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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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No. 350. Read the following letter from C. PELLY, Esq., Member of the Board of Revenue, to J. D. SIM. Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Chepauk, 10th January 1862, No. 1,141 :—

SIR,

1. In their Order, dated 7th November 1861, Government desire me to consider certain points therein noticed regarding the Establishment of the Town of Madras, in communication with the Collector, and report further on them ; I have accordingly the honor to submit the Collector's reply on the subject, and to state my views on the several points.

2. *Firstly*.—The Ábkárí Department. In sanctioning the higher rates of Rupees 200 and 70 respectively, for the salaries of Superintendent and his Deputy, Government state that in all other respects also they would adopt the Collector's scheme. By this the Government would seem to suppose that there has been some material or unnecessary alteration in my scheme ; but I beg to observe this is not the case. In ordering the Revenue Establishments, one of the objects Government had in view was, that the nomenclature of the Offices, and the rates of pay, should, as far as possible, be uniform, and regulated on the same principle. In revising the Ábkárí Establishment, nothing more was aimed at than to carry out, as far as practicable, the principle laid down by Government ; because, as I stated to the Collector, the Ábkárí Establishment had been but lately revised, and I did not propose any great changes in it ; and the only alteration made was in the pay of a few Gumáshtas, that they might be put on the same footing as similar servants in other Táluqs ; and I changed the designation of "Pass Writer" into a "Gumáshta." From the enclosed statement the Government will be able to see that there is no material difference between the two schemes proposed by me and by the Collector ; and I would beg to recommend that this Establishment, as thus slightly revised, and costing 1,827 Rupees, may receive the sanction of Government.

Letter to Collector, dated 20th January 1861, paragraph 17.

3. *Secondly*.—Registry and Stamping Departments. Government direct that both these Departments be kept distinct from the other branches of the Madras Office, and observe, that they are in fact Local rather than Imperial Offices. In reference to this latter observation, it occurs to me to state that the Offices are now viewed as Imperial and accordingly included in the fixed Revenue Establishment. The fees collected on both accounts are now carried to the credit of the General Revenues of the State and included in the Land Revenue. If the Establishments are to be treated as "local" the receipts should then, I conceive, be carried to the credit of a distinct head of the Local Fund, as lately ordered with respect of the collections of the Village Cesses and in other cases ; and then the Establishments maintained from those funds should not be included in the General Revenue Establishments. On this point the instructions of Government are solicited.

4. In paragraph 30 of his report, dated 29th June 1861, the Collector agreed to abolish the Stamping Department, retaining only the ironsmith and his assistant, and to place it under the 3rd Gumáshta of the Táluq Establishment ; and he accordingly brought the whole amount under decrease in his statement ; but with reference to the observations of Government in paragraph 7 of their Order, Mr. Reade proposes to effect only a saving of Rupees 26-4 per month. I have therefore provided in my statement, Establishments for both Departments according to the wishes of the Collector, making only some slight alterations in the rates of pay and in the nomenclature.

5. The Stamping Department will be under the general control of the Tahsíldár, and therefore entered as a part of the Táluq Establishment. The Registration Department will be

under the entire control and management of the Deputy Collector, and should therefore be included as part of the Collector's Húzúr Establishment.

6. *Thirdly.—Quit Rent Department* or rather *Táluq Establishment*. The Government observe that the preparation of bills for the collection of Quit Rent must be met by special arrangements, and that it should be done by a certain number of trained writers, necessary provision being made in the Establishment list. It has not been usual to provide for temporary aid in the fixed Establishments. If such aid is required the Collector obtains sanction annually. In his former proposition the Collector retained four Gumáshtas for this work, and it would appear that their time is taken up for nearly seven or eight months in the preparation of bills. I conceive that it will scarcely be possible to procure a large number of trained writers every year for short temporary employment, nor should irresponsible parties be employed on such work. Unless a large number is employed the work would not be done soon. It was on these considerations that I suggested that the bills could be much better prepared by the Conicopillays. The bills are all printed, and it would not be difficult for those well acquainted with all the facts, to fill up the name and amount. Each Conicopillay would have to prepare only 3,000 or 3,500 bills in a year for his division, and the work, being thus distributed among 15 Conicopillays, would be done within a month or two after the close of the Fasli, as I explained in my Memorandum on Mr. Cunliffe's letter, dated 29th June 1861. The Collector did not, however, assent to the plan, and as the Government are of the same opinion, I proceed to show how the work is now proposed to be done without the necessity of employing temporary Establishments for writing the bills.

7. In his present letter, Mr. Reade the Officiating Collector, while agreeing that extra hands can be called in as required, states that the opinion of the Deputy Collector is that as long as the License Act is in operation the present Establishment of the Quit-rent Department should be retained without reduction. It will not, therefore, be necessary to provide for any temporary Establishment for the preparation of bills as the present Establishment is to remain undisturbed.

8. The Government also desire that the number of Conicopillays should be limited to that actually required for the purpose of collecting revenue. The Collector on a former occasion intimated the practicability of reducing their number from 15 to 13, but under the opinion now expressed by the Deputy Collector above adverted to, this reduction also cannot be made. I have therefore retained the whole Quit Rent Establishment as it is, making, however, slight alterations in the nomenclature and in the rates of pay for the sake of uniformity. The Yaumia Gumáshta has been included in this Establishment, with reference to paragraph 12 of the order, and a Shroff also has been provided, on the understanding that a Treasury be established under the Tahsíldár, as in other Táluqs, for receiving the collections and making payments, as already proposed. In paragraph 11 of my report to Government, dated 29th July 1861, I alluded to the inconvenience of the present practice of carrying the collections direct to the General Treasury in the Fort, and of having all the payments made there. The Government have passed no orders on this point, and I therefore beg to be informed whether the present practice is to be continued, or a Treasury established in the Madras Táluq. If the former is decided on, no Shroff will be necessary for the Madras Establishment.

9. In reference to paragraph 11 of the Order, I beg to state that the Collector himself does not want a second Distrainer. He would be content if horse allowance of 15 Rupees is granted to the present Distrainer. I have accordingly raised his pay from 70 to 85 Rupees to meet the wishes of the Collector.

	Rs.
Pay	70
Horse allowance	15
	85

10. In respect to paragraph 13 the Collector states that a separate person is necessary for the sale of Postage labels. As this charge, however, is properly debitable to the Postal Department, and should be met by the allowance of discount or otherwise be charged to the Postal Department, it need not be included in the Revenue Establishments.

11. It will be observed that I have changed the name of the Office from "Quit Rent Department" to "Táluq Kacheri." The duties are not confined to the collection of "Quit Rents," but the collection of all branches of the Revenue, Land Rents, Ground Rents, Trade duties, and other sources of extra Revenue.

12. The cost of the whole Madras Establishment, as now proposed, with reference to the order of Government will be as follows, as compared with the existing cost:—

	Present. Rs.	A.		Now proposed. Rs.
Ábkári Establishment...	1,684	0		1,827
Registry Department	235	12		*213
Quit Rent Department...	781	8		
Yaumia do.	17	8	Táluq Establishment...	816
Gumáshta for Postage labels	10	8		
Stamping Department	103	4		*77
	2,832	8		2,933
			Increase...	100½

* Note.—If charged in Local Establishments these two sums will have to be excluded.

Statement showing the Establishment for Madras as proposed by the Collector with the necessary revision.

Proposed by the Collector.			Proposed finally by Mr. Pelly.		
ÁBKÁRI DEPARTMENT.	Rs.	A.	ÁBKÁRI DEPARTMENT.	Rs.	A.
1 Superintendent	200	0	1 Superintendent	200	0
1 Deputy do.	70	0	1 Deputy do.	70	0
1 Pass Writer	20	0	2 Gumáshtas at 20 Rupees	40	0
1 Gumáshta	20	0	4 Do. at 15 Rupees	60	0
1 Do.	10	0	6 Do. at 12 Rupees	72	0
2 Do. at 12 Rupees	24	0	1 Shroff	15	0
1 Do.	15	0	29 Conicopillays at 10 Rupees	290	0
2 Do. at 10 Rupees	20	0	1 Cooper	10	0
1 Do.	15	0	2 Draw out men at 7 Rupees	14	0
1 Do.	10	0	1 Dafterband	7	0
21 Curnums at 10 Rupees	210	0	4 Inspectors at 15 Rupees	60	0
1 Gumáshta	14	0	4 Deputy do. at 12 Rupees	48	0
1 Shroff	15	0	1 Daffádar	10	0
4 Curnums at 10 Rupees	40	0	103 Peons at 7 Rupees	721	0
1 Gumáshta	14	0	4 Lascars at 7 Rupees	28	0
1 Dafterband	7	0			
4 Curnums at 10 Rupees	40	0			
1 Cooper	10	0			
2 Draw out men at 7 Rupees	14	0			
4 Lascars at 7 Rupees	28	0			
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DISTILLERY.			DISTILLERY.		
1 Curnum	15	0	1 Gumáshta	15	0
1 Maistry	10	0	1 Maistry	10	0
1 Head Laborer	8	0	1 Head Laborer	8	0
19 Laborers at 7 Rupees	133	0	19 Laborers at 7 Rupees	133	0
4 Watching Sepoys at 4 Rupees	16	0	4 Watching Sepoys at 4 Rupees	16	0
190	1,817	0	190	1,827	0
REGISTRATION DEPARTMENT.			COLLECTOR'S HOOZOOR KACHERI. *Registration Department*		
1 Head Registrar	50	0	1 Registrar	50	0
1 Deputy do.	30	0	1 Gumáshta	30	0
1 Assistant do.	15	0	1 do.	15	0
2 Curnums at 10 Rupees	20	0	2 Conicopillays at 10 Rupees	20	0
3 Maistries at 14 Rupees	42	0	3 Maistries at 14 Rupees	42	0
3 Lascars at 7 Rupees	21	0	3 Lascars at 7 Rupees	21	0
5 Peons at 7 Rupees	35	0	5 Peons at 7 Rupees	35	0
16	213	0	16	213	0
QUIT-RENT ESTABLISHMENT. *Proposed by the Collector now to be retained.*			TALUQ ESTABLISHMENT.		
1 Head Writer	35	0	1 Tahsíldár	100	0
3 Writers at 17½ Rupees	52	8	1 Head Gumáshta	35	0
1 Do.	14	0	4 Gumáshtas at 20 Rupees	80	0
1 Head Amildar	100	0	3 Do. at 15 Rupees	45	0

Statement showing the Establishment for Madras, &c.

Proposed by the Collector.			Proposed finally by Mr. Pelly.		
	Rs.	A.		Rs.	A.
1 Distrainer	70	0	2 Gumáshtas at 12 Rupees	24	0
2 Royasums at 10½ Rupees	21	0	1 Shroff	15	0
1 Gumáshta	10	8	1 Distrainer	85	0
1 Head Sumprathy	17	8	1 Dafterband	7	0
1 Deputy do.	14	0	1 Duffádar	10	0
1 Ground-rent Conicopillay	10	8	15 Conicopillays at 14 Rupees	210	0
1 Múchí	7	0	3 Do. at 10 Rupees	30	0
1 Inserting Conicopillay	14	0	25 Peons at 7 Rupees, 15 for Conicopillays and 10 for ordinary duties	175	0
15 Collecting do. at 14 Rupees	210	0			
1 Daffádar	10	8			
25 Peons at 7 Rupees	175	0			
YAUMIA DEPARTMENT.					
1 Yaumia Writer	17	8			
POSTAGE LABELS.					
1 Gumáshta	10	8			
58	789	8	58	816	0
STAMPING DEPARTMENT.			STAMPING DEPARTMENT.		
1 Darogah	28	0	1 Gumáshta	25	0
1 Writer	10	8	1 Do.	12	0
1 Conicopillay	8	12	2 Conicopillays at 10 Rupees	20	0
1 Examiner of weights and measures	10	8	1 Iron Smith	6	0
1 Iron Smith	5	4	2 Peons at 7 Rupees	14	0
2 Peons at 7 Rupees	14	0			
7	77	0	7	77	0
271	2,896	8	271	2,933	0

Revenue Board Office,
Chepauk,
January 1862.

(Signed) C. PELLY,
Member.

From C. W. READE, Esq., Acting Collector of Madras, to C. PELLY, Esq., Member of the Board of Revenue, Chepauk, dated Sydapet, 2nd December 1861, No. 29.

SIR,

1. In reference to the Proceedings of the Madras Government, No. 2,122, under date the 7th November last, I have the honor to submit the views of the Collector, as required, on paragraphs 10, 11 and 13 of those Proceedings.

2. Prior to the receipt of your Endorsement No. 1,092 of the 19th November, the orders of Government had reached this Office, and I am able consequently to give you the opinion of Mr. Cunliffe the Collector, on the points noticed, as that gentleman has left a pencil Memorandum in anticipation of your call on him, I have likewise obtained the views of the Deputy

Collector, who is so immediately connected with the collection of the Quit Rent Revenue of Madras proper.

Paragraph 10.

3. Mr. Cunliffe approves the proposal here made. He thinks that "enough "writers for the ordinary work should be kept, and for the preparation of bills, "that extra hands can be called in" as required. But the Deputy Collector on this subject writes, "as long as the License Act is in operation, the present Establishment of the Quit Rent Depart- "ment should be retained without reduction." He goes on, "the license taxation involves the "preparation of about 50,000 cases, the issue of bills to the same extent, and of processes of "distraint in cases of default. All this work can, by no means, be performed by the single "writer allowed for the License Tax Department, but will require the unremitting attention of "the entire Quit Rent staff as it at present exists, and when Mr. Cunliffe undertook to work out "the License Tax through my agency, it was on the understanding that the services of the "entire Quit Rent staff would be available for the work." The Deputy Collector closes his remarks on this head with, "any possible reduction which experience may suggest, will of course "be proposed hereafter."

Paragraph 11.

4. In regard to the suggestion in this paragraph, that a second distrainer be appointed, Mr. Cunliffe notes that such addition would be of value no doubt; he observes that with a horse allowance for the present distraining officer which would enable the man to get over the ground quickly, he would not press the necessity of a second distrainer. The Deputy Collector on this subject thinks with Mr. Cunliffe.

Paragraph 13.

5. Both Mr. Cunliffe and the Deputy Collector consider a separate Gumáshta for the sale of Postage labels positively necessary, to whatever Department his salary be charged. The proposition of Government to debit this officer's pay to the Postal Revenue, would seem unobjectionable and only reasonable.

Paragraph 7.

6. In reference to the observations of Government in paragraph 7 of their orders, Mr. Cunliffe and the Deputy Collector agree in the opinion, that the services of one Conicopillay, two Peons and one Bellow's boy may at once be dispensed with, without impairing the efficiency of the Department to which they are attached, effecting as noted in the margin,* a saving of Rs. 26-4-0 per mensem.

	RS.	A.	P.
* One Conicopillay	7	0	0
Two Peons at Rupees 7 each	14	0	0
One Bellow's boy	5	4	0
Total Cost	26	4	0

No. 351. ORDER THEREON, 15th February 1862, No. 337.

1. In this letter Mr. Pelly reports on the several points connected with the revision of the Revenue Establishment of the Town of Madras, which were specially noticed by Government in their Order of the 7th November last, No. 2,122.

2. The Government sanction the revised Establishments now proposed by Mr. Pelly and which are assented to by the Acting Collector and Collector.

3. The Government did not intend that the Registry and Stamp Departments should be kept separate from the regular Office Establishment.

4. The approaching abolition of the General Treasury in the Fort will probably render it necessary to establish a Táluq Treasury and the provision of a Shroff is approved.

5. As a separate writer is required exclusively for the sale, &c., of Postage Labels, his salary should be provided by the Postal Department. The subject will be referred, through the

Public Department, to the Post Master General, and during the rest of the current year no change will be made. Next year the Post Master General will be expected to provide the necessary funds and the officer will be removed from the Land Revenue List.

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

Revenue Department.

No. 337

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 15th Feby 1862.

Read the following letter from
C. Pelly Esqre Mem-
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from Mr Pelly reporting on
several points connected with
the revision of the Revenue
Establishment of Madras.

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