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Revenue Department
Minutes of Consultations

11th August 1857

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Order no 800 dated 10th August 1857

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Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 11th August 1857.

No. 29. Read the following letter from J. D. SIM, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department; dated Fort St. George, 28th July 1857, No. 2544.

Sir,

In sanctioning the abolition of the office of 2d Assistant Sheristadar in Nellore, and the appropriation of the pay for the printing press, the Government remarked that the appointment of Assistant Sheristadar was peculiar to Nellore; and the work of the Sherista Department having been reduced by some late measures, (particularly by the transfer of the executive duties of the Public Works Department to a new Establishment) they directed the Board of Revenue to consider and report whether the remaining appointment of 1st Assistant Sheristadar could not be altogether abolished. The Government also observed that the Establishment of Nellore was on a much more liberal scale than that of other Districts greater in extent and yielding a larger revenue.

2. The Board forwarded the Minutes of Consultation containing the above remarks to the Collector of Nellore for report, they also furnished copies for a similar purpose to the Collectors of Vizagapatam and Bellary, in which Districts the office of Assistant Sheristadar also exists.

3. The replies received from the Collectors are noted in the margin, and are herewith submitted for the consideration of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council.

4. In Nellore the Collector states that the Assistant Sheristadar is chiefly employed in the Cutcherry of the Head Assistant, who is in charge of 2 talooks and the Salt Cotours of the Principal Division. He has also other duties to perform in connection with the settlement, and the Collector considers that the situation should not be abolished.

5. As regards the observation of Government upon the strength of the establishment of Nellore, the Collector remarks that the question, if fully entered into, would involve the revision of a considerable portion of the Moyon Zabita, as the talook establishments are not in general on a liberal scale, some Tahsildars being very ill paid, and the peons hardly numerous enough for the duties they have to perform.

6. The Collector of Vizagapatam in which District there are two Assistant Sheristadars, one on 100 and the other on 80 Rupees per mensem, states that the establishment of the Sheristadar Department in his District, and the scale of charges generally, are small, and not capable of reduction if efficiency is desired. He remarks that the Naib Sheristadar is detached to the Principal Assistant's office, while in all other Districts, the Sub-Collector's establishment is a separate one, and states his belief that the percentage of charges in the Revenue Department of Vizagapatam is less than that of any other District.

7. In Bellary the office of Assistant Sheristadar was established in 1819, soon after the close of the decennial leases. The present incumbent, besides other duties, has the principal management of the enam and Revenue postal Departments, and as the duties of the Collector are heavy, and much additional work is expected in carrying out the reduction in the assessment, the Collector does not recommend the abolition of the office in question. The Board have now under consideration an application from the Collector for further aid in carrying out the revision of assessment.

8. Under the opinions expressed by the Collectors and more particularly in consequence of the general want of European Assistants, the Board cannot recommend that the Assistant Sheristadarships, though peculiar to these 3 Districts, should be abolished at present. They therefore propose to leave the matter for consideration when the new class of Deputy Collectors is entertained.

No. 30. ORDER THEREON, No. 800; dated 10th August 1857.

Resolved agreeably to the recommendation of the Board of Revenue, that the question of discontinuing the office of Assistant Sheristadar in the Districts of Nellore, Vizagapatam and Bellary be postponed till the proposed Uncovenanted Deputy Collectors have been appointed.

(Signed) H. FORBES.

Acting Secretary to Government.

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செப்பனிய முடித்த நாள்

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28th July, 1857.

J. D. Smith Esq:
Secy to the Board of Revenue.

J. Forbes Esq:
 Secy Secretary to Government.
 Revenue Department.

Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th inst. in relation to the abolition of the slave trade. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
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Revenue B. Office,
Fort St. George,
18th July, 1857.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant.

A. Forbes Esq.
Secretary

To
A. Forbes Esq.
Secretary to Government
Revenue Department.

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No 856

From the Secretary to the
Board of Missions
to the Secretary to the
Revenue Department
Dated 28th July 1857
No 80th 3
3 Secs. No 10514

Submitting the report of
the Committee of Missions
to the Board of Missions
on the
subject of the proposed abolition
of the Assistant Secretaries;
which on their respective Dis-
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the matter for consideration
the new class of Deputy Secretaries
is intended.

With an Order
No 800: 10th August

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To be sent to the Secretary to the
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