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Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 28th July 1863.

No. 496. Read the following letter from Honorable C. PELLY, Member of the Board of Revenue, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 20th July 1863, No. 1,582 :—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Order of Government, dated 17th July, No. 1,313, granting authority for separating again the new Talook of Nursipatam in the Vizagapatam District. In this Order the Government have sanctioned an Establishment for each of he two Talooks considerably less than the Establishment I had the honor to recommend. As the Government are evidently under a misconception of the motives which led me to recommend the Establishment usually allowed for a Talook, I venture to hope that with further explanation they may be induced to re-consider and modify the Order, as I much fear that the work of the Talook cannot be properly conducted with the small number of hands allowed by Government. I beg to assure the Government that it was not "merely for the sake of uniformity" that I proposed the Establishment mentioned in my letter of 22nd June, but because such Establishment, after much careful enquiry have been found necessary for the proper performance of the duties to be done. With the permission of Government I will note the items which I think are deficient in the scale ordered by Government.

FIRST, TAHSILDAR.—For each of these officers I had recommended the lowest scale of pay now allowed for this class of officials (the Madras Tahsildar excepted), viz., 150 Rupees. I did this in accordance with the orders of Government, under date the 11th April 1860, No 556, paragraphs 9—11. The Government, it will be observed, were then of opinion that even 120 *Rupees*, the lowest rate at first proposed by me, was "too low for an Officer in the important position of Tahsildar," and accordingly they fixed the minimum rate at 150 Rupees. There is nothing peculiar in the two Talooks of Vizagapatam to make it a reason for departing from this principle which has been adopted in the revision of the Talook Establishments. And it must be further remembered that even a subordinate grade, viz., Deputy Tahsildars and Sub-Magistrates, are now receiving 100 Rupees, and in some exceptional cases even 150 Rupees. I therefore think that the case of the Vizagapatam Tahsildars deserves the re-consideration of Government.

SECOND, SHERISTADARS.—There are three grades of salary fixed for this important office, viz., Rupees 55, 50 and 45, and considering the rates now given to Sub-Magistrates, which Office the Sheristadar also holds, and the nature of his Revenue duties, I am of opinion that in the case of these two Talooks an exception should not be made, nor that the pay of the Sheristadars be reduced below the lowest rate.

THIRD, GUMASHTAS.—The number of Gumashtas that on due consideration was found requisite for the work of a Talook, was eight in addition to the Sheristadar. The duties of each were defined in the Memorandum, dated 29th September 1859, paragraph 23, which accompanied my letter to Government of that date, No. 36. I do not see how the work of the Tahsildar's Cutcherry can be adequately and properly performed with an allowance of only three Gumashtas. Previous to revision there were six Gumashtas besides six Karkoons in the Survasiddy Talook and four Gumashtas and five Karkoons in the Golcondah Talook in all twelve, against five and nine against five respectively, as now proposed by Government.

Systematic arrangement has been aimed at in all my arrangements; but uniformity has frequently been given up on sufficient grounds being adduced for departing from the standard scale. In the Neilgherry Talook, for instance, six Gumashtas were deemed sufficient, and may be found to be enough in these two small Talooks, but three Gumashtas will not I am satisfied be a proper complement.

FOURTH, PEONS—I am afraid that the number of Peons asked for by the Collector may eventually be found too few. Each of the Talooks will have two Revenue Inspectors which may suffice and they will each require a Peon: thus leaving at the disposal of the Tahsildar of Gol-

condah thirteen Peons, and of Survasiddy ten only, for all the Talook duties. The number at their disposal previous to the revision for *Revenue* and *Police* duties was 59 and 63 respectively for each Talook.

FIFTH, LAMP LIGHTER AND SWEEPER.—Two of these menials were allowed to every Talook for various menial duties and to allow of one being absent with the Tahsildar when on circuit.

2. With the foregoing explanation I would beg to submit the following modified scheme of the Establishment proposed by Government; in order to meet their views I have reduced that originally recommended by one as far as I consider it prudent to do; and trust that I shall be excused for detaining the Order until I receive further instructions from Government on the subject.

	Golcondah.				Survasiddy.			
	Proposed by Government.		Recommended now by Mr. Pelly.		Proposed by Government.		Recommended now by Mr. Pelly.	
	No.	Rs.	No.	Rs.	No.	Rs.	No.	Rs.
Tahsildar...	1	100	1	150	1	100	1	150
Sheristadar	1	40	1	45	1	40	1	45
Gumashta...	1	20	1	20	1	20	1	20
Do.	1	15	2	30	1	15	2	30
Do.	1	12	3	36	1	12	3	36
Shroff	1	10	1	10	1	10	1	10
Inspector...	1	20	1	20	1	20	1	20
Do.	1	17	1	17	1	17	1	17
Duffadar...	1	8	1	8	1	8	1	8
Peons at 6 Rupees	15	90	15	90	12	72	15	90
Sweeper and Lamp lighter ...	1	5	2	10	1	6	2	10
	25	337	29	436	23	319	29	436

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ORDER THEREON, 28th July 1863, No. 1,398.

Forwarded to the Acting Collector for early report. The Government were very much guided in their previous Order by the recommendations of the local Officers.

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To the Honorable C. Pelly.
" Board of Revenue.
" Acting Collector of Vizagapatam.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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From

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Member of the

Board of Revenue

To

The Right

Honble

Secretary to Govt

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From Collr of Vizagapatam
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Fort St. George
28th July 1863.

4 Copies to the Hon.ble the Duty Govr &c.
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Dt 29th July