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Revenue Department

Minutes of Consultation

To 30th March 1858

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Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 30th March 1858.

No. 62. Read again letter from the Civil Auditor dated 1st February and recorded in Diary to Consultation 2d March 1858, No. 166.

Read also the following letter from G. S. FORBES, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue ; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government Revenue Department dated Fort St. George, 26th February 1858, No. 720.

SIR,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to submit for the information and orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council a letter from the Collector of Madras dated 4th February forwarding a Memorandum in which the permanent and temporary establishments in the Abkary Department are seperately shown as required in Extract Minutes of Consultation of the 20th January 1858, No. 79, R. D. Mr. Cunliffe expresses himself unwilling to reduce the pay of the quit-rent Conicopilies in the manner suggested by the Board and as the duties of these men are shewn to give them great opportunities for extortion and malversation, the Board admit the expediency of not decreasing their stipends.

In Cons. 26th February 1858.

In Cons. 23rd January 1858.

2. As regards the employment of a Head writer and Native Record-keeper seperately on salaries of Rupees 70 and 35 respectively, the office having been hitherto held by one person who drew Rupees 210, the Board feel bound to exonerate Mr. Cunliffe from the blame which may be thought to attach to this proceeding as the arrangement was reported to them at once and received their entire approval. The Board regret that they did not at the time see the necessity for applying for the sanction of Government, there having been two distinct functions to provide for although a single individual had previously united them.

F. Colr. 13th Sept. in Consultation 20th Dec. 1856, para. 4.

No. 63. ORDER THEREON, No. 412 ; dated 29th March 1858.

The Board of Revenue submit a communication from the Collector of Madras proposing, with reference to Extract Minutes Consultation dated 20th January 1858, No. 79, a distinct classification of the permanent and temporary force of Peons employed in the Abkarry Department, and furnishing the information required in paras. 7 and 9 of the same order, regarding the pay of the Quit rent and Toddy Conicopillays, and the unauthorized alterations in the fixed pay of the Establishment.

2. The temporary and permanent force of Peons was hitherto maintained at an aggregate cost of Rupees 765,* and Mr. Cunliffe's classification of these peons, which formed the subject of the Extract Minutes of Consultation above quoted, was restricted to that sum. The Government observe that that officer now proposes to raise the cost of the temporary force from Rupees 184 to Rupees 272 ; the increase, amounting to Rupees 88, appears to be owing to the pay of the Pygusts and Duffadars having been raised from Rupees 12 and 10 to Rupees 15 and 12 respectively, and to the minimum pay of the peons having been fixed at Rupees 7 instead of Rs. 6 each. The Board are of opinion that the higher rates of pay should be introduced, but they withhold their recommendation for the present, as it is necessary that expenditure should be restricted as much as possible. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council therefore sanctions the following classification of the peons which involves no increase of expenditure, in lieu of that proposed by Mr. Cunliffe in his communication dated 4th February last.

	Rs.
* *Permanent*, ...	581
Temporary, ...	184
Total...	765

Designation.	Permanent.			Temporary.			Total.		
	Number.	Rate per mensem.	Amount.	Number.	Rate per mensem.	Amount.	Number.	Rate per mensem.	Amount.
			Rs.			Rs.			Rs.
Pygusts.	2	12	24	2	12	24	4	12	48
Duffadars	1	10	10	4	10	40	5	10	50
Head Peons	..	...	...	1	9	9	1	9	9
Do.	...	...	...	5	8	40	5	8	40
Peons...	25	7	175	5	7	35	30	7	210
	62	6	372	6	6	36	68	6	408
Total...	90	...	581	23	...	184	113	...	765

3. The temporary establishment will be continued for fifteen months, and the Board will instruct the Collector to submit, after the expiration of one year, a report on the working of the Abkarry Department under the new system, viz., the partition of the entire area into four divisions, and the location in each of them of one Pygust and a Duffadar to supervise the other peons.

4. The Board proposed to reduce the scale of pay allowed to the Quit rent Conicopillays, and to raise that of the Toddy Conicopillays. Mr. Cunliffe is of opinion that the duties assigned to the former are very arduous and responsible, and is therefore unable to recommend any reduction in their allowances. Under these circumstances, the Government will not disturb the present rates.

5. In regard to the unauthorized alterations in the pay of the Head Writer and Record keeper, the Civil Auditor states that, in the bills for the pay of the Madras Collector's Establishment forwarded for audit to his office, only a moiety of the salary of the appointment, or Rupees 105, was charged expressly "for substitute," and that his office passed the amount in this form as being strictly according to rule. The Board explain that Mr. Cunliffe reported the arrangement to them, and received their approval, and they express regret that they did not at the time see the necessity for applying for the sanction of Government. This latter explanation is hardly sufficient, as the orders on the subject are clear, and the instances in which the sanction of Government for such alterations is applied for, are of frequent occurrence. The Government however now sanction the alterations pending the orders of the Government of India, to whom the subject has already been referred.

6. The explanation afforded by the Civil Auditor for having passed the continuance of the temporary establishment of peons in the Abkarry Department beyond the period for which it was asanctioned, is unsatisfactory. He states that the audit Register, under the system of preaudit, was compiled from the Moyenzabitah for Fusly 1264, in which this temporary Establishment was exhibited as a part of the permanent Establishment. The audit Register should not have been prepared before the Moyenzabitah had been carefully compared with the original sanction; if the accounts of a Collector's office are to be audited by some other account received from the same office, and unexamined, there can be no use in an audit office, and check is entirely defeated. If the ground work for preaudit is still the compilation from the unexamined Moyenzabitahs of Fusly 1264, Mr. Lushington should at once make arrangements to have it compared with the original sanctions.

(Signed) H. FORBES,
Acting Secretary to Government.

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No. 720.

G. S. FORBES, Esq.,
Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

H. FORBES, Esq.,
Acting Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department.

SIR,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to submit for the information and orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council a letter from the Collector of Madras dated 4th February forwarding a Memorandum in which the permanent and temporary establishments in the Abkary Department are separately shown as required in Extract Minutes Consultation of the 20th January 1858, No. 79, R. D. Mr. Cunliffe expresses himself unwilling to reduce the pay of the quit-rent Conicopilies in the manner suggested by the Board and as the duties of these men are shewn to give them great opportunities for extortion and malversation, the Board admit the expediency of not decreasing their stipends.

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2. As regards the employment of a Head writer and Native Record-keeper separately on salaries of Rupees 70 and 35 respectively, the office having been hitherto held by one person who drew Rupees 210, the Board feel bound to exonerate Mr. Cunliffe from the blame which may be thought to attach to this proceeding as the arrangement was reported to them at once and received their entire approval. The Board regret that they did not at the time see the necessity for applying for the sanction of Government, there having been two distinct functions to provide for although a single individual had previously united them.

F. Colr. 13th Sept. in con. 30th Dec. 1856 para 4.

REVENUE BOARD OFFICE,
Fort St. George,
26th February 1858

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

G. S. Forbes
Secretary.

Revenue 1858 Department
Dy to Cons: 2d March
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From

The Secretary to the
Board of Revenue

To The Acting Secretary to
Government
Revenue Dept.

Dated 26th
Rec 27th } February 1858

2 Encls Returned
№ 720.

Sir

I have the honor to submit for the information of Government a letter from the Collector of Madras enclosing a Memorandum shewing separately the permanent and temporary Establishments in the Abkarry Department as required in Govt Minute Cons: 20th January 1858.

I am Sir
Your most obedient Servant
(Signed) W. Ellis
Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Revenue Department
Fort St George 29th March 1858

Copy to Cons: 2d April
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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 29th March 1858

Read again Letter from the Civil Auditor dated 1st February and recorded in Dept Cons 2d March 1858 № 166.

Read also the following Letter from the Secy to the Board of Revenue

(Revenue 26th Feby /58 № 720)

The Board of Revenue have submit a communication from the Collector of Madras proposing with reference to Govt Minute Cons: dated 20th January 1858 № 79, a detailed classification of the permanent and temporary Establishments employed in the Abkarry Department, and furnishing the information required

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the same order, regarding
the pay of the Unit put
and Today Conceptually,
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terations in the fixed pay
of the establishment.

The temporary
and permanent force of
Ceylon was hitherto main-
tained at an aggregate cost
of Rupees 765, and the
object of the Extract Minute
above quoted was res-
tricted to that sum. The
Governor thinks that that
sum should be exceeded
in order to maintain
the temporary force from Rs 184
to Rs 272; the increase,
amounting to Rs 88, appears
to

Permanent — 581
Temporary 184
Total 765

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to be necessary to the pay of
the Pay Sergeants Lascarin
having been raised from
Rupees 12 and 10 to Rupees
15 and 12 respectively, and
to the minimum pay of
the gunners having been
fixed at 7 Rupees 7 instead
of 6 each. ~~It is true that~~
The Board are of opinion
that the higher rates of
pay should be introduced,
but they withhold their
recommendation ~~of them~~
for the present, as it is
necessary that expenditure
should be restricted as
much as possible. The
Right Honorable the
Governor in Council
therefore sanctions the
following classification
of the gunners which

re-read view of expenditure, in
lieu of
that proposed by Mr.
Cunliffe and his colleagues
in their letter dated the 7th Febru-
ary last

Designation	Permanent Number	Rate per mensem	Amount	Temporary Number	Rate per mensem	Amount	Total Number	Rate per mensem	Amount
			Rs			Rs			Rs
Pycondas	2	12	24	2	12	24	4	12	48
Duffadars	1	10	10	4	10	40	5	10	50
Head Peons	1			1	9	9	1	9	9
Do				5	8	40	5	8	40
Peons	25	7	175	5	7	35	30	7	210
	62	6	372	16	6	96	78	6	468
Total	90		581	23		194	113		775

3rd The temporary establishment will be continued for seven months, and the Board will instruct the Collector to submit, after the expiration of one year, a report on the working of the Salt Department under the new system, by the

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the partition of the entire area into four divisions, and the location of each of them by one Deputy and an Deputy to superintend the other proceedings. The Board proposed to reduce the rate of pay allowed to the gunk peons (Conicopillays and raise that of the Toddy Conicopillays - Mr Cunliffe is of opinion that the duties assigned to the former are very arduous and responsible and is therefore unable to recommend any reduction in their allowances - Under these circumstances the Board will not disturb the present

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now thought advisable in the pay of the Head Writer and Record Keeper, the Civil Auditor states that in the bills for the pay of the Madras Collectors Establishment forwarded for audit to his office, only a month of the salary of the appointment, or Rupees 105 was charged expressly "for Substitute", and that his office passed the amount in this form as being strictly according to rule. The Board explain that McCuttiffe reported the arrangement to them, and received their approval, and they express regret that they did not at the time see the necessity for applying for the sanction of Govt.

This latter explanation is hardly sufficient, as the orders on the subject are clear, and the instances in which the sanction of Govt for such alterations is applied for are of frequent occurrence. The Government however now sanction the alterations pending the orders of the Govt of India to whom the subject has already been referred.

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D.F.

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Dy. to Com.: 30th March

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Extract Mins. of Com.:
Dated 29th March 58.

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Papers ordered on a
letter from the Collr. of Hadrow,
regarding the permanent Establt.
Jmany Establt employed in the
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