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No. 294. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 6th January 1868, No. 43 :—

Read again letter from the Acting Accountant General, dated 26th August 1867, recorded in the Board's Proceedings, dated 6th September 1867, No. 5,784.

Read also the following letters :—

From the Collector of Tinnevely, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 16th October 1867, No. 554.

In reply to the Proceedings of the Board, No. 5,784, dated the 6th September, I have the honor to inform you that the establishment of the Tuticorin Sea Customs cannot be reduced, as the transfer of the Government Treasury there to the Branch Bank does not entail a reduction of work in the Office. The remittances of the Sea Customs Treasury were formerly made to the Otapedarum talook, and under the new arrangement they are simply handed over to the Bank, instead. The monthly and other accounts are still prepared, in the Customs Department, as heretofore, and, as the existing establishment was introduced in 1862 under Mr. Pelly's revised scheme, I do not see any grounds for now reducing its strength.

From the Collector of Coimbatore, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd November 1867, No. 323.

1. In reply to the Board's Proceedings of the 6th September 1867, No. 5,784 I have the honor to report that the amount of reduction, which I consider feasible in the Talook Establishment of Ootacamund, consequent on the transfer of the Government Treasury balance to the Branch Bank at that station, is Rupees 50, as shewn below :—

	RS.
Pay of one Head Shroff to be dispensed with	15
Do. of one Assistant do. do.	10
Do. of one Gumastah do. do.	15
Do. of one Dufterbund	10
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	50

2. A statement shewing the number and amount of pay of the servants borne on the existing Moyenzabitah, the reduction proposed, and the number and amount of pay of the servants to be retained, is forwarded herewith, from which it will be seen that there are now thirty-three servants, including Peons and Mussalchees, on a monthly pay of Rupees 621, of whom four hands on 50 Rupces are proposed to be dispensed with. The remaining establishment consists of—

1 Tahsildar on Rupees	225
1 Serishtadar do.	60
1 Head Gumastah, Rupees	25
1 Gumastah, do.	20
3 Gumastahs, at 15 Rupces each, Rupees	45
1 Revenue Inspector, Rupees	30
1 Do., do.	25
1 Duffa lar, do.	10
17 Peons, at 7 Rupees each, Rupees	119
1 Mussalchce, Rupees	6
1 Sweeper, do.	6

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This establishment is not more than is actually required for the efficient discharge of the public duties under existing circumstances. The only accounts that are now discontinued, in the Tahsildar's Cutcherry, by the transfer of the Treasury to the Branch Bank, are the daily Cash Chittahs of receipts and disbursements and the monthly Account Current, but all the other periodical Returns, such as the Demand, Collection and Balance Statement, Pay Abstracts, Cultivation Returns, Rain Registers, Season Reports, Accounts of deposits of money by applicants for lands sold under the Waste Land Rules, and several other miscellaneous Returns, have still to be prepared besides the annual Jummahbundy accounts, and for all these duties, the services of the Talook Serishtadar and Head Gumastah are absolutely necessary. They have also to receive the collections of Land Revenue, Abkarry Revenue, License Tax, deposits for lands, and other receipts of a miscellaneous nature, and send them to the Branch Bank with proper memoranda. Two Gumastahs should be employed under the Tahsildar for preparing Revenue Urzces, Takeeds to villages, &c., and two are required to attend to the duties in the Magisterial Department. The Revenue Inspectors have their own appropriate duties to attend to, viz., inspecting cultivation and sending Returns to the Talook Cutcherry of the extent of land cultivated and the assessment thereof. The collection of revenue from European landholders is a matter of no small moment. The Revenue Inspectors, and one of the Talook Gumastahs, are often deputed for this work. Under these circumstances, I fear that no further reduction than is now proposed, is practicable. It may be questioned whether, instead of the one low-paid Gumastah and the Dufterbund, two Gumastahs receiving higher pay could not be done away with. To this, I can only reply that, in a place like the Neilgherry Hills, where the climate is trying to the natives, and the cost of living very high, a comparatively higher rate of pay than is allowed in the low country is actually necessary to secure the services of competent men, and the interests of the public service require that the servants to be retained should be those receiving the higher pay.

Statement shewing the present Establishment of the Talook Cutcherry at Ootacamund, the reduction proposed, and the Establishment to be retained.

	Present Establishment.				Reduction proposed.				Remaining Establish- ment to be retained.			
	Number.	Pay.			Number.	Pay.			Number.	Pay.		
		RS.	A.	P.		RS.	A.	P.		RS.	A.	P.
Tahsildar	1	225	0	0	...	.....			1	225	0	0
Serishtadar	1	60	0	0	...	.....			1	60	0	0
Head Gumastah	1	25	0	0	...	.....			1	25	0	0
Gumastah	1	20	0	0	...	.....			1	20	0	0
Gumastahs, at 15 Rs. each...	4	60	0	0	1	15	0	0	3	45	0	0
Revenue Inspector...	1	30	0	0	...	.....			1	30	0	0
Do. do.	1	25	0	0	...	.....			1	25	0	0
Dufterbund	1	10	0	0	1	10	0	0	...	.....		
Head Shroff... ..	1	15	0	0	1	15	0	0	...	.....		
Assistant Shroff	1	10	0	0	1	10	0	0	...	.....		
Duffadar	1	10	0	0	...	.....			1	10	0	0
Peons, at 7 Rupees each ...	17	119	0	0	...	.....			17	119	0	0
Mussalchee	1	6	0	0	...	.....			1	6	0	0
Sweeper	1	6	0	0	...	.....			1	6	0	0
	33	621	0	0	4	50	0	0	29	571	0	0

COIMBATORE,
22nd November 1867.

(Signed) P. GRANT,
Collector.

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In the first letter above recorded, the Accountant General requested the Collector to ascertain and report to him the amount of reductions feasible in the establishments of Tuticorin and Ootacamund, in the Districts of Tinnevely and Coimbatore, consequent on the transfer of the Government Treasury balances to the Branch Banks established at these places. The Collectors concerned were requested to report on the subject, and their replies have been received.

It will be seen from Mr. Puckle's letter that there is no Talook Establishment at Tuticorin, and that it cannot be established in the Collector's opinion, as the transfer of the Government Treasury to the Branch Bank does not entail a reduction of work in that Office. The Collector concurs in this view.

3. As regards the Ootacamund Talook Establishment, the Collector of Coimbatore proposes that four hands, at a charge of Rupees 50 per month, as noted in the margin, be dispensed with. The Collector is requested to effect this reduction from 1st January 1868, and the arrangement will be for the approval of Government.

ORDER THEREON, 20th January 1868, No. 149.

Miscellaneous.

The proposed arrangement for the Ootacamund Talook Establishment is approved.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,

Secretary to Government.

Revenue.
Accountant General.
of Claims.

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the Council School Estate

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