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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 5A — Press Mis.,

10A—10B

Dated 4 — 1 — 1862.

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No. 10A. Read the following letter from G. S. FORBES, Esq., Collector of Ganjam, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Chetterpoor, 24th December 1861, No. 337 :—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to request the special attention of Government to the accompanying letter from my Acting Principal Assistant, having reference to the proposed transfer of Pensioners to the charge of Collectors for the disbursement of their pensions and discharge of other necessary duties in connection with them.

2. I have received from the Officer in charge of Pensioners at Berhampoor an application similar to that addressed to Mr. Hooper by Captain Miller, and shall endeavour to meet the orders of Government as well as I can, the Pensioners being less numerous than at Chicacole. It is, however, quite impossible that the Principal Assistant with his present establishment and duties can undertake the charge of the Chicacole Pensioners who number, including family certificate holders, 1,700 persons, and receive in the aggregate to 12,000 Rupees monthly. Hitherto it has been found necessary to employ an Officer and special Establishment in this duty, and Mr. Hooper states that the work occupies at least eleven days in every month. The case will, therefore, speak for itself, and I earnestly recommend the continuance of the present arrangement.

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From W. S. HOOPER, Esq., Principal Assistant Collector of Ganjam, to G. S. FORBES, Esq., Collector of Ganjam, dated Chicacole, 20th December 1861.

SIR,

1. Captain Miller in charge of Pensioners at this station has just shown me a Circular letter from the Superintendent of Pensions and of Family Payments, ordering him to deliver over charge of the Office, and of all records, documents, deposits, &c., connected with the same together with the balance of cash to the Civil authorities. I would strongly protest against this arrangement on many grounds. The average number of Pensioners at Chicacole is 1,400 and of family remittance holders 300. The amount disbursed monthly is Rupees 12,000. These figures are sufficient to show the amount of work involved in superintending the work. Captain Miller is employed ten full days with his Establishment in making payments alone. There is no provision made either in this office or in that of the Chicacole Tahsíldár for looking after the details, nor is there any one in either office who is acquainted with these details.

2. The notice given of the transfer to Captain Miller is just eleven days while I have received no orders on the subject at all, and I am about to start on a tour of duty in the northern portion of the District. My work necessarily calls me frequently from Chicacole, and I could not, therefore, undertake the responsibility of disbursing so large an amount. I think it would be unfair on Mr. Thompson, who is new as a Tahsíldár, and has already almost more work than he can perform to throw the whole responsibility on him. He must either sacrifice a large portion of his time to superintending the payments himself or he must leave it all to Clerks appointed for the purpose, and there will then be no check to peculation and fraud. The Pensioners and their families constitute a very important and influential portion of the population of Chicacole. They are at present suffering considerably from the extraordinarily high price of food, and if to this is added uncertainty or delay in obtaining their pensions, I should anticipate disturbances which late occurrences have given us warning that it would not take much to produce.

3. I, therefore, request that you will take such steps as you may think fit to inform Government of the strong objections which exist to the transfer, and to induce them to sanction the continuance of present arrangements.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) G. S. FORBES, *Collector.*

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
4th January 1862.

No. 10B. ORDER THEREON, 4th January 1862, No. 5A.

Mr. Pelly is requested to state immediately whether the revised Establishments for the Principal Assistant and Tahsíldár at Chicacole can undertake the proposed duties, and if not, the probable amount of assistance required.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

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Mr Pelly is expected to state in me. Dately he Letter the revised estab. lishment to for the Principal Asst & Tahtilder at Chicoutimi can undertake the fulfilled Duties & if not, the fulfilled the amounts & acts is Dance required

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To, Gaspe
The Secretary to
Government
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Enclosed
Submits copy of letter from Mr Booker regarding the proposed transfer of the Pensioners and recommends the continuance of the present arrangement

From Pelly Esq dated 4 Jany /62
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