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No. 3. Read the following letter from H. RICKETTS, Esq., Commissioner for the Revision of Civil Salaries and Establishments throughout India ; to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Ootacamund, the 1st October 1857, No. 1249.

SIR,

In conformity with para. 7 of my instructions No. 1014, dated the 14th March 1856, I have the honor to submit for the consideration of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, copies of my proposed reports on the subjects noted in the margin.*

*1 The Resident at Travancore.
2 The Magistracies of Calcutta, Madras and Bombay.
3 Conservator of Forests and his Assistants in Madras.

(Signed) H. RICKETTS,
Commissioner for the Revision of Civil Salaries and Establishments throughout India.

THE MAGISTRACIES OF CALCUTTA, MADRAS AND BOMBAY.

CALCUTTA.

Senior Magistrate.	
Salary per mensem, Rupees 2,000, or per annum Rs..	24,000
Junior Magistrate.	
Salary per mensem, Rupees 800, or per annum ,,	9,600

Till 1845 there were three Magistrates of Calcutta, besides the Chief Magistrate,

One on Rupees 1,500 per mensem,
One on ,, 1,200 do.
One on ,, 1,000 do.

On the 21st July of that year, the Government of Bengal represented to the Supreme Government "that the salaries of the Magistrates were not sufficient to place at the command of Government the degree of efficiency required on the Bench, that it had been found by experience that properly qualified persons were not induced to seek for such employment, or were only to be tempted by a permission to add other occupations to those of the Magistracy, that it was absolutely necessary to raise the scale of salary in order to secure good and constant service." The Government of India was satisfied that two ordinary Magistrates would suffice for the town of Calcutta, and sanctioned salaries of Rupees 2,000 and Rupees 1,500 per mensem. This arrangement continued till 1852, when on the occurrence of a vacancy, a native gentleman was appointed Junior Magistrate on the reduced salary of Rupees 800 per mensem. The present incumbent, Baboo Kissory Chund Mitree, represents that with the expense of living in Calcutta, and the numerous calls on his purse, which his position invites, he finds his present pay inadequate. The Senior Magistrate is of opinion that two Magistrates can only do the duty of the town properly, provided there is never a day's absence from sickness or any other cause, and that he expects the work will soon be more than two Magistrates can get through, for six hours in the Police office is more severe work than eight hours in any Government office, or a Mercantile establishment.

MADRAS.

Senior Magistrate.	
Salary per mensem, Rupees 1,200, or per annum Rs..	14,400
Second Magistrate.	
Salary per mensem, Rupees 1,000, or per annum ,,	12,000
Third Magistrate.	
Salary per mensem, Rupees 800, or per annum ,,	9,600

In 1837, there were two Police Magistrates, each with a salary of Rupees 1,000 per mensem. In 1855, the Government recommended that four Magistrates should be allowed,

One on Rupees 1,400 per mensem,
Two on ,, 1,200 each do.
One on ,, 1,000 do.

but only one Additional Magistrate on Rupees 800 per mensem, was sanctioned, and the pay of the Magistrate of longest standing, was increased from Rupees 1,000 to Rupees 1,200 per mensem.

The Magistrates represent that the area of the jurisdiction of the Madras Police is 27 square miles, containing a population estimated at 7,20,000 people, and that the reduction of the number of the Courts from 5, the number which sat before the separation of the Police from the Magistracy, to three, the number which now sit has impaired the efficient working of the Police Courts. The Senior Magistrate especially desires that comparison may be drawn between the pay allotted to his office and the corresponding offices at Calcutta and Bombay.

BOMBAY.

Senior Magistrate.
Salary per mensem, Rupees 2,500, or per annum Rs. 30,000
Second Magistrate.
Salary per mensem, Rupees 1200, or per annum „ 14,400
Third Magistrate.
Salary per mensem, Rupees 1,000, or per annum „ 12,000

In 1833, the salary of the Senior Magistrate was fixed at Rupees 2,000 per mensem, and Rupees 200 per mensem house-rent. The salary of the second Magistrate was fixed at the rate now existing in 1834. In 1843, the Senior Magistrate's house-rent was discontinued, and in 1846, on the resumption of certain fees which he received for watching cotton, his salary was increased to Rupees 2,500 per mensem. In 1848, the office of third Magistrate was created with a salary of Rupees 1,000 per mensem.

	Average number of persons committed to Sessions.	Average number of persons punished by Magistrates.
Calcutta... ...	86	3,976
Madras... ...	134	10,266
Bombay... ...	191	9,588
Total ...	411	23,830

The statement entered in the margin gives a comparative view of the labors of the Magistracy of the three towns. They are remunerated as follows:

Calcutta.—Senior Magistrate		24,000	
Junior	do.	9,600	
			33,600
Madras.—Senior Magistrate		14,400	
Second	do.	12,000	
Third	do.	9,600	
			36,000
Bombay.—Senior Magistrate		30,000	
Second	do.	*15,600	
Third	do.	12,000	
			57,600
			1,27,200

*Including Rs. 1,200 house-rent.

These salaries are not proportioned to the duties. The salary of the Senior Magistrate of Madras is less than the salary of the 2nd Magistrate of Bombay, is double the salary of the Senior Magistrate of Madras. The salary of the third Magistrate at Bombay is more than the salary of the 2nd Magistrate of Calcutta. The remarks which I have made respecting the relative claims of the Commissioners of Police apply in some respects to the Magistrates. The wealth of Calcutta, the numbers of Madras and Bombay must be considered. I would alter the remuneration of these officers as follows:

Calcutta.—Senior Magistrate		24,000	
Junior	do.	12,000	
			36,000
Madras.—Senior Magistrate		20,000	
Second	do.	12,000	
Third	do.	9,600	
			41,600
Bombay.—Senior Magistrate		20,000	
Second	do.	12,000	
Third	do.	9,600	
			41,600
			1,19,200

The saving will be Rupees 8,000 per annum, I would open the offices to all classes, European, East Indians and Natives.

(Signed) H. RICKETTS.

No. 4. ORDER THEREON, No. 1544; dated 25th November 1857.

Resolved that the papers relating to the Resident of Travancore and the Conservator of Forests, be referred for consideration to the Political and Revenue Departments respectively.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

No. 5. From T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George; to H. RICKETTS, Esq., Commissioner for the Revision of Civil Salaries and Establishments throughout India, dated 25th November 1857, No. 1545.

SIR,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 1st October 1857, submitting for the consideration of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, copies of your proposed reports respecting, (1) the Resident of Travancore, (2) the Magistracies of Calcutta, Madras and Bombay, and (3)the Conservator of Forests and his Assistants in Madras.

2. The papers on the first and last of these subjects have been transferred, for consideration, to the Departments of the Secretariat to which they refer, and will be replied to in those Departments. In regard to the second, viz., the Magistracies of Calcutta, Madras and Bombay, I am instructed to offer the following observations on your remarks in respect of this Presidency.

3. It is observed that you recommend that the salary of the Senior Magistrate should be raised to Rupees 20,000 per annum. The amount originally proposed by this Government, was Rupees 1,400 per mensem, or Rupees 16,800 per annum. They cannot think a higher rate necessary nor recommend its adoption.

4. The pressing want however in the Magisterial establishment at Madras, and one which experience, day by day seems more fully to evince, is the appointment of a fourth Magistrate. The Government would urge the establishment of this office at Rupees 1,000 per mensem; and the increase of the pay of the 3rd Magistrate to the same standard in preference to any other measure connected with the Madras Magistracy. The increased charge would be

	Rs.
1,000 × 12	= 12,000
1,000 — 800 × 12	= 2,400
	14,400

or only Rupees 8,800 per annum above the increase (41,600 — 36,000 = 5,600) involved in your proposal.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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For St George
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