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16th April 1864.*

No. 255. Read the following letter from W. T. BLAIR, Esq., Acting Inam Commissioner, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Coimbatore, 19th March 1864, No. 20 :—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to submit for the consideration and orders of Government the following report on the present state of the work in this Department, and on the prospects of its completion within the official year 1864-65.

2. *First, with regard to the Settlement work.*—Taking into account the approximate number of cases in the Districts of Trichinopoly and Tinnevely which have been but recently begun, those of Madura, Tanjore and Nellore, which are in course of completion, and those of the other Districts on hand for review, there are in all about 40,000, which cannot all be received and passed through this Office in a shorter period than from ten months to a year.

3. *Secondly, as regards the work of transcribing the English Registers.*—There are about 1,56,000 cases remaining to be copied inclusive of the estimated number for the unfinished Districts. These at 5 cases per page will be represented by 31,200 pages, which can be accomplished by 25 Clerks (the present number actually at work inclusive of the extra Establishment) in a little more than 1½ year, calculating at 4 pages per diem for 20 working days in the month.

4. *Thirdly, as to the examination of the Fair Registers.*—This branch of Office work has always been backward compared with the others. The number of sides already copied but unexamined is about 32,000, which being added to the remaining work of transcription as shown in the preceding paragraph, viz., 31,200, gives a total of 63,200 pages. If this work is allowed to be finished by the present number of Examiners, viz., five, it will take them no less than 5 years, calculating at 10 pages per diem for 20 working days in the month, and double the number of Examiners could not complete it in less than 2½ years.

5. It is my decided opinion, in which I doubt not the Government will concur, that it is in every way undesirable to allow any work connected with this Commission to remain for any time beyond the ensuing official year. Under the circumstances described above it is equally clear that this end cannot be attained without a considerable addition of Office agency. However much I regret the necessity of having to propose an addition to the Budget already sanctioned by Government, I still consider it of paramount importance that the work of the Commission should be brought to a satisfactory close at as early a date as possible, and I therefore beg to submit the following propositions for the favorable and early consideration of Government.

6. The extra Establishment which was sanctioned by Government in July last (Order dated 29th July 1863, No. 1,409), for the last seven months of the current year has to be discharged by the end of this month. It was proposed to retain a sum of Rupees 5,000 on this account in the Budget of the next official year, but the Government struck out the item with the exception of Rupees 1,000. This latter sum will not suffice to continue the extra Establishment beyond May next, and I have shown above that without this extra Establishment the transcription of the Registers cannot be finished within a year. I therefore solicit sanction for its continuance in full for the remainder of that year.

7. In respect of the Examiners, the present number being wholly inadequate, I propose that eight more with the same number of Readers, be sanctioned. The cost of these as shown in the statement accompanying will amount to Rupees 10,608.

8. If these suggestions are approved of, I have every confidence in the completion of the work within the estimated time. Hitherto, it has been impracticable to estimate exactly the quantity of work to be done; but as the Government will observe, the data on which I have now based my calculation are derived from experience and are of a more accurate character than it was possible to obtain at an earlier stage of the Commission.

9. I have fixed the salaries of the proposed Examiners at a slightly higher figure (Rupees 60) than has hitherto been allowed (Rupees 50) for that rank, because the Examiner's work has suffered in no slight degree by the loss to the office of some of its most intelligent and well

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trained servants, who have left it for the permanent Departments of the Government service, and it is urgently necessary for the interests of the Commission to retain the services of the remaining trained hands for the important and responsible duty which devolves on the Examiners. It is superfluous to add that at present the desire to quit this Office at the first opportunity even for posts of lower emolument is almost universal, and it is hoped that the proposed higher grade of salaries will have the effect of checking this inclination and induce a large proportion of the present servants to remain attached to the Commission till its close.

10. It was thought that the settlement of the Inám tenures of Malabar would not take more than six months of the *current* official year, and under this impression no distinct provision was made in the Budget for 1864-65 to meet the cost of the Establishment now placed under the Collector of that District amounting to Rupees 200 a month. As, however, in all probability the settlement of that District cannot be completed for several months of the ensuing official year, I have included in the supplemental Budget Statement now submitted a sum of Rupees 2,000 to be on the safe side and request that this may also be sanctioned.

11. There is one more point in connection with the Deputy Collectors on which I wish to be favored with the orders of Government. At present there are SEVEN Officers of this rank remaining attached to the Commission. In the Budget for the ensuing year provision is made for FIVE only, viz., two for the whole and three for half the year. Judging from the present progress of the work in the several Districts, I am unable to see how to dispense with the *month*. Of the seven, one is permanently attached to the Central Office as an Assistant, two now employed in Tinnevely report that they will not be able to finish that District under eight months. One now settling the large Zemindary of Sivaganga, will take several months more to complete it. One in Trichinopoly will be fully occupied till nearly the end of the next official year unless relieved of a portion of his work by a second Deputy. One in Tanjore will probably be fully employed there during the first six months of the year; and one now engaged in finishing the settlement of Madras, is the only one who can be spared from the Commission on the completion of his present task which may be expected to occupy him about two months longer.

12. It being thus impossible to dispense with any of the present Deputies by the end of this month, I solicit the sanction of Government for continuing all of them until such time as they may have actually accomplished the task assigned to each. Experience having proved the futility of making any exact calculation in such matters, I have no alternative but to propose the retention of six of the Deputies for the whole year and of one for three months. The addition to the Budget on this account will be Rupees 17,500.

13. Thus it will be seen that the proposed additions amount to Rupees 35,972, viz. :—

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On account of extra Establishment total Rupees 6,864 less Rupees 1,000 already provided for, remainder...	5,864
On account of eight Examiners and eight Readers at 60 and 25 Rupees respectively with batta...	10,608
On account of Establishment for the Collector of Malabar...	2,000
On account of Deputy Collectors...	17,500
Total	35,972
Or in round numbers	36,000

14. I trust that my desire to place matters fully and clearly before Government will be a sufficient apology for the length of this communication. I submit a Statement in the prescribed form embodying the additional expenditure involved in the foregoing propositions.

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ORDER THEREON, 16th April 1864, No. 612.

1. The Inám Commissioner submitted on the 2nd November 1863, the Budget for his Department for the official year 1864-65. It amounted to Rupees 1,32,985 which included the pay and allowances of five Deputy Collectors for the whole year, and 5,000 Rupees for temporary Establishments entertained under the sanction of Government, dated 29th July 1863, No. 1,409. In revising this Estimate Government reduced the provision for temporary Establishment to 1,000 Rupees, and considered that it would be sufficient to provide for two Deputy Collectors for the whole and three for six months of the ensuing official year : thus disallowing Rupees 13,585 from Mr. Taylor's Estimate.

2. In his letter recorded above the Officiating Inám Commissioner states that the Budget grant as finally passed by Government is insufficient to meet the requirements of the year 1864-65, and submits for the sanction of Government a supplemental Budget amounting to Rupees 35,972 as shown in the margin.

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Temporary Establishment ...	18,472
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3. *Temporary Establishment.*—This consists of two items, one relating to the Establishment entertained for settling the Inám tenures of Malabar, and the other on account of extra hands employed in the Central Office for bringing up certain arrears. The former charge amounts to Rupees 2,000 and was not provided for in the original Estimate. This Establishment is employed under the orders of the Collector of Malabar. It was at first believed that the work would be completed within the current official year, but Mr. Ballard subsequently informed Mr. Blair that he did not think that the settlement could be completed within the said period, and that he could not without further enquiry and some practical experience state how long it might really take.

4. The temporary Establishment in the Central Office was entertained pursuant to the Order of Government dated 29th July 1863, No. 1,409, which limited the sanction conveyed thereby to the current year. In the original Budget for 1864-65 a provision of 5,000 Rupees was made on account of the extra hands in question, but as Mr. Taylor remarked that it would not probably be spent at all should the present extra Establishment of Copyists complete the work in arrear within the current year, Government considered that a sum of 1,000 Rupees would suffice for the purpose and struck out the remainder.

5. In paragraphs 2 to 7 of his letter above referred to Mr. Blair brings to notice the existence of a very large arrear, and urges the necessity of employing a larger number of extra hands in 1864-65 than was sanctioned for 1863-64 to bring up the same. He states that there are about 1,56,000 cases or 31,200 pages of Registers remaining to be copied and 63,200 pages to be examined, and to accomplish this he requires extra Establishment at an annual cost of Rupees 17,472.

6. *Deputy Collectors.*—Five Officers of this class were provided for in Mr. Taylor's original Estimate for the whole year, but as he stated in the letter submitting the Budget that "it is more than probable that with the exception of one or two who may be required to assist in winding up business in the Central Office, the rest will have no work after the first few months of that year." Government considered that it would be sufficient to provide for two Deputy Collectors for the whole and three for six months of the next official year.

7. Mr. Blair states in paragraph 11 of his letter above referred to that there are at present seven Deputy Collectors attached to the Commission, and that judging from the present progress of the work in the several Districts he is unable to dispense with the services of the two, for whom no provision has been made in the Budget. He therefore begs that he may be permitted to retain six of the Deputies for the whole year and one for three months. The slow progress of the work of the Deputy Collectors of the Commission attracted the attention of Government in March 1863, when the Inám Commissioner was requested to explain the cause of the deficiency. He attributed it to the intricate character of the cases in the Southern Districts, and assured Government that he continued to exercise the most vigilant control and super-

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vision over the work of his Deputies. The assurance was accepted by Government, and the returns since received from the Commissioner show a slight increase in the work of the said Officers in 1863 over that of 1862. The probable number of cases still remaining to be settled in the several Districts has not been reported, so that Government have no means of judging for themselves.

8. The Government quite agree with Mr. Blair as to the desirability of completing the work of the Commission as soon as possible, but they think it right to refer the papers in the first instance to Mr. Taylor for any observations he may wish to offer on them. It was first expected that the Commission would be brought to a close by the end of 1862. In 1863-64 a grant of Rupees 1,47,000 was made, and it now appears that the work remaining to be accomplished will occupy another year and involve a further expenditure of Rupees 1,30,000. The Government of India will naturally expect full explanation of the circumstances which have led to this result.

Cases decided by the Deputy Collectors per month.	Rs.
1862	340
1863	364

(True Extract.)

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

To the Inam Commissioner.
To G. N. Taylor, Esq.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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under date the 16th April 1864.
Read the following letter from the Hq. Inam Commissioner.
Submitting for the sanction of Govt a supplemental estimate of charges for the official year 1864/5 rendered necessary for the reasons within explained.
(Here enters 19th March/64 No. 20/-)
The Inam Commissioner submitted on the 22nd November 1863 the Budget for his Department for the official year 1864/5. It amounted to Rs. 1,32,985 which included the pay and allowances of 5 Deputy Collectors for the whole year, and 5,000 Rs. for temporary establishments entertained under the sanction of Govt dated 29th July 1863. No. 1409. In revising this

This estimate Govt reduced the provision for temporary establishment to 1000 Rs and considered that it would be sufficient to provide for 2 Deputy Collectors for the whole and 3 for 6 months of the ensuing official year thus disallowing Rs 13585 from Mr. Taylor's estimate.

In his letter recorded above the officiating Suam Commissioner states that the Budget grant as finally passed by Govt is insufficient to meet the requirements of the year 1864/5 and submits for the sanction of Govt a supplemental Budget.

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The temporary establishment in the central office was entertained pursuant to the order of Govt. dated 29th July 1863 No 1409 which limited the sanction conveyed thereby to the current year. In the original Budget for 1864/5 a provision

provision of 5000 Rs. was made, on account of the extra hands in question, but as Mr. Taylor remarked that it would not probably be spent at all should the present extra establishment of copyists complete the work in arrears within the current year, Govt. considered that a sum of 1000 Rs. would suffice for the purpose and struck out the remainder.

In paras 2 to 4 of his letter above referred to Mr. Blair brings to notice the existence of a very large arrears and urges the necessity of employing a larger number of extra hands in

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Commissioner's
letter 25th September
1860.

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From Jas. Taylor Esq
Cambridge 20th April 1846
V. L. 1035

From Isaac Coward 25th
April/64 C. No 1083 in Re:

Income Commissions
Supplemental
Budget for 1864/65 with
orders thereon.

N. 255 & 256.