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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 1732-1734 Press ~~Mis.~~

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Dated 21-9- 1864.

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No. 305. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 15th August 1864, No. 5,247

Read the following letters:—

From G. A. BALLARD, Esq., Collector of Malabar, dated Calicut, 15th June 1864, No. 139.

1. I have the honor to submit the report called for in the Board's communication dated 7th November* 1863, No. 7,111, on the settlement of escheats in this District during the past official year 1863-64.

* Containing Government Order, dated 4th Nov., No. 1,982.

2. The following Statement shows the progress of the work:—

	Description of land sold.					Gross Value.			Deduction on account of compensation for improvements, settlement of liens, &c.			Net valuation.		
	Wet.	Dry.	Garden.	House sites, &c.	Total.									
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
South Malabar.	1,695	1,153	286	14	3,150	5,34,762	13	0	82,636	13	0	1,52,126	0	0
North Malabar.	479	2	658	0	1,139	2,40,530	15	6	23,109	7	6	2,17,421	8	0
Total...	2,174	1,155	944	14	4,289	7,75,293	12	6	1,05,746	4	6	6,69,547	8	0

3. The aggregate extent of land sold during the year amounts, it will be observed, to 4,289 acres, yielding a gross value of Rupees 7,75,293-12-6.

The sums deducted on account of compensation for improvements, payment of liens held by tenants, &c., &c., come to Rupees 1,05,746-4-6, showing a net value of Rupees 6,69,547-8-0.

	Rs.	A.	P.
South Malabar	9,688	5	2
North Malabar	6,738	1	0
Rupees...	16,426	6	2

4. The expenditure incurred aggregates Rupees 16,426-6-2, bearing a per-centage of Rupees 2-7-3 over the net proceeds.

5. In consequence of the transfer of the Jenm right to private individuals the sum of Rupees 3,846 hitherto payable annually on certain of the sold lands is, or will be very shortly relinquished.

At 5 per cent. this annual payment would represent a capital of Rupees 76,920.

Deducting then the expenses of establishment as above quoted, and the sum representing the capital of interest relinquished, we have a clear sum of Rupees 5,76,201 free of every expense and with no contingent diminution of annual income, in course of being credited to the Imperial exchequer.

6. In the year under review lands valued at between Rupees 30,000 and Rupees 40,000, which did not appear in the former estimates, have been found to be escheats, and been disposed of accordingly. As the investigations progress fresh lands are constantly discovered.

It is this that makes it so difficult to estimate what may be the value of the remaining Chenat Nair and miscellaneous escheats in South Malabar, and the Deputy Collector superintending the settlement gives me no estimate. The remaining Manaprom Escheats may roughly speaking be worth about 3 lacs, and the lands in British Cochin, &c., about 4 lacs, but regarding these latter I propose addressing the Board separately shortly.

7. There is also a very large escheat in the Zamorin's possession which has not yet been valued.

8. The aggregate extent of land remaining to be settled in North Malabar is estimated at a little over 4,000 acres, and the value thereof at about 5½ lacs of Rupees.

There are besides certain hill tracts which are estimated roughly at about 5,000 acres in extent, but the value of which I am not prepared to state.

9. Under the foregoing circumstances it is impossible, and indeed will be till very near the close of the escheat operations, to state with much precision how long the settlement will take. But I think that it may be pretty nearly completed in two years in South, and in a year and a half in North Malabar, including the current year.

I would suggest that sanction be obtained for the continuance of the whole Establishment for two years.

If after eighteen months any reduction appears practicable, I will bring it to the notice of Government.

10. I further request that a further sum of 500 Rupees may be sanctioned for the payment of batta to Assessors, &c. Of the 2,000 Rupees sanctioned for this purpose, Rupees 1,792 have been already expended.

In Board's Proceedings dated 2nd September 1863, No. 5,488.

11. In conclusion I venture again to allude to a point mooted by the Board in their Proceedings of the 8th January 1863, viz., the allotment of a portion of the sale proceeds to the construction of cross roads in the escheated tracts. The Government considered that this course would be contrary to rule, and expressed regret that they could not sanction it. I do not therefore propose an allotment of any of the escheat collections, as such, to public works.

12. But as up to the past official year about 3 lacs of Rupees from the settlement of that year about 6 lacs, and an estimated sum of 15 to 16 lacs more will in the course of another couple of years accrue to Government in a somewhat exceptional manner, I would earnestly beg as an exceptional case, a special consideration of the claims of this province on the public exchequer.

13. An aggregate of some 25 lacs is a large sum to abstract from a District in addition to the current revenues.

The increased security of tenure to the payers adds much to the real value of their property. But it is not as if the sums paid out were invested in an actively remunerative trade, and there is in fact little present return to the community for the money withdrawn.

14. There are sundry large public works in Malabar that are much required, and that must sooner or later be executed from Imperial funds.

The present seems an admirable opportunity for undertaking some of these, thus returning a portion of an unusual drain on the local resources; and directly increasing the material prosperity of, and indirectly the revenues payable by the community.

15. If the Board permit I will immediately submit a list of a few works that I consider might with great justice and advantage be undertaken by a special allotment of Imperial funds.

From G. A. BALLARD, Esq., Collector of Malabar, dated Calicut, 16th July 1864, No. 167.

1. With reference to my letter of the 15th ultimo, paragraph 10, I have the honor to state that the whole of the amount, Rupees 2,000, sanctioned* for the payment of batta to arbitrators, &c., for the valuation of Escheats in South Malabar has been already expended, and no amount to meet further outlay on this account has been sanctioned in Government Order, dated 17th ultimo, No. 1,046.

* In Board's Proceedings, dated 2nd September 1863, No. 5,488.

In Board's Proceedings, dated 2nd instant, No. 4,069.

2. I solicit therefore that immediate sanction may be obtained for the amount, Rupees 500, recommended in my letter under reference.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
21st September 1864.

1. Ordered to be submitted for the orders of Government.

2. In Government Order, No. 1,982, dated 4th November 1863, the Government communicated to the Board of Revenue the sanction of the Supreme Government to the Establishment noted in the margin, for the sale of Escheats in North and South Malabar at a cost of Rupees 1,227 per mensem (exclusive of batta) up to the end of the official year 1863-64, when an account of the progress of the work, and an Estimate of its probable further duration were to be submitted, together with the application for a renewal of sanction.

1	Seriahtadar	200
2	Head Accountants ..	140
3	Gumastahs	60
9	Do.	135
2	Attenders	14
6	Inspectors	240
6	Do.	210
6	Gumastahs	120
18	Peons	108
		1,227
		12
	Per annum..	14,724

3. The Collector accordingly now furnishes such a report for the year ending 30th April 1864 up to which the sanction above referred to extends. It appears that 4,289 Acres were sold during the year for 7,75,294 Rupees, but deducting from this amount Rupees 1,05,746 paid to tenants as compensation for improvements, in settlement of liens, &c., the net proceeds to be credited to Government amount to Rupees 6,69,548 against an aggregate expenditure for Establishment and Contingencies of Rupees 16,426, or about 2½ per cent. on the net proceeds.

4. The annual income hitherto derived by Government from these lands, on account of the Jenm right which has been now sold, was Rupees 3,846 which is equivalent to the annual interest at 5 per cent. of a capital of Rupees 76,920. Deduct this last amount as well as the charge of Rupees 16,426 above mentioned from the net proceeds, there remains a clear gain to Government on the year's operations of Rupees 5,76,202.*

Net Proceeds	6,69,548	0 0
Deduct	76,920	0 0
	16,426	0 0
	93,346	0 0
	* 5,76,202	0 0

5. As more land is frequently brought to *account* as an Escheat during this settlement, the Collector is unable to state positively for how long the temporary Establishment now employed on the work will be required, but judging from past operations and the quantity of land still remaining to be settled of the estimated value of 15 lacs of Rupees and upwards, the Board agree with him that two years will not be too long a period for the completion of the work in question, and accordingly recommend that the sanction of the Supreme Government to the continuance of the Establishment up to 30th April 1866 at the cost and strength already approved, be obtained.

6. As Government are aware, to save inconvenience and loss, the Establishment was not discontinued on the expiration of the term for which it was originally sanctioned, but is still at work under the authority conveyed in Government Order No. 1,046, dated 17th June 1864.

7. With reference to the second letter above recorded, the Board observe that they authorized the Collector in their Proceedings, No. 5,488 dated 2nd September 1863 (copy of which was submitted to Government), to advance to the Deputy Collector in charge of the Escheat operations on the Southern Division such sums not exceeding Rupees 2,000 as he might consider necessary for payment of batta to Assessors and others whose services the Deputy might have occasion to engage, and included a similar charge in the Estimate of Additional Establishments for 1864-65, submitted to Government on the 10th May 1864. The orders† on the above Estimate did not allude to this charge.

Board's Proceedings, No. 2,827.
† No. 1,046, dated 17th June 1864.

8. Mr. Ballard states that the whole of the 2,000 Rupees above mentioned has been already expended, and he requests that immediate sanction may be obtained for a further sum of Rs. 500, the Board however recommend that he be authorized to advance to the Deputy from time to time during the current official year and for similar purposes, such sums as shall not in the

aggregate exceed 2,000 Rupees, for which ample provision has been made in the Budget of 1864-65 under the head Extra Temporary Establishment Land Revenue.

No. 306. ORDER THEREON, 21st September 1864, No. 1,733.

Land Revenue.

1. Ordered that the foregoing Proceedings be forwarded to the Government of India with reference to their Proceedings in the Financial Department, 8th September* 1863, No. 4,399, and that their sanction be solicited for the continuance of the Establishment in question, as proposed by the Board of Revenue, up to 30th April 1866, at the cost already authorized, viz., Rupees 1,227 per mensem.

* G. O. 4th November 1863, No. 1,982.

2. With reference to paragraph 8 of the Board's Proceedings, the Government authorize the Collector of Malabar to advance from time to time during the current official year such sums not exceeding in the aggregate Rupees 2,000 as he may consider necessary for the purpose stated in paragraph 7.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.
FORT SAINT GEORGE,
21st September 1864.

No. 1,734.

No. 307.

From

J. D. SIM, Esq.,
Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George,

To

The Secretary to the Government of India.

SIR,

Land Revenue.

1. In their Proceedings of 8th September* 1863, No. 4,399, Financial Department, the Government of India sanctioned an establishment for the sale of Escheats in the Malabar District at a cost (exclusive of batta) of Rupees 1,227 per mensem, up to the end of the year 1863-64, when an account of the progress of the work, and an estimate of its probable further duration, were required to be submitted with the application for renewal of sanction.

* Endorsement Home Department, 30th September 1863, No. 6,151.

2. I am now directed to submit the accompanying Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 15th ultimo, No. 5,247, furnishing the required information, and applying for sanction for the continuance of the establishment up to 30th April 1866, at the cost already approved, viz., Rupees 1,227 per mensem.

3. Under the circumstances stated by the Board, I am directed to recommend this application for the sanction of the Government of India in supersession of that made in respect to this establishment in the Revenue Statement for June† last, forwarded with my letter of 8th ultimo, No. 404, Financial Department.

† Vide paragraph 2 of remark opposite item No. 2.

4. A Tabular Statement in the prescribed form is enclosed.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

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

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.—Statement of Temporary Establishment in this Department recommended for the sanction of the Government of India.

Year.	Charges. Ordinary.	Extraordinary.	Total.
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No.	Date	Extract from Home Department of Government of India.	Office to which the proposition refers.	Nature of Charge.	Present Scale.	RS. A. P.	Proposed Scale.	RS. A. P.	Proposition. Permanent. Increase per month.	Permanent. Decrease per month.	Temporary. Increase per month.	Period.	Temporary. Decrease per month.	Period.	Casual or Extraordinary.	Grounds of Proposition.	Local Government's recommendation.	Orders of the Government of India. Home Department. Remarks.	Financial Department. Remarks.	Financial Department. Orders.
			District of Malabar.		1 Serishtadar ... ... 200 2 Head Accountants at 70 Rs. each ... 140 3 Gumastahs at 20 ... 60 9 Do. at 15 ... 135 2 Attenders at 7 ... 14 6 Inspectors at 40 ... 210 6 Do. at 35 ... 210 6 Gumastahs at 20 ... 120 18 Peons at 6 ... 108 Total...	200 0 0 1,027 0 0 1,227 0 0	1 Serishtadar ... 200 2 Head Accountants at 70 Rs. each ... 140 3 Gumastahs at 20 ... 60 9 Do. at 15 ... 135 2 Attenders at 7 ... 14 6 Inspectors at 40 ... 240 6 Do. at 35 ... 210 6 Gumastahs at 20 ... 120 18 Peons at 6 ... 108 Total...	200 0 0 1,027 0 0 1,227 0 0	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	Up to 30th April 1866.	RS. A. P. 1,227 0 0			*Vide* letter to the Secretary to the Government of India, dated 21st September 1864, No. 1,734.	Favorable.			

Fort Saint George,
21st September 1864.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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

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Revenue Department

No. 1733.

Proceedings of the Madras Government under date the 21st Septr. 1864.

Read the following Proceedings of the Bd. of Revenue

. Recommending that sanction of Supreme Govt be obtained for continuance of Estabt for sale of Escheats in Malabar upto 30th April 1866, and that authority be granted to the Collector to advance to his Establishment engaged on the work such sums not exceeding Rs 2,000 on the whole as may be required for payment of batta to assessors &c.

(Received 15th Augt 1864 No 5247)

Ordered that the foregoing Proc. be forwarded to the Govt of India with reference to their Proceedings in the Financial Dept 8th Septr 1863, No 4399, and that their sanction be solicited for the continuance of the Establishment

× G.O. 4th Novr 1863, No 1982.

establishment in question, as proposed by the Board of Revenue up to 30th " " April 1866 at the cost already authorized, viz Rs 1,22 per mensem

2. With reference to " para 8 of the ~~foregoing~~ Board's Pro: the Govt authorize the Collr of Malabar to advance from time to time during the current official year such sums not exceeding in the aggregate Rs 2,000 as he may consider necessary for the purpose stated in para 7.

To The Bd of Revenue
" Accountant Genl
" Civil Paymaster

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Pro 4 Nov 63 nos 35-36.
17. Jan 64 222-3.

Revenue Board's Pro: of Govt for Septr

No 1793.

Pro: of the Madras Govt
Dy. 21st Septr 64

Communicating to the Government of India the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue on the Settlement of Eschcats in Malabar during 1863/64.

No 305 & 306.

Septr 24 Aug

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Revenue department.

No. 1734.

To The Secretary to the Govt of India.

Sir,

In further Proceedings of 8th September 1863 No 4,399 Financial department, the Govt of India sanctioned an establishment for the sale of escheats in the Malabar District at a cost, (exclusive of Batta) of Rs 1,227 per mensem up to the end of the year 1863/64, when an account of the progress of the work, and an estimate of its probable further duration, were required to be submitted with the application for renewal of sanction.

2. I am now directed to submit the accompanying

Pro:

x Endorsement Home Deptt 30th Septr 1863, No 6151.

Pro: of the Board of Revenue dated 15th Ultimo No 6247 furnishing the required information, & applying for sanction for the continuance, of the Establishment upto 30th April 1866 at the cost already approved, viz^t Rs 1257 per mensem

3. Under the circumstances stated by the Board, I am directed to recommend this application for the sanction of the Govt of India in supersession of that ^ made in respect to this Establishment in the Revenue Statement for June last forwarded with my letter of 8th Ultimo, No 404 Financial Department

4. A Tabular Statement in the prescribed form

* Vide para 2 of remark opposite item No 2

From Lt Geo[illegible] 21st Sept[illegible] 1864.

form is enclosed:-

Revenue 18th Sept.
Pros: of Govt for Sept.

No. 1734.

To
The Secretary
to the Govt of India.
Dy 21st September/64.

From the Secy to Govt of India
30 Nov/64 No 3375.

Requesting sanction for
the continuance till April
1866 of the establishment for
Settlement of Escheats in
Malabar.

No. 38

@17 Sept/64 219

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.—Statement of the Temporary Establishment in this Department recommended for the sanction of the Government of India.

Year.	Charges.		
	Ordinary.	Extra-ordinary.	Total.
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Extract from Home Department of Government of India.		Office to which the proposition refers.	Nature of Charge.	Present Scale.	RS.	A.	P.	Proposed Scale.	RS.	A.	P.	Proposition. Permanent. Increase per Month.	RS.	A.	P.	Permanent. Decrease per Month.	RS.	A.	P.	Temporary. Increase per Month. Period.	RS.	A.	P.	Temporary. Decrease per Month. Period.	RS.	A.	P.	Casual or Extraordinary.	Grounds of Proposition.	Local Government's Recommendation.	Orders of the Government of India. Home Department. Remarks.	Financial Department. Remarks.	Financial Department. Orders.
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				9 Do at 15	135			9 Do @ 15	135																							
				2 Attenders @ 7	14			2 Attenders @ 7	14																							
				6 Inspectors @ 40	240			6 Inspectors @ 40	240																							
				6 Do @ 35	210			6 Do @ 35	210																							
				6 Gumastahs @ 20	120			6 Gumastahs @ 20	120																							
				18 Peons @ 6	108			18 Peons @ 6	108																							
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				Total	1227	"	"	Total	1227	"	"																					

Up to 30th April 1866.

1227 " "

Favorable.

Vide letter to the Govt Secretary to the Govt of India dated 1st September 1864.

Fort Saint George
1st September 1864

Secretary to Govt

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Tabular Statement