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No. 164. Read the following Despatch from the Right Honorable Sir C. WOOD, Bart., Secretary of State for India (Revenue), to His Excellency the Honorable the Governor in Council, Fort Saint George, dated India Office, London, 2nd March 1861, No. 13 :—

SIR,

1. I have had under my consideration in Council your letters of the 6th March (No. 21), the 11th April (No. 29), the 18th May (No. 47), the 4th July (No. 76), the 21st September (No. 100) and the 12th December last (No. 138), which report your proceedings relative to the redistribution of the Táluqs and the revision of the Revenue Establishments of your Presidency of dates subsequent to those noticed in my Despatch of the 8th March last (No. 18).

2. The first of these measures is now completed, the result being a reduction in the number of Táluqs from 243 to 158. All the matters connected with it appear to have received careful consideration at your hands, but, as intimated in my former Despatch on the same subject, the determination of the questions involved in it depends so entirely on local circumstances, which can be best judged of by the authorities on the spot, that it will be sufficient to convey to you generally my approval of your proceedings.

3. This reduction in the number of Táluqs, in connection with the increased powers which it is proposed to confer on Tahsíldárs, has enabled you to dispense with the services of some of the recently appointed Deputy Collectors, and you have accordingly resolved to diminish their number from 60 to 48. I fully approve of your decision to employ a portion of the saving which will thus be effected, in placing the salaries of the Tahsíldárs on a respectable footing, and more in accordance with the very responsible duties which they will now be called on to discharge.

4. You will hereafter inform me of the result of your deliberations on Mr. Pelly's scheme for remodelling the Salt Establishments.

5. The re-arrangement of the salaries of the village officers and servants forms the subject of the last of your letters under reply. The orders passed by you on Mr. Pelly's proposals appear to have been proper. It is of course desirable that officers charged with responsible duties should be suitably remunerated, but care must be taken not to throw an undue burden on the public finances by any new arrangements. As you have observed in the case of the Monegars, the office is prized not merely for its emoluments, but for the social status and influence which it confers, and this feeling should be taken into account in determining the allowances to be attached to it.

No. 165. ORDER THEREON, 10th April 1861, No. 805.

Ordered to be communicated to the Board of Revenue and Mr. Pelly for their information respectively.

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

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