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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Dated 11-5-1860.

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No. 17. Read the following Despatch from the Right Honorable Sir C. WOOD, Bart., Secretary of State for India, to His Excellency the Honorable the Governor in Council, Fort St. George, dated India Office, London, 8th March 1860, No. 18:—

In your letter of the 19th March last, (No. 8), you inform me that you had applied to the Government of India for permission to make some addition to the Establishment of your Secretary in the Revenue and Public Works Departments, involving an increased expense of Rupees 650 per mensem, the existing Establishment being found quite unequal to cope with the work now thrown upon it, and in particular the General Reports of your Proceedings for transmission to this country, having fallen greatly into arrear. I learn from your Resolution of the 11th August, that sanction was accorded, as a temporary measure, for one year, the Government of India being of opinion that the changes recently ordered in the system of reporting your Proceedings would materially diminish the work of the Office, and you have so far concurred in this view of the case, as to limit the increase of expense to the monthly amount of Rs. 363-4. I approve of this Proceeding, but I desire that, at the expiration of the temporary sanction, the Establishment may be again carefully revised, with the view of ascertaining whether, under the improved system of conducting the correspondence, both with this country and in India, some further reduction of expense may not be practicable.

2. Your letter of the 20th June, (No. 20), acquaints me that you have had under consideration a plan for the revision of the Revenue Establishments of your Presidency, including a reduction of the number and consequent increase in the size of the Táluqs, and an augmentation of the pay of the chief Táluq Officers, the Tahsíldárs, by which you believe that their efficiency will be greatly increased, without any material addition to, or perhaps even with a diminution of the charge on the State. Mr. Bourdillon's Memorandum showsthat the existing District Establishments bear no intelligible relation, her in ieexpentse or in numbers, to the area, population, or revenue, of the several Districts. The principles on which you propose to conduct this revision, appear to me to be sound, but as you have intrusted the elaboration of the scheme to a Member of the Board of Revenue, Mr. C. Pelly, I shall defer the expression of any definite opinion until your more detailed Proceedings are before me.

3. In your letter of the 21st November ast, (No. 71), you inform me of the extent to which you have availed yourselves of the permission granted to you by the Government of India, and approved in my Despatch of the 4th August (No. 9), 1859, paragraph 22, to employ sixty Uncovenanted Deputy Collectors, on the condition of dispensing with the services of the existing Revenue Sarishtadárs and Naibs on their present footing. Up to the date of your letter, you had appointed fifty-four of these Officers (eight of them being attached to the Inám Commission) many of whom had previously served as Sarishtadárs and Naib Sarishtadárs. This latter class of Officers is to be replaced by others, styled Managers and Deputy Managers, on reduced salaries. The arrangement, when brought into full operation, would appear, from the Statement forwarded with your letter, to result in an increase of charge to the extent of Rs. 19,687-8, per mensem; but as the newly appointed Officers will relieve the Collectors of a considerable portion of their duties, it is probable that you may be enabled to counterbalance the expense by a greater economy in the employment of subordinate Covenanted Agency.

4. Your letter of the 3rd December last (No. 75), informs me of the manner in which the Táluqs in the Districts of Ganjam and Canara have been re-distributed, and a reduction effected in their number. Measures of this nature, depending altogether on local considerations, can be best judged of by the Authorities on the spot, and I think it sufficient to convey to you generally my approval of your Proceedings.

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No. 18. ORDER THEREON, 11th May 1860, No. 763.

The instructions contained in paragraph 1 of this letter for the revision of the Office Establishment of the Government Secretariat in the Revenue and Public Works Departments will be borne in mind.

2. The correspondence regarding the subjects noticed in the remaining paragraphs have already been in a great measure reported to the Home Government in the following Despatches, viz:—

Despatch dated	3rd December	1859, No. 75.
Do.	do. 6th March	1860, No. 21.
Do.	do. 11th April	1860, No. 29.

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

noticed in the remaining

Revenue Department.

No. 763.

Proceedings of the Madras Government.

Under date the 11th May ~~April~~ 1860.

Read the following Despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India

(Recd enter 8th March 1860 No. 18)

The Establishment of the Revd & Works Secretariat to be again revised at the expiration of one year with the view of ascertaining if some further reduction of expense may not be practicable.

Defers expression of any definite opinion regarding the revision of Revd Estabt until more detailed proceedings are before him.

Expresses his views regarding the appointment of Uncovenanted Deputy Collectors.

Approves generally of the measures taken for the re arrangement of Talugs.

The instructions contained in para 1 of this letter for the revision of the office Establishment of the Government Secretariat in the Revenue and Public Works Departments will be borne in mind.

2. The correspondence regarding the subjects noticed in the remaining

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Home Government's instructions for the revision of the Government Revenue and P.W Departments establishment will be borne in mind — Correspondence on the subject of the revision of the Presidency Revenue Establishments and of the employment of Deputy Coll.rs have already been reported to the Home Government —