1899.
 „ No. 1129, Judicial, dated 15th July 1899.

READ—also the following paper:—

From H. LUSON, Esq., Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department (Public), to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Simla, 5th September 1899, No. 1899.

In continuation of my letter, No. 1466, dated the 5th July last, I am directed to forward, for the information of the Governor in Council, a copy of the correspondence with the Secretary of State, marginally noted, from which it will be seen that his Lordship has sanctioned the revised scheme recently submitted by the Government of Madras for the reorganization of the Registration department in the Madras Presidency; and that the scheme will take effect, if funds are available, from the date on which his Lordship's despatch was received by the Government of India, namely, the 14th August 1899.

ENCLOSURES.

DESPATCH from the Right Honourable the Governor-General of India in Council, to Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India, dated Simla, 22nd June 1899, No. 215.

We have the honour to forward, for your Lordship's consideration, a copy of the papers entered in the annexed list, regarding the reorganization of the Registration department in the Madras Presidency.

2. In September 1895, the Government of Madras submitted a scheme for the reorganization of the department at an additional expenditure of about Rs. 45,000 a year. The main features of the scheme consisted of (1) the abolition of the system of paying District Registrars and Sub-Registrars commission fees in addition to fixed pay; (2) the re-grading of District Registrars; (3) the re-grading of Sub-Registrars; and (4) revision of the present establishment of probationary Sub-Registrars.

3. Lord Elgin's Government pointed out objections which existed to the scheme as then put forward from an administrative and financial point of view, but agreed to address your Lordship on the subject, provided that the Government of Madras were prepared to make an appreciable reduction in the cost of the scheme by adopting an alternative scale of Registrars and Sub-Registrars which had been drawn up under the directions of the Government of India. The alternative scale, while giving a more equal flow of promotion, was expected to reduce the cost of the proposed grading of Registrars and Sub-Registrars by about Rs. 21,000 a year.

4. In their letter dated the 20th February 1899, the Government of Madras have submitted a revised scheme for sanction. They observe, however, that they have been unable to accept the scale of grading of Registrars and Sub-Registrars suggested by the Government of India, as it was based on a misconception of the method of recruiting Registrars. It is explained that the

classes of Registrars and Sub-Registrars are treated as one consolidated service and not two distinct services, and that the Local Government consider it necessary to maintain the existing practice. The grading now proposed by the Government of Madras compares with that suggested by the Government of India as shown below:—

Registrars.

Present scale.			Scale suggested by the Government of India in 1896.			Scale now proposed by the Government of Madras.		
Grade.		Rs.	Grade.		Rs.	Grade.		Rs.
I ..	1 on	500	I ..	1 on	500	I ..	1 on	500
II ..	1 "	300	II ..	2 "	400	II ..	2 "	400
III ..	3 "	250	III ..	4 "	350	III ..	4 "	350
IV ..	4 "	200	IV ..	4 "	300	IV ..	5 "	250
V ..	6 "	175	V ..	5 "	250	V ..	5 "	250
VI ..	6 "	150	VI ..	4 "	200	VI ..	4 "	200
VII ..	1 "	100	VII ..	3 "	150	VII ..	2 "	175
Total ..	22		23		6,400	22		6,300

Sub-Registrars.

Present scale.			Scale suggested by the Government of India in 1896.			Scale now proposed by the Government of Madras.		
Grade.		Rs.	Grade.		Rs.	Grade.		Rs.
I ..	10 on	90	I ..	8 on	150	I ..	10 on	150
II ..	10 "	75	II ..	28 "	125	II ..	27 "	125
III ..	20 "	60	III ..	37 "	100	III ..	40 "	100
IV ..	30 "	50	IV ..	67 "	90	IV ..	94 "	90
V ..	37 "	45	V ..	75 "	80	V ..	75 "	80
VI ..	60 "	40	VI ..	67 "	70	VI ..	64 "	70
VII ..	70 "	35	VII ..	56 "	60	VII ..	50 "	60
VIII ..	153 "	30	VIII ..	44 "	50	VIII ..	40 "	50
IX ..	1 "	25						
Total ..	391		382		30,680	400		32,815
Grand Total ..	413		405		37,080	422		39,115
Increase ..								2,035

The proposed increase in the number of Sub-Registrars is said to be due partly to the opening of nine additional officers since the scheme was originally submitted to the Government of India in 1895, and partly to the necessity for making provision for future expansion of work.

The scheme includes the grant of a local allowance of Rs. 50 a month to the Registrar of Madras and a similar allowance to the Registrar doing duty as Assistant in the office of the Inspector-General of Registration.

5. In regard to the manner in which the introduction of the scheme will affect the officers already in the service, it was proposed by the Local Government in 1895 that Registrars should work up to the increases that would fall to them under the new scheme at the rate of Rs. 25 a year and Sub-Registrars at Rs. 10 a year. The Government of India suggested that annual increments in the case of Registrars should be reduced to Rs. 20 and that they should begin in either case a year after the introduction of the new grading. The Government of Madras now propose, in view of the loss which the men will suffer through stoppage of the commission and acting allowances, and the delay which has taken place in revising the scheme, to grant the Registrars an increase of Rs. 50 during the first year and Rs. 25 a year thereafter, and the Sub-Registrars the full increment due under the scheme, the increments being drawn in each case from the date of introduction of the scheme instead of being postponed for a year.

6. In submitting this scheme, we beg to take the opportunity of referring to the remarks made in paragraph 4 of Lord Kimberley's Revenue Despatch No. 18, dated the 16th February 1893, in connection with a scheme for improving the position of the clerical staff of the Registration Department in the Madras Presidency. His Lordship did not dissent from the view of Lord Lansdowne's Government that the Registration Department was not primarily established to increase the revenues, but observed that, if any revenue could be spared, it might be preferable to make registration easier and more popular by reducing the fees than to increase the salaries of a large number of officials in the Registration Department. In paragraph 7 of letter, dated the 10th October 1898, from the Inspector-General of Registration, Madras, enclosed in the Madras Government's letter of the 20th February 1899, it is explained why a reduction of registration

fees is not considered necessary. The Inspector-General is of opinion that an increase in the number of registration offices will be more generally appreciated and will tend to make registration easier and more popular. We agree in this view.

7. The revised scheme now under consideration appears to us to have been carefully worked out, and every endeavour has been made by the Local Government to reduce the cost consistently with the maintenance of the efficiency of the department. Compared with the cost of the existing establishment, the scheme (excluding the additional Sub-Registrars to be hereafter taken as the work expands) involves, as shown in appendix D to the Inspector-General's letter, a net increase of Rs. 21,000 a year. We support the revised scheme and submit it for your Lordship's sanction. In a letter, dated the 15th May 1899, the Local Government state that they expect to have funds at their disposal to meet the cost of the reorganization during the current year, and repeat the recommendation made in their letter of the 20th February 1899 that the scheme may take effect from the 1st July 1899. We are not, however, prepared to press for any departure from the usual rule under which the date from which the scheme may be applied will be governed by that of receipt of your Lordship's orders.

DESPATCH from Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India, to His Excellency the Right Honourable the Governor-General of India in Council, dated India Office, London, 27th July 1899, No. 166, Revenue.

I have considered in Council your letter, No. 215 (Finance and Commerce), dated 22nd June 1899, in which your Excellency supports a scheme submitted by the Government of Madras for the reorganization of the Registration department in that Presidency.

2. The scheme, as revised and approved by your Government, will involve an additional expenditure of Rs. 21,000 a year.

3. I sanction the adoption of this scheme, which, as explained in your letter, will take effect from the date of receipt of this despatch, if funds are available.

ORDER—No. 1519, Judicial, dated 22nd September 1899.

Communicated to the Inspector-General of Registration and the Accountant-General, Madras.

2. The necessary funds having been allotted in G.O., No. 579, Financial, dated 8th May 1899, the reorganization should take effect from August 14th.

(True Extract.)

J. M. M.
for Chief Secretary.

To the Inspector-General of Registration,
" Accountant-General.
" Financial Department. ✓

Ed. C. M. Thumbasawmy.

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