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No. 488. Read the following letter from C. PELLY, Esq., Member of the Board of Revenue, to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated 13th March 1861, No. 785 :—

SIR,

1. I have now the honor to report for the orders of Government the changes proposed by some of the Collectors in the classification of Tahsíldárs and Sarishtadárs, in reference to the orders of Government, dated 5th November 1860, No. 2,046.

2. The following are the changes from one class to another, recommended by the Collectors with reference to the circumstances of the Táluqs ; they involve no extra expense to the State and I see no objection to them, and I accordingly request the sanction of Government for their adoption.

Districts.	Táluqs.	Tahsíldárs.		Sarishtadárs.	
		Class sanctioned by Government.	Class now proposed by the Collector.	Class sanctioned by Government.	Class now proposed by the Collector.
Godavery.	Peddapoor	4th	5th	.....	.....
	Rajamundry	5th	4th	3rd	2nd
	Undi...	.....	.....	2nd	3rd
Kistna.	Bander	5th	4th	.....	.....
	Nundigarma	4th	5th	.....	.....
Cuddapah.	Huddree	5th	4th	.....	.....
	Dúvúr	3rd	4th	.....	.....
Tanjore.	Mayaveram	1st	2nd	1st	2nd
	Negapatam	2nd	1st	2nd	1st

3. The Collector of South Canara recommends that the Sarishtadár of Békul Táluq be placed in the 2nd class instead of the 3rd, that is that he should have 50 Rupees which is the pay at present drawn by him instead of 45. The Collector states that the position of the Táluq is become more important by the annexation to it of two maganies of Pútúr Táluq, and as the increase is very small, being only 5 Rupees per month, I beg to recommend this increase for the sanction of Government.

4. The Collectors of Ganjam and Malabar propose that certain classes of Tahsíldárs and Sarishtadárs be raised, but without any corresponding reductions in other classes. Mr. Forbes would have the Tahsíldár of Gumsúr raised from the 5th to the 3rd class, *i. e.*, from 150 Rupees to 200 Rupees, and the Sarishtadár from the 3rd to the 1st class, or from Rupees 45 to Rupees 55. His reasons for this alteration are, that the Táluq covers an area of more than a thousand square miles, 3-4ths of which are mountainous or occupied by forests, among which isolated hamlets are scattered, the climate is notoriously feverish, and the frontier borders on wild and independent tribes ; and that no District more needs and invites the developement of its great natural resources ; and that the office of a Tahsíldár under such conditions demands the highest qualifications. It is, I think, desirable that Gumsúr should be placed in a higher class, but as no corresponding reduction can be made in the other Táluqs of the District, I know not how to support Mr. Forbes' request, unless Government are willing to sanction an extra sum beyond the amount

Collector

already sanctioned for Tahsíldárs and Sarishtadárs. The Táluq might then be placed on the same class as Barampur.

5. The Collector of Malabar wishes Ponáni Táluq to have a 1st class Tahsíldár instead of a 2nd, because, owing to the unsatisfactory state of lands and accounts, the work is very heavy. He also considers that the responsibilities attached to the Tahsíldár of the Ernád Táluq are very great, as he has to perform his duties in the midst of a fiery fanatical population with his sword at his side; and he recommends that he should be paid a higher rate. But as regards the Ponáni Táluq it has been placed in the high class specially sanctioned by Government with reference to its revenue; and Ernád has been placed in the highest of the three classes left for discretionary distribution; and the new Police will exonerate that Tahsíldár of much of his arduous and dangerous duties. It must also be remarked that the new salaries are much better than what they were before; and I see no special grounds for supporting Mr. Grant's proposition.

6. If the Government are pleased to sanction the propositions of the Collectors of South Canara and Ganjam, mentioned in paragraphs 3 and 4, the extra cost requiring sanction would be as follows:—

	Rs.
For a 2nd class Sarishtadár in Békul of South Canara	5
For a 3rd class Tahsíldár of Gumsúr in Ganjam	60
For a 2nd class Sarishtadár of do	5
Per month	60
Per year	720

7. The Collector of Godavery proposes that there should be two Saraffs at Rajamundry, one being dispensed with at Undi; and for the reasons assigned by him, viz., the larger amount of cash transactions, I beg to recommend this modification for the sanction of Government.

Vizagapatam.	*South Arcot.*
Nellore.	*Trichinopoly.*
Bellary.	*Madura.*
Kurnool.	*Tinnevelly.*
Madras.	*Coimbatore.*
North Arcot.	*Salem.*

8. The Collectors of the Districts noted in the margin propose no alterations in the scale. The Collector of North Canara has not yet replied to my call, but he does not probably intend to suggest any changes in the classification sanctioned for his District.

No. 489. ORDER THEREON, 27th March 1861, No. 713.

1. The Government sanction the changes recommended by Mr. Pelly in paragraphs 2 and 7 of this letter.

2. For the reasons stated in paragraph 5 they decline to entertain the recommendations of the Collector of Malabar respecting the Tahsíldárs of Ponáni and Ernád. They consider Mr. Pelly's reasons against them to be fully sufficient.

3. The Government are unable to accede to the recommendations of the Collectors of South Canara and Ganjam (paragraphs 3 and 4) unless corresponding reduction can be suggested elsewhere. With respect to the former District, the Government do not recognize the force of the Collector's reasons for wishing to raise the pay of the Békul Sarishtadár. But if thought expedient by the Collector, the 1st class pay in Udipi may be reduced to the 2nd, and thus funds will be found for raising that in Békul from the 3rd to the 2nd.

4. As respects Ganjam, if Mr. Forbes prefers it, the Tahsíldár of Gumsúr may be placed in the 3rd class, Barampur in the 4th and Chicacole in the 5th. This would give the desired increase in Gumsúr, and would not unduly lower the pay in the other two Táluqs. A similar transposition of the Sarishtadár's pay may be made if desired by the Collector.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secretary to Government.

Revenue Dept.

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Under date the 27th March 1861

Read the following
letter from C. Pelly Esq.
Member of the Board of
Revenue.

Omitting for the orders of
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Revenue 13th March 1861
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Pro: of the Madras Govt
Dt 27th March 1861.

Re: 1-5-60
5-11-60.

Certain Changes in the Classification List of Talsildars and Sheristadars -

(2)

Agreeably to orders reports on the changes proposed by some of the Collectors in the Classification of Talsildars and Sheristadars and for reasons stated requesting sanction for their adoption - sanctioned as recommended with certain observations -

No. 488 & 489.