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No. 325. Read the following letter from C. PELLY, Esq., Member of the Board of Revenue, to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Chepauk, 30th April 1861, No. 860 :—

SIR,

1. In their Order dated 4th December 1860, No. 2,301, paragraphs 5—7, the Government considered it necessary that the scale of emoluments for the Village Manyakaren and Curnum, submitted by me for the approval of Government, should be carefully reconsidered, and rates of remuneration fixed for single Districts, or for groups of Districts, after full consultation with the local authorities and the Board of Revenue. With regard to the Manyakarens' remuneration, the Government observed that the office is prized not only for the emolument, but also for the social status and influence which it gives. This feeling, they said, should be turned to account, and the means at the disposal of Government should be employed primarily to give adequate remuneration to the more directly *working* classes of village servants, as the Curnums and Vetties; but at the same time the Government fully admitted the propriety of giving respectable allowances to the heads of villages also, but these officers must not be regarded as ordinary revenue servants. And with respect to the Curnums' salaries they also thought my scale considerably beyond the means at the disposal of Government.

2. I have given the matter further consideration. I have collated together the opinions of Collectors; from which, however, I have not derived much assistance in coming to a determination of the rates that should be allowed. There is a great variety of opinion, as may be seen by the accompanying table of rates proposed by several Collectors, and it was to arrive at some authoritative conclusion that I proposed the scale I prepared for the consideration of Government. I have now the honor to submit a new table of rates for the consideration of Government, to which, for convenience of reference, I have annexed the former scale, and also the rates allowed by Colonel Munro for the Ceded Districts.

Enclosure A.

Enclosure B.

3 Taking into consideration the nature of the office of Manyakaren, and the fact that it is generally prized not only for the emolument, but also for the social status and influence which it gives, I quite admit that a small pecuniary remuneration should suffice, if the office is conferred on a man of some property and influence in the village, but it is too often found *when* the emoluments are very small or none at all for the Manyakaren, and he at the same time is not a man of substance, that then his duties are usurped, and his influence entirely superseded by the Curnum. A large sum, Rupees 69,000, was allotted some years ago for establishing the office of Manyakarens in Tanjore. Their average payment amounted to 1½ Rupee a month, and in many cases they did not receive so much as 1 Rupee a year. The result is that the scheme has failed, and the duties are still done by the Curnums.

See Collector of Tanjore's letter, dated 22nd January 1861.

4. It must also be remembered that in the scheme of village Establishment which I have to carry out, several villages, each at present having their hereditary village officers, will be amalgamated and joined together under one set of village officers only. The Manyakaren of an existing village may have great influence in his own village, but in the one which will be

united with it, he will, generally speaking, have none at all, and most probably will incur all the odium and opposition usually attendant upon interlopers, for which a trifling salary is a poor remuneration.

5. But making the most of the advantages we have, I do not think, after full consultation with the Board of Revenue, that in any District can a remuneration less than 18 Rupees a year for the lowest class of villages, but which need not exceed 60 Rupees a year for the highest class (according to the size of the village, as shown in the accompanying table), be fixed by Government as the minimum compensation. This remuneration should, however, be given by a direct deduction from the Manyakarens' Patta, when the emolument is in money, as will be the case in those Districts in which the measure of enfranchising absolutely the Service Inâms is introduced. The remuneration should not be paid as a monthly salary. It will be seen that I have made a very considerable reduction in the scale of the Manyakarens' emoluments. But I must confess that I have doubts as to the suitability of these rates in those amalgamated villages, where the old inheritors of the Mirási rights will be displaced by an interloper from a neighbouring village, unless indeed the new comer is a superior man of considerable influence. But the trial can be made ; and the finances of the State will not admit of more liberal emoluments being recommended. I would also suggest that in *small* villages it might answer to dispense with Manyakarens altogether, where there are not any properly paid men now, and to transfer their duty to the Curnum.

6. As respects the Curnums I have not been able to propose so large a reduction in the rates of emoluments, but I have reduced them in each class of villages one Rupee a month, up to the class of 4,000 Rupees, and in the highest classes the reduction has been greater. The Curnums are essentially a hard working body. They seldom, I believe, hold much land, and the working man will not have leisure to attend to farming, and it is desirable, he should not be so occupied. His whole time, except in the smaller villages, will be required for the Government work. There will be but one man now, where frequently two or more have been accustomed to do the duty. They must look to Government solely for their means of livelihood, and must be paid a sufficient salary according to the work they do. I consider, therefore, that the rates now recommended for the Curnums cannot with due regard to efficiency be reduced any more.

7. The above rates for Manyakaren and Curnum should, I propose, be taken as the scale generally for all Districts. In reporting separately on each District any modifications that may seem expedient or necessary can be brought distinctly to the notice of Government, and the orders of Government taken on it ; but some generally approved scale, as a guide, is necessary to enable me to carry out the measure.

8. I have not now proposed any maximum. In those Districts in which the principle of a general enfranchisement of the Inám is adopted, there will not of course be any maximum scale ; and in other Districts where the original plan of Government is followed it will be time enough as each District is reported on, to bring the question of a maximum rate, as it affects the particular District, before Government.

9. In paragraph 8 of the Order of Government now under reference, the Government require further explanation of the course proposed for the Vettyans and Nirgunties. I would

explain that a minimum and maximum scale of pay was never contemplated for this class of servants. The salary of 2½ Rupees was proposed for each Vettyan, the *number* required for each village would depend on its size or peculiar circumstances. Two Rupees was fixed for the Nirgunti, the number of whom would also be regulated by the extent of irrigation to be attended to by him. The Government consider the rates proposed for these two classes of servants too low to be taken as a general standard. The scale has been accordingly altered ; and as a general standard I propose 3 Rupees for the Vettyans. Their number will vary according to the size of the village, or the extent of irrigation, which for the Vettyans is shown in the table of rates. But I have not entered it for the Nirgunties, as I think it will be better to determine in each village the Establishment of Vettyans first, before taking up the question of Nirgunties, the number of whom in addition to the Vettyans will have to be regulated a good deal by the number of Vettyans ; and it will probably be advisable to regulate them, in some instances, in communication with the Department of Public Works.

A.

Scale of Rates proposed by Collectors for remunerating Village Officers in the several Districts of the Madras Presidency.

Districts.	Remuneration proposed for Curnum. Beriz.	Curnum. Maximum.	Curnum. Minimum.	Maniakaren. Beriz.	Maniakaren. Maximum.	Maniakaren. Minimum.	Vettyan. Beriz.	Vettyan. Number.	Vettyan. Amount for each.
1	2	3		4	5		6	7	8
Ganjam	Below 250	42	36	Below 250	30	24	Below 250		24
	Up to 2,000	72	60	Up to 2,000	48	36	Up to 2,000		24
	,, 5,000	120	96	,, 5,000	84	72	,, 5,000		24
	above 5,000	180	150	above 5,000	120	96	above 5,000		24
Vizagapatam	below 250	84	84	below 250	36	36	below 250		36
	up to 2,000	108	108	up to 2,000	42	42	up to 2,000		36
	,, 5,000	144	144	,, 5,000	48	48	,, 5,000		36
	above 5,000	180	180	above 5,000	60	60	above 5,000		36
Kistna	below 100	12	6	up to 450	18	12	up to 450	1	9
	up to 150	18	12	600	30	18	600	1	15
	300	30	18	750	36	24	750	1	18
	450	36	24	900	42	30	900	1	21
	650	42	30	1,100	48	36	1,100	1	24
	750	48	36	1,700	60	48	1,700	1	30
	900	54	42	2,300	66	60	2,300	1	30
	1,000	60	48	3,000	72	66	3,000	1	36
	1,300	66	54	4,500	84	72	4,500	1	42
	1,500	72	60	6,000	96	84	6,000	1	48
	1,700	84	72	8,000	108	96	8,000	1	54
	2,000	96	84	above 8,000	120	108	above 8,000	1	60
	2,300	108	96						
	2,600	120	108						
	3,000	132	120						
	3,500	156	144						
	4,000	168	156						
	4,500	180	168						
	5,000	204	192						
	5,500	228	216						
	6,000	252	240						
	8,000	276	252						
	above 8,000	300	288						
Bellary	up to 1,000	96	84	up to 1,000	60	48	up to 1,000	2	33
	2,000	114	108	2,000	72	60	2,000	2	33
	5,000	144	120	5,000	102	90	5,000	3	33
	8,000	180	168	8,000	132	108	8,000	4	33
	12,000	218	192	12,000	186	156	12,000	4	33
Kurnool	under 500	60	84				below 1,000	3	
	up to 750	72	96				up to 3,000	4	
	1,000	84	108				5,000	5	
	1,500	96	120				above 5,000	6	
	2,000	108	132						
	3,000	120	144						
	4,000	132	156						
	5,000	144	168						
	6,000	156	180						
	8,000	168	192						
	10,000	180	204						
	above 10,000	192	216						

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Districts.	Remuneration proposed for Curnum. Beriz.	Curnum. Maximum.	Curnum. Minimum.	Maniakaren. Beriz.	Maniakaren. Maximum.	Maniakaren. Minimum.	Vettyan. Beriz.	Vettyan. Number.	Vettyan. Amount of each.
1	2	3		4	5		6	7	8
Madras	Below 250	72	24	Below 250	36	24	Below 1,000	1	30
	Up to 2,000	96	60	Up to 2,000	60	36	Up to 3,000	2	30
	,, 5,000	120	72	,, 5,000	72	48	,, 5,000	3	30
	above 5,000	168	84	above 5,000	84	60	above 5,000	4	30
North Arcot	below 250	108	57	below 250	84	42	below 1,000		30
	up to 2,000	156	114	up to 2,000	120	84	up to 3,000		30
	,, 5,000	228	168	,, 5,000	180	126	,, 5,000		30
	above 5,000	300	225	above 5,000	240	168	above 5,000		30
Tanjore		84	84		60	60			36
Madura	below 250	48	36	below 250	36	30	below 1,000	1	
	up to 2,000	96	72	up to 2,000	72	60	up to 3,000	2	
	,, 5,000	132	108	,, 5,000	108	84	,, 5,000	3	
	above 5,000	168	144	above 5,000	144	120	above 5,000	4	
Tinnevelly	below 250	48	42	below 250	36	30	below 1,000		30
	up to 2,000	72	60	up to 2,000	42	36	up to 3,000		30
	,, 5,000	84	72	,, 5,000	48	42	,, 5,000		30
	above 5,000	96	84	above 5,000	60	48	above 5,000		30
Malabar	up to 2,000	72	72	up to 2,000	60	60	up to 3,000		42
	,, 5,000	96	96	,, 5,000	84	84	,, 5,000		48
	above 5,000	120	120	above 5,000	96	96	above 5,000		48

B.

A general scale of Rates of remuneration proposed for Village Officers

Scale of remuneration to Reddies and Curnums, provided by Colonel Munro for the Ceded District.

Beriz.	Remuneration.	
	Reddies.	Curnums.
RS.	RS.	RS.
150	12	18
300	18	26
450	21	32
600	26	39
750	29	46
900	35	53
1,050	41	59
1,200	46	66
1,350	50	68
1,500	53	70
1,650	56	74
1,800	58	77
1,950	61	81
2,100	65	85
2,250	67	89
2,400	70	93
2,550	73	97
2,700	76	102
2,850	79	105
3,000	82	108
3,300	85	112
3,600	88	116
3,900	91	119
4,200	94	124
4,500	96	128
4,800	99	132
5,100	102	136
5,400	105	141
6,700	108	145
6,000	111	149
9,000	125	166
9,300	127	168
9,600	129	170
9,900	130	172
10,200	131	173
10,500	133	175
10,800	134	177
11,100	136	179
11,400	137	180
11,700	139	182
12,000	140	184
15,000	155	185
16,500	...	186
18,000	169	187

Scale of remuneration to Manyakarens and Curnums, proposed by Mr. Pelly in his letter to Government, dated 13th September 1860, No. 504.

Beriz.	Manyakaren.		Curnum.	
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Maximum.	Minimum.
RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
300	60	24	60	36
600	80	36	80	48
1,000	100	48	100	60
1,500	120	54	120	72
2,000	140	60	140	84
3,000	170	72	170	102
4,000	200	78	200	120
5,000	230	90	230	138
6,000	260	96	260	156
7,000	290	108	290	174
8,000	320	120	320	192
9,000	350	144	350	210
above 9,000	400	180	400	240

Number of Vettyans proposed by Mr. Pelly under date 13th September 1860, No. 504.

For villages whose revenue is	No. of Vettyans.
RS.	
Below 500	1
500 to 2,000	2
2,000 to 7,000	3
7,000 to 9,000	4
9,000 to 10,000	5
above 10,000	6

No. of Nurganties with reference to Irrigation.	No. of Nirgunties.
Nanja Revenue.	
below 2,000	1
2,000 to 5,000	2
above 5,000	3

subject to modification according to the circumstances of each District.

Scale now proposed by Mr. Pelly.

For Manyakarens.

For villages whose Revenue is	Rate per annum.	
	RS.	RS.
Up to	600	18
,,	2,000	24
,,	5,000	36
,,	9,000	48
above	9,000	60

To be deducted from the Manyakarens Patta if land is not given.

In small villages under 600 Rupees revenue, and where there are not at present existing emoluments for the Manyakarens it is proposed that no separate Manyakaren be allowed, but that the Curnum be permitted to perform both duties.

For Curnums.

For villages whose Revenue is	Rate per annum.
RS.	RS.
Up to 600	36
,, 1,000	48
,, 1,500	60
,, 2,000	72
,, 3,000	84
,, 4,000	96
,, 6,000	108
,, 9,000	120
above 9,000	180

To be paid in cash where there is not Inám land.

Vettyans.

No. of men for villages whose Revenue is	No. of men.	Rate per annum.	
		For each man.	For the whole.
RS.		RS.	RS.
Up to 1,000	1	36	36
,, 4,000	2	36	72
,, 7,000	3	36	108
above 7,000	4	36	144

To be paid in cash where there is not land.

(Signed) C. PELLY, *Member.*

No. 326. ORDER THEREON, 26th October 1861, No. 2,053.

The Government have no objection to the rates now proposed by Mr. Pelly being used as a mere general guide in his calculations. The actual rates to be given in each District cannot be finally decided until the available assets and other particulars are ascertained in the course of the enquiry now being instituted by Mr. Pelly.

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

to be attended to by him. The Government consider the rates proposed for these two classes of servants too low to be taken as a general standard. The scale has been accordingly altered, and as a general standard I propose 3 Rs. for the Vettyans. Their number will vary according to the size of the Village, or the extent of irrigation, which for the Vettyans is shown in the Table of Rates. But I have not entered it for the Nirgunties, as I think it will be better to determine in each village the Establishment of Vettyans first, before taking up the question of Nirgunties, the number of whom in addition to the Vettyans will have to be regulated a good deal by the number of Vettyans; and it will probably be advisable to regulate them, in some instances, by communication with the Department of Public Works.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servt
Pelly
Member

Revenue Board
Office
Chepauk
30th April 1861

&c.

To J. Bourdillon Esqr.
Secretary to Government. R.D.

R. Pro: 4th Dec. 1860 No 30033

No 2853

The Govt have no objection to the ~~adoption of the~~ rates now proposed being used by Mr. Kelly as a mere general guide in his calculations. The actual rates to be given in each District cannot be finally decided until the available Assets & other particulars are ascertained in the course of the Enquiry now being instituted by Mr. Kelly

J. D.

Fort St. Geo.
26 Oct 61.
Copy to Mr Kelly.

1 October 1861 No 325 & 326

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From

C. Kelly Esqr.
Member of the
Board of Revenue

To

J. D. Bourdillon Esqr.
Secretary to Government
Revenue Department
Fort St George

From Hon'ble C. Kelly Member of the Bd of Rev. 4th & 11th Aug 62 C No. 2337 & 2338

Dated 30th April 1861

Rec'd 2d Oct

No 860

No 2053. 26 Oct 61.

Submitting for the consideration and orders of Government a new table of rates of remuneration to be paid to the village servants of the several Districts of the Madras Presidency.

with an order

Ist. This has been delayed in consequence of Mr. Kelly's being ill to report the assets of at least several Districts but as none has yet come I have prepared a draft of