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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Dated	15th July	18 59.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, from 9th to 15th July 1859.

No. 3. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 29th June 1859, No. 2486.

Read Proceedings of Government, dated 14th June 1859, R. D., No. 784.

(In Con. 16th June 1859, No.—.)

In para. 6 of the above Extract Minutes Consultation, the Board are required to report what portion of their establishment, they can dispense with, in consideration of being relieved of all future correspondence connected with Inams.

E. M. C. 26th April in Con. 22d May 1845, *R. D., No.* 533.

2. The duty of reporting, &c., on Inams first devolved on the Board in 1845, ann when this new work was imposed on them, no additional establishment of any kind was allowed. The Board consequently have no officers specially assigned to this Department whom they can, as a matter of course, transfer with it to the Commissioner.

3. Of late years the Board's correspondence has very largely increased, and in order to show the bearing of this fact on the present question, they ap pend a Statement showing their file in 1844, (the year *before* Inam enquiries were entrusted to them) and in last year.

4. It will be seen that including Petitions, their Receipts and Despatches in 1844, were only 10,322, while in 1858 they were 19,278, or nearly double.

5. Of this last number 680 were papers connected with Inams, and deducting these, the total of 1858 is 18,598 against 10,322 in 1844—so that, independent entirely of Inams, the Board's correspondence has increased numerically by 80 per cent.

9. In this interval the only addition made to the Board's establishment, has been an Indexer on Rupees 120 per mensem. Various alterations have from time to time been made in their office, but these have been kept within the aggregate sanctioned charge.

7. On the other hand in 1858, a clerk, on Rupees 12 per mensem, was transferred to the Civil Auditor's office, and in April last, Examiners, Printers, &c., whose salaries aggregated Rupees 1,202, were made over to the Government Press.

8. The last mentioned sum was certainly expended on printing, but the Board's press was necessarily expensive at the outset, owing to their having been obliged to transfer to it Examiners, Writers and Copyists who had to learn their business, instead of at once engaging trained printers. This expense would of course have diminished as the establishment gained experience, and the sums thus covered were looked forward to as available for general purposes—the transfer of the Press however renders this impracticable.

9. In reality therefore the Board have now to perform more work with smaller means than at any former period.

10. Under these circumstances the Board submit that the relief consequent on the transfer of Inam cases to the Commissioner will not be so material as to admit of any reduction in their office without seriously affecting its efficiency. During the last few weeks, these cases have not been taken up in consequence of the expected transfer, and the Board have not found any appreciable reduction in their business.

11. If, however, notwithstanding the circumstances above detailed, Government see fit to insist on reduction, the only arrangement the Board can suggest is, that they should place the services of their third Assistant, Mr. Kelly, at Mr. Taylor's disposal, retaining Rupees 150 of his salary (Rupees 300) to admit of their making their fourth Assistant, Registrar of the office with an addition of Rupees 25 to his present salary (Rupees 200) in consideration of the additional labor consequent on the change, and adding to their reduced establishment a Deputy Registrar on Rupees 125. The proposed arrangement is more clearly exhibited in the margin.

Present.	Proposed.	Reduction.
3d Assistant...300	Registrar...225	75
4th Do. ...200	Deputy do.125	75
	Total reduction...	150

12. The Board will then have two Assistants and two Registrars receiving altogether Rupees 1,350 instead of four Assistants on Rupees 1,500.

13. Mr. Kelly is a candidate for a Deputy Collectorship, and if his application should be successful, the sum abovementioned, 150 Rupees, will be unconditionally at Mr. Taylor's disposal. His certificates are now before Government with his application for a Deputy Collectorship. The Board are satisfied that he will prove an useful and efficient Assistant to Mr. Taylor, who, they have ascertained, is willing to receive him.

Board to Govt. 28th April 1859.

14. The Board cannot suggest any reduction in their Establishment of Writers, as this has already been greatly reduced by transfers to the Press, and the introduction of printing left scarcely any copying work to be done in Inam cases.

(A true Extract.)

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

Correspondence of the Board of Revenue.

Years.	Letters &c. received.	Letters &c. despatched.	Total.	Petitions.	Grand Total
1844	5,857	2,897	8,754	1,568	10,322
1855	9,325	6,048	15,373	3,905	19,278
Deduct Inam Correspondence...	306	374	680	...	680
	9,019	5,674	14,693	3,905	18,598
Excess in 1858.....	3,162	2,777	5,939	2,337	8,276

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

No. 4. ORDER THEREON, 9th July 1859, No. 911.

Government learn from Mr. Taylor that he does not desire Mr. Kelly's services; and such being the case, they will not at present insist on any reduction in the Board's Establishment; but the Government expect that the earliest opportunity should be taken of making a corresponding reduction in the Board's Establishment.

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

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Dated 29
Despd 29 } June 1859
Recd 29th

No 2486
From Bd of Revn d/22d Decr/58.
Cons 3055 in Rs 10th Jany/59. Nos 134-135.

Report what portion of their Establt the Bd can dispose with, in consideration of being relieved of all future correspondence connected with Inam.

No 911. 9th July 1859.
With an order

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