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

No. 278. Read the following letter from the Honorable C. PELLY, Member of the Board of Revenue, to the Honorable T. PYCROFT, Chief Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Madras, 18th August 1862, No. 1,364:—

From Collector of Bellary, dated 25th June 1862.
Do. do. dated 30th „ „
Do. do. dated 17th „ „
Do. Collector of Trichinopoly, dated 6th August 1862.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to submit, for the consideration and orders of Government, applications from the Collectors of Bellary and Trichinopoly for additions to the account and Treasury Departments of their Establishments.

2. The Collector of Bellary first brought to my notice that the number of hands now allowed for the Departments above referred to, were inadequate for the labor that has devolved on them since the introduction of the system of payments on cheques drawn by the Military Paymaster, and requested authority for the entertainment of a Clerk on 40 Rupees, a Shroff on 15 Rupees, and a Gollah on 10 Rupees.

3. There being a large Military Cantonment in the District of Trichinopoly also, I requested the Collector of that District to state whether the work of his Treasury and Account Departments had increased on the same account. Mr. McDonell in answering this call explained the additional work thrown on his Department since its re-organization, and solicited permission for the entertainment of the hands noted in the margin, and also for an addition of three hands in the English Department. I have carefully considered the subject, and I am of opinion that some additional help is necessary, not only in the two Districts named, but also in the other Districts, in consequence of the extra work that has devolved on the Treasury and Account Departments by the introduction of the system of payments on cheques to the Military Commissariat and Public Works Departments. The introduction of the new Stamp Act has also materially increased the labor of the Treasury Department, as much work in connection with the arrangement, and issue of Stamps, Adhesive Stamps, &c., has been added to it. Under these circumstances I have the honor to request that the sanction of Government may be accorded for the entertainment, in the Treasury Department, of an additional Accountant on 20 Rupees, and a Shroff on 15 Rupees a month, in the two Districts of Bellary and Trichinopoly; and an Accountant only, on 20 Rupees, in all other Districts.

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1 Vernacular Accountant	15
1 Shroff	10

4. In respect to the request of the Collector of Trichinopoly for an addition of three hands in the English Department, I beg to observe that in the revision of the Establishments a less number of English Accountants was allowed to Trichinopoly than to other Districts, as it is a small District, and more especially because the late Collector reported that more were not required. I fear however that the English Accountants' work is not much lighter in Trichinopoly than in other Districts, there has been much increase of work since the Establishments were granted by many changes in the Account Department, and it is very desirable, to prevent delay in rendering the required accounts to the Presidency and Government of India, that this part of the Establishment should not be crippled; but on the other hand there is neither Sea Customs or Salt Departments to be attended to. I would however beg to recommend that the request of the Collector, who complains strongly of the insufficiency of the Establishment, may be acceded to, to the extent of two extra Accountants on 20 and 15 Rupees.

5. In paragraph 4 of their Proceedings, dated 7th August No. 5,138, the Board of Revenue have requested the sanction of Government for the permanent employment of an Attender in the English Department on 7 Rupees a month by the Collector of Malabar. The early sanction of Government for this addition also is solicited.

6. My letter of 11th July 1862, proposing increase to the salaries of Sub-Magistrates requires the early orders of Government.

7. On the receipt of the orders of Government to the references I have made I will complete and submit the revised list of Establishments called for in the order of Government dated 3rd July 1862, No. 1,445.

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

No. 279. ORDER THEREON, 15th September 1862, No. 1,993.

1. In this letter Mr. Pelly recommends certain additions to be made to the Establishments in the Account and Treasury Departments of the several Collectorates.

2. Payments are now made from the Collectors' Treasuries to the Military, Commissariat and Public Works Departments, on cheques drawn by the Officers of those Departments, instead of, as heretofore, from separate cash chests. This system has been introduced since the present Establishments received sanction, and, together with the increased demand for Stamps under the new Stamp Act, has added largely to the labor devolving on the Treasury servants.

3. To meet this extra work Mr. Pelly recommends the entertainment of an additional Accountant on 20 Rupees a month in each District. Some addition to the Treasury Establishments is clearly necessary, and Mr. Pelly's proposition seems moderate and is therefore sanctioned.

4. In the two Districts of Bellary and Trichinopoly, where there are large Military Cantonments, the extra work devolving on the Civil Treasuries in consequence of the system of payments on cheques drawn by the Military Paymasters and Commissariat Officers, is particularly heavy. Mr. Pelly would therefore allow an extra Shroff on 15 Rupees, besides an Accountant, in those two Districts. The Government sanction this recommendation also.

5. The cheque system having now been introduced for all the Departments, it is worthy of consideration whether it would not greatly facilitate operations, if the Treasuries were adapted, like Banks, to carry out, by means of counters, and other arrangements, such cheque payments. The Board will be so good as to ascertain how far such a plan would be practicable, submitting their opinion for the final decision of Government.

6. In Trichinopoly the Account Department is said to be over-worked no less than the Treasury. In submitting his original scheme of revised Establishments Mr. Pelly drew attention to a suggestion made by Mr. Bird, then Collector of Trichinopoly, that three out of the seven English Accountants might be dispensed with in his District. Mr. Pelly appears to have given this proposal his support, but the Government under a misapprehension recorded a remark that "Mr. Pelly would make no change," and that they coincided in his opinion. But notwithstanding, three of the Clerks seem to have been abolished, and the present Collector now requests that they may be restored.

7. Mr. Pelly considers it very desirable that some increase should be made to the present inadequate Establishment, but looking to the small size of the District, and the absence of any work on account of Salt or Sea Customs, he is of opinion that two extra Accountants on 20 and 15 Rupees will be sufficient. The Government do not appear ever to have authorized the reduction formerly made, but under the circumstances now brought to their notice they sanction the addition of two Clerks as recommended.

8. The other questions referred to in paragraphs 5 and 6 of the foregoing letter have been separately disposed of,* and there is now no reason why the submission of the revised Statement should be any longer delayed.

* G. O. No. 1,800, dated 23rd August 1862.
G. O. No. 1,867, „ 3rd September 1862.

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

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Revenue Department

No. 1993.

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 18th October 1862.

Read the following letter from the Honble C. Pelly Member of the Board of Revenue.

Submitting with his recommendation applications from the Collectors of Bellary and Trichinopoly for some additions to the Accountant and Treasury Departments of their Establishments. —

(Here enter 18th August 1862 No. 1364)

In this letter Mr. Pelly recommends certain additions to be made to the establishments in the Accountant's and Treasury Departments of the several Collectorates. —

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system has been introduced since the present establishments received sanction, and together with the increased demand for Stamps under the new Stamp Act, has added largely to the labor devolving on the Treasury servants.

3. To meet this ~~extra addition~~ Over this account Mr. Pelly recommends the entertainment of an additional accountant on 20 Rs a month in each District. Same addition to the Treasury Establishments is clearly necessary, and Mr. Pelly's proposition seems moderate and is therefore sanctioned.

4. In the two Districts of Bellary and Trichinopoly, where there are large Military Cantonments, the extra work devolving on the Civil treasuries in consequence of the system of payments on cheques drawn by the Military Paymasters and Commissariat officers, is particularly heavy. ~~For this consideration of this~~ Mr. Pelly would therefore allow an extra Shroff on 15 Rs, besides an accountant, in those two Districts. The Government sanction this recommendation also.

When a Check Money is paid on Cheques would it not greatly facilitate operations if the Treasuries were adapted like Banks to carry out by means of Counters and other arrangements such Cheque payments. The Board will be so good as to ascertain how far such a plan would be practicable, submitting their opinion for the final decision of Government

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7. The other questions referred to in para 5 and 6 of the foregoing letter have been separately disposed of, & there is now no reason why the submission of the revised statement should be longer delayed.

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Additions to the Estabts in the Accountant Treasury Deptts of the several Collectorates

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Passing orders on Mr Pelly's letter recommending certain additions to the establishments in the Account and Treasury Deptts of the several Collectorates.

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