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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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No. 594. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 25th July 1866.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Bellary, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Bellary, 16th July 1866, No. 148:—

1. I have the honor to forward a petition from the lower paid officials of my establishment, for a temporary increase of pay during the present unprecedented high prices of grain.

2. In a report on the state of the District which I have just forwarded to the Board, and in which I have not dwelt upon the state of distress, without showing a remedy for it, I have pointed out that the prices of grain are from 3 to 400 per cent. above the prices, which ruled in the famine year of 1854; when 14 lacs were expended on roads for the support of the laboring classes. It will scarcely be considered creditable to Government that the families of its lower paid servants should have the alternative of starving, or of begging their bread from door to door, which I am afraid is now the case.

3. If the price lists of Bellary are compared with those of other Districts, it will be found that they rule higher, than any other District in the Madras Presidency. It is true that rice is nearly the same price in Tinnevelly; but other grains are cheaper: and that District is in a much more flourishing condition than this.

	Seers.
Cholum.	
Bellary	413
Tinnevelly	209
Ragi.	
Bellary	381
Tinnevelly	280

4. I would recommend, for the favorable consideration of Government, that an increase of 20 per cent. be sanctioned on all salaries at and below Rupees 10 per mensem; when rice sells at less than eight Madras measures per Rupee, compensation is given to Sepoys.

5. The cultivators of the land obtain the means of subsistence either from their produce, or from engaging on Public Works. If they have a surplus beyond their actual requirements, they share in the benefit of high prices, but the recipients of small salaries partake in no such advantage; other means of subsistence are not open to them. They are expected to be decently dressed, and most of them have families, with cholum at 5½ seers to the Rupee, equivalent to 3½ Madras measures. A man on Rupees 7 per mensem can scarcely feed himself, and has nothing for his family.

6. It is true we cannot adequately meet the requirements of the occasion, but something should be done; and I would therefore recommend that the salaries, as below, should be raised as specified, at an additional monthly charge of Rs. 758-6-2.

Memorandum showing the cost of the proposed temporary increase at 20 per cent. on the present salary of the Huzur and Talook servants from Rupees 10 and below.

Present rates of salary.	Huzur.								Talook.								Total of Huzur and Talook.		Amount at 20 Rupees per cent. on total Huzur and Talook.
	Collector's Establishment.	Sub-Collector's Establishment.	Head Assistant Collector's Establishment.	General Deputy Collector's Establishment.	In the Treasury Department.	Press Office.	Total.		Talooks Establishment.	Sub-Magistrate's Division.	District Tappal Establishment.	Travellers' Dunnagalow Establishment.	Total.		Numbers.	Amount.		
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.		No.	No.	No.	No.	No.		No.	Rs.		Rs. A. P.
1 Of Rupees 10	3	2	1	.....	1	2	9		1	...	3	.....	4		43	130		26 0 0
2 Do. 8	16	3	1	.....	1	1	23		15	...	13	.....	15		38	304		60 12 10
3 Do. 7	13	6	4	3	2	3	36		15	10	13	.....	38		74	518		103 9 6
4 Do. 6	4	2	1	1	...	...	8		317	16	...	2	335		343	2,038		411 9 6
5 Do. 5	...	...	.....	.....	...	...	...		30	9	102	.....	141		141	705		141 0 0
6 Do. 3½	..	...	.....	.....	...	...	...		...	...	...	22	22		22	77		15 6 4
Total ...	41	13	7	5	4	6	76		378	35	118	24	555		631	3,702		758 6 2

(Signed) A. WEDDERBURN,
Collector.

1. Submitted for the Orders of Government, with the Board's recommendation that a temporary addition of Rupees 2 monthly be made to the pay of all Government servants in Bellary drawing Rupees 10 monthly and under, thus following the analogy of the rule adopted in Ganjam, and the Bengal Districts, which is more adapted for affording actual relief than a per centage addition.

2. The increase should operate from the commencement of the current month, and continue at present for three months.

3. The facts stated by the Collector render argument in support of this proposal superfluous.

No. 595.

Miscellaneous.

ORDER THEREON, 31st July 1866, No. 1,906.

The Board's proposal is sanctioned and will be communicated to the Collector by Telegraph.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Accountant General.

Ed. T. Cartledge.

Submitted for the orders of Gov-
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(True Copy and Extract)

Secretary.

To

The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department.
With a Petition.

Lt Blackett
C. Government

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The Hble Secretary is sanctioned & will be Comd to the Order by Telegraph.

LDS
31st July 1906

Hy Offices Letter Wolf Rowe Capt Smyth
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Pro of Govt for July
No-2223.

Reference to England
Dl 11th August No 95 of 1866. Mr

Proceedings of the
Board of Revenue

Dated 25th
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Pro Govt of 19th Sept 1866
No 3372.

No 594-595.

No-1906-31 July
With order

Recommending that a
temporary addition of Rupees
2 be made to pay of all Govt
Servants in Bellary District
drawing Rupees 16 monthly and
under, from commencement
of current month.

I would agree
with proposal. HP.
WDL - do. HP.

26 July 1866