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Government of Madras.

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Dated <i>31-12-1869</i>	

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No. 1773.

FROM

J. I. MINCHIN, Esq.,

Acting Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George,

TO

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

With reference to your letter, dated 20th August 1869, No. 2752, inquiring whether the charge for Duftries cannot be saved, the ministerial officers being required to do for themselves the duties heretofore performed by Duftries, I am

directed to transmit copy of a letter* received from the Honourable the Judges of the High Court, from which it will be seen that there are no Duftries on the establishment of the High Court, or on the establishments of the Courts in the Provinces.

* Dated 29th Nov. 1869, No. 2351.

2. I am also directed to transmit copy of the Proceedings† of the Board of Revenue, from which the Government of India will observe that there are 696 attenders costing Rupees 62,364 per annum in all the Revenue Establishments of the Madras Presidency including the Office of the Board of Revenue. Their duties are to convey messages, to hand over papers called for, and to keep the papers of the office in order. These servants were instituted on the great reduction which took place under Mr. Pelly's revised scheme of establishments. The number having been then fixed at the minimum, is not, in the opinion of the Board, susceptible of reduction in any establishment; in this opinion the Governor in Council concurs.

† Dated 9th Dec. 1869, No. 9024.

I have the honour to be,

FORT SAINT GEORGE,

31st December 1869.

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Acting Chief Secretary.

From the Acting Registrar of the High Court of Judicature at Madras, Appellate Side, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 29th November 1869, No. 2351.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter to the Chief Justice, dated 16th November 1869, transmitting copy of a Circular from the Government of India on the subject of dispensing with the services of the Duftries on the establishment of the High Court and the Courts in the Provinces, and requesting the opinion of the High Court on the proposal therein made.

2. In reply I am instructed to state that there are no Duftries or Duftribunds (as they are termed in this Presidency) on the establishment of the High Court, or on the establishments of the Courts in the Provinces.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 9th December 1869, No. 9024.

Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 16th November 1869, No. 1565, Public Department.

ABSTRACT.—Requesting the views of the Honourable the Judges of the High Court, and of the Board of Revenue, on the proposal of the Government of India for dispensing with the services of Dufftries on the Judicial and Revenue Establishments, respectively, of this Presidency.

The Board observe that there are 696 attenders costing Rupees 62,364 per annum in all the Revenue Establishments of the Madras Presidency including the Office of the Board of Revenue.

2. Their duties are “to convey messages, to hand over papers called for, to “carry duffers and other papers from one place to another in the office, and to “take charge of the papers in the office and tie up bundles and duffers and keep “them in proper order. They should be able to read the local language and also “English when attached to the English Record Department.”

3. The abolition of this useful class of office servants will be productive of much inconvenience and lead to the loss of much valuable time of the higher-paid ministerial officers, who are, according to the India Government, “to do for themselves the duties heretofore performed by Dufftries.”

4. The Attender class of servants was called into existence in consequence of the great reduction in the number of Dufferbunds, peons, and other office servants under Mr. Pelly's revised scheme of establishments.

5. The number of Attenders has been fixed at the minimum, and is not, in the opinion of the Board, susceptible of reduction in any establishment.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) A. MACGREGOR,

Acting Secretary.

No. 9,024.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 9th December 1869.

Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 16th November 1869, No. 1,565,
Public Department:—

ABSTRACT.—Requesting the views of the Honourable the Judges of the High Court, and of the Board of Revenue, on the proposal of the Government of India for dispensing with the services of Duftries on the Judicial and Revenue Establishments, respectively, of this Presidency.

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2. Their duties are “to convey messages, to hand over papers called for, to carry dufters and “other papers from one place to another in the office, and to take charge of the papers in the office “and tie up bundles and dufters and keep them in proper order. They should be able to read the “local language and also English when attached to the English Record Department.”

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5. The number of Attenders has been fixed at the minimum, and is not, in the opinion of the Board, susceptible of reduction in any establishment.

(A true Extract.)


Acting Secretary.

To the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Exd. T. Cartledge.

1869.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

From

The Actg. Chief Secy. to Government,
Fort Saint George.

To

The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Financial Department.

Dated 31st December 1869.

Recd.

No. 1773.
Enclosure.

DECEMBER.

Nos. 149—151.

Intimating that no reduction can be made in the number of Duftries employed in this Presidency.

Public Department
No 1773
To The Secretary to the
Government of India
Financial Department
Sir

With reference to
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* dated 29th November/69 No 2351

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Board of Revenue,
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PROCEEDINGS, 9TH DECEMBER 1869, No. 9,024.

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No 2752

DECEMBER.
No. 9,024.

Attorneys—on Revenue establishments in
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Financial DEPARTMENT.
Public

From: The Chief Secretary to Government,
Fort Saint George.

To: The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Financial Department.

Dated Dec. 31. 1870.
Recd. No. 1773.
Enclosure.

44/10/55 of 1870.

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Intimating that no reduction
can be made in the number
of Europeans employed in this
Presidency.