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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department, 26th April 1861.

No. 170. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Revenue Department, dated 23rd April 1861, No. 917.

Communicating the Order passed on a letter from C. Pelly, Esq., submitting certain observations on the subject of the revision of the Village Establishments in the Malabar District. (Vide Proceedings Revenue Department, dated 23rd April 1861, Nos. 390 and 391.)

No. 171. ORDER THEREON, 26th April 1861, No. 565.

Communicated to the Inspector General of Police.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from C. PELLY, Esq.:—

Submitting for the orders of Government certain observations on the subject of the revision of the village Establishments in the Malabar District. (Here enter 8th April 1861, No. 828.)

ORDER THEREON, 23rd April 1861, No. 917.

1. In this letter Mr. Pelly reports on the village Establishments of Malabar.

2. In this District villages and village institutions in the usual Indian sense are unknown: the rural population is not congregated in villages as elsewhere, but is scattered in gardens and plantations over the face of the country. For fiscal purposes the District is parcelled out into Amshams, or townships, which are the units of the Revenue administration, as villages are in other Districts. In each Amsham there are a head man, called Adhigári, a Curnum styled a Menon, and two Peons, and in a few cases three and even four. The Amshams are 433 in number with an average population of 3,700 persons, and an average area of fourteen square miles.

3. The pay of the village or Amsham servants above mentioned is as in the margin,* the rates being the same apparently throughout the District; but as already said a few villages have more than two Peons. The entire cost of the Establishment for the District is Rupees 84,180. The funds to meet the charge are derived from a rate or cess of 10 per cent., imposed by Hyder Ali on the assessment of gardens and rice lands, to meet the charges of collection, but which does not extend to the three northern Táluqs or to Wainád. The Collector says very little as to the actual produce of this cess; but it appears to be about equal to the cost of the village Establishments. It has now been ordered, however, that 20,000 Rupees of the amount shall be made over as a contribution towards the maintenance of the new village Police.

* *Adhigári*...	*Rupees*	5½
Menon.....	„	6
2 *Peons*....	„	5
Total	„	16½

4. The Collector at first proposed a plan for reducing the number of Amshams from 433 to 244; but he at the same time proposed so to raise the pay of all the three classes of servants, that the total amount would have exceeded the present charge. Subsequently, however, he informed Mr. Pelly that he only proposed this reduction in the number of the Amshams, in obedience to what he supposed to be the order of Government; and he urged various reasons against the measure. Mr. Pelly considers these reasons to be conclusive against the scheme. Mr. Grant is still of opinion however, that some reduction in the number of the Amshams may be made especially when the Revenue accounts or to speak more exactly the land Registers of the District, shall have been brought into good order. Mr. Pelly has requested him to submit a revised scheme of village Establishments.

5. Mr. Pelly thus proposes no measures to Government; and the object of this letter apparently is only to obtain orders whether the 20,000 Rupees a year above referred to is to be given up to the Police. To this the Government can only reply that according to the papers before them the measure in question would leave a large part of the village Establishment of Malabar without any pay; and the order therefore cannot take effect at present. The Governor in Council must observe however, that the Collector was made acquainted so long ago as 30th May 1860* with the order for the transfer of 20,000 Rupees a year to the Police; and he has had abundance of time to submit a definite plan for giving effect to that order.

* *Judicial Order, No.* 672.

6. Before concluding these remarks, the Government would observe that Mr. Grant appears to forget that as the Revenue Establishments are to be relieved of Police duty, the same strength of Establishment, whether as to numbers or as to pay, cannot be required now that was neces-

sary before. He will probably find it practicable therefore to reduce the number of the Amshams where they are small; and he may also be able to reduce the pay of the Adhigáris of the smaller Amshams at least; and the number of Peons may certainly, as it appears, be diminished. It seems to Government that as there were formerly two in each Amsham, one ought now to suffice, on the other hand some addition may be proper to their pay.

7. Mr. Pelly has also properly directed the Collector's attention (paragraph 15) to the consideration of the possibility of extending the 10 per cent. assessment to those parts of the District where it has not hitherto prevailed.

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To C. Pelly, Esq.
To the Board of Revenue.
„ Accountant General.
„ Civil Auditor.
„ Judicial Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Order thereon 26 April 1861. No 505.

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