

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 1241	Press Mis.
Dated 25 th 5 th	1866.

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25th May 1866.*

No. 445. Read the following letter from the Honorable C. PELLY, Member of the Board of Revenue, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 30th April 1866, No. 1,919:—

1. I have the honor to submit, for the consideration and orders of Government, a letter from the Collector of Madras, dated 17th April 1866, No. 157, proposing certain alterations in the scale of pay sanctioned for certain of the servants attached to the Abkarry, Quit-rent, and Stamping Departments of the Town of Madras. The Collector applied for these alterations some months ago, but to this time neglected to send me the detailed information, regarding the duties of the Conicopillays, which I called for. He has only now submitted his present report. I was unwilling to propose any further increase to the Establishment, but as the Collector strongly urges the necessity of the increase, and shews that it is reasonable, I have thought it proper to bring his request under the consideration of Government.

2. The alterations proposed consist chiefly of increase to the salaries of the class of servants called Conicopillays in the several Departments noted in the margin. The Deputy Collector of Madras details fully the duties performed by these

Abkarry Department.
Quit-rent do.
Registration do.

men, and they appear to be the same as those of Gumashtas, although these men are differently designated in consequence of the out-door work which they are required to perform almost every day. In their Proceedings, dated 12th September 1865, the Government have been pleased to approve that the minimum pay of Gumashtas should be Rupees 15 per month, and as the nature of the duties of the Conicopillays is the same as that of Gumashtas, I am of opinion that they may fairly claim the minimum rate of pay, 15 Rupees, especially in these days when cost of living in the Presidency Town is so much greater than it was.

3. There are at present fifty-one Conicopillays in the several Departments of the Madras Town Establishment; of these, fifteen in the Quit-rent or Talook Establishment are on the receipt of 14 Rupees a month. The Collector does not propose to raise the pay of these men, but if the pay of all the Conicopillays on 10 Rupees is to be raised to 15 Rupees, I see no reason why a few should be retained on less pay: I consider that their pay also should be raised to 15 Rupees a month.

4. Out of the three Conicopillays on 10 Rupees a month in the Talook Establishment, Mr. Fane proposes increase to only two, as the third Conicopillay appears to have been omitted through an oversight, I propose to raise his pay also to 15 Rupees.

5. Besides the Conicopillays, the Collector requested that the pay of the Talook Shroff, who now draws only 15 Rupees a month, be raised to 25 Rupees, in consideration of the heavy responsibilities and the very large amount of labor devolving on him; I originally declined to accede to this request, but the Collector now shews that the amount that has to pass through his hands comes very nearly to fourteen lacs of Rupees a year besides the Income Tax collections, and I am therefore obliged to support his recommendation.

6. The pay of all the Gumashtas on 12 Rupees in the several Talooks of the Presidency having been lately increased to Rupees 15, the Collector recommends

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that the pay of a Gumashta in the Stamping Establishment of the Madras Town be raised to the same level. This Gumashta was not included in the list of those whose pay was lately raised to 15 Rupees.

7. The last alteration is regarding the pay of the Iron Smith attached to the Stamping Department. The pay of this individual was fixed in the late revision at Rupees 6 per month; but the Collector now considers that it is too small, and recommends its being raised to Rupees 10, as the wages of the laborers of this description of men have of late much increased, the request of the Collector appears to be reasonable.

8. The several alterations now proposed involve an increase of Rupees 212 per mensem, or Rupees 2,544 per annum, as detailed below:—

	Increase.
29 Conicopillays in the Abkarry Department from 10 to 15 Rupees per month	145
2 do. in the Registration do. from do. to do. per do.	*10
15 do. in the Talook Establish-ment from 14 to 15 Rupees per do.	15
3 Conicopillays in the Talook Establishment from 10 to 15 Rupees per month	15
2 do. in Stamping do. from do. to do. per do.	10
1 Shroff in the Talook Establishment from 15 to 25 Rupees per do.	10
1 Gumashta in the Stamping Department from 12 to 15 Rupees per do.	3
1 Iron Smith in do. from 6 to 10 Rupees per do...	4
	212
	12
	2,544

9. The Government of India have desired to have my final Statement of Establishments forwarded immediately, I could close it at once if the Government think fit, but I would rather await their orders, (which may occasion a further change in the Establishment,) on the subject of the separate Registration Department under the Collector of Madras, on which orders are deferred pending the reply of the Government Solicitor to the Proceedings of Government, dated 1st September 1865, No. 2,064, when that is disposed of, and the orders of Government passed on this letter, I know of nothing more to prevent me from finally closing the Statement of the Revised Establishment.

No. 440.

ORDER THEREON 25th May 1866, No. 1,241.

Miscellaneous.

1. Under the circumstances represented, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council approves and sanctions the increase to the salaries recommended by Mr. Pelly in the Abkarry, Quit-rent, Registration, and Stamping Departments, under the Deputy Collector for the Town of Madras, at a cost of Rupees 2,544 per annum, as shewn in paragraph 8 of the

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foregoing letter. Mr. Pelly will provide for the amount in his general Statement now under preparation.

2. Deducting this amount of Rupees 2,544 and of Rupees 19,380, sanctioned in G. O. of 28th November 1865, No. 2,940, and of Rupees 8, in G. O. of 22nd December 1865, No. 3,097, from the savings of Rupees 8,70,508, shewn in G. O. of 12th September 1865, No. 2,184, there will still be a net saving of Rupees 8,48,584, out of Rupees 33,18,292, the former cost of Revenue and Magisterial Establishments in the Presidency.

3. The Government Solicitor's letter No. 268 of 10th instant, in reply to

* G. O. 1st September 1865, No. 2,064.
G. O. 19th December " " 3,059.
G. O. 25th January 1866, " 226.

Government Orders noted in the margin* on the subject of the registration of Title Deeds in the Town of Madras, was referred to the Board of Revenue on the

14th idem. The Board will furnish their report without delay.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

To the Honorable C. Pelly.

„ the Board of Revenue.

„ the Accountant General.

„ the Government Solicitor.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Under the circumstances represented, the Wth Double the Govt^y in Council approves & sanctions the increase to the salaries recommended by Mr. Pelly in the Adkaryp Suit sent, the registration & stamping Departments under the D^y Coll^y for the town of Madras at a cost of Rs. 2544-0-0 per annum as shown in para 8 of the foregoing letter. Mr. Pelly will provide for the amount in his final statement now under preparation.

2. Deducting this amount of Rs. 2544 and of Rs. 19380 sanctioned in G.O. of 28th Nov. 1865, No. 2948, from the savings of Rs. 870,508 shown in G.O. of 12th Sept. 1865, No. 2184, there will still be a net saving of Rs. 848,584 out of Rs. 33,18,292 the former cost of revenue and magisterial establs in the presidency. — This para has been forwarded to the Secy, attached.

3. The attention of the Govt. Solicitor will be drawn to G.O. 1st Sept. 1865, No. 2064, the orders noted in the margin for G.O. 19th Dec. 1865, No. 3059, a speedy reply on the subject of the registration of title deeds for lands in the town of Madras, to enable Mr. Pelly to make a provision for the registration establishment without which his revision of the revenue establishment cannot be closed and the final statement submitted to the Government of India.

To Mr. Pelly, Secy. to Govt.
14th in No. of Rev. S.
6th in Acc. of Rev. S.
4th in Govt. Solicitor's.

20th May 1866 J. A. S.

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[Signature]
Secretary to Government.

To the Honorable C. Pelly.
" the Board of Revenue.
" the Accountant General.
" the Government Solicitor.

*The reply comes from the
The Govt. Solicitor's letter dated
10th Decr in reply to the notice
in the margin on the subject of
the registration of Title Deeds in the
Town of Madras was referred to the
Board of Revenue for their consideration
and as usual is impracticable - without delay -*

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Thomas S. S. S. S.
March
30th June 1881.

John H. S. S. S.
Mr.
Sam. S. S. S. S.
Charles S. S. S.
S. S. S. S.

No. 1st Sept. 1857 N^o 1344
12th do N^o 1551
25 January 1866 N^o 1446

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Pro of Gov^r for May
N^o 1271

From
The Honorable C. Pelly
Member of the D. of Res.
To
J. D. Linn Esq^r
Secretary to Gov^r P.D.
Fort Saint George

Dated 30th April 1866

Dispatches
Recd. 2nd May

N^o 1919.

Enclosures 5. P.D.

Recommending increase

of pay to the Consociates in the
several Departments in the Town
of Madras.

N^o 1241-25 May

With order.

N^o 115-44, 6

17 May 1866