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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from the Honorable C. PELLY, Member of the Board of Revenue, to A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Madras, 11th July 1862, No. 1,331 :—

SIR,

1. The subject of salaries of the Sub-Magistrates has come under my re-consideration in consequence of the Order of Government noted in the margin, and after communication with the collective Board I have resolved to submit my views, in which my colleagues entirely concur, for the consideration and orders of the Government.

30th May 1862, No. 869, Judicial Department.

2. When the revision of the Revenue Establishments was carried out, many Táluqs were considerably enlarged, and the charge of the Tahsíldárs proportionally increased. The offices of Peshkars, Deputy Tahsíldárs and Amíns of Police were abolished, and it was found necessary to supply the places of these men, and of the Tahsíldárs who had been absorbed, by men whose special duties would be magisterial, at places distant from the head quarters of the District, in some large towns, and in Zamíndáris.

3. This involved a large increase on the sum originally allotted for the new Revenue Establishments, and it was necessary to keep the salaries within the lowest limit, in order to intrench upon the sum allotted for the Police as little as possible.

4. As the men to be employed in this capacity were men of the ordinary class, and were not under the necessity of qualifying in any superior educational test, I considered the scale then recommended as sufficient. There were four scales of salary, viz., Rupees 85, Rupees 65, Rupees 50, and Rupees 35.

5. But by the Notification dated 30th May 1862, above alluded to, candidates for the office of Deputy Magistrates, Táluq Magistrates, and Sub-Magistrates (not employed in the public service previous to January 1859) are required to pass an examination in—

The Law of Evidence;
The Code of Criminal Procedure, and
Rules of Practice as laid down by the Foujdari Udalat.
The Indian Penal Code as illustrated by Mr. Mayne through the medium of the English language.

Persons in the public service since the 1st January 1859 are required to pass an examination, conducted through the medium of the Vernacular language,

In the Code of Criminal Procedure and Rules of Practice;
The Indian Penal Code, and
The Law of Evidence,

and further Revenue tests will soon be added.

6. In short, a superior and better educated class of men is required to occupy these important situations. It is reasonable that their salaries should be in proportion to their responsibilities and the work they will be expected to perform. It is the object of Government to do all they can to raise the tone of the men employed in the important posts in the Provinces; but though salary alone will not do this, it will materially aid in producing the desired effect.

7. These Sub-Magistrates are in the place of, and assistants to, Tahsíldárs: and they are the men to whom the Government must principally look for able, efficient, and honest Tahsíldárs.

Tahsíldárs' pay.

	Rs.
1st Class	250
2nd ,,	225
3rd ,,	200
4th ,,	175
5th ,,	150

8. The generality of their pay is 50 Rupees, there is a great difference between that and the rates of pay now given to Tahsíldárs.* The powers of these Sub-Magistrates are, or may be, equal fully to that of the Tahsíldár's in his magisterial capacity; and I think it will be a wise and expedient measure to raise their present scale of salary, if the Government are in a position to do so. But I would recommend that the salaries of the incumbents should not be raised until they have passed the examination test prescribed in the Notification, and are otherwise found qualified for the post they hold.

9. The pay I would fix at three rates: 100 Rupees, 70 Rupees, and 50 Rupees. The higher rates, as at present, to be given to those employed in important localities, as in Zamíndárís and large towns. The lower rate would be for small places, where a Magisterial officer and a Revenue assistant to the Tahsíldár, is found to be necessary, but where the work is light. The number employed, their salaries, and the proposed salaries, are as follows:—

Present.		*Proposed.*	
No.		No.	
17 @ 85 Rupees.....	1,445	47 @ 100 Rupees.....	4,700
30 ,, 65 ,, ...	1,950		
84 ,, 50 ,, ...	4,200	84 ,, 70 ,, ...	5,880
27 ,, 35 ,, ...	945	27 ,, 50 ,, ...	1,350
	8,340		11,930
Increase per month.....			3,390
Do. per year.....			40,680

10. Many of these Sub-Magistrates (not employed in Zamíndárís) perform revenue duties also under the orders of the Tahsíldárs; and those in the Zamíndárís do occasional Revenue duties, such as the collection of Income Tax, or the Mohturfa (where it existed). I believe it is in contemplation to designate the former by some Revenue title, as "Assistants to the Tahsíldár," in addition to their title of "Sub-Magistrate," which new designation, I think, it desirable to give them; they should, however, be looked on specially as magisterial officers, and consider magisterial duties as their most important functions.

11. If the Government are disposed to accede to this proposition, I propose to make the change in my Statement of Establishments returned for revision with the Order of Government, dated 3rd July 1862, No. 1,445.

ORDER THEREON, 3rd September 1862, No. 1,867.

1. The Government approve generally of the proposal contained in the foregoing letter, and accordingly authorize Mr. Pelly to enter the increased rates of salary proposed for Sub-Magistrates in the revised Tabular Statements now in course of preparation. Final orders will be given when those Statements are furnished.

2. In paragraph 10 Mr. Pelly moots the question of the title to be applied to Sub-Magistrates in their Revenue capacity. Wherever, as in a Zamíndári, a Sub-Magistrate has little or no Revenue work to perform, the present designation is sufficient, and his pay will next year after the revision come into the Budget under "Law and Justice." Other officers of this grade should be styled "Deputy Tahsíldárs" in their Revenue, and Sub-Magistrates in their Magisterial capacities, and they should be blended in the Budget with the Táluq Establishments of which they form an integral part. One-fifth of their charge will be debited as usual to the "Magisterial" head in the Budget.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) P. P. HUTCHINS,
Acting Deputy Secretary to Gove rnment.

To the Honorable C. Pelly.
,, Board of Revenue.
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Read the following letter from the Honorable C. Pelly Member of the Board of Revenue

Recommending a proposition to raise the Salaries of Sub Magistrates for the consideration and orders of Government.

(Herewith 11th July 1862 No. 1331)

It seems that we have reduced the No of Tahsildars by joining two Taluks together and are now obliged to supply the place of the Tahsildars by a deputy - the salaries of the Tahsildars were increased because they had more work thrown upon them & now we have to provide them with deputies at an increased rate - but the change seems for the better rather with reference to the performance of the Revenue & Magisterial duties of the Tahsildar, or be regarded as: 2 many - I doubt it -

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