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Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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No. 131. Read the following letter from C. PELLY, Esq., Member of the Board of Revenue, to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 28th April 1860, No. 258:—

1. I have the honor to submit for the consideration and Orders of Government, a scale of Establishments I would propose for Magisterial Subordinate Officers who will be required in the Districts. I propose that the principal duties of these functionaries should be Magisterial, but they may also, at the discretion of the Collector, have a distinct subordinate Revenue charge, or may perform such Revenue work as the Tahsíldár of the District may assign to them; and in their Magisterial duties they would be subject to such authorities as they may respectively be placed under.

2. It is not easy to select an appropriate appellation for this class of Subordinate Magisterial Officers. They have been called Police Amíns and Police Amaldárs. But they are no longer Police Officers. They might be called Magisterial Amíns or Sub-Magistrates. The last denomination will perhaps be the best, as the Village Officer performing Magisterial duties is to be designated Village Magistrate.

3. The Tahsíldár, who now in his Police capacity is styled Head of District Police, will of course drop that title; and I do not see that there is any occasion to give him any other title in lieu of it, especially for his Magisterial functions. He may be simply styled Tahsíldár, a term he is better known by perhaps now than as Head of District Police. It will, I think, be expedient to have four classes of Sub-Magistrates in addition to the Tahsíldárs and Village Magistrates. The first two classes would be those having jurisdiction in large Zamíndáris, or having a large portion of a District assigned to them. The third class would be employed in Towns and large Villages with a small District attached. The fourth would be in less important charges.

4. The salaries of the several classes I would recommend to be as follows:—

	1st Class.	2nd Class.	3rd Class.	4th Class.
1 Sub-Magistrate.....	85	65	50	35
1 Gumáshta.....	@ 15 @ 12	15 12	12	12
1 Daftarband.....	7	7	7	7
1 Mashálchi & Sweeper.	5	5	5	5
2 Peons @ 5 Rupees....	10	10	10	10
Total...	134	114	84	69

5. I cannot do more at present than give an estimate of what will be the cost of these Subordinate Magisterial Establishments. For the places where the Sub-Magistrates will have to be located must be finally determined on after full information is received from the Collectors and the Inspector General of Mufassal Police. But I have received a general report from the Collectors of nine Districts, and the number of Stations recommended in their reports amounts to 80: calculating at the same ratio for the other 11 Districts, there may probably be about 180 stations to provide for; and for the average, I may take the 3rd class Establishment of 84 Rupees for each.

Stations. Rs. Rs. per month—per annum.

The cost would then be per annum 180 × 84 = 15,120 × 12 = 1,81,440. But this is only an estimate.

6. In my Report to Government on the Revenue Establishments, I showed that out of the sum* allotted for the Revenue Establishment there would be a saving of about 96,318 Rupees. This amount will however, be greatly reduced by the alterations ordered by Government, and there will not be funds from that source to meet the Magisterial charges now contemplated, which will, I presume, have to be paid out of the sum set aside for Police purposes.

	Rs.
*Amount available from the Revenue Establishments after deducting for Police and Táluq Tappal.	16,14,491
Do. Available from the abolition of 4 Sub-Collectors and 2 Special Assistants.	78,608
Do. Stamp Commission.....	20,000
Total.. ..	17,13,099

7. If the scale of Establishment is approved, I shall do myself the honor of submitting for sanction from time to time, the Establishment actually required for each District separately, after consultation with the Collector and the Inspector General of Mufassal Police.

No. 132. ORDER THEREON, 29th May 1860, No. 879.

1. In this letter Mr. Pelly proposes for approval a scale of pay for the Subordinate Magisterial Officers who will be necessary in place of the present Police Amíns and Police Amáldárs. He also proposes a scale of Establishments for those Officers. The Report is a preliminary one; and if the general scheme is approved, Mr. Pelly's design is to submit detailed propositions for each District, after communicating with the Collectors and the Inspector General of Mufassal Police.

2. Mr. Pelly proposes to have four classes of these Officers with pay as in the margin. The first two classes are intended for those having jurisdiction in Zamíndáris, or having a large portion of a District (Táluq probably is meant); the third is to be employed in Towns or large Villages, with the contiguous country; and the fourth is for smaller charges of the same kind. On the information before him, which however is very scanty, Mr. Pelly estimates the probable number of these Officers at 180, and the whole yearly cost including Establishments at about 1,81,440 Rupees.

	Rs.
First class.....	85
Second do.....	65
Third do.....	50
Fourth do.....	35

3. The Government approve the scale of pay proposed; except that it seems doubtful to them whether in the case of an extensive charge in a Zamíndári, it will not be expedient to raise the pay to 100 Rupees. The number of such cases will however be but few. Mr. Pelly's estimate of the whole number of Sub-Magistrates to be required appears to the Government very large; it gives an average of nine to each District. They think it probable that on further inquiry, and after conferring with Mr. Robinson, he will find it practicable materially to reduce the number. The scale of Establishments proposed is approved.

4. Mr. Pelly proposes the name of Sub-Magistrate for the class of Officers in question; and he expresses the opinion that no separate official designation is necessary for a Tahsíldár when acting as a Magistrate. The Government have however recommended to the Government of India, in the Judicial Department, that Tahsíldárs when acting as Magistrates shall be styled "Táluq Magistrates." They are of opinion that the Officers referred to in the present letter may in like manner be called Táluq Magistrates, except when their jurisdiction is restricted or almost restricted, to a Town, they should be called Town Magistrates. Their Judicial powers will be the same as those of a Tahsíldár.

5. Mr. Pelly will now proceed with the intention stated in paragraph 7 of his letter.

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

Rev. Dept.

No. 879.

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 29th May 1860.

Read the following letter from C. Pelly Esqre Member of the Board of Revenue.

Submitting for the consideration and orders of Government a scale of Establishments for the Magisterial subordinate officers who will be required in the Districts.

(Rec'd enter 30th April 1860 No. 258)

In this letter Mr Pelly proposes for approval a scale of pay for the subordinate Magisterial officers who will be necessary in place of the present Police Amins and Police Amaldars. He also proposes a scale of establishments for those officers. The Report is a preliminary one, and if the general scheme is approved, Mr Pelly's design is to submit detailed propositions for each District, after

after communicating with the Collectors and the Inspector General of Mufassal Police

2. Mr. Petty ~~suggests the name of Sub Magistrate for these officers, and he~~ proposes to have four classes of ~~these~~ those officers, with pay as in the margin. The first two classes are intended for ~~officers~~ those having jurisdiction in Zamindaris, or having a large portion of a District, (Taluq probably is meant;) the third is to be employed in Towns or large villages, with the contiguous country, and the fourth is for smaller charges of the same kind. On the information before him, which however is very scanty, Mr. Petty estimates the probable number of these officers at 180, and the whole yearly cost including Establishments at Calicut 101,440 Rupees.

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First class	85
Second Do.	65
Third Do.	50
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Mr. Petty's estimate of the whole number of Sub Magistrates to be required appears to the Government very large; it gives an average of nine to each District. They think it probable that on further enquiry, and after conferring with Mr. Robinson, he will find it practicable moderately to reduce the number.

Mr. Petty frames the ~~[illegible]~~ scale of pay proposed; except that it seems doubtful to them whether in the case of an extensive charge in a Zamindari, it will not be expedient to raise the pay to 100 Rupees. The number of such cases will however be but few.

3. The Government approve ~~the name of Sub Magistrate. They also approve~~ the scale of pay proposed; except that it seems doubtful to them whether in the case of an extensive charge in a Zamindari, it will not be expedient to raise the pay to 100 Rupees. The number of such cases will however be but few.

The scale of Establishments proposed is ~~also~~ approved.

4. Mr. Petty proposes the name of Sub Magistrate for the class of officers in question, and he expresses the opinion ~~of Mr. Petty~~ that no separate official designation is necessary for a Tahsildar when acting as a Magistrate; ~~but~~ The Govt. have however recommended to the Govt. of India, in the Judicial Dept., that Tahsildars will be appropriate and sufficient when acting as Magistrates shall be styled ~~officers for those officers as~~ "Taluq Magistrates". They are of opinion that the ~~Heads of Departments of their Establishments~~

5. Mr. Petty will now proceed with the intention stated in Para 7 of his letter.

~~These officers referred to in the present letter may in like manner be called Taluq Magistrates, except when their jurisdiction is limited restricted or almost restricted to a Town they should be called Town Magistrates. Their judicial powers will be the same as those of a Tahsildar.~~

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On Mr. Pelly's scale
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it is necessary to place over the
present Police Amins and
Police Havildars.

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