

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 1530

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
15th July 1862.*

No. 205. Read the following Endorsements on the letter from the Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated 11th April 1862, No. 813, regarding the Sea Customs Establishments at Madras and the Out-Ports:—

No. 2,384, HOME DEPARTMENT, FORT WILLIAM, THE 9TH MAY 1862.

Forwarded to the Financial Department, for consideration and orders.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT, FORT WILLIAM, THE 6TH JUNE 1862.

Resolution.

The net increase of Rupees 8,556 per annum, applied for by the Government of Madras, to the cost of the Sea Customs Establishments at Madras and the Out-ports, does not appear to the Governor General in Council to be excessive, under the circumstances stated, especially taking into consideration the anomaly pointed out in paragraph 2 of the above letter from the Madras Government, and His Excellency in Council is accordingly pleased to sanction the increase.

Ordered, that a copy of the above Resolution be sent to the Home Department, for information and for communication to the Government of Madras.

Ordered, also, that a copy of the Resolution be sent to the Civil Paymaster, the Deputy Auditor and Accountant General, Madras, and the Auditor General of India, for information and guidance.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) E. DRUMMOND,
Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 3,119.

Forwarded to the Government of Fort Saint George, with reference to Mr. Secretary Sim's letter No. 813, dated 11th April last.

HOME DEPARTMENT,
The 23rd June 1862.

By order,
(Signed) M. A. MONTEATH,
Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 206. ORDER THEREON, 15th July 1862, No. 1,530.

Communicated to the Board of Revenue, with reference to the Order of Government dated 11th April 1862, No. 812.

(Signed) P. P. HUTCHINS,
Acting Deputy Secretary to Government.

No. 3969

*EXTRACT from the Proceedings of the Government of India, in the Financial
Department, d. 6th June 1862.*

From J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, to the Secretary to the Government of India, No. 813, d. 11th April 1862.

In Mr. Bourdillon's letter, of 14th September 1860, No. 1596, the Government of India were informed that this Government had resolved upon a revision of the Revenue Establishments of this Presidency generally, and that they had entrusted the duty to Mr. Pelly, a Member of the Board of Revenue. As part of this plan, I am directed to submit, for the

From Mr. Pelly, 7th May 1860, No. 269.
Procs. of Govt., 16th June " " 1000.
From Mr. Pelly, 12th July 1861, " " 992.
Procs. of Govt., 1st November " " 2057.
From Hon. Mr. Pelly, 31st Jan. 1862, No. 11.
Procs. of Govt., 11th April 1862, No. 811.
Procs., Board of Revenue, 27th Feb. 1862, No. 1369.
Procs. of Govt., 14th March " " 576.
Do. " 11th April 1862, No. 812.

consideration of the Government of India, the correspondence noted in the margin, regarding the Sea Customs Establishments at Madras and the Out-Ports.

2. The necessity of the proposed reform cannot be better illustrated than by a few examples of the present state of matters. For instance, Cocanada, with a trade worth 22½ lacs, and a Revenue of Rupees 33,000, has a Customs Superintendent on only Rupees 25 monthly. Tuticorin, with a trade of 21 lacs, and a Revenue of Rupees 14,000, has a similar Officer on Rupees 24. Bimlipatam, with a trade of 29 lacs, and a Revenue of Rupees 37,000, has a Superintendent on Rupees 40.

3. These and various similar anomalies have long called for a remedy, and the Government can with confidence recommend the Establishments now proposed.

4. The Provincial Establishments were framed by Mr. Pelly; the Madras Office was revised by the collective Board of Revenue.

5. The following is a brief abstract of the proposed changes.

6. The Madras Sea Customs Office, as now sanctioned, costs Rupees 55,092 annually, exclusive of the Collector and Deputy Collector; that proposed will cost Rupees 50,244, or Rupees 4,848 less.

7. The Collector of Sea Customs has besides a special Establishment costing Rupees 6,228 annually, for the preparation of the annual statements of the trade of the whole Presidency and the Returns required by the Supreme Government. It is proposed to transfer this duty to the Board of Revenue, who prepare all similar Returns of the other sources of Revenue, who can control the Collectors in the discharge of their duty, and who ought to be kept regularly cognizant of the state of trade. This arrangement has the further advantage of being economical, as an Establishment of Rupees 5,244 will suffice, and an annual saving be effected of Rupees 984.

8. In the Provinces, there are altogether 88 Ports at present. Many of these are close together, and a considerable number at present have little or no foreign trade, though of necessity they must have establishments, as they cannot be closed without injury to the coasting trade. By uniting the Ports in convenient groups, the number for which Establishments are required has been reduced to 60.

9. The Ports have been arranged in seven classes, according to their trade and revenue, and each has allotted to it an Establishment suited to its requirements.

10. Four grades of Superintendents are proposed with salaries of Rupees 100, 85, 70, and 50, and three of Assistants with salaries of Rupees 30, 20, and 15. These are the Officers who hitherto have been so inadequately paid, considering their onerous duties and the trust necessarily reposed in them.

11. The subordinate servants consist of Clerks, Weighers, Peons, and Sweepers. The number of these and their salaries have been fixed on as moderate a scale as is consistent with efficiency.

12. The Provincial Establishments now maintained cost Rupees 4,125 per mensem. Those proposed will cost on the whole Rupees 5,324 per mensem, or Rupees 1,199 in excess.

13. Against this increase, however, has to be set the decrease in the Madras Office and in the Reporting Department of Rupees 486, so that the net increase consequent on the changes now proposed is only Rupees 713 monthly, or 8,556 per annum.

14. Further, it must be borne in mind that the Government have of late made considerable reductions in the cost of the Staff at Madras, which may fairly be taken as a set off against the present increase. The salary of the Collector has since 1860 been reduced from Rupees 40,800 to Rupees 28,000, and that of the Deputy Collector from 18,000 to Rupees 7,200, the aggregate saving being Rupees 23,600.

15. The total charge for the Sea Customs Establishments of the Presidency will now amount to Rupees 1,54,576* per annum, being 6.04 per cent. on the revenue of 1860-61, and 23 per cent. on the official value of the trade.

* Collector and Deputy Collector	85,200
Madras Office	50,244
Moffussil Offices	63,988
Department of External Commerce	5,244
	<u>1,54,576</u>

16. The present scheme has been very carefully considered in all its details, and it certainly is not more expensive than efficient and honest administration render necessary.* The Customs Revenue and Trade of the Presidency have largely increased of late years, and the cost of qualified and trustworthy agency has also arisen; yet, notwithstanding these circumstances, the entire Establishment now proposed in reality costs less by Rupees 15,044 yearly than that entertained two years ago.

	Per Annum
Revised Establishment, including Collector's and Deputy Collector's pay up to April 1863	1,52,029
Proposed do., including Collector's and Deputy Collector's present pay	1,54,576
Decrease	<u>15,044</u>

17. The necessary provision for the proposed Establishments has been made in the Budget for 1862-63, and I am directed to request the sanction of the Supreme Government for their entertainment from the 1st May next.

18. The requisite Tabular Statement is herewith submitted.

19. A separate report will be made hereafter on the Land Customs Establishment which is now being revised.

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(A true Extract.)

Lord Darnley
Secretary to the Government of India

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Government of the U.S.
of the United States to the
of Government dated 11th April 1869

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George Washington
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