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No. 148. Read the following letter from C. W. READE, Esq., Collector of South Arcot, to Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Madras, dated Cuddalore, 26th July 1865, No. 61 :—

SIR,

1. I beg to lay before Government, for their favorable consideration, the claims* of the Pension Clerks Department to increased salary, and to some additional assistance in the management of the Department.

* Enclosures to be returned.

2. The enclosed comparative Statement will shew at a glance the work of the Pension Department five years ago, and what it is at the present time; and Government will see that, with little more than half the number of Pensioners in 1861, as compared with the number on the 1st May last, the Establishment was more than double what it is now: and thus it needs no further illustration to shew that the present Clerks are really overtaxed, and are under-paid, and, feeling as I do, that their request for some assistance, as well as for some additional salary, is only equitable, I have not hesitated to submit their case for the favorable orders of the Government.

3. I am at all times reluctant to interfere in these matters, or too readily to accept representations of the kind, because all our subordinate servants of every Department are never backward in complaining of too much work and too little pay; and with this feeling I have on three several occasions refused to entertain the prayer of these Pension Clerks to bring their case under notice of higher authority. I do so now, because it is backed by the superior officials of my office, who can judge perhaps better than myself of the nature of the labors of these employés, and of the reasonableness of their present request; and my only support of that request is that the Pension Establishment here may be raised to the same position and be placed on the same footing as elsewhere, so that the Clerks at Cuddalore may not have any real cause of grievances by having more work thrown on them with less pay than the same class of servants in other Districts.

4. I am in ignorance of the system obtaining in other places, and I know nothing of the scale of Establishment allowed; but in seeking for the management of the Pension Department under me, the same scale of Establishment, and the same scale of remuneration as prevails in other parts, I presume that I am only acting in strict justice to these inferior servants of Government, who naturally look to me as the Head of the District wherein they serve, to represent their just and equitable claims, and as far as in me lies to secure for them the redress and remedy which they seek to obtain; and I await the orders of Government which, I confidently trust, may at all events be favorable to the extent I have recommended.

Transferred to the Revenue Department.

(Signed) C. G. WALKER,
Under Secretary.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
4th August 1865.

No. 149. ORDER THEREON, 9th August 1865, No. 1,849.

Miscellaneous.

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(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Acting Under Secretary to Government.

To the Military Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

9th. 1849.

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