Revenue Department

No 361

Dated 19—3—1859

No. 361.

No. 47. Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 19th March 1859.

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council has had under consideration representations made to him by the Secretary to Government in the Revenue and Public Works Departments, of the inability of his Establishment to cope with the work of the office. The consequence of this is that the business of reporting the general Proceedings of Government to the Home Authorities has been wholly given up for several years; and as respects other business, papers coming before Government cannot be disposed of with regularity or punctuality; important papers are often greatly delayed; and orders on Despatches from England cannot be passed till long after the proper time.

2. In 1855 a representation of a similar character was met by the addition to the Secretariat office of a Covenanted Deputy, an Uncovenanted Assistant, and some Clerks and others, the whole involving a monthly expenditure of Rupees 1,600. But this increase was insufficient, in consequence of the business continuing to increase, especially in the Department of Public Works under its new organization. The late Court of Directors in their letter of the 2d July 1856, No. 8, complained of having received no information as to the Proceedings of this Government in connection with the Godavery and Kistnah Annicuts since February 1855; and they were informed in reply that notwithstanding the increase just mentioned the correspondence had so greatly increased as to engage the whole time of the officials, Covenanted and Uncovenanted, and that it was unavoidable that the work of reporting Proceedings should be in arrears.

Rev. Dy. 21*st Aug.* 1855, *No.* 4.
„ 11*th Dec.* „ „ 18-19.
„ 15*th July* 1856, „ 52
„ 26*th Aug.* „ „ 34-35.

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7. Considering the present state of the work, as above set forth, the Governor in Council deems it necessary to apply immediately to the Government of India for sanction to appoint a portion of the increase described by Mr. Ricketts to be required for the proper performance of the work of the office, such as shall be sufficient to provide for the regular reporting of the Proceedings of Government, as well as to give some aid towards the disposal of the business of the office ; leaving for after consideration the question as to the complete adoption of that Gentleman's proposition, after trial of this partial adoption of it.

8. The additions thus recommended will be as follow :

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One Uncovenanted Assistant on	200
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for the preparation of letters to England. The first object will be to report current Proceedings, so as to keep the Home Authorities as nearly as possible acquainted with the course of events here ; the work of bringing up the heavy arrears above adverted to, will be carried on simultaneously so far as time may permit. The rest of the increase, viz. the Clerk on 150 and the two at 50 Rupees will be employed on the general business of the office, with the view of preventing the delays which now occur unavoidably, as well as of relieving the now overworked Establishment.

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

Ordered in consequence that the following letter be despatched.

No. 48. From J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George ; to the Secretary to the Government of India ; dated 19th March 1859, No. 362.

SIR,

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to submit for the consideration and orders of the Government of India an Extract Minutes Consultation of this date, explaining the necessity of increasing the efficiency of the Establishment attached to the Secretariat in the Revenue and Public Works Departments.

2. The Government of India will observe from this paper the present condition of this branch of the Secretariat as brought to the notice of this Government by their Secretary. The Establishment is unable to cope with the work of the office, and the consequence is that the business of reporting the general Proceedings of Government to the Home Authorities has been wholly given up for several years. As respects other business, papers coming before Government cannot be disposed of with regularity or punctuality ; important papers are often greatly delayed ; and orders on Despatches from England cannot be passed till long after the proper time.

To Govt. of India	15*th August* 1855, *No.* 963.			
From	*do.*	9*th Novr.*	,,	,, ,,
To	*do.*	15*th July* 1856,	,,	733.
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8. It seems to this Government needless to enquire further whether the Establishment is unequal to its work, as the fact is so plainly asserted by the late Commissioner for the revision of Civil Salaries and Establishments throughout India. After a careful consideration of the state of the case, and a comparison of this office with those of other Secretariats in other parts of India, Mr. Ricketts declared his conviction that an augmentation to the extent of 1,000 Rupees a month was required. His language is as follows: "I believe the immediate "appointment for two additional Clerks on 150 Rupees each, four at 100, and 6 on Rupees 50 "each per mensem, the aggregate expense Rupees 1,000 per mensem, to be necessary to place "the office in an efficient footing, and secure the disposal, without objectionable delay, of the "business which comes before Government;"* and this was in addition to large augmentations to the salaries of the existing Uncovenanted servants.† Mr. Ricketts added however, "as the "Secretary asks for only one Uncovenanted "Assistant and two superior Clerks, I hesitate to propose a larger addition than an Assistant on "150 Rupees per mensem, and two Clerks on Rupees 100 per mensem each."

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9. Considering the present state of the work as above set forth, the Governor in Council requests that he may be permitted to appoint a portion of the increase described by Mr. Ricketts to be required for the proper performance of the work of the office, such as shall be sufficient to provide for the regular reporting of the Proceedings of Government, as well as to give more aid towards the disposal of the business of the office; leaving for after consideration the question as to the complete adoption of that Gentleman's proposition, after trial of this partial adoption of it.

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11. A Statement in the prescribed form accompanies.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.—Statement of Increase to Establishment

	Year.	Charges. Ordinary.	Extraordinary.	Total.
Actual as per Disbursement	1856	37,981	.....	37,981
Do. do.	1857	41,146	.....	41,146
Do. do.	1858	43,809	.....	43,809
Estimated as per sketch Estimate	1859	48,773	.....	48,773

Extract from Home Department of Government of India. No.	Date.	Office to which the proposition refers.	Nature of charge.	Present scale.	Rs.	A	P	Proposed scale.	Rs.	A	P
		Secretary to Government Revenue and Public Works Departments.		1 Uncovenanted Assistant..	500	...	...	1 Uncovenanted Assistant ...	500	...	...
				1 Do.	300	...	...	1 Do.	300	...	...
				1 Registrar	175	...	...	1 Do.	200	...	...
				1 Deputy do....	300	...	...	1 Registrar	175	...	...
				1 Assistant do.	110	...	...	1 Deputy do.	300	...	...
				1 Clerk..	100	...	...	1 Assistant do.	110	...	...
				1 Examiner	85	...	...	1 Clerk	100	...	...
				1 Do.	105	...	...	2 Clerks at 100 Rs. each ...	150	...	...
				1 Do.	85	...	...	1 Clerk.	200	...	...
				1 Do.	80	...	...	1 Examiner	85	...	...
				1 Indexer	70	...	...	1 Do.	105	...	...
				1 Do.	120	...	...	1 Do.	85	...	...
				2 Clerks at 50 Rs. each ...	60	...	...	1 Do.	80	...	..
				3 Do. at 40 „ each...	100	...	...	1 Indexer.	70	...	...
				4 Do. at 35 „ each ...	120	...	...	1 Do.	120	...	...
				7 Do. at 30 „ each...	140	...	...	4 Clerks at 50 Rs. each. ...	60	...	...
				8 Do. at 25 „ each ...	210	...	...	3 Do. at 40 „ each ...	200	...	...
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				14 Do. at 20 „ each ...	21	...	...	7 Do. at 30 „ each ...	140	...	...
				16 Do. at 15 „ each...	280	...	...	8 Do. at 25 „ each ...	210	...	...
				2 Moochees at 10½ Rs. each..	240	...	...	1 Do.	200	...	...
				1 Moochee.	21	...	...	14 Do. at 20 „ each ...	21	...	...
				1 Head Peon..	8	...	...	16 Do. at 15 „ each ...	280	...	...
				9 Peons at 7 Rs. each ...	8	12	..	2 Moochees at 10½ Rs. each...	240	...	...
				7 Do. at 6 „ each. ...	63	...	...	1 Moochee...	21	...	...
				1 Peon.	42	...	...	1 Head peon	8	...	...
				2 Lascars at 7 Rs. each. ...	5	...	...	9 Peons at 7 Rs. each ...	8	12	...
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				Total Rs.....	3,562	12	...	Total Rs.....	14	...	...
									4,212	12	...

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
19th March 1859.

in this Department recommended for the sanction of the Government of India.

Proposition. Permanent. Increase per month.	Rs.	A	P	Permanent. Decrease per month.	Rs.	A	P	Temporary. Increase per month. Period.	Rs.	A	P	Temporary. Decrease per month. Period.	Rs.	A	P	Casual or Extraordinary.	Grounds of proposition.	Local Government's Recommendation.	Orders of the Govt. of India. Home Dept. Remarks.	Financial Dept. Remarks.	Financial Dept. Orders.
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Considering

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8 The additions ~~to the~~ thus recommended will be as follows:

~~The following Establishment will therefore be entertained at once.~~

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9. This proceeding will be immediately reported for the information of the Government of India, and for the approval of the Home Authorities. And the Government do not doubt that under the circumstances the course taken in making the arrangements at once, instead of awaiting the sanction of higher authority, will be approved, as such delay would only have

have augmented the
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Revenue 1859 Depart.
Dy to Govt: 22d March.

No. 361.

Extract Mins of Govt:
D/19th March/59.

Under circumstances represented requesting sanction for an increase to the Establishment of the Secretariat in the Revenue & Public Works Depts. at a monthly expenditure of Rupees 650-

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