Revenue Department

No 330

Date 15—3—1859

No. 76. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 9th February 1859, No. 473.

Read letter from the Acting Collector of Malabar, dated 9th December 1858, No. 177.

(In Con. 28th December 1858, No. 5643.)

Resolved that the above letter and its enclosure be submitted for the orders of Government.

2. In their Proceedings dated 2d October last, the Board recommended that batta should be allowed to Peons and other servants drawing less than 10 Rupees per mensem when on circuit.

3. The Peons in Malabar are not remunerated on a less liberal scale than those of other Districts, and the Board are not aware that there are reasons peculiar to Malabar requiring that the pay of this class should be increased there while remaining unchanged elsewhere. In most other Districts a large number of Talook Peons receive only 3½ Rupees monthly, while in Malabar 5 Rupees is the minimum except for the Village Kolkars.

4. At the same time the Board consider that the remuneration of the Peon Establishment of the whole Presidency needs re-consideration. In many Districts the price of the necessaries of life has increased of late year, and the rates of pay now allowed are often barely sufficient for maintenance. The pay of police Peons will shortly undergo revision by the Commissioner, and the Board think the allowances of those in the Revenue Department should also be re-considered at the same time. The grant of Batta will meanwhile afford some relief and will remove all pretext for levying contributions from the villagers, but the Board hope that care will be taken not to burden the Collector with unnecessary Returns of its issue.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM, *Secretary.*

No. 77. ORDER THEREON, No. 330 ; dated 15th March 1859.

The order of Government of this date No. 329, allowing batta to Hoozoor Peons on circuit, will meet the case here brought forward by the Board of Revenue.

2. The Governor in Council agrees with the Board that the pay of the Peons in the Revenue Department needs to be raised, but he is also of opinion that under proper arrangements, and particularly if the village establishments are made efficient, a reform for which ample funds are available, the number of those Peons may be very greatly reduced. The Government would wish the Board to give early consideration to this important subject.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secretary to Government.

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 15th March 1859.

Read the following Extract
from the Proceedings of the
Board of Revenue -

(Here enter 9th February 1859 No 473)

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allowing Datta to Foujdar
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the case here brought forward
by the Board of Revenue.

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Allowing batta to
Hoozoor Peons on Circuit
and requesting the Board
to take into their early
consideration the subject
of raising the pay of the
Peons in the Revenue
Department.

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27 March 1859 №