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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, for the month of April 1860.

No. 6. *PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.*

Dated 11th April 1860, No. 556.

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2. The circumstances referred to are the following:

1st. The large reduction about to be carried into effect in the numbers of Táluqs. In 1855 the number was 243; but when the arrangements in progress are completed, it will be only 159 or possibly 158, being a reduction of more than one-third.

2nd. The power proposed to be given to Tahsíldárs by the new Revenue Code to decide certain civil disputes; which, formerly, they could not do, though it was the practice to require them to take the evidence and report it for the Collector's decision.

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5th. The transfer of the management of the Police from the Tahsíldárs to a separate Department.

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4. The diminution in the number of Deputy Collectors will set free funds which the Government think may be very advantageously employed to raise the pay of the Tahsíldárs, which in the opinion of the Government is put too low in Mr. Pelly's scheme. This class of servants are of the first importance to a good administration; since, if ability and honesty can only be obtained in the Tahsíldár, they will be to a great extent secured in his subordinates.

5. The following detail will show what funds may be made available from the pay of the Deputy Collectors, and how these may be applied to augment the pay of Tahsíldárs.

6. It appears to Government that 48 Deputy Collectors will be sufficient for all purposes, viz.:—

For 20 District Treasuries....................	20
For 13 Salt Districts........................	13
For general duties in the nine large Districts noted in the margin*..........................	9
For special duties chiefly Magisterial, in Zamíndárís, &c., in certain Districts as noted in the margin†..............................	6
Total...	48

* *Godavery.*
Bellary.
Cuddapah.
Kurnool.
South Arcot.
Tanjore.
Trichinopoly.
Coimbatore.
Salem.

† *Nellore.*
North Arcot.
Madura.
Salem.
Malabar.

7. Kurnool and Trichinopoly are included among the nine Districts, because, though not very large Districts, they have no Sub-Collectors. The six Deputy Collectors to be employed on special duties are for the following five Districts:—

Nellore; one for the Venkatagiri Zamíndárí;
North Arcot; one for Calástri and Cávetnuggar;
Madura; one for Ramnad and Sivaganga;
Salem; one for the Shivaroy Hills;
Malabar; two for Wainád.

8. Taking the number of forty eight as sufficient on the whole, with, possibly, some variations in the distribution, and classifying them as to pay in the same proportions as the sixty now sanctioned, the monthly saving will amount, including Establishments, to 5,350 Rupees as shown below.

Class.	Rate of pay.	Existing sanction.		Proposed scheme.		Saving.
		No.	Total pay.	No.	Total pay.	
	Rs.		Rs.		Rs.	Rs.
First	600	10	6,000	8	4,800	1,200
Second	500	15	7,500	12	6,000	1,500
Third	350	15	5,250	12	4,200	1,050
Fourth	250	20	5,000	16	4,000	1,000
	Total......		23,750	...	19,000	4,750
	Establishments......		3,000	...	2,400	600
	Total including Establishments......		26,750	...	21,400	5,350

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The saving in Establishments will in all probability be more than the sum above set down, because a large proportion of the Deputy Collectors are to be stationed at the District Treasuries where they will need very little additional Establishment.

9. The salaries proposed to be assigned to Tahsíldárs in Mr. Pelly's scheme are as follows:

			Rs.
36 Tahsíldárs	@ 200 Rs. each	....	7,200
54 do	„ 160 „ „	....	8,640
71 do	„ 120 „ „	....	8,520
Total 161			24,360

Not only the third rate of pay in this scheme is too low for an Officer in the important position of Tahsíldár, but the number at the highest rate is too small compared with the numbers at the lower rates.

10. From a list of the new Táluqs obtained from Mr. Pelly it appears that there will be seven Táluqs yielding a revenue of above 5 lakhs of Rupees yearly, of which five are in Tanjore, one in Tinnevelly, and one in Malabar. There are also about 20 others yielding above three lakhs.

11. The Government are of opinion that officers entrusted with the yearly settlement and collection of such large revenues ought to be well paid; and they resolve, therefore, to have two special rates of pay for these two sets of Táluqs, at 250 and 225 Rupees a month. The remaining Táluqs will be divided into three classes equal in number, at 200, 175, and 150 Rupees, monthly. The Establishment will then be as follows, assuming the whole number of Táluqs as finally settled to be 159.

Proposed scheme.			Rs.
7 Tahsíldárs	@ 250 Rs. each	....	1,750
20 do.	@ 225 „	....	4,500
44 do.	@ 200 „	....	8,800
44 do.	@ 175 „	....	7,700
44 do.	@ 150 „	....	6,600
Total 159			29,350
Deduct cost of the present scheme		....	24,360
		Increase Rupees...	4,990

12. The increased monthly cost of the new scheme is thus less by Rupees 360 than saving on the Deputy Collectors shown in paragraph 8 of these Proceedings; and this without counting the saving of the Establishments of two or perhaps three Táluqs, amounting about Rupees 1,000 or 1,500 more.

13. This Resolution will be communicated to the Board of Revenue and to Mr. Pe respectively, with reference to the Order of this date No. 555. The Board will rep at an early date any modification in the distribution of the Deputy Collectors propo in paragraph 6; and Mr. Pelly will submit for approval a classification of the Táluqs to suit several rates of pay in paragraph 11. The first two rates of pay will be applied as th provided; the remaining three rates will be applied with reference to the Revenue of the Tálu but so that every District shall contain some at each rate.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,

Secretary to Government.

No. 4

Revenue 1860 Dept.
Pr. 20th April
No. 556

Pr. of the Madras Govt.
Dy. 11th April 1860
From Secy. Bdy. dy. 13th Septr.
1860 No. 1785

Reply memo as to
what funds may be
made available from
the Pay of the Deputy
Colrs. and how these
may be applied to
augment the Pay of
the Tahsildars

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Memo.

Since the beginning of 1855, when the number of Deputy Collectors required for this Presidency was fixed by Govt. at sixty, some changes have occurred to make it practicable and even desirable, to reduce the number

2. The circumstances I refer to are the following.

1st The large reduction resolved on and about to be carried into effect, in the numbers of Talugs. In 1855 it was 243; when the arrangements now in progress are complete, it will be only 159 or possibly 158, being a reduction of more than one third

2d The power proposed to be given to Tahsildars by the new Revenue Code, to decide certain civil disputes, which, formerly, they could not decide, though it was the practice to require them to take the evidence and report it for the Collectors decision.

3rd The power to distrain and sell personal property for arrears without a reference to the Collector proposed to be given in the same Code.

4th The larger criminal powers to be given to Tahsildars as magisterial officers, by the new Code of procedure.

5th The transfer of the management of the police from the Tahsildars to a separate Department.

6th The entire dis-appearance of the numerous investigations connected with Ináms, which will be the result of the settlement now proceeding under the

Has the Code been done? Ans.

the Inám Commission.

3 All these changes will diminish the necessity for Deputy Collrs over the Tahsildars, the first by so much lessening the number of Tahsildars, and all the remainder by diminishing the occasions for reference by Tahsildars to superior authority.

4 This diminution in the number of Deputy Collectors will set free funds which may be very advantageously employed to raise the pay of the Tahsildars; a class of servants of the first importance to a good administration, since, if ability and honesty can only be obtained in the Tahsildar, they will be to a great extent secured in his subordinates. Mr Pelly's rates

of pay for Tahsildars are certainly too low for financial reasons.

5 I propose in this memo to show in detail how this change may be made; viz.: what funds may be made available from the pay of the Deputy Collectors, and how these may be applied to augment the pay of Tahsildars.

6. The following is the distribution of Depy. Collrs. which appears to me necessary.

For 20 District Treasuries	20
For the Salt Districts	14
For general duties in nine larger Districts as noted in the margin+	9
For special duties, chiefly magisterial, in Zamindaries &c in certain Districts as noted in the margin*	5
Total	48

+Godavari
Bellary
Cuddapah
Kurnúl
South Arcot
Tanjore
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Coimbatore
Salem

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7. In explanation of this list, I may say that Kurnúl and Trichinopoly are included among the eight, though not large Dists., because they have no Sub Collectors.

The following are the reasons for giving Deputy Collectors to the five Districts.

Nellore - For the Vencatagiri Zamindary
North Arcot - For Calastri and Carvetnaggar
Madura - For Ramnad and Sivaganga
Salem - For the Shivaroy Hills
Malabar - For Wainád. It is proposed to have two such officers in Wainád, but the second may be obtained by making the present munsif a Deputy Magistrate and stationing him at Nallalam to act in both capacities.

8 Supposing this number of 48 to be sufficient in the whole, with, possibly, some variations in the distribution, and supposing these 48 to be classified as to pay in the same proportions as the sixty now sanctioned, the saving will amount including

Establishment

Establishments, to 5350 Rupees.

Class	Rate of pay	Existing Sanction		proposed scheme		Saving
		Number	Total pay	Number	Total pay	
First	600	10	6000	8	4800	1200
Second	500	15	7500	12	6000	1500
Third	350	15	5250	12	4200	1050
Fourth	250	20	5000	16	4000	1000
Total			23,750		19000	4750
Establishments			3000		2400	600
Total including Establts.			26,750		21,400	5350

In fact the saving in Establishments will probably be more than is here set down, because so large a proportion of the Deputy Collectors are to be at the District Treasuries, where they need very little additional Establishment.

9. The following is the provision made in Mr. Pelly's scheme for Tahsildars.

36 at 200 = 7200
54 at 160 = 8640
71 at 120 = 8520
Total 161 = 24,360

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of pay is too low for an officer in the important position of Tahsîldar, but the number at the highest rate is too small compared with those at the lower rates.

10. I find from a list of the new Táluqs procured from Mr. Pelly, that there will be seven Táluqs yielding above five lacks of rupees yearly, of which five one in Tanjore, one in Tinnevelly, and one in Malabar. There are also about 20 others yielding above three lacks.

11. Officers Intrusted with the settlement and collection of such large revenues ought to be well paid. I propose therefore to have two special rates of pay for these two sets of Táluqs, at 250 and 225 Rupees a month, and to divide the remaining Táluqs into three classes

equal in number at 200, 175 and 150 Rupees monthly. The Establishment will then be as follows: but I must first mention that whereas Mr Pelly's scheme of Establishment provided for 161 Talugs as shewn above, the actual number will be only 159, or possibly 158.

Proposed Scheme

7	at 250 =	1750
20	at 225 =	4500
44	at 200 =	8800
44	at 175 =	7700
44	at 150 =	6600
Total 159		29350
Deduct cost of the present scheme		24360
Increase		4990

12. The increased monthly cost of the new scheme is thus less by Rupees 360 than the saving on the Deputy Collectors as shewn above in para 8: this without counting the saving of the Establishments of any two or perhaps three Talugs, amounting to about Rs 1,000 or 1,500 mor

13. Considering how important the Post of Tahsildar is, I do not think the proposed rates of pay will be thought too high. If it is objected that the highest rate is equal to the lowest rate of the inferior grade of Deputy Collrs, I answer that the number at that highest rate is very small, & that it will be easy so to arrange that those few shall not be put under the orders of a fourth class Dy Collr. Indeed it might be urged that the duties entrusted to a Tahsildar of the first class are not inferior to those ordinarily discharged by a Deputy Collector

14. I append a statement of the rates of pay of the Tahsildars of the Districts of the North West Provinces, extracted from a Collection of Tables printed by the

Civil Auditor at Allahabad in 1853. It will be seen that the pay ranges from 250 Rs to 100. Rs with two at still lower rates probably in very small Talugs. Yet the Talugs are smaller in extent & revenue than ours; & there seems reason to believe that the lower rates at least would have been higher, if funds had been available.

There are also a number of Peishkars on liberal salaries; but what their exact duties are I do not know. These also are shewn below.

Tahsildars in the N. W. Provinces

14	@ 250 Rs each	3,500
5	@ 225 " "	1125
1	@ 220 " "	220
62	@ 200 " "	12400
9	@ 180 " "	1620
22	@ 175 " "	3850
1	@ 160 " "	160
41	@ 150 " "	6150
1	@ 130 " "	130
7	@ 125 " "	875
1	@ 120 " "	120
1	@ 115 " "	115
2	@ 110 " "	220
17	@ 100 " "	1700
1	@ 80 " "	80
1	@ 60 " "	60

Total 186

Peishkars in the N. W. Provinces

[illegible]	@ [illegible] Rs each
1	@ 150 " "
1	@ 140 " "
1	@ 100 " "
1	@ 70 " "
[illegible]	@ 60 " "
[illegible]	@ 65 " "
[illegible]	@ 45 " "

Total [illegible]

This statement entirely accords with my views. We shall now be able to have a really responsible, respectable class of Officers in the important position of Tahsildars. The improvement in their position will also enable us to entrust them with increased magisterial powers. This is required as a corollary to the New Police and it will be a great boon to the People, who suffer in many ways from the want of an efficient local Magistracy.

[illegible] 22 March 1860.

I consider the arrangement here proposed a decided improvement.

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low rate of pay that
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C. E. Trevelyan

Madras 22 March
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I concur in the measure as being of the highest
& urgent importance

Walter Elliot
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C. 23rd March 1860 12-28

No. 556 R. D.

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4 Copies to C. Pelly Esqr.
11 " " Board of Rev:
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4 " " Commr. of [illegible] Police
1 " " Accountt. Genl.
3 " " Civil [illegible]

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