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## Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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| Dated 4. 2. ~~18~~ 1864 | |

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## *Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 4th February* 1864.

No. 93. Read the following letter from G. BANBURY, Esq., Acting Collector of Madras, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Saidapet, 18th January 1864, No. 6 :—

SIR,

1. With reference to the Honorable Mr. Ellis' letter of the 4th June last, No. 34, and the correspondence marginally* noted, I have the honor to state that the experience of the past seven months has shown that the services of a Peon on a salary of Rupees 6 per mensem are absolutely necessary for collecting bearers, whenever required by travellers.

* From Govt. 6th May 1863, No. 515.
Do. 1st June „ „ 939.
Do. 12th June „ „ 1,029.
To Govt. 17th June „ „ 37.

2. When this branch of business was attached to the Post Office, the duty of posting bearers, &c., was performed, as the Government are aware, by a Clerk on Rupees 30 a month ; but since its transfer to the Deputy Collector of Madras, a Peon on 6 Rupees a month was substituted.

3. The receipts under the head of Bearer Fund, collected from parties requiring their services from June to November last, and the disbursements on account of the Peon's salary, &c., for that period, as per marginal† Statement, show a net loss to Government of Rupees 6-11-9.

† Amount of Bearer Fund collected up to November .. .. .. .. .. .. .. Rs. 33 A. 7 P. 5
Deduct Peon's salary from 15th June to 30th November last, Rupees 33-3-2 *plus* the value of the Road Book Rupees 7 .. .. 40 3 2
Net loss... 6 11 9

4. I am not prepared to state that the collections under the head of Bearer Fund will always be sufficient to meet the expenses of the Peon, although generally speaking I trust they would be ; still as the work of providing bearers is undertaken by Government, it appears but fair we should perform it creditably and with a certain degree of confidence towards the travellers, who expect the bearers to be provided, and make their arrangements accordingly. This without the services of the Maistry Peon now solicited, I fear we could not accomplish.

5. I endeavoured to obtain the services of a providing Maistry by stipulating that he should receive in return for his exertions the fees collected upon each Dâk laid, thus dispensing with the necessity of requesting Government sanction ; but to this arrangement no one appears willing to consent. Bearers were always more or less troublesome characters ; only to be managed by their own head men, and now that they have both diminished and deteriorated, I beg to support the Deputy Collector's request that he may be allowed this small monthly sum to enable him to retain the Maistry's services.

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No. 94. ORDER THEREON, 4th February 1864, No. 210.

The Government cannot sanction any expenditure on account of bearers to be posted for travellers for the reasons stated in their Order dated 20th May 1863, No. 874, copy of which will now be furnished to the Acting Collector of Madras. The only course left is to increase the rate of fee collected from the parties to such an extent as will be sufficient for the employment of a Peon, and Mr. Banbury will be requested to report what rate should be fixed upon with this view. The average collections during the past few years will enable him to arrive at a sufficiently correct conclusion on this subject.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Acting Collector of Madras, with No. 874 of 1863.
„ Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Revenue Department

No. 210.

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 6th January 1864.

Read the following

letter from the Acting Collector of Madras.

Requests sanction for permanently entertaining at the office of the Dy. Collector Madras a peon on a salary of Rs. 6 for collecting bearer instruments required to lay as Bearer Dâk

Here enter 18th January 1864

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I have &c.

(Sd.) J. Hodgson

To The Collr. of Madras with the Proceedings of the 5th Feby.
The Board of Revenue &c.

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No. 210.

Pro: of the Madras Gov.t
Dy 4 February 64.

From Hd Qrs Co C.s
Madras D/13 July /64
Rec.d 12 Aug.t

The employment of a person for collecting bearers in Madras not sanctioned – Extra fee to be levied from parties requiring bearers to meet this expense.

Rev.d 24-2-63
20-5-63

Pro P.D. No. 515
6-5-63

Rev 293
26-5-63

" 21-22
1-6-63

" 203-204
12-6-63

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6-7-63

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