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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 679 — Press / Mis.

404-405

Dated 21. 3. 1861.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 21st March 1861.

No. 404. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 25th February 1861, No. 1,025 :—

Read again letter from the Collector of Bellary, dated 22nd November 1860, No. 207, requesting sanction for the continuance of the existing field Register Establishment for a short time.

(In Cons. 26th November 1860, No. 6,170.)

Read also letter from the same Officer, dated 5th January 1861, No. 4, furnishing the information called for in the Board's Proceedings, dated 5th December 1860, on the subject of the Collector's first letter.

(In Cons. 10th January 1861, No. 176.)

1. Resolved that the foregoing letters be submitted for the orders of Government.

2. The existing Establishment for preparing the field Registers under notice, was sanctioned by Government in Extract Minutes Consultation, dated 22nd December 1858, No. 1,702. It was estimated to cost Rupees 9,770, and was to have lasted only two years, within which time it was expected the work would be brought to a close. This expectation has not been realized. Mr. Hathaway attributes the delay to the prohibition of work on Sundays under the orders of Government; no such cessation having been allowed for in the original estimate, in which it was calculated that each Gumáshta should work throughout the month of 30 days. It is stated that three out of the four copies ordered have been completed, and that the completion of the fourth will occupy 2½ months in excess of the sanctioned period which expired on the 31st December last.

In Cons. 24th December 1858, *No.* 5,803.

Dated 2nd, in Cons. 3rd March 1859, *No.* 886.

3. Mr. Hathaway further observes that the Registers have not been compared, and he recommends for this purpose the entertainment of an Establishment for 2½ months longer, at a cost of Rupees 600. In reply to the Board's inquiry why this work was not done simultaneously with the preparation of the Registers, Mr. Hathaway explains that the time of the Sarishtadár was specially employed to superintend the execution of work, "in examining the "totals and the amounts carried forward and brought forward in the Registers." The Board do not consider that this was the proper duty of a Sarishtadár receiving 80 Rupees a month. The amounts carried forward and brought forward might have been examined by some ordinary Gumáshtas, and the time of the Sarishtadár better employed in examining the Registers, a duty which could not be properly delegated to a less responsible Officer.

4. The Collector proposes to entrust this important work of examination to some ordinary Gumáshtas on 15 Rupees pay. The imprimatur of such men could be very little depended on, and their employment in examining and recopying the Registers must detract much from the usefulness and value of these books. The Board would, therefore, suggest that the services of the Sarishtadár be continued for a further period of four months after the completion of the Registers, with three Gumáshtas attached to him on 15 Rupees; and that the Registers be examined by the Sarishtadár and one or two trustworthy Gumáshtas in the permanent Establishment, the places of the latter Officers being in the meantime supplied by the temporary Gumáshtas. It is only by such a plan that the required accuracy of the Registers can be attained. The examination of the Registers should at once be commenced according to the arrangement now suggested, so that its completion may not be prolonged beyond the period prescribed.

5. Of the amount sanctioned for preparing the Registers, viz., Rupees 9,770, a sum of Rupees 8,239-3-0 * only has been expended up to 31st December last. Deducting from the remainder Rupees 250, which is reserved by

* Fair copying the 35 English Deetwar accounts, as per order of Government, dated 13th December 1859, No. 1,685 ..... Writing Registers .....

	Rs	A.	P.
	210	0	0
	8,029	3	0
	8,239	3	0

	Per mensem.			
1 Sarishtadár.....	80	0	0	For completing the Registers.
15 Gumáshtas at 15 Rupees each....	225	0	0	
	305	0	0	
For 2½ months..... ..	762	8	0	
1 Sarishtadár.....	80	0	0	For examining the Registers.
3 Gumáshtas at 15 Rupees each....	45	0	0	
	125	0	0	
For 4 months.....	500	0	0	
Total cost..	1,262	8	0	
Saving of former sanction.....	1,281	0	0	
Saving.....	18	8	0	

the Collector for binding the Registers, there remains an available balance of Rupees 1,281. The expense proposed by the Collector amounts on the whole to Rupees 1,362-8, which exceeds this balance by Rupees 81-8; but under the arrangement suggested by the Board, there will be a small saving of 18½ Rupees out of the available sum, and the Board accordingly request the sanction of Government for the Establishment noted in the margin at the cost of Rupees 1,262-8.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM, *Secretary.*

No. 405. ORDER THEREON, 21st March 1861, No. 670.

1. The arrangements proposed by the Board of Revenue in the concluding paragraph of their Proceedings above recorded are approved. The Government concur in the remarks in paragraph 3, and approve the course proposed by the Board in paragraph 4. The examination of all the copies of the Registers should be very carefully made by the Sarishtadár.

2. The total cost of the temporary Establishment, both for the revision of the assessment and for copying the field Register, will not, it is observed, exceed the amount originally authorized.*

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

* *Vide Proceedings, dated 17th August* 1857, *No.* 821.
Do. dated 14th November 1857, *No.* 1,168.
Do. dated 22nd December 1858, ,, 1,702.

No. 5,688.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 5th December 1860.

ead the following letter from A. HATHAWAY, Esq., Collector of Bellary, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Fort Saint George, dated Alúr, 22nd November 1860, No. 207:—

1. I have the honor to report for the information of the Board of Revenue, that of the four copies of the Field Registers connected with the revision of assessment in this District, ordered by Government to be prepared in the Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 22nd December 1858, No. 1,702, forwarded by the Board of Revenue with their Proceedings of the 24th idem, No. 4,789, three have been prepared and that the completion of the fourth, which is now in progress, will occupy 2½ months in excess of the sanctioned period, viz., two years, which terminates on the 31st December 1860.

2. The Registers in question were not completed within the sanctioned period, as the performance of work on Sundays was prohibited, in conformity with the Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, No. 265 of 2nd March 1859, forwarded by the Board with their Proceedings of 14th March 1859, No. 880, whereas in the original Estimate (forwarded to the Board of Revenue by my predecessor with his letter No. 74 of 3rd July 1857) it was calculated that each Gumastah should work throughout the month, viz., 30 days.

3. I have further to state that the above Registers have not been compared, as this duty was not provided for in the original Estimate. This is, however, I think essential, as they form most important documents.

4. The saving effected to Government by the reduction in the salary of the Field Register Sheristadar from Rupees 150 to Rupees 80, as approved of by Government in their Proceedings of 13th December 1859, No. 1,685, is Rupees 1,234, at 70 Rupees per mensem from August 1859 to the end of December 1860. Of this sum, Rupees 210 were spent under the above order, in the fair copying of 35 English Ditwar accounts, leaving a net saving of Rupees 1,024.

	Rupees per mensem.
* 1 Sherishtadar..... ...	80
15 Gumastahs at 15 Rupees each.....	225
	305

	Per mensem Rupees.
† 16 Gumastahs at 15 Rupees each.....	240

5. Under the above circumstances, I have the honor to request that the Board of Revenue will be pleased to obtain the sanction of Government for the continuance of the existing* Establishment till the 15th March 1861, at a cost of Rupees 762-8, for the purpose of completing the fourth copy of the Register, and for the entertainment of an Establishment as noted in the margin from 16th March to 31st May 1861, at an expense of Rupees 600, for the purpose of comparing the four copies of the Registers.

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1. Mr. Hathaway is requested to submit an account showing the whole actual cost (and estimated amount up to 31st of the present month) of the revision of the assessment, compared with the total amount originally sanctioned by Government.

2. He will at the same time explain why the Field Registers were not examined as written, as it was intended they should have been by the Sheristadar aided by a Huzur Gumastah.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Acting Secretary.

To A. Hathaway, Esq., Collector of Bellary.

Exd. J. Wright.

Enclosure in Proceedings of the Board of Revenue to Mr. Secretary to Govt. No. dated 26th Feby. 1861. No. 1025

Letter from Mr. Collector of Bellary to the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd November 1860 No. 204, regarding Field Registers and Boards Proceedings thereon.

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In Cons. 10th January 1861, No. 176.

From A. HATHAWAY, Esq, Collector of BELLARY,
dated Hospet, 5th January 1861, No. 4.

I have the honor in forwarding the enclosed statement, embodying the information called for in paragraph 1 of the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 5,688 of the 5th ultimo, to state that as the time of the Serishtadar was occupied in examining the totals, and the amount carried forward and brought forward in the Field Registers as they were prepared, he was unable to compare them.

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Abstract.—Statement showing the whole actual cost in the preparation of the Field Registers, connected with the revision of assessment in Bellary district.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

Encl. No. 2 in the Proceedgs of the Bd of Revn. dated 25th February 1861. No. 1025.

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Letter from the Collr of Bellary to the Secy to the Bd of Revn. dated 5th Jany 1861. No. 4 - regg field Register.

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From the Offg Civil Paymaster
of 18th June 1861 No 1447
with 21st June
No 1230.

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Dated 25th February 1861
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× Vide Progs of 17 August 1857 No 821
Do of 14 Nov 1857 No 1168
Do of 22 Dec 1858 No 1702

Fort St George
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3 " Accountant Genl
3 " Civil Auditor