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No. 5. Read the following letter from J. D. ROBINSON, Esq., Acting Collector of North Arcot, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Chittoor, 4th May 1860, No. 29.

Paragraph 1. On the recent transfer of the Stipend³Office at Vellore to the charge of the Revenue authorities under the Order of Government quoted in the margin, the Establishment attached to it was, I found as follows :—

1 Manager...	Rs.	70	0	0
1 Writer...	"	35	0	0
1 Munshi...	"	17	8	0
1 Shroff...	"	10	8	0
1 Muchi...	"	7	0	0

Total Rupees 140 0 0 per mensem. This establishment struck me to be so much larger than the nature of the duties seemed to require that I wrote to Mr. Grenfell then in charge requesting him to confer with Brigadier White and inform me whether some reduction might not be made, and if so, how it could be best effected.

2. Mr. Grenfell and the Brigadier were both opposed to a reduction on the ground that the stipendiaries were numerous, and 55 of them non-residents of Vellore. Not satisfied with these reasons, I wrote to Mr. Elliott on his assuming charge of the Office, telling him that my impression still was that a reduction was possible without impairing the efficiency of the Establishment, and requesting him to give the matter his early consideration. While this correspondence was passing, the frauds in the Yeomia Department of my Office had come to light, and an immediate and sifting revision of the muster rolls and other documents supporting payments of Pensions having become necessary, a proposition to reduce establishments under such circumstances would have been obviously premature and ill-judged.

3. A recent letter from the Accountant General directing the amalgamation of the Stipend Office Treasury with that of the Taluq has again attracted my attention to the question of reducing these Establishments. To my reference on the subject in connection with the Accountant General's instructions, Mr. Elliott now writes to propose a monthly reduction as per margin of Rupees 42. In modification of Mr. Elliott's proposition, I beg to recommend

that the pay of the Writer and Munshi be fixed at Rupees 15 each per mensem, that being the lowest rate fixed in Mr.

	Rs.	As.	P.
1 Mutsuddy...	17	8	0
1 Duffadar...	10	8	0
10 Hircarrahs at Rupees 7 each...	70	0	0
6 Door-keepers at Rupees 6 each...	36	0	0
1 Puckally Maistry...	8	0	0
4 Puckallies at Rupees 7 each...	28	0	0
1 Washerman Maistry...	7	0	0
4 Washermen at Rupees 6 each...	24	0	0
2 Native Doctors at Rupees 10 each...	20	0	0
7 Toties at Rupees 4 each...	28	0	0
4 Examining women at Rupees 3-8-0 each...	14	0	0
3 Company's Dawyies at Rupees 3 each...	9	0	0
1 Company's Dawyie...	2	0	0
3 Company's Dawyies at Rupees 1-8-0 each...	4	8	0
Allowance for Servants and Fateahs of the late Padshaw Begum legal widow of the late Tippoo Sultan...	100	0	0
Total Company's Rupees...	378	8	0

Pelly's scale of remuneration. The monthly cost of the Establishment would thus be reduced from Rupees 140 to Rupees 100. There is also as Government are aware a costly Establishment attached to the Mahals in the Vellore Fort. Of the long array of menials who figure in that list, I am not now prepared to say who are required and who might be dis-

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pensed with; but the post of Mutsaddi Mr. Elliott allowed in one of his letters to be in a great measure superfluous, and its abolition I now therefore beg to recommend.

4. The Mahal Establishment will I doubt not admit of further reduction; but I have thought it better to submit my proposition so far as it goes without waiting for the results of the fresh enquiry which Mr. Elliott has now been requested to make.

No. 6.

ORDER THEREON, 12th May 1860, No. 307.

Resolved, as recommended by the Acting Collector, that the Establishment of the Stipend Office at Vellore be reduced from Rupees 140 to Rupees 100 per mensem, and that the post of Mutsaddi, pay Rupees 17-8-0, on the Mahal Establishment, be abolished from the 1st of June next.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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To the Collr. of North Arcot.

" Acct General.

" Civil Auditor

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