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## Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 82 Press ~~Mis.~~

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Dated 14-1-~~19~~1864

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## *Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 14th January* 1864.

No. 159. Read the following letter from G. A. BALLARD, Esq., Collector of Malabar, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Calicut, 28th December 1863, No. 142 :—

SIR,

1. In their Proceedings noted, the Board of Revenue have forwarded my recommendation that increased allowances be granted to the Wynád Talook servants, for the consideration of Government, but they have not supported my proposal, observing that they are not satisfied that sufficient reason exists for the proposed increase of the Tahsildar's pay, whilst they object on principle to the system of fixed batta for a permanent Establishment.

5th instant, No. 7,663.

If I did not consider that the interests of Wynád were considerably affected by the question, I should not have pressed it farther on the attention of Government. As it is I feel bound to offer a few farther remarks.

2. The late Tahsildar of Wynád was much complained of and was quite unsuited to the post. He was an old servant and took his pension. I offered the post to an Officer very desirous of a Tahsildarship and drawing only Rupees 100 a month. He respectfully declined it. I then offered it to the present able incumbent who was drawing Rupees 70 a month. It was only after considerable hesitation, and against the urgent advice of many of his friends that he accepted it.

3. The late Sub-Magistrate of Vytry begged to be appointed to a Sub-Magistracy in the low country on Rupees 50, though he knew that the pay of the Vytry Sub-Magistrateship was immediately to be raised to Rupees 125. After some search I hoped I had got an efficient man and appointed him, but in a few months he begged to be allowed to revert to his former post on Rupees 30. I had to go out of the District to Coimbatore to get a good man for the Gudalur Sub-Magistrate's post.* The man has given much satisfaction, but has been very ill, and I much fear will not be able to remain long.

* Salary Rupees 125 per mensem.

4. The Deputy Collector writes to me (since I wrote to the Board) that his head Clerk has gone on leave on medical certificate ; that he is not likely to return, and is at best an inefficient servant, but that he (the Deputy Collector) fears it will be impossible to get a better unless the salary is raised, whilst he finds the rapidly increasing work of the Talook really too much for him without better assistance. I regret to say that the Deputy Collector's office is not in an efficient state, and the simple fact is it will never be until the salaries are raised.

5. It is, I think, unnecessary for me to enlarge on the grounds of dislike to service in Wynád. It is proverbial, and in all but the Revenue Department is recognized and extra allowances given. We must allow principles, and fixed scales, a little latitude when dealing with exceptional cases.

The Government have expressed deep interest in the progress of the Talook. That the Deputy Collector's and Talook Revenue and Magisterial Establishments should be tolerably efficient is certainly an important means towards that end. I therefore venture to urge that the pay of the servants there be raised as proposed in the accompanying list. This may be thought preferable to allowing *permanent* batta. The usual travelling batta must be allowed for actual travelling. The increased scale should be adopted from the commencement of 1864.

No. 160. ORDER THEREON, 14th January 1864, No. 82.
Referred to the Board of Revenue for report.
**(True Extract.)**

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
*Deputy Secretary to Government.*

**To the Board of Revenue.**

**Exd, S. T. Augustin.**

should be adopted from the commencement of 1864.—

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant,

G. A. Ballard
Collector.

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Mr Spiers to Rr of Rev. Dept. with Govt Order Rec'd 12 Jan 64.

Requesting the Rr to forward for sanction a list shewing the increased rates of pay which should be allowed to the Wynaad Deputy Collector's Establishment and the Salaried Revenue & Magisterial Servants.

A Reference to the Rules regulating Revenue Establishments.

Dated Ootacamund 11th Dec 1863.

Received 12th Jan 1864.

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From
The Collector of Malabar
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The Secretary to Govt
Rev. dept
Fort St George

Dated 28 Decr 1863.
Received 4th Jany 1864.

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Forwarding for sanction a list shewing the increased rates of pay which should be allowed to the Wynaad Deputy Collector's Establishment and the Salaried Revenue & Magisterial Servants.—

Wr Rider
No 82 4th Jany

Witness Rider

Note

The additional Expenses will be heavy say Rs 197 monthly — but looking at the climate, work &c of the Wynaad Taluk I think it should be allowed — The Police have Extra pays and it is very important in a Taluk where there are so many Europeans that the Revl & Magl Establishments should be efficient

I do not understand why Mr Rickard has address'd it for direct & not R Bd. Sp