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No. 286. Read the following letter from C. PELLY, Esq., Member of the Board of Revenue, to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Madras, 10th September 1860, No. 501 :—

SIR,

1. Among the Establishments that have not yet been revised by me is that of the Stamp Venders, which was left untouched pending the receipt of the new* Stamp Act which will now shortly become law. The establishment of Stamp Darogahs was however remodelled and the Cash-keepers now perform the duties of the former separate Darogahs. The establishment of Stamp Venders should now be revised. There will, under the provisions of the new Act, be required a much larger number of Venders than heretofore; and, to afford due facilities to the community, there should be Venders not only at the Húzur and Táluq Kasba stations, and at the Civil Courts, but in many small towns also.

* *Act XXXVI of* 1860.

2. The Venders must be licensed, they will have to give Security and are subject to various penalties.

Sections 19 *to* 31.

3. The public servants who will, under the new scheme of Revenue establishments, be available for the Office of Venders, are :

(1.) Any of the servants in the Húzur establishment that Government may please to appoint.

(2.) The Tahsíldárs or Táluq Sarishtadárs or Gumáshtas of the Táluq establishment.

(3.) The Sub-Magistrates.

(4.) The Revenue Inspectors.

But these will not, I should think, be sufficient. There must be distinct Venders at every Court, or at least where the Courts are not at the same station as the Tahsíldárs' Kacheri. But in the villages the head man or the Karanam may frequently be entrusted with the duty and be made the Venders for defined circuits.

4. But the question of the mode of remunerating the Venders must be settled, either by a per centage in the amount of sales, or by a fixed salary, or by both methods combined. For Venders not in the Government service, I think a fixed salary is the best mode of remuneration. When the Venders are Government servants, a commission of two per cent. might be proper as they are already in receipt of a Government salary. When they are not Government officials the salary might be fixed from 7 Rupees to 25 Rupees per month. I have the honor to request the instructions of Government whether I shall undertake the duty of fixing the establishment of Stamp Venders, or whether it is their wish that it be left to the Collectors to nominate what Venders may be required, with authority to remunerate them by a per centage on their respective sales. And should it be the desire of Government that I should frame an establishment, I would beg to be favored with directions as to the principles on which it is the wish of Government that these establishments should be made.

No. 287. ORDER THEREON, 17th September 1860, No. 1,625.

1. As it will devolve on the Board of Revenue to superintend the working of the Stamp Act, the Governor in Council is of opinion that they are the authority to consider the machinery proper and necessary for giving effect to it. They will therefore be requested to report to Government on the subject.

2. A copy of Mr. Pelly's letter will be forwarded to the Board.

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

be made.

Revenue Board Office
Fort St. George
10th September 1860.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant
[illegible]
Member.

To
J. D. Bourdillon, Esqr.,
Secretary to Government
Revenue Department.

Nos. I think it will [illegible]
request the Ld of Revenue to point out
to the Collectors how the meeting
is to be conducted & the Provisions of
the Act

I would refer to the B. of Revenue
in a difficult matter to deal
with — and as they are to be made
before recorded by the B. of Revenue
I think should be referred to them

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Mems of the Bd of Rev.

To J. D. Dourdillon Esqre
Secretary to Government

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