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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
13th January 1863.

No. 47. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Revenue Department, dated 22nd November 1862, No. 2,469.

Relative to the new Officer sanctioned in Revenue Proceedings of Government, No. 1,754, dated 19th August last, for the Shervaroy Hills being styled Deputy Tahsildar and Sub-Magistrate, and approving the establishment proposed by the Revenue Board for the Deputy Tahsildar at a cost of Rupees 49 per mensem.

(Vide Proceedings Revenue Department, dated 22nd November 1862, Nos. 280 & 281.)

No. 48.

ORDER THEREON, 13th January 1863, No. 40.

To be recorded.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. T: O'Connor.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 10th November 1862, No. 7,396:—

Read the following letter from the Honorable D. ARBUTHNOTT, Collector of Salem, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 25th October 1862, No. 225.

SIR,

1. With reference to the Proceedings of the Madras Government dated the 19th August last, No. 1,754, sanctioning the appointment of a Tahsildar of the fifth Class for the Shervaroy Hills, I have the honor to inform you that I have from this date appointed Mr. H. D. M. Jones, the second English Clerk in my Kacheri to the office in question, and to request the Board will be good enough to confirm the nomination.

2. The enclosed Service Register will show that Mr. Jones' service extends over a period of 4½ years, during 1½ year of which he was at the head of my English Correspondence Department. The recorded opinion of my predecessor, Mr. Brett, will show that Mr. Jones' qualifications were highly thought of by that Officer, and from what I have seen of Mr. Jones since I joined the District, I consider him to be fully qualified for the office, to which I have now appointed him.

3. I beg to bring to the notice of the Board that the Order of Government above referred to does not touch upon the question of establishment for the Tahsildar on the Hills. I have however entertained from this date the establishment referred to in paragraph 3 of my letter to the Board dated the 16th July last, No. 161, and trust that the same may be sanctioned.

4. I take this opportunity to request the Board will be good enough to let me know whether Shervaroy Hills should be treated as a separate Taluq, or, as hitherto, a part and parcel of the Salem Taluq. If I am right in supposing that the new Tahsildar on the Shervaroy Hills is required to perform all the revenue work on the Hills including collections, I do not see why the Hills should not be treated as a separate Taluq. The Tahsildar could send down the collections from time to time to the Hoozoor Treasury, and I think the establishment I have entertained is quite sufficient for all the duties, supposing that the Hills are made a separate Taluq.

Deputy Collector, Mr. Boalth, when in charge of the Shervaroys drew his full travelling allowance all the year round at 3 Rupees per diem, or Rupees 90 per mensem.

This allowance was drawn in consideration of the constant travelling to and from the Shervaroys, and also in consideration of the want of office, accommodation; I beg to propose that the sum of Rupees 35 per mensem be now allowed as Office rent on the Shervaroys.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

ABSTRACT.—Extract from the Service Register kept in the Salem Collector's Office.

1. The Board observe that the appointment sanctioned by Government in their Proceedings dated 19th August 1862, No. 1,754, Revenue Department, was that of "a Tahsildar as Sub-Magistrate for the Shervaroy Hills on a salary of Rupees 150 per mensem." who "will also be invested with the powers of a District Moonsiff."

2. They do not understand that it was intended to create a separate Taluq out of the Shervaroy charge, and they are of opinion that the preferable arrangement would be to retain it as hitherto, included in the Salem Taluq, the Officer on the Hills being styled Naib or Deputy Tahsildar in charge of the Shervaroys, and being entrusted with such revenue duties there as he can perform without detriment to his Magisterial and Judicial charge. The accounts of the Shervaroy charge would thus remain embodied in those of the Salem Taluq.

3. The establishment proposed by the Collector in his letter of 16th July last, and which he has entertained in anticipation of sanction, is as follows:—

	RS.
1 Clerk...	20
1 Do.	16
2 Peons at 7 Rupees each ...	14
Total...	50

4. The standard establishment for a Sub-Magistrate of the First Class is :

1 Gumáshta...	Rs. 15
1 Do.	12
1 Dusterbund	7
1 Mussaljee...	5
2 Poons at 5 Rupees each...	10
Total...	49

5. The Board see no reason to object to the modification made by the Collector for the Hill Office, but have reduced the pay of the second Clerk to Rupees 15, instead of Rupees 16 as proposed by the Collector, to make the total charge correspond with the standard.

6. It does not appear that any saving in the Deputy Collector's establishment will result from the recent arrangements which merely effected a transfer from one District to another, and did not reduce the total number of Deputies.

7. Thus the only funds available to meet the proposed charge are apparently these :

Pay of the Hill Amín	Rs. 17 per mensem.
Pay of the Gumáshta allowed to Mr. Boalth by the Judicial Department...	10
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leaving the sum of Rupees 23 to be provided from savings in other items.

8. The Collector will be requested to state how he would propose to meet this charge and the opinion of the Acting Accountant General will also be sought on the point. The necessary provision will be made by the Board in the Budget for 1863-64.

9. As a temporary arrangement the Board do not object to the inclusion of the Office rent in the Bill of Contingent charges, nor for the particular locality does Rupees 35 per mensem appear an unduly high rent; but the Board are of opinion that it would be the wisest economy to build a Kacheri, and they request the Collector to procure a plan and estimate from the District Engineer, and to have the cost included in the Budget for 1863-64.

10. As to the nomination made by the Collector to the new Office, the Board consider that for the particular locality, and the peculiar work, an East Indian is better qualified physically than a native, and they accordingly confirm Mr. Jones in the appointment.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed.) W. HUDLESTON, Secretary.

ORDER THEREON, 22nd November 1862, No. 2,469.

1. The Government agree with the Board of Revenue in the remarks made by them in the first two paragraphs of these Proceedings. It is unnecessary to increase the number of Tálúqs. The new Officer appointed for the Shevaroy Hills will therefore be styled Deputy Tahsildár and Sub-Magistrate.

1 Clerk	Rs. 20
1 Do.	15
2 Poons at 7 Rupees each	14
Total..	49

2. The establishment proposed by the Board for the Deputy Tahsildár at a cost of Rupees 49 per mensem is approved.

3. The arrangement made in paragraph 9 for providing Office accommodation to the Deputy Tahsildár as a temporary measure is approved. Orders will be issued from the Public Works Department for the adoption of early measures for building an Office.

(True Extract.)

W. Hudleston

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
 " Officiating Civil Paymaster.
 " " Accountant General.
 " Public Works Department.
 " Judicial Department.
 Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 19th August 1862.

No. 232. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 9th July 1862, No. 4,422 :—

Read again letter from the Collector of Salem, dated 30th May 1862, No. 118.
 (In Cons., 4th June 1862, No. 3,421.)

Read also the following letter from the same Officer, dated 20th June 1862, No. 138.

With reference to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 9th instant, without number, requesting me to submit a Statement so prepared as to show separately and for each Calendar year the amount of work performed by Mr. Boalth, as Deputy Magistrate and District Moonsiff on the Shevaroy Hills, and as Deputy Collector and Deputy Magistrate in Salem, I have the honor to submit a Statement prepared in the manner required by the Board.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

ABSTRACT.—Statement showing the amount of work performed by Mr. Boalth in each Calendar year, as Deputy Magistrate on the Shevaroy Hills, commencing from May 1860 to May 1862.

Government Order, 14th May 1862, No. 1,009.
 Memo. from Government, dated 6th June 1862, No. 106.
 Memorandum from Board, dated 9th June 1862, No. 398.

1. Resolved that the foregoing letters be submitted to Government with reference to the correspondence noted in the margin.

2. It appears from the Statement forwarded with the second letter recorded above that Mr. Boalth, as Deputy Magistrate and District Moonsiff on the Shevaroy Hills, has, since the date of his appointment in April 1860, disposed of, on the average, ten Police charges, and two Civil Suits, monthly; that he was also employed to make the annual settlement on the hills in 1861, and the current year; and that as Deputy Magistrate at Salem the average number of Police cases which he has disposed of monthly is 25.

3. The Collector expresses an opinion that the services of a Deputy Collector and Magistrate are absolutely needed at Salem, but Mr. Arbuthnott has apparently overlooked the fact that Mr. Boalth was appointed to the Salem District mainly for special duties connected with the Shevaroy Hills. The Board think that the very small amount of Civil work appertaining to the hills might fairly be performed by the District Moonsiff of the Salem Tálúq; and that in respect to Magisterial work it would be a better and more economical arrangement than the present one to appoint a separate Sub-Magistrate of the second class to the hills, with Revenue powers; and another Officer of the same grade to the town of Salem, to conduct the Magisterial duties there, and so relieve the Tahsildár, who, as Mr. Arbuthnott observes, has, from the large size of his Tálúq, full occupation in his Revenue duties.

4. The pay of each of these Officers should not, the Board think, be less than 50 Rupees a month. In the one case there is the climate of the hills to be considered, and in Salem itself, the importance of the duties require a man of standing and respectability.

5. The Board do not advocate the retention of two Deputy Collectors at Salem. One Officer of this grade is already in charge of the Treasury, and in no other District has it been found necessary to station more than one Deputy at Head Quarters.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER, Acting Sub-Secretary.

No. 233. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 28th July 1862, No. 4,883 :—

Read the following letter from the Honorable D. ARBUTHNOTT, Collector of Salem, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Madras, dated 16th July 1862, No. 161.

SIR,

1. With reference to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 9th instant, No. 4,422, recommending to Government that, in lieu of a Special Deputy Collector, two Sub-Magistrates may be appointed, one at Salem, and the other on the Shevaroy Hills, and that the pay of each of these Officers should not be less than 50 Rupees, I have the honor to submit the following for the consideration of the Board.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
19th August 1862.*

2. Taking into consideration the climate, the expense of accommodation, and of living, and the fact that Europeans form a large portion of the residents, I am of opinion that to secure an independent and respectable person for the office of Sub-Magistrate on the hills the pay should not be less than 150 Rupees. He would in that case be a Tahsildar of the last class, and be vested with the Revenue powers and the Magisterial powers of the first class Sub-Magistrate. He can also be made a District Moonsiff on the hills, so that the residents there may have a more ready and convenient means of getting their causes settled, than by going backwards and forwards to Salem several times in each suit: 1,500 acres have been applied for since the promulgation of the new rules for the sale of waste lands, and I believe that in a short time there will be ample work for a Tahsildar on these hills.

3. With regard to the Establishment for the Office, I propose that there should be two Clerks, one on 20, and the other on 16 Rupees, and two Peons on a pay of 7 Rupees each.

4. The present bill Amin who draws 17 Rupees per month may be dispensed with.

Pay and allowances of Mr. Boalth, Special Deputy Collector at 503 Rupees per month.....	7,116
Establishment at 102 Rupees per month.....	1,224
Pay of the Hill Amin at Rupees 17 per month....	204
Pay of the Gurnashta allowed to Mr. Boalth by the Judicial Department at 10 Rupees per month...	120

5. The annual cost of the proposed Establishment for the Shevaroy Hills will be Rupees 2,400, which creates a saving of 6,264 Rupees, compared with the present cost of the Establishment maintained mainly for the hills as shown in the margin.

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6. With regard to the town of Salem the Board have stated that the importance of the duties requires a man of standing and respectability. The work in Salem is also very heavy and it is of the highest importance that the person appointed to this office should know English. The pay should therefore be of the first grade, viz., 85 Rupees. The Establishment of this office may be the same as the other Sub-Magistrate's Establishments in this District.

7. The annual cost of the Establishment of the town would be Rupees 1,368, and the aggregate cost of the proposed Establishment both for the hills and the town would be Rupees 3,768 per annum, or Rupees 4,896 less than the present cost.

1. Ordered that the above letter be submitted to Government, in continuation of the Board's Proceedings dated 9th July 1862, No. 4,422.

2. The Board do not entirely adopt Mr. Arbuthnott's views, but they resolve to recommend to Government that the Sub-Magistrate to be appointed to the Shevaroy Hills be of the first class, and be invested with the powers of a District Moonsiff.

3. They are of opinion that a Sub-Magistrate of the second class is all that is required at Salem.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, Secretary.

No. 234.

ORDER THENKON, 19th August 1862, No. 1,754.

* E. M. C. 13th April 1860, No. 562.

1. In April 1860* Mr. Boalth was appointed Deputy Collector and Magistrate on the Shevaroy Hills with the additional powers of a District Munsif, and at the same time Government gave directions that part of his time in each week should be spent on the hills, and part below, the days being fixed. In July of the following year these instructions were modified† on the Collector's representations, and Mr. Boalth was desired to visit the hills once a fortnight, subsequently the Government saw reason to doubt whether there was any necessity for the retention of a Special Deputy for the Shevaroy Hills, and they accordingly‡ called for a statement of the work performed by him in his different capacities.

† E. M. C. 11th July 1861, No. 291.

‡ E. M. C. 14th May 1862, No. 1,069.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
19th August 1862.*

2. On his first appointment Mr. Boalth spent two days in each week on the hills, but subsequent to the Order of July 1861 his visits were reduced to once a fortnight. The average number of cases disposed of monthly have been ten Police charges and two Civil suits. It is clear then that the work to be performed on the Shevaroy Hills is not such as to require the special services of an officer of this grade.

3. Below the hills Mr. Boalth has had the entire magisterial charge of the town of Salem, and all cases requiring the cognizance of a first class Subordinate Magistrate in the Taluqs of Ahtur and Salem have also been made over to him. There is however another Deputy Collector at Salem in charge of the Treasury, and "in no other District," as the Board remark, "has it been considered necessary to station more than one Deputy at Head Quarters."

4. The Board recommend the appointment instead of two Sub-Magistrates, and with the same view the Government have already instructed Mr. Pelly to make provision for two such officers. The Board were at first disposed to consider that each Sub-Magistrate should receive a salary of 50 Rupees, but the Collector has expressed a strong opinion that an efficient and respectable officer cannot be secured for the hills on less than the pay of a Tahsildar of the lowest grade, and the Board have so far modified their views as to propose that the Sub-Magistrate for the Shevaroy Hills should be of the first class with the additional powers of a District Munsif. Considering the climate and the expense of living on the hills the Government concur in the Collector's recommendation, and they accordingly sanction the appointment of a Tahsildar as Sub-Magistrate for the Shevaroy Hills on a salary of 150 Rupees per mensem. He will also be invested with the powers of a District Munsif. For the town of Salem a Sub-Magistrate at 50 Rupees will be ample, if indeed any officer of that grade is required. The Board will be so good as to give this subject further consideration, bearing in mind that the Deputy Collector in charge of the Treasury is always available for magisterial work arising in the town of Salem.

5. The Government propose to put Mr. Boalth in charge of the Salem Treasury, and to remove Appasamy Mudaly to Malabar to relieve C. Canaren of his general duties. It is of great consequence to get the Betutnaad and other escheats settled as soon as possible, and Canaren, it is understood, is well qualified for this duty. The Board will be so good as to submit their views on this proposal.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,

Chief Secretary.

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