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Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 27th July 1858.

No. 44. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue; dated 18th May 1858, No. 1789.

In Cons. 5th December 1857. In paras. 9 and 11, Extract Minutes Consultation, 3rd December last, R. D., No. 1248, Government directed that in all Districts except Kurnool and Guntoor, "the Stamp servants should from the 1st January 1858, be distinct and separate from all others." Although the wording of the order is thus general, the tenor of the Extract Minutes Consultation shews, that it was intended to apply only to Darogahs, and this is further apparent from the Board's letter, dated 21st April 1857, No. 1239, being reserved for future disposal. The instructions of Government have not however been taken in this limited sense by all the Collectors.

Ganjam.
19th Jan. in Cons. 16*th Feb.* 1858.
26th Feb. in Cons. 8*th March* ,,

2. In Ganjam a Darogah has been newly entertained on Rupees 25 per mensem. Two-fifths of the entire commission realized in the District has been reserved for his salary, and is expected to leave a surplus, which is to be given to him as a bonus at the end of the year. The commission at Chicacole at 3 per cent. will amount to about 18 Rupees monthly. The Acting Collector has therefore been requested to appoint a separate servant in lieu of the Cash-keeper who is now the vender. The Board have also enquired whether the sales at Chutterpore could not be left to the Darogah, a preferable arrangement to that now in force.

Vizagapatam.
4th Jan. in Cons. 2nd Feb. 1858.
25th Feb. in Cons. 8th March 1858.

3. The total amount of commission in Vizagapatam averages 78 Rupees per mensem, and the Collector has appointed a Darogah on Rupees 36 per mensem, with an Assistant on 10 Rupees. To four District venders he has assigned 8 Rupees per mensem each; thus appropriating the whole commission. The Collector's return however shews 18 stations where stamps are sold, and he has been requested to explain how he proposes to remunerate these persons. The arrangement in para. 4 of his second letter is also objectionable.

Rajahmundry.
26th March in Cons. 18*th May* 1858.

4. In Rajahmundry the office of Huzzoor Stamp Darogah has long been held by a separate officer. When Mr. Purvis assumed charge of the District, the Darogah was also vender, but this arrangement has since been altered and another person appointed to the latter situation.

5. Mr. Purvis enquires whether the order of Government applies to the stamp servants in the talooks, and the Board have informed him that they believe this point is reserved for decision with the other suggestions contained in the Board's letter, dated 21st April 1857. The venders in the talooks are subordinate servants on the Collector's establishment, and Mr. Purvis states that except at Rajahmundry and the four* stations where District Moonsiffs' Courts are established, the average receipts are not sufficient to admit of separate venders being engaged.

* *Coconada.*
Nursapore.
Peddapore.
Amalapore.

Nellore.
26th in Con. 29th Jan. 1858.

6. In Nellore a separate Darogah has been appointed at the Huzzoor, and a distinct vender at Ongole. The venders at the Zillah Court in Nellore itself, Goodoor and Caligherry, hold no other situations, and at the eight other stamp stations the commission is very trifling, being only one pice monthly at one of them and 4½ annas at the highest.

North Arcot.
12th in Con. 17th Dec. 185[illegible]

7. In North Arcot the Darogah is not borne on the Collector's fixed establishment. He is also Huzzoor vender and receives five per cent. on his own sales and three per cent. on those of the talook Sheristadars, who conduct the sales at the talook stations.

Trichinopoly.
2nd in Cons. 29th Jany. 1858.

8. In Trichinopoly the Collector has not only employed distinct servants but assigned a fixed salary to each. As the total expense will be covered by the commission, the arrangement may be allowed to stand for the present.

9. In Coimbatore the servants at the Huzzoor are already separate. No alteration need be made in the remuneration of the talook venders until the question before Government is decided.

Coimbatore.
14th Jany. in Con. 2nd Feb. 1858.
23rd in Con. 30th March ,,
Cuddapah, 15th in Con. 23rd December 1857.
**Tanjore, 23rd Dec.* 1857, *in Con. 5th Jan.* 1858.
**Canara, 30th Dec.* ,, ,, *7th* ,, ,,
Madras, 10th in Con. 24th December 1857.
Tinnevelly, 14th in Con. 23rd ,, ,,
South Arcot, 16th ,, *19th* ,, ,,
Masulipatam, 4th Jany. in Con. 6th Feb. 1858.
Chingleput, 25 in Con. 28th January ,,
Bellary, 6th January in Con. 1st February ,,
Madura, 19th Dec. 1857, *in Con. 4th Jan.* ,,

10. In the Districts noted in the margin, the Darogahs are already distinct servants; separate venders are also employed in those marked with an asterisk.

11. In the four District of Masulipatam, Chingleput, Bellary and Madura, the orders of Government have been carried into effect.

12. Instructions were issued to the Collector of Guntoor in the Board's Proceedings, dated 29th January last, No. 438, and the Collector has since reported that a separate person has been appointed as Darogah.

Copy to Government same date.
From Guntoor 3rd in Con. 18th May 1858.

13. The reply of the Officiating Agent at Kurnool did not furnish fully the information required by Government, and a further reference has been made to him.

Kurnool.
Dated 16th Dec. 1857, *in Con. 12th Jany.* 1858.

14. The Collector of Salem has also been requested to report what he has done in pursuance of the orders of Government.

15. In Malabar the absence of the Acting Collector from the Huzzoor caused some delay in carrying out the orders of Government. Mr. Robinson states that there are two chief stations for the sale of stamps viz. Calicut and Tellicherry, at both of which the Treasurers were formerly Darogahs. Separate persons are now entertained for the latter office, and the entire establishment engaged costs Rupees 250½ monthly, or Rupees 40 annually more than the average commission.

Malabar.
16th Dec. 1857, *in Con. 13th Jan.* 1858.
8th in Con. 16th Feb. 1858.

Per Mensem.
Rupees 175½ *for Calicut.*
,, 75 ,, *Tellicherry.*

16. In entertaining so expensive an establishment, the Acting Collector has exceeded the order of Government, pending whose decision on the plan under their consideration in the Board's letter already alluded to, additional expenditure should not have been incurred. The Acting Collector has been requested to report what the charges on this account have hitherto been, and to explain the necessity of such large establishments. The amount of security required from the Darogahs implies that stamps to a large value are left in their custody. The Acting Collector has been requested to arrange for a more frequent issue of stamps from the Treasury, so as to render it unnecessary to entrust the Huzzoor Darogah with more than five or six thousand Rupees worth a time. A similar arrangement at Tellicherry has also been urged on him. The necessity of requiring such heavy security would thus be obviated.

(A true Extract.)
(Signed) J. D. SIM, *Sub-Secretary.*

No. 45. Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 23rd June 1858, No. 2181.

In Consultation 23rd June 1858. Read letters from the Acting Collector of Malabar, dated 29th May and 1st June 1858.

(Here enter Nos. 77-79.)

In Consultation 23rd June 1858. Read also letter from the Collector of Salem, dated 4th June 1858.

(Here enter No. 66.)

Resolved that the above letters be submitted for the information of Government with reference to the Board's Proceedings dated 18th Ultimo, No. 1739, paras. 14, 15, and 16.

2. In Malabar the number of servants in the Stamp Department has been reducted from 16 to 13. The total expense however has been raised from Rupees 231 to Rupees 250½ or as already pointed out a little above the average receipts from the usual commission. As the Board's proposition for a general remodelling of the department is under consideration of Government the Acting Collector's arrangements may be allowed to continue for the present. With regard to the latter part of para. 3 of the Acting Collector's letter the Board remark that the stock of stamps should be kept in the Treasury in the Cash keeper's custody, as if it were so much Coin. The Stamp Darogah should be entrusted only with a sufficiency for the requirements of one or two months and should have to account for them periodically. Fresh supply should be issued by the Cash keeper only on Indents or orders passed by the Collector. It seems unnecessary and inexpedient to place the whole stock of Stamps at the Darogah's command as from the wording of the Acting Collector's letter seems to be the case now in Malabar.

Board's letter 21st April 1857.

3. In Salem the Office of Darogah has always been held by a separate person.

4. In Kurnool a separate Darogah has recently been appointed. His salary is not stated, but the Board presume it does not exceed the average commission.

From the Offg. Agent 20th May in Con. 23rd June 1858.

(A true Extract.)
(Signed) J. D. SIM, *Sub-Secretary.*

No. 46. ORDER THEREON, No. 1029; dated 24th July 1858.

The Board of Revenue in their communications above recorded report the manner in which the orders of Government dated 3d December last, No. 1248, regarding the separation of stamp servants from the regular establishments have been carried out in the several districts.

2. The salary of the Darogah in this district was fixed at 25 Rupees per mensem, and to meet this charge ⅔ths of the commission has been reserved, any surplus which may remain over and above the 25 Rupees a month at the end of the year it is proposed to disburse to him as a bonus. The Government do not see either the necessity or propriety of such a measure. The salary should be fixed at once, at whatever amount is deemed a proper remuneration, with reference to the responsibility incurred. The Board have properly ordered the employment of a separate vender at Chicacole in lieu of the Cash-keeper who is now the vender.

Ganjam.

3. In Vizagapatam Mr. Reade has appropriated the whole of the commission to the payment of a Darogah, his Assistant and 4 district venders; as however he has not shewn how he proposes to remunerate other venders at the rest of the 18 stations where stamps are sold the Board have called for further information.

Vizagapatam.

4. Mr. Purvis enquires whether the order of Government dated 3d December 1857, applies to the stamp servants in the talooks. The Board will inform all Collectors that it is the desire of Government that in all talooks in which the extent of stamp sales will allow of it, the vender should be a person unconnected with the regular establishment, proper security being of course taken from him; the principle that the union of the office of vender in the person of one of the ministerial servants of the Hoozoor Cutcherry defeats the object of check which they are required to exercise holds good with the talook establishments also, inasmuch as the accounts of the talook venders have to pass on to the Hoozoor through the servants of those establishments.

Rajahmundry.

5. With reference to this district the Board remark* that the stock of stamps should be kept in the Treasury in the Cash-keeper's custody; the stamp Darogah being entrusted only with a sufficiency for the requirements of one or two months. They propose also that fresh supplies should be issued by the Cash-keeper only on Indents or orders passed by the Collector. The principle that no large stock of stamps should be left in the hands of the Darogahs is no doubt a very good one, but in maintaining it, it must be remembered that as shewn by the Acting Collector "since the new Post Office regulation came

Malabar.
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Ex. M. C. 25th Sep. 1852, *No.* 949 *paras.* 7 *and* 8. *Page* 105 *of the C. O. Book Vol. II.*

6. The arrangements made in the other districts to carry out the orders of 3d December 1857, do not appear to require special notice.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 24th July 1858

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(Here enter B. Proc. 29th June
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Passing observations on certain Communications from the Board of Revenue reporting the manner in which the orders of Government regarding the separation of Stamp Servants from the regular Establishments have been carried out in the several Districts.

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