

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
5th February 1863.*

Read the following papers:—

No. 62. From Captain R. H. BEDDOME, Officiating Conservator of Forests, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Camp, Ootacamund, 30th December 1862, No. 328.

SIR,

With reference to the Government Order No. 2,657 of the 23rd of December 1862, I have the honor to inform you that there is employment in the Forest Department for six Officers, viz.:—

Conservator of Forests...	1
1st Class Assistant...	1
Assistant in charge of Mudumally and the Sandal-wood Forests of Segur...	1
Assistant in charge of the Annamallays...	1
Do. in charge of the Wainád and Hunsur...	1
Do. in charge of the Salem District...	1
Total.....	6

No. 63. From Major F. J. B. PRIESTLEY, Superintendent Revenue Survey, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Chepauk, 6th January 1863, No. 14/2.

SIR,

1. In obedience to the Order of Government, dated 23rd December 1862, I have the honor to state that in the event of the salaries of Military Officers and Members of the Uncovenanted Civil Service in this Department being equalized, I am of opinion that the posts of Deputy Superintendent Revenue Survey and Assistant Superintendent Revenue Survey, of both grades may be expediently filled by Officers of the Staff Corps.

2. I append a list of the present Establishment distinguishing the service to which each Officer belongs.

List of Officers in the Survey Department.

Office.	Name.	Service.
Superintendent Revenue Survey.	Major F. J. B. Priestley.	Staff Corps.
Dy. Supt. Rev. Survey.	Captain W. Hessey.....	Staff Corps.
Do.	Major W. Crewe.....	Do.
Do.	Captain R. Pratt.....	69th Foot.
Do.	F. Puckle, Esq.....	U. C. Service.
Do.	Captain W. Barber.....	33rd N. I.
1st Asst. Supt. Rev. Survey.	W. Beaumont, Esq.....	U. C. Service.
Do.	J. Wright, Esq.....	Do.
Do.	Lieutenant C. Short.....	Staff Corps.
Do.	H. Cardozo, Esq.....	U. C. Service.
Do.	Lieutenant H. Wynch.....	31st N. I.
Asst. Supt. Rev. Survey.	H. Dunsford, Esq.....	U. C. Service.
Do.	T. Tomlinson, Esq.....	Do.
Do.	H. Gompertz, Esq.....	Do.
Do.	J. J. Tomlinson Esq.....	Do.
Do.	Lieutenant F. Pavy.....	74th Highlanders.
Do.	T. Gordon, Esq.....	U. C. Service.
Do.	Lieutenant C. Baynes.....	Staff Corps.
Do. Acting	Lieutenant Clay.....	Do.
Uncovenanted Service.....		9
Military Officers, ten, viz., Staff Corps.....		6
H. M. B. Forces... 2		
Local Army.....		2

Revenue Survey Office,
Chepauk,
6th January 1863.

(Signed.) F. J. B. PRIESTLEY,
Superintendent Revenue Survey.

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No. 64. From R. E. MASTER, Esq., Officiating Director of Revenue Settlement, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 7th January 1863, No. 18/2.

SIR,

1. In reply to the Order of Government, dated 23rd December 1862, No. 2,657, calling on me to report the number and classes of Offices, in my Department which may be expediently filled by Officers of the Madras Staff Corps, I have the honor to state that at present only two Staff Corps Officers* are employed in the Department, in addition to one Regimental Officer of the rank of Captain. In paragraph 21 of my letter to the Board of Revenue of the 30th April 1862, No. 571, submitting the revised estimates of the total cost of the operations of the Department, I allowed for the future employment of three Captains and three Lieutenants, and with reference to the rule by which the whole of the allowances of a Staff Corps Officer in Civil employ are debited to the Department in which he is serving, I assumed, in order to be on the safe side, that all six would belong to the Staff Corps. The extra expense involved in the employment of Military Officers has to a certain extent hitherto limited the number so employed, but all difference between the cost of Military and Uncovenanted Officers will cease on the establishment of the proposed system of consolidated salaries for Civil Staff appointments, to be paid without reference to the service to which the incumbents may belong.

2. The offices held in this Department by Military Officers are those of Assistant Directors of Revenue Settlement, and the number to be entertained hereafter must depend on the number of Settlement parties which the Government may from time to time decide on organizing. I gather from the present order that the object which the Government have in view is to fix the future permanent strength of the Staff Corps, and if so, looking to the temporary nature of the Settlement Department and to the fluctuations in the strength of its establishments which may from time to time be ordered, I do not think it will be safe to undertake to provide appointments for a large number of Officers. At the strength at which we are now working two Captains and two Lieutenants may be conveniently employed. Under a system of consolidated salaries, it will probably not be worth the while of a Staff Corps Major to hold the office of Assistant Director of Revenue Settlement.

No. 65. From W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Madras, 21st January 1863.

SIR,

1. In reply to the Government Order dated 23rd December 1862, No. 2,637, calling on the Board to furnish the information required by Government in the Military Department as to the number and class of offices in the Revenue Department which may expediently be filled by Officers of the Madras Staff Corps, I am directed by the Board of Revenue in submitting the accompanying list of Officers now so employed to state that in their opinion no difficulty is likely in future to be found in filling the posts of Principal and Senior Assistant in the Ganjam and Vizagapatam Districts from the ranks of the Covenanted Civil Service, and that in fairness to that service they should be so filled, and not given to Members of the Staff Corps except in cases of urgent necessity.

2. The case of the Assistant Agent in the Jeypoor country is perhaps exceptional.

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List of Military Officers employed in the Revenue and Magisterial Departments.

District.	Station.	Rank and Name.	Office.	Pay.	Remarks.
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Ganjam		Captain H. L. Grove.	Acting Principal Assistant.	233 5 4	Deputation allowance.
		Capt. T. G. M. Lane.	Senior Assistant...	558 5 4	
		Lieutenant R. C. A. Marshall	Acting Assistant...	810 5 4	
Vizagapatam.		Captain U. G. Owen.	Senior Assistant...	558 5 4	Superintendent of Dredging operations invested with Magisterial powers.
		Lieutenant J. M. Smith.....	Assistant Agent...	558 5 4	
Madura.....	Paumben	Captain F. G. Hankin.	Joint Magistrate...	0 0 0	Doing the duties of Assistant Magistrate on the Hills.
	Coimbatore.....	P. W. D.			
		Major W. H. Wapshare, Judicial.....	Do.	* 378 4 6	

(Signed.) W. HUDLESTON, Secretary.

No. 66. ORDER THEREON, 5th February 1863, No. 253.

1. The Governor in Council proceeds to pass orders on the subject of the number of offices in the undermentioned Departments which can expediently be filled by Members of the Madras Staff Corps in future.

2. *Forest Conservancy.*—The Acting Conservator wishes all the higher appointments in this Department (six in number) to be filled from the Staff Corps. There is nothing in the duties of this Department for which a Military Officer is specially qualified, and the Government see no occasion for any addition being made to the Staff Corps specially for it.

3. *Survey.*—Major Priestley enters in his list all the Deputies and Assistants of his Department, in the event of the salaries of Military and non-Military members being equalized. The Government observe that two of his parties are now commanded with equal efficiency and greater economy by Uncovenanted Officers, and there is certainly nothing in a Surveyor's duty requiring that the holder should be a Commissioned Officer. No doubt Major Priestley has had great difficulty in getting competent Uncovenanted agency; but the surest way of perpetuating this difficulty is to close the door to the promotion of such persons. Moreover, (and this applies to the employment of Military Officers in all Civil Departments) Military Officers are liable to be called away on emergency to do Military duty, and thus the Survey on which they are engaged may be stopped altogether. The most cogent reason however against providing for the Survey in the future Staff Corps is that the Department is a temporary one, and must ere long cease.

4. *Settlement.*—There are but two Staff Corps Officers in this Department. There is nothing in its work at all of a Military character, and it is certainly "temporary."

5. *Indam Commission.*—No Officers are employed in this Department, and it will be closed in a year.

6. *Revenue Department.*—Five Officers are employed in the two Districts of Ganjam and Vizagapatam. The Board remark that "no difficulty is likely in future to be found in filling the posts of Principal and Senior Assistant in the Ganjam and Vizagapatam Districts from the ranks of the Covenanted Civil Service, and that in fairness to that service they should be so filled." They add that "the case of the Assistant Agent in the Jeypore country is perhaps exceptional."

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7. The Government agree with the Board of Revenue. The Civil Service is now being yearly recruited, and as many of the present members have gained and all future members will gain their appointments by competition, will undergo a preliminary training in England, pass in two languages and two other tests, in this country, and must be paid whether employed or not, the Government cannot in justice to them or with due regard to economy increase the Staff Corps for the purpose of filling these appointments.

8. Under the circumstances above stated the Government are of opinion that no additions need be made to the strength of the *future* Staff Corps of this Presidency for any of the Departments mentioned above.

(Signed.) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

List of Military Officers employed in the Revenue and Magisterial Departments.

District.	Station.	Rank and name.	Office.	Pay.	Remarks.
Greenham		Captain H. D. Grove	By Bill of Fare	\$23 - 5 - 4	Deputation at
		Captain J. G. M. Lane	General pay	\$53 - 5 - 4	
		Quartermaster W. C. A. Marshall	By Dr.	\$10 - 5 - 4	
Wagonsham		Captain W. G. Owen	General pay	\$53 - 5 - 4	
		Quartermaster J. M. Smith	General pay	\$53 - 5 - 4	
Madison	Greenham	Captain F. G. Hankin	Joint Magistrate		Subsequent payment of the same in next bill will be made.
	Greenham	Major W. R. Wapshaw	By Dr.	\$38 - 4 - 6	During the absence of the Magistrate on the 1st of June 1861.

Secretary.

Set of Military Officers
employed in the Revenue
& Magistrate Departments.

Dec 19/99

Enclosed with the form
the Secretary to the Home
of the Govt to the Secretary
Government of Madras
No 10.

I concur in the views - It had occurred to me that
posts in the Survey Dept might with advantage be
reserved for Officers from the Staff Corps possessing the
necessary descriptive qualifications - but as the Survey will
not last long it seems unnecessary to add to the Staff Corps
in its present -

In addition need be made to the Staff Corps but the question is as to the actual
strength required. I quite agree in the opinion expressed that the Staff Corps as proposed
will be but the conventional service under another measure & with lower qualifications. I agree
service in the Army & some ordinary task is hardly sufficient to form a mean column of the
an appointment to the Staff Corps
needed to any civil Staff Corps
the War is an exception here
should wish to see more but
military men.

[Signature]

I concur in the
views -

In lg O. 17th Dec^r
last. Military Dept^r No 4309
a reference was made to the
Revenue and other Civil
Departments to ascertain
what number and classes
of Officers in those Depart-
ments may be expediently
filled by Officers of the
Madras Staff Corps the
object of the reference being
"to enable Govt to determine
the future aggregate strength
of the Staff Corps of this
Presidency."

The Staff Corps as
directed by the Secretary
of State is to be "strictly
limited, with a due
allowance

Revenue &

allowance for furlough
and sick leave to the
number of appointments
which the Govt. of India
require to be filled by
Officers of that Corps."

I understand this
to mean that the Govt.
are to consider what
offices in the Rev. Dept.
can be better filled by
Staff Corps officers
than by either the
Commanced or the
Uncommanced Service.

One objection
always strongly
urged against the
Commanced Service
is that the Govern-
ment are there-
by saddled
with a body of
men

men for each and
all of whom
employment must
be found in some
shape or other
without the
certainty
possibility of
always obtaining
the special qualifi-
cation which
might be procured
by unfettered se-
lection. The
Staff Corps, I
take it, will in this
respect be a Comman-
ced Service practically,
under a different
designation

designation - and I
presume therefore that
its permanent forma-
tion on a scale to
admit of its members
performing duties which
can be as well performed
by other existing services
or by drawing on the un-
employed market is to be
avoided -

Acting on this
principle I do not see
any office in the
Rec: Dept^t requiring a
permanent addition to
the Staff Corps -

I will briefly
notice each Dept^t

I. Forest. The Con-
servator wishes
all the higher appoint-
ments in number
filled from the
Staff

Staff Corps - I do not see
any thing in the Dept^t
for which a Military
man is better qualified
than any one else. One
effect of the system
is that ^{for} at present is
in one case paying an
Assistant more than
the Conservator - and
if the Government dis-
penses with his ser-
vices, a large portion
of that pay must be
paid for no work. The
special knowledge
necessary is Forestry
with a modicum of
Botany - and the pre-
sent permanent head
of the Department was
Medical Officer - I do
not see any occasion
for any addition being
made

1. The present permanent
head of the Dept^t is a
Medical Officer -

There is nothing
in the Dept^t for
which a Military
man is better
qualified than
any one else.

made to the Staff Corps
specially for this Dept.
Survey. Major Priestley
puts down all the
Deputy and Assistants
of his Department.
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and greater economy
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ficer. No doubt Major
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great difficulty in
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unexperienced agency.
but the surest way
of perpetuating this
difficulty is to close
the

moreover, and this appears
to be employment of military
officers in all civil Dept's
they are taken to be called
away on emergency to
do military duty - and
thus the survey on
which they are engaged
may be stopped
altogether

the door to promotion.
there never will be
any supply when
the demand is stopped.
a more cogent reason
however against pro-
viding for the survey
in the future staff
corps is that the
Department is a
temporary one and
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are now two Staff
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this Department.
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closed in a year.

Rev. Depart. - Five
Officers are employed
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Ganyam and Vizaga-
patnam. The Board
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future to be found
in filling the posts
of Principal and
Senior Assistant in
the Ganyam and
Vizagapatnam Districts
from the ranks
of the Covenanted
Civil Service and
that in fairness -
to

Lyons concern this
MD
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Councillors.	2.
High Court.	3.
Rev. Board.	3.
Account Dept.	3.
Secretaries to Govt. & Dep ^{ies}	4.
— 3 ^d — to Bd —	2.
Inspector of jails —	1.?
— 2 ^d — Police —	1.
Registrar & Dep ^{ies} of Sudr —	2.?
C. & S. Judges —	22.
Sub & Small Cause Judges —	12.
Inspt. Genl. Salt —	1.
Collectors —	20.
Sub Collrs —	16.
Head Apts —	19.
Junior do —	20.
	131.

The full agree with
the Bd. of the
Civil Service in
being yearly

to that service they
should be so filled".
They add that "the
case of the Assistant
Agent in the Jeypoor
country is perhaps ex-
ceptional".

I give in the
margin a rough list
of the appointments on
which as a maximum
the Covenanted may
reckon with some con-
fidence though several
of these are I
think doubtful. I have
not added the settlement,
as it is only temporary.
~~but~~ These appoint-
ments are only 131
in number while the
service now is 153 -
and more men are
yearly

yearly coming out - as
these men have ~~now~~
their appointments
by competition - under-
gone a preliminary
training at home -
must pass in 2 lan-
guages and 2 other
tests here - and, any-
how must be em-
ployed, I do not see
how in fairness to
them or with due re-
gard to economy the
Govt. can swell the
staff corps for the
purpose of filling
these appointments.

I think too that the
Deputy Col^l grade
have strong claims
on

on the Govt. when
Covenanted appoint-
ments are going a-
begging.

If the Govt.
approve of these
views the answer
to the Military refer-
ence will be that
no additions need
be made to the strength
of the future staff
corps of this Pre-
sidency for any
of the Depts. above
mentioned.

Of course em-
ployment will be
found as hitherto
for unemployed mem-
bers of the existing
staff

Staff Corps as far
as circumstances ^{permit.} as
a measure of econo-
my.

Order Requested

J. R. S.

No. 253-

Proceedings of the Madras Government
under date the 5th ^{Feb.} January 1863-

Read the following papers-

From the officiating Con-
servator of Forests-

Forwarding the num-
ber of officers that can be
employed in the Forest De-
partment out of the Staff
Corps.-

(Here enter 30th Decr/62
No. 328)

From the Superintendent of
Revenue Survey-

Affording the in-
formation called for in
S.O. dated 23rd December last
No. 2657-

(Here enter 6th January
1863 No. 14th 2)

From the offg. Director of
Revenue Settlement-

Stating in reply to Pro:
of 23rd ultimo No. 2657, that
at the strength at which the
Settlement parties are now
working 2 Captains and 2
Lieutenants of the Staff Corps
may be conveniently employ-
ed in the Department, and
that for reasons given it is
would not be safe to pro-
vide appointments for a
large number of officers.-

(Here enter 10th Jan
1863 No. 18th 2)

From the Secretary to the
Board of Revenue,

Submitting a list
of Military officers em-
ployed in the Revenue
and Magisterial depart-
ments and observing that
in future no difficulty will
be found in filling the
posts of Principal and Senior
Assistants in the Sangam and Vi-
lagapattam districts from
the ranks of the Covenanted
Civil Service.

(Here enter 21st Jan
1863 No 1)

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and Vixagapattam. The
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Sanjam

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for the purpose of filling
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Under the circumstances
above stated the Staff
are of opinion that no
additions need be made
to the strength of the
future Staff corps of
this Presidency for any
of the Department's mun-
itions at me.

J. D. S.

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D^y 5th February 1863.

Reports of certain
Heads of Departments
regarding the several ap-
pointments that can be
held by Staff Officers
in their respective Deptts,
received.

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