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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 24th November 1864.

No. 318. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 3rd November 1864, No. 7,210 :—

Read again letter from the Collector of the Kistna District, dated 11th August 1864, recorded in the Board's Proceedings, dated 29th idem, No. 5,577.

Read the following papers.

Official Memorandum from R. W. LODWICK, Esq., Civil Paymaster, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Fort Saint George, 1st September 1864, No. 12.

1. Board's Proceedings, No. 5,577, dated 29th ultimo.

2. The undersigned has the honor to state that the Government Order referred to has reference to the Madras District only. There appears to be no special sanction for other Districts, and therefore this Department cannot admit the charge.

Letter from W.M. CADELL, Esq., Collector of Tanjore, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 24th September 1864, No. 310.

1. The Board are aware that under the authority conveyed in their Miscellaneous Circular of the 6th September 1861, No. 4,838, an establishment was first entertained for stamping weights and measures in each of the three towns* noted in the margin, and as reported in my letter† of the 18th July 1863, No. 263, similar establishments were afterwards entertained in the towns of Tranquebar and Mayaveram; subsequently they have been entertained also in two other towns, Nagore and Puttukottai.

* Tanjore, Combaconum and Negapatam.

† Recorded Board's Proceedings, dated 17th August 1864, No. 5,280.

2. The receipts and charges on account of this item, which were originally included under the head of Local Funds, having latterly been transferred to Imperial account, the Civil Paymaster has declined to pass the monthly bills for the salaries of these establishments without authority, and thus the charges incurred on this account for the last five months, April to August, remain unadjusted.

3. I am however unable to quote any express authority, as the sanction conveyed in the Board's Circular above quoted is restricted experimentally to one year, and I beg therefore to request that the Board will accord their formal sanction, or, if necessary, obtain that of Government, for the salaries paid to the establishments in question for the last five months, as shewn in the enclosed Statement.

4. The receipts under this head in the towns of Mayaveram, Tranquebar, and Negapatam, having latterly been found to fall, I have abolished the establishments entertained in, these three towns, and thus at present the establishments for stamping weights and measures are kept up only in the remaining four‡ towns at an aggregate monthly cost of Rupees 53 as shewn in the margin. These establishments, I observe, will be replaced by the itinerating establishments proposed by the Board, and approved of by Government in their Proceedings § of the 26th July 1864, No. 1,325, when the same are sanctioned by the Supreme Government. In the meantime however, I presume, there is no objection to the existing arrangement being continued, and I beg accordingly to request that the Civil Paymaster may be authorized to pass also the future monthly bills of the establishments retained as shewn above until they are superseded by the new scale of itinerating establishments.

		Rs. A.	Rs. A.
‡1	Tanjore		
1	Ironsmith	5 0	
1	Measurer	3 8	
1	Peon	3 8	
			12 0
2	Nagore as above		12 0
3	Pattukotai as above		12 0
4	Combaconum		
1	Ironsmith	7 0	
1	Measurer	5 0	
1	Peon	5 0	
			17 0
	Total		53 0

‡ Tanjore, Combaconum, Nagore and Puttukottai.

§ Board's Proceedings, dated 29th August 1864, No. 5,568.

5. I would only add that the working of these establishments has been found to be very successful and highly conducive to the convenience of the people, and indeed in some of these towns the establishment has been entertained at the request of the communities. The receipts in each instance have far exceeded the charge of the establishments, and thus the accumulated surplus of receipts over charges under this head, from the introduction of the system up to last month, amounts to about Rupees 1,800.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

ABSTRACT.—Abstract for the establishments employed for stamping weights and measures in the District of Tanjore for five months, from April to August 1864.

Read also the following letter from V.H. LEVINGE, Esq., Collector of Madura, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 8th September 1864, No. 245.

The Accountant General in his Circular of the 1st April last, having instructed this office to credit the receipts on account of stamping weights and measures to XV. Miscellaneous, and to debit the charges to IX. Miscellaneous, the course laid down was followed from May last, and a bill for the pay of establishment for May last was submitted to the Civil Paymaster for audit, but it was returned to be re-submitted with a copy of the authority sanctioning the entertainment of the establishment, I have therefore the honor to request that the sanction of Government may be obtained for the pay of the establishment for stamping weights and measures, and for contingencies, amounting to Rupees 31, viz., Rupees 30 on account of the pay of the Establishments, &c., Rupee 1 on account of Saderwarid charges.

The above papers relate to the District Establishments for stamping weights and measures. From the Board's Proceedings, dated 23rd June 1864, No. 3,886, Government will have seen that the system of stamping weights and measures was introduced in certain Districts from 1861, and in their Order, dated 26th February 1863, No. 410, the Government approved of the Talook Stamping Establishments proposed for the Madras District, and desired the Board to communicate with the Collectors of other Districts in view to the same system being tried in them. The establishments have accordingly been continued, and up to 1863-64 they were paid from the fees realized for stamping weights and measures, which were then credited to the Stamping Fee Fund under 5, Local Funds, but since the commencement of the current official year, the fees in question have been carried to the credit of the General Revenues under the orders of the Government of India, and the establishments therefore must be paid out of General Funds. The Civil Paymaster however declines to admit the charge without the special sanction of Government, and he states that the Order of Government, dated 26th February 1863, is applicable only to the District of Madras. Under these circumstances, the Board request that the Civil Paymaster may be authorized to pass the charges of establishmept, &c., as at present maintained, from the commencement of the current official year, pending the sanction of the Government of India to the establishment in the Tabular Statement submitted to Government with the Board's Proceedings, dated 29th August 1864, No. 5,568. The Government deferred the disposal of those Proceedings pending the receipt of the explanation called for in paragraph 2 of their Order, dated 26th July 1864, No. 1,325, and this will be submitted so soon as all the replies of the Collectors concerned, are received.

No. 319.

ORDER THEREON, 24th November 1864, No. 2,162.

Miscellaneous.

1. The Civil Paymaster is accordingly authorized to pass the charges incurred in the undermentioned Districts, within the limit specified opposite to each, on account of the Establishments employed for stamping weights and measures from the commencement of the current official year

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and pending the sanction of the Government of India to the general scheme of these Establishments to be submitted to them :—

Kistna District	Rupees	17	per mensem.
Tanjore do.	„	53	per do.
Madura do.	„	31	per do.

2. The similar charges incured in other Districts cannot be sanctioned until the sums are specified with the necessary particulars.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Revenue Department

No. 2162

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Under date the 24th November 1864

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Requesting that the Civil Paymaster be authorized to pass the charges connected with the establishments for stamping weights and measures from the commencement of the current official year.

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The Civil Paymaster is accordingly authorized to pass the charges incurred in the undermentioned Districts within the limit specified apposite to each, on account of the establishments employed for stamping weights and measures from the

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commencement of the current official year and pending the sanction of the Govt. of India to the general scheme of these establishments to be submitted to them:-

Kistna District - Rs. 17 per mensem.
Tanjore — Do. — 53 per — Do.
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