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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
28th November 1865.

No. 548. Read the following letter from the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue:—

Submitting proposals for increasing the strength of the Account Department of the Board's Office, and for raising the salaries of some of the servants belonging to it. } (Here enter 14th November 1865, No. 7,291.)

No. 549. ORDER THEREON, 28th November 1865, No. 2,939.

Miscellaneous.

The Board will consider whether in view of the large extent to which their correspondence is carried on in printing, some reduction may not be effected in the number of Clerks in their Correspondence Department by transfer to the Account Department, in order to meet in part the proposed increase of charge.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 7,291.

From R. A. DALYELL, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue,
To W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, R. D.

SIR,

In paragraph 14 of their Proceedings, under date 23rd June 1864, No. 3,885, the Board stated that it would be necessary to increase the strength of the Account branch of their office, in order to make it equal to the efficient discharge of the numerous additional duties which devolved upon it in consequence of the transfer to the Board of the duty of auditing a large number of charges, including the numerous receipts and charges under the several heads of Local Fund, and the Government were pleased to observe in their Order, under date 26th October, No. 1,977, that they would be prepared to sanction a moderate increase of establishment for this purpose.

2. The Board accordingly entered a sum of Rupees 500 in their Budget Estimate of Charges for 1865-66; but the Government disallowed the amount, as no definite scheme for the proposed increase of establishment had been placed before them. The Board, however, had delayed to submit their proposals, not because a further experience had created any doubt as to the necessity of the increase, but because the whole system of accounts was in progress of revision by the English Account Commissioner, and it seemed probable that such additional duties would be imposed on the Board as would necessitate a still larger increase of establishment than had originally been contemplated. The Board resolved, therefore, to carry on the business of their office with the existing establishment until they were in a position to state what additional aid they would require to carry out the system finally determined on. The Board now fear that this has been done at some sacrifice of efficiency, and with considerable hardship to the existing office establishment, whose energies have certainly been overtaxed. At the same time, the Board considered it would be better to encounter these temporary disadvantages than to trouble Government with two applications on the same subject within a short period. They would not, however, be justified in any longer allowing this objection to interfere with the proper performance of the duties which now devolve upon their office, and though they have as yet had but six months' experience of the new system of accounts, they direct me to submit, for the early sanction of Government, the following scheme for the proposed increase of the Account Department of the Board's office. I need hardly state that the experience of these six months has satisfied the Board that no smaller increase than that about to be proposed will enable their office to cope with the large amount of additional work thrown on it, especially in the way of auditing charges.

3. The Government are aware that in the auditing of charges, and the passing of bills, expedition is of the utmost importance, and that to secure expedition a proper division of labour in the office is necessary. The Board accordingly propose to entertain instead of the six Accountants

on salaries ranging from Rupees 150 to Rupees 60 per mensem, six Auditors and Accountants as noted in the margin. To each of these officers three Districts will be specially allotted, and the general duties of the Department will also be fairly divided amongst them: those which are most important being allotted to the most highly paid officers.

	Rs.
Second Auditor and Accountant	175
3rd " "	150
4th " "	125
5th " "	100
6th " "	85
7th " "	85

4. The Board are quite satisfied that it will not be possible for them to obtain persons fitted to fill these responsible situations at lower rates of salary. This change will involve an additional charge of Rupees 185—the pay of the six Accountants amounting at present to Rupees 535.

5. In order further to make this Branch of their office thoroughly efficient, and to provide a competent Assistant to their Serishtadar, the Board propose to entertain a Deputy Serishtadar on a salary of Rupees 350 per mensem. This arrangement will enable the Board to reduce the salary of the present Head Accountant, who at present is the only Assistant to the Serishtadar, from Rupees 250 to Rupees 200, and they propose to change his designation to Chief Auditor and Accountant: the additional cost of this arrangement will be Rupees 300 per mensem.

6. In their Report on District Presses, for the year 1863-64, the Board have already explained to Government that the services of a Translator are necessary in this Branch of their office for the purpose of translating, into Tamil and Teloogoo, their numerous Circular Orders, which are now published in the District Gazettes. It is absolutely necessary, in order to insure uniformity, that these translations should be made in the Board's office and not in each District, and such an arrangement of course results in a large saving of labour. The Board propose therefore to entertain a Translator on a salary of Rupees 125 per mensem, with two Assistants on Rupees 25 each. It is of importance that these Circulars should be published in the District Gazettes as issued, and the preparation of them would be the primary duty of these three hands. They would, however, also be employed in the other current duties of the Department, and the two Vernacular Clerks would be of great assistance in examining those vernacular Registers and Accounts which are occasionally submitted to the Board.

7. The Board further direct me to take this opportunity of bringing to the notice of Government the very low rates of salary drawn by the inferior servants attached to their office. The salaries of these servants* in the Provinces have been increased at the late revision of the Revenue Establishment, and the additional cost of living at the Presidency renders it specially necessary that the same course should be followed there. The Board accordingly propose the changes shown in the marginal statement, and direct me to solicit the sanction of Government to the increased expenditure, amounting to Rupees 40.

* Bookbinders, Moocheys. Attenders. Peons. Sweepers,

	Present cost.	Proposed cost.
	Rs.	Rs.
Bookbinders and Moocheys	62	84
Record Attenders	35½	38
Jemadar and Peons	225½	236
Sweepers	7	12
	330	370
Net Increase... ...	...	40

8. The Board believe that the additions to their office, as proposed in the foregoing paragraphs, are most moderate. It will be observed that the Head Serishtadar will have under him a Deputy, a Chief Accountant, and six well paid Auditors and Accountants. If a comparison is made with the Establishment of the Accountant General's office, or with that of the Controller of Public Works Accounts, it will be found that the rates of salary are moderate. The general work in the Board's office has, as the Board pointed out to Government in their Proceedings, dated 30th September 1862, No. 6,575, very largely increased, though the Correspondence Department remains at the same standard, and the supervision of the Revenue Settlement, to be made by Collectors, will doubtless add considerably to the duties of this Department, as well as of the Account Department where the numerous statements will have to be checked and abstracted. The Board trust therefore, that the Government will be pleased to sanction the additional outlay involved, which they anticipate will be far more than covered by the reductions to be made in the Revenue Settlement Department in the coming year.

9. The increased charge, amounting to Rupees 705, to which the Board request the sanction of Government, and the necessity for which is explained in these Proceedings, is entered in detail in the enclosed Tabular Statement, and provision will be made for it in the Board's Budget Estimate, which will be shortly submitted to Government.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

R H Dalyell

Acting Secretary.

Revenue Board Office,
Madras,
14th November 1865.

Exd. R. H. Lee.

Tabular Statement showing the increase proposed to the Establishment of the Board of Revenue.

Extract from Home Department of Government of India.		Office to which the proposition refers.	Nature of Charge.						Proposition.						Casual, or extraordinary.	Grounds of proposition.	Local Government's recommendation.	Orders of the Government of India.		
			Present Scale.				Proposed Scale.		Permanent.		Temporary.							Home Department.	Financial Department.	
Number.	Date.								Increase per month.	Decrease per month.	Increase per month.		Decrease per month.							
											Period.	Amount.	Period.	Amount.				Remarks.	Remarks.	Orders.
			Correspondence and Record Department.	Rs.	A.	P.	*Correspondence and Record Department.*	Rs.	A.	P.												
			49, Establishment unchanged.....	3,095	0	0	Establishment unchanged...	3,095	0	0												
			Office Servants.				*Office Servants.*															
			1 Bookbinder..... ...	12	0	0	1 Moochey.....	15	0	0												
			1 Moochey.....	10	8	0	1 Do.....	12	0	0												
			1 Do.....	8	0	0	3 Do. at 10 Rupees each... ...	30	0	0												
			1 Do.....	6	0	0																
			1 Assistant Book binder.....	3	8	0																
			1 Record Attender ...	10	8	0	1 Record Attender ...	12	0	0												
			1 Do.	9	0	0	1 Do.	10	0	0												
			2 Do. at 8 Rupees each.....	16	0	0	2 Do. at 8 Rupees...	16	0	0												
			1 Jemadar...	12	8	0	1 Jemadar.....	15	0	0												
			1 Duffadar.....	10	0	0	1 Duffadar.....	12	0	0												
			6 Peons at 8 Rupees.	48	0	0	6 Peons at 8 Rupees...	48	0	0												
			17 Do. at 7 do. ...	119	0	0	23 Do. at 7 do...	161	0	0												
			6 Do. at 6 ...	36	0	0																
			2 Sweepers at 3½ do. ...	7	0	0	2 Sweepers at 6 Rs....	12	0	0												
			1 Toty.....	5	0	0	1 Toty.....	5	0	0												
			92 Total.....	3,408	0	0	Total.....	3,443	0	0												
			Account Department.				*Account Department.*															
			1 Head Serishtadar ...	800	0	0	1 Head Serishtadar ...	800	0	0												
							1 Deputy Serishtadar.	350	0	0												
			1 Head Accountant ...	250	0	0	1 Chief Auditor and Accountant.....	200	0	0												
			1 Assistant do	150	0	0	1 Assistant do...	175	0	0												
			1 Do.....	100	0	0	1 Do.....	150	0	0												
			1 Do.....	80	0	0	1 Do.....	125	0	0												
			1 Do.....	75	0	0	1 Do.....	100	0	0												
			1 Do.....	70	0	0	2 Do. at 85 Rs. each.	170	0	0												
			1 Do.....	60	0	0	2 Do. at 50 do...	100	0	0												
			2 Do. at 50 Rupees.	100	0	0	2 Do. at 40 do...	80	0	0												
			2 Do. at 40 do....	80	0	0	2 Do. at 35 do...	70	0	0												
			2 Do. at 35 do. ..	70	0	0	2 Do. at 30 do...	60	0	0												
			2 Do. at 30 do....	60	0	0	4 Do. at 25 do...	100	0	0												
			4 Do. at 25 do....	100	0	0	2 Do. at 20 do ..	40	0	0												
			2 Do. at 20 do....	40	0	0	1 Do.	20	0	0												
			1 Do.	15	0	0	1 Translator.....	125	0	0												
							2 Assistant do. at 25 Rs.	50	0	0												
			1 Moochey.....	12	0	0	1 Moochey...	15	0	0												
			1 Do.	10	0	0	1 Do.	12	0	0												
			1 Dufterbund...	10	0	0	1 Dufterbund...	10	0	0												
			6 Peons at 7 Rupees...	42	0	0	6 Peons at 7 Rupees...	42	0	0												
			1 Masalchee.....	5	0	0	1 Masalchee.....	5	0	0												
			33 Total.....	2,129	0	0	37 Total.....	2,799	0	0												
			Grand Total...	5,537	0	0	Grand Total...	6,242	0	0	35	670										
												705										

Note.—It is proposed to bring the increase now recommended into effect from 1st January 1866, and the extra charge for the three months of the Current Official year may be met from the General Savings in the Budget provision under "16 Administration and Public Departments," Minor Head "Board of Revenue."

Exd. R. H. Lee.

Acting Secretary.

Revenue Department.

No. 2939.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 28th Novr 1865.

Read the following letter from the Actg Secy to the Bd of Rev:

Submitting proposals for increasing the strength of the Acct Dept of the Bd's office, and for raising the salaries of some of the servants belonging to it.—

(Recd enter 14th Novr 1865 No 7291)

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W.H.L. J.P.

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Dated 14th November 1865.

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Rev. Dept. 1865.
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No. 3286

From the Ag. Secy. to the Board of Revenue,
To the Acting Secretary to Government, R. D.

Revenue 1865 Deptt.
Pro: of Govt for Nov.
№ 2939.

Pro: of the Madras Govt.
Dt 28th November 1865
Pro. Bd of Revenue 15th March
1866 №s 830
From the Secy to the Board of Rev
of 17 Aug/69 №s 2797

Requesting Board of Revenue to report whether any reduction may not be effected in the Correspondence Deptt with reference to the proposal for increasing the strength of the Rev. Board's Account Deptt.

№s 5485 & 5469.

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