Revenue Department

N° 362

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.
FORT SAINT GEORGE,
19*th March* 1859.

No. 362.

From

J. D. BOURDILLON, ESQ.,
Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George.

To

The Secretary to the Government of India.

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.
From	*do.*	26*th Augt.*	,,	,, ,,

3. In 1855 a representation of a similar character was met by the addition to the Secretariat 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.

4. The following Statement shews the amount of the business in different years.

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The increase since 1855 has been quite sufficient to explain the continued difficulty of keeping down arrears, notwithstanding the augmentation of Establishment given in 1856.

5. But the portion of the work most urgently demanding attention is that of reporting Proceedings to England. The following Memo. shews the present state of that part of the business.

Memorandum of the dates up to which the Proceedings of Government have been reported to the Home Government.

Revenue Despatches.

- On Public Works undertaken for the improvement of Revenue, to October and November 1854.
- On Inams and Shrotriums, to September and October 1855.
- On Yeomiahs and Pensionary allowances, to June 1854.
- On Customs, to September and October 1854.
- On Establishments and Allowances, to October and November 1854.
- On Miscellaneous subjects not included in the above, to December 1856.

P. W. Despatches. { On Public Works undertaken for the improvement of the country, to October and November 1854.
The Proceedings regarding the reorganization of the Public Works Department have also not yet been reported.

6. It thus appears that with the exception of miscellaneous matters, which are in arrear only twenty six months, and Inams and Shrotriems which are in arrears forty months, all other branches of business are in arrear as much as four years and three months, while the Proceedings in the matter of Yeomiahs and Pensions have not been reported since 1854, or for four years and eight months.

7. This is a state of things utterly at variance with the wishes and orders of the Home Authorities, and quite an anomaly in the Indian administration; and the Governor in Council has considered it necessary to take immediate measures to remedy it.

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."

*Extract from Mr. Ricketts' report, para. 37.

† *Ibid para.* 31

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.

10. The additions recommended are as follow:

	Rs.
One Uncovenanted Assistant on	200
One Clerk on	150
Two do. at 100	200
Two do. at 50	100
Total...	650

Of this increase it is intended that a portion, the Assistant and the two Clerks at 100 Rupees, aided by inferior servants from the General Establishment, are to be set aside exclusively 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 as 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.

11. A Statement in the prescribed form accompanies.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,
(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. H. M. Elliot.

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11. The Govt propose to report these proceedings immediately for the appro-val of the Home authority, but in the meantime they beg to submit them for confirmation of the Govt of India. The Govt feel confident that under the circumstances, the course taken by their Govt in ~~carrying out the increase~~ authorizing the augmentation at once, instead of awaiting

awaiting the Sanction of
higher authority will be
approved as such delay
would only have augmented
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Fort St. Geo: 19th March 1859

Revenue 1859 Dept.
Dy to Covs: 22d. March.

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To
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Dy 19th March 59.

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