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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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19th September 1864.*

No. 262. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 5th September 1864, No. 5,785.

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2. In the present form certain details are required to be given in regard to the strength of the various establishments, as the *number* of hands for whom the salaries are estimated; the *number* comprehended in the Estimate of the preceding year; and the actual *number* paid in the penultimate year. This necessitates an addition of three columns throughout the whole form, though the information is to be given only for certain fixed establishments under each Major head. Besides this, the servants employed in each Department have to be classified with reference to their rates of pay, as shown in the margin.

Clerks above 300	Rupees.
Do. from 50 to 300	"
Do. below 50	"
Other servants.	"

3. The Government of India may have originally had some object in ordering this classification in the Budgets, but the Board trust that if the inconvenience resulting from it is pointed out to them, they may sanction the omission of these particulars, which, as far as the Board can see, cannot be of much practical use in a Budget. It may be observed that the same particulars, which were originally ordered to be shown in the Accountant General's Annual Statement, are not now required to be exhibited in it. The sub-divisions of the establishments according to rates of pay in estimating the necessary provision for the whole year's charges, also entails much labour on the Collectors' Departments without corresponding advantage or convenience. In checking the estimates in the Board's Office, difficulty is experienced, as the total of the particulars under each head has to be ascertained by calculation, to see that it agrees with the sanctioned amount. The Budget as it stands now, does not show at one view the total cost of each particular establishment. The Board believe that detailed lists of establishments are furnished by the Civil Paymaster to the Government of India, and if that Government should require the details above alluded to for any practical purpose in an abstract form, the Civil Paymaster can easily compile the Statement from the local Returns. Should the Government approve the above views, the Board request that a reference may be made to the Supreme Government on the subject for their orders.

4. In the meanwhile as the supply of printed forms to Collectors cannot be delayed, pending receipt of the Orders of the Government of India on the above point, the Board propose to omit in the forms to be furnished to Collectors, the particulars of the number of hands and classification of Establishments, and to require Collectors to show them in a distinct Statement, in order that in the event of the Government of India declining to sanction the change proposed, the distinct Statements may be sent to the Accountant General to be embodied as usual in the General Budget Statement to be submitted to the Government of India. If the Supreme Government sanction the change, Collectors will then be desired to discontinue the separate Statement at once. As the Collectors' Revenue Budgets are intended to enable the Board to compile the General Statement to Government, the Board trust that the Government will have no objection to the proposed slight alteration in the form, as the separate Statement proposed by them will secure both objects, viz., the checking of the Estimates without calculation, and the embodying the particulars required by the Government of India in the General Statement.

5. Another alteration in form, which appears necessary under present circumstances, and which can be sanctioned by the Local Government, is the omission of the deduction of one-fifth of the Land Revenue Charges, and the addition of that fraction to F III. Law and Justice. The maintenance of this distinction in the Budget necessitates deduction and addition in every Revenue Bill passed by the Civil Paymaster, and in the monthly Treasury Accounts prepared by Collectors. This causes unnecessary complication in the accounts. The proportion debitable to Law and Justice out of Revenue Charges was approved by Government in their Order

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No. 263. ORDER THEREON, 19th September 1864, No. 1,711.

Miscellaneous.

1. The suggestions made in paragraphs 2 to 4 of this letter are approved, subject to the confirmation of the Government of India, to whom the necessary application will be submitted through the Financial Department.

2. The suggestion made in paragraph 5, is also approved.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Financial Department.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

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(A true Extract.)

[Signature]

Secretary.

To J. D. Sim, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D.

Ed. J. Wright.

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Revenue 1864
Department
of Public Works

No. 2400

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE

Dated 6th September 1864.

Despatched 8-2-

Received 9-2-

No. 6,785.

Proposed alterations in the Budget forms, and requesting the Government sanction to the same.

10-17-1864

With answer