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No. 170. Read the following letter from W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 20th June 1864 :—

SIR,

1. With reference to paragraph 4 of the letter from the Government of India in the Financial Department, dated 15th April 1864, communicated with the Order of the Madras Government in the Revenue Department, dated 21st May 1864, No. 873, I am directed by the Board of Revenue to request further instructions on the subject of the Village Establishments. The necessary provision was made in the Budget of 1864-65 under "Allowances to District and Village Officers," but the amount was transferred by the Government of India to the "Debt Account" in consequence, as stated, of its having been decided to form the Village Fees and Cesses into a Local Fund.

2. The provision made for Village Establishments in the Budget of 1863-64 was in the first instance disallowed by the Government of India, pending the receipt of explanation regarding the nature of the charge, and the necessity for it. Full information on these points was furnished in the Board's letter to Government, dated 26th August 1863, and the Estimate of 1863-64 was accordingly passed by the Government of India. It was distinctly stated in that letter that the cash payments to Village Establishments were sanctioned by Government from time to time in former years, to provide adequate remuneration to Village Officers in lieu of resumed Inâms and fees.

3. The course now laid down by the Government of India can be adopted at once in Kurnool where a system of enfranchising the Inâm lands has already been introduced. In South Arcot a deduction is made from the gross Beriz, and out of the collections of land assessment, a proportion is carried to "Deposit" for remunerating the Village Officers, payments being made to them half yearly out of the accumulated fund. In Trichinopoly certain fees separately collected under the designation of "Cutlay Shelavoo" are kept in deposit, and payments are made out of the amount quarterly or half yearly. In these cases the collections can in future be credited to the "Village Service Fund" and the charges be passed by the Board against it, and the same plan can, if the Government wish it, be extended to those Districts, in which fees are entered in the Ryot's Puttahs and the aggregate charge on the Village is deducted from the Puttah of a single substantial Ryot and left to be collected from him by the Village Officers themselves. If these are to be separately collected by Government Officers and paid to village servants in cash, it will entail some additional labour on the Revenue Establishments; and the orders of Government are requested as to whether this course should at once be adopted or the existing state of things be allowed to remain as it is, until the introduction of a regular fee system and the enfranchisement of Service Inâms, which change will take some time to carry out.

4. The orders of the Supreme Government cannot however for some time to come be carried out, as intended in those Districts, in which the system of cash payments from the General Funds obtains from a long time past. But if uniformity is considered indispensable, the only course open is to deduct at the time of settlement from the gross Beriz the amount of money payment now made to Village Officers, as is done in South Arcot, and to credit this portion of the revenue collections to the "Village Service Fund" payments being passed against it. This course cannot however be adopted for the present official year, as it is too late to arrange for the payments due from 1st May 1864 out of such a fund. For the charges required for 1864-65 a special grant should therefore be obtained from the Government of India, as was done in the case of the Travellers' Bungalows.

5. In their Order dated 12th December 1863, No. 2,266, the Government allowed a sum of Rupees 3,50,405 on account of Village Establishments in certain Districts. To this should be added a sum of Rupees 17,060 as particularized below:—

		Rs.
Ganjam.—Village Establishment for the Khond hamlets as per sanction of Government, dated 27th May 1864, No. 903		144
Godavery.—Establishment of Naikwadies hitherto included in the Estimates of Temporary Establishments and annually sanctioned by Government. To be continued until the introduction of the new Village Establishment	1,485	
Pay of certain village servants sanctioned in the Order of Government, dated 2nd May 1864, No. 761.	92	
		1,577
Kistna.—Establishment of Naikwadies do. do. To be continued until the introduction of do. do. ...	15,803	
Deduct the amount sanctioned by Government in their Order, dated 12th December 1863, No. 2,266	566	
		15,237
Madras.—Village Establishment sanctioned by Government in their Order, dated 27th January 1863, No. 177		102
Total...		17,060

Districts.	Rs.
Ganjam	144
Godavery	13,309
Kistna	15,803
Cuddapah	750
Bellary	150
Madras	102
North Arcot...	8,000
Tanjore	1,86,254
Madura	783
Tinnevelly	28,589
Coimbatore	162
South Canara...	33,974
Malabar.	84,405
	3,67,425

6. Thus the total amount for which the sanction of the Government of India should be obtained is Rupees 3,67,465, distributed among the Districts as noted in the margin. Some of the Collectors have already addressed the Board stating that great inconvenience is felt by the stoppage of the village servants' pay, and the Board therefore desire me to request that orders may be issued for making the payments in advance until the sanction of the Supreme Government is received. It is also requested that definite orders may be passed on the several points noticed in this letter.

No. 171. ORDER THEREON, 11th July 1864, No. 1,202.

Miscellaneous.

Under the circumstances stated by the Board of Revenue the Government authorize the payment of the Village Officers in the Provinces, debiting the expenditure to "Advances" pending the receipt of the orders of the Government of India on the subject. The Board will hereafter be furnished with instructions on the several points noticed by them.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Civil Paymaster.
„ the Accountant General.

Exd. S. T. Augustin

Revenue Department

No 1202

Proceedings of the Madras Government under date the 11th July 1864—

Read the following letter from the Secretary Board of Revenue—

Requesting further instructions on the subject of the Village Establishments—

(Received 20th January 1864)—

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Authorising the Appointment of Village Officers pertaining the Orders of the Govt of Madras.

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