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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 20th July 1867.

No. 409. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 13th July 1867, No. 4,378.

Read the following letter from the Collector of the Godavery District, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cocanada, 31st May 1867, No. 140:—

1. I have the honour to forward, for the Board's favourable consideration, copy of a letter from the Assistant Collector, recommending an increase of pay for the Customs Peons. I quite concur with him in opinion.

2. On this subject I have written to the Honourable Mr. Pelly on the 21st September 1865, but received no reply.

3. Except the Peons of the Sea Customs Department, all the rest are in receipt of 6 Rupees each. I, therefore, strongly recommend that the pay of the Customs Peons may be increased to that figure.

From W. F. GRAHAME, Esq., Assistant Collector, to the Collector of the Godavery District, dated Cocanada, 25th May 1867, No. 26.

With reference to the case (under Act VI of 1863) forwarded to you by me to-day, I beg to call your attention to the very small pay (5 Rupees monthly) received by the Custom-house Peons of Cocanada. I believe that no other Peons in the district receive less than 6, and that it is scarcely, if at all, possible for the men to live on 5 Rupees. The Customs Peons are placed in a situation peculiarly open to temptation from the fact that boats with dutiable goods constantly pass up and down, and that there is nothing easier than for the Peons to receive or demand a few Rupees to permit a boat with dutiable goods to pass up or down the river without paying the Customs dues. It seems hardly fair to the men to place them in a situation in which they are exposed to more temptation, and yet to give them less pay than Peons in other posts throughout the district. I have the honour to suggest that you should make a representation of the case to the Board of Revenue, and request that the Board will obtain sanction for an increase of pay for the Customs Peons. The number of Peons on the Customs-house Establishment is ten.

The Board observe that the question of raising the pay of Customs Peons from 5 to 6 Rupees has already been brought before Government, who in their Order, dated 14th January 1867, No. 121, stated that the proposition will be separately submitted for the sanction of the Supreme Government. The Collector's letter will be submitted to Government.

No. 410.

8 Miscellaneous.

ORDER THEREON, 20th July 1867, No. 1,651.

The proposal to raise the pay of Peons in the Customs Department from 5 Rupees to 6 Rupees monthly is now before the Supreme Government.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd' S. T. Augustin.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 13*th July* 1867.

No. 4,378.

Submitting with remarks letter from Collector of Godavery district recommending increase of pay to customs Peons in district.