

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
23rd June 1863.*

No. 365. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 28th May 1863:—
Read the following letters from the Collector of Madras, dated 12th and 15th May 1863,
Nos. 162 and 169.

(In Cons. 13th and 15th May 1863, Nos. 2,916 and 2,991.)

1. Ordered to be submitted to Government with the Board's recommendation that the temporary Establishment estimated to cost Rupees 152 per mensem be sanctioned for the remainder of the current official year.
2. The District Budget passed by Government contains a provision of Rupees 4,000 for extra temporary Establishment. This Establishment will be included in the District general estimate of temporary Establishment.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

From the Honorable R. S. ELLIS, c.B., Collector of Madras, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq.,
Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Saidapet, 12th May 1863, No. 162.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to report that the Deputy Collector T. Dhurmaroya Mudeliar, appointed for special duty for the revision of assessment, joined the District on the 27th ultimo, and he is now engaged in acquainting himself with the correspondence and other records connected with the duty assigned to him.

2. The several points to which his attention has been directed are, 1st, the abolition of the second crop assessment on Nunjah lands; 2nd, the reduction of the higher rates of assessment on Nunjah lands according to the scale sanctioned by the Board in their Proceedings dated the 16th December 1862, No. 960; 3rd, the conversion of the Manavari Nunjah lands into those of Punjab of the corresponding classes; 4th, the lowering of the Nunjah rates into those of Punjab on those lands which are unprovided with means of irrigation; and 5th, the transfer of such Manavari and Punjab lands as have been converted into *boná náe* Nunjah, to the head of Nunjah in the accounts.

3. A revision of assessment is also urgently required in such of those villages which have been at various times transferred from the North Arcot District, which have not received the benefit of the revision of assessment which has taken place in the North Arcot District. These villages may, I suggest, be assessed upon the same principles on which the revision was carried out in the District to which they originally belonged.

4. On the completion of the reforms above alluded to, the A Register will be accurately and fully prepared.

5. While making the reductions required, I propose providing a cess of 1 Anna per Cawny on account of Local Fund.

6. Measures will also be adopted for the settlement of the twenty-five *Amani* villages, as directed by the Board in their Proceedings, dated the 12th December 1862.

7. The necessity for an adequate extra Establishment for the prompt execution of this important work, has been recognized by Government. The sum, however, of Rupees 510 placed at the disposal of the Collector on this account in their Order, dated the 21st December 1859, No. 1,733, was intended for the revision of Mr. Smalley's 143 villages only. The revision of assessment which will now take place under present sanction, is on an enlarged scale, extending to the whole of the District. Vide paragraph 2, G. O. 22nd November 1862, No. 2,463.

8. I beg, therefore, to submit for the Board's sanction a revised list of the Establishment required for the work:—

Proposed Establishment.				Per mensem.
				Rupees
1 English Writer or Head Gumashta	...	...	...	45
3 Assistants at 15 Rupees each	...	...	...	7
1 Moothee	...	...	...	5
1 Sweeper	...	...	...	48
4 Azmaishdars at 12 Rupees each	...	...	...	12
2 Peons at 6 Rupees each	...	...	...	12
				Rupees... 152

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The four Azmaishdars will not be employed all at once in Azmaish work, but occasionally, whenever Talook aid for inspection of fields is not conveniently obtained. They will be more frequently used also as Accountants in the Office.

9. The Board are aware that the present Talook Establishments are fully occupied, and I think it will be advantageous that the Tahsildars should not be deprived of the services of their subordinates. Such an arrangement would seriously interfere with the current duties required of them, and would delay the execution of the revision of assessment which is most urgently required in the District.

10. As soon as the revision of a Talook has been completed, I shall be able to report to the Board of Revenue the probable time which will be required to complete the whole work. The period during which the extra Establishment will be required, will, however, I think greatly depend upon the Deputy Collector being allowed from the commencement of his work, an efficient Establishment.

From the Honorable R. S. ELLIS, C.B., Collector of Madras, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq.,
Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Madras, dated Saidapet, 15th May 1863, No. 169.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to report that no provision has been made in the Budget of the current year for the extra Establishment proposed in my letter, dated 12th May 1863.

2. There is a sum of Rupees 600 entered in the Budget for the survey of Amani villages, none of which has been expended, and which is available to meet a portion of the proposed expenditure for the Establishment of the Deputy Collector on special duty.

(True Copies.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON *Secretary.*

No. 366.

ORDER THEREON, 23rd June 1863, No. 1,107.

1. On further consideration the Government resolve to restrict present operations to the second of the objects noted in paragraph 2 of G. O. 22nd November last, No. 2,163.

2. Mr. Ellis will consider and report how far the existing numerous rates of assessment can be reduced, submitting Statements showing the area cultivated and waste under each rate.

3. The proposed Establishment is sanctioned. The Director of Revenue Settlement will probably be able to spare the services of experienced hands.

(Signed.) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

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