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 (2) புதுக்கித் திருப்பிய நாள் 18-7-89
 (3) ஆதாரங்குறிப்பவர் சுருக்கொப்பம் 6/2

தமிழ்நாடு ஆவணக் காப்பகம்.

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EXAMINER, P. W. ACCOUNTS.

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CURRENT No.

Madras, 12 July 1890.

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OFFICE NOTE No. 4153.

To

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With reference to G.O.No.1748 W.
of 23rd.June 1890,I beg that the Govern-
ment of India may be asked to pass de-
finite orders on the subject of the
scale and grading and position of the
future establishment of accountants.

2. The specific points on which a
settlement is necessary,are as follows-

- (a) Is the establishment (of account-
ants) to be pensionable ?
- (b) Is it to be a local (i.e. Provin-
cial) establishment, or an Imperial
one ?
- (c) Is the scale, i.e. number of diffe-
rent grades, the pay in each grade,
and the distribution of the total
numbers between the several grades
to be settled by the Government
of Madras or by the Government of
India ?
- (d) If the scale (as defined above) is
to be settled by the Madras Go-
vernment, is the settlement left

absolutely and entirely to their discretion, subject only to the limitation (as to minimum pay) indicated in para 8 of the Government of India letter, and to the maximum limit of the present higher grades? Or is the maximum to be reduced, either according to the scale given in para 14 of Mr. Macdonald's note on the Punjab office, or in any other way?

(e) Also if the scale is to be settled by the Madras Government, is the pay to be incremental? Or is it not to be incremental? Or is it left to the Madras Government to decide whether it shall be incremental or not?

(f) If the scale is to be settled by the Government of India, what is it to be as regards

(1) the number of grades,

(2) the minimum & maximum pay, & the increments (if any) in each grade,

(3) the distribution of the total number of accountants between the several grades.

3. Unless the above questions are settled, it will be impossible for me to submit the revised scale required by para 5 of the Government of India letter. I trust this fact will be obvious without explanation.

4. I am however anxious on other

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grounds also to have the above questions settled as early as possible. Without some idea of what the future scale is to be, I cannot regulate to the best advantage the retirement of such accountants as, pending submission of a complete scheme a year hence, may from time to time become surplus in consequence of reduction and simplification of work; nor can I properly regulate promotions in such vacancies as occur from time to time in consequence of casualties.

5. I take it for granted that these questions are not included in the "question of recruitment" referred to in para 7 of the Government of India letter.

6. Referring to para 2 of the Government of India letter, I can only say that such reductions as have already been effected have been made possible solely by elaboration, that is to say by close attention to the details — and often to very minute details — of the necessary processes of work; and that as far as I can see — putting aside as a matter which does not rest with me, any savings to be effected by reducing scales of pay — it is only by the continuance of such elaboration that any further economies can be secured. I will gladly endeavour to apply any other method that may be definitely indicated; but at present I know of no other.

7. With reference to para 3 of the letter of the Government of India, I regret that my treatment of the subject should have been too long and exhaustive; but the Madras Government has, on several occasions, shown a desire to have matters of this sort thoroughly discussed, and has even been pleased to express satisfaction when they have been so treated, and I was under the impression that they desired to be fully informed. I would moreover respectfully submit that Mr. Macdonald's report, dealing as it did not only with every question that could well be raised in connection with the organization of the accounts branch; but also largely with the details of the working of an Examiner's office, was not a document that could be dealt with briefly to any purpose. Had the report been sent to me for an expression of opinion, or for remarks on specified points, I should have been only too glad to confine myself to those points; but as the report was simply sent to me for my opinion, I presumed that my opinion was asked for on all points. The questions directly raised or indirectly suggested by the report and its accompaniments, could not possibly be dealt with in the lump; each had to be dealt with individually, and it naturally takes a good many more words to discuss an opinion or a suggestion than it does to express or to make it.

PW C no 6647

Ord 14-7-90

8. Ans 1741W of 22.6.90
" " 1420-81W of 25.8.90
" " 428-81W of 14.2.90

No 2072-3W of 30-7-90

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Office was given the P.W. accounts No 4155 of 12.7.90.

In orders.

The answer to all the questions put by the Ex. seems to be that so long as the Govt. of India maintain their present trading scale of pay for accountants, so long as the accountants in all three Presidencies are borne on one single roll in the Home Classified list, the Madras accountants should have the same footing as Madras accountants.

His principle

was stated in para 54
6 of your letter to
the G. & S. by 481 W of
14.2.90, & was approved
in Indian's reply by 14809
of 7.6.90 (S. by 174 W of
23.6.90) —

When simplification
& reduction of work
under a reduction in
staff feasible, the
number of personnel
in the Central office
might be reduced,
& the routine work
entrusted to low paid
agencies (computers etc.),
but there seems no
reason to interfere
with the grading &
classification of the
personnel, as long
as the present grading
is unaltered in
other provinces.

With regard to
the question whether the
establishment is to be Provincial
or

or Imperial, — ^{in the}
now Provincial, i.e.
it is laid down
Provincial funds,
& there is no desire
to take any alteration
in this respect.

I understand whether
the Govt note may
be sent on to India
with a letter to the
above effect.

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Yr. Ans
19.7.50

No. 2072 Wd/30 July 1890

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following

Office note from the Exr. P.W. Accts. H.E. No. 4153 d/12 July 1890.

Ordered that the Govt.
of India be addressed.

H.E. No. 2073 Wd/30 July 1890

To the Exr. P.W. Accts.

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To

The Secy. to the Govt. of India
P.W. Department.

Sir,

I am directed to forward
for submission to the Govt.
of India, copy of a note from
the Examiners P.W. Accounts
No. 4153 dated 12 July 1890,
asking certain questions,
with reference to your
letter No. 1490 d/7 June 1890, regarding the
scale, grading and position
of the future establishment of

Copy of the letter
to be submitted to the Govt.
of India

of accountants in his office.

2. With regard to these questions, I am directed to invite attention to paras 5 and 6 of my letter No. 481 W dated 14th Febr'y 1890, and to repeat the opinion of this Govt. that so long as the Govt. of India maintains its present grading and scale of pay for accountants, and so long as the accountants in the three Presidencies are borne on one general roll in the Govt. of India classified list, so long should the Madras Accountants be on the same footing in every respect as Bengal Accountants.

3. When simplification and reduction of work renders a reduction in staff feasible the number of accountants in the Examiner's office might be proportionately diminished.

diminished, but there appears to be no reason ^{to} to raise questions with respect to the grading and positions of the subordinate account establishment, so long as the present classification is not abolished in other provinces.

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