M.R.O. 1—39,000—16-10-29.

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 1648-49 Press ~~Mis.~~

Dated 11 — 6 — ~~19~~ 1868

Not to be folded or roughly handled

Read the following papers :—

No. 294. From the Secretary to the Government of India, (Financial Department,) to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Fort William, 6th April 1868, No. 1,978 :—

1. I am directed to state that your letter No. 409, dated 10th September 1867, was held over pending a scrutiny of the Honorable Mr. Pelly's revision of Revenue Establishments, on which orders will be passed separately.

2. I am to enquire what special necessity is there for the retention of two Accountants under the so-called Cash-keeper in the Bellary and Godavery districts. That functionary has the custody of stamps merely, for which he accounts to the separate Account Department of the collectorate, which is sufficiently strong, while the Cash-keeper or Custodian of Stamps has, apparently, to keep merely an account of his own receipts and issues.

3. If an Accountant be required for the Custodian of Stamps, the charge of Rupees 70, which is proposed as his pay alone, should, I am to suggest, provide also the expense for one Accountant.

4. It is not clear why Gollahs are retained under the Custodian of Stamps, they are generally employed in the removal or shifting of bags of treasure.

5. I am to enquire whether the Cash-keepers on Rupees 125 have been absorbed in other districts. On the transfer of treasuries to branches of the Bank of Bengal, the treasurers whose appointments become superfluous are not retained.

Referred to the Board of Revenue for their remarks, with reference to G. O., dated 26th August 1867, No. 1,989.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

16*th April* 1868.

No. 295. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd May 1868, No. 3,796.

Read endorsement of Government, dated 16th April 1868, Revenue Department.

ABSTRACT.—Referring to the Board, for remarks, a letter from the Government of India, inquiring what special necessity exists for the retention of two Accountants under the so-called Cash-keeper in the Bellary and Godavery districts, and why Gollahs are retained under the Custodian of Stamps.

---

1. In paragraph 2 of the foregoing letter, the Government of India inquire what special necessity there is for the retention of two Accountants under the Cash-keeper in the Bellary and Godavery districts, where branch Banks have been established, as that functionary is simply the Custodian of Stamps, who has to keep merely an account of his own receipts and issues.

2. The Board observe that the reduced establishment of the treasury in those districts was proposed by them, after due consideration of the requirements of the department, and after consultation with the Collectors concerned, and they would deprecate any change in it.

3. The Cash-keeper in the districts above referred to, though relieved of the responsibility of keeping cash, has various other important duties to attend to. He has not only the charge of stamps, postage, and service labels, but is also intrusted

with the heavy work of stationery and contingent charges, and the keeping of accounts connected with the Permanent Advance Fund.

4. He is not the mere Custodian of Stamps, as supposed by the Government of India. According to the Discount Rules, he has to sell to the licensed Vendors all stamps up to the value of Rupees 50 on a discount of three per cent., and keep the accounts connected with them. He has also to supply, to the talooks and other stations, various kinds of stamps on indents passed by the Deputy Collector, after stamping them with the official seal.

5. In this Presidency, the practice which had formerly existed of allowing the district and local officers to purchase from the local markets certain kinds of stationery, such as French foolscap, country paper, &c., has been discontinued, and large quantities of them are now annually supplied to the districts by the Superintendent of Stationery. The Cash-keeper at the Huzoor is intrusted with the charge of these articles. He distributes them to the talooks and the several departments of the Huzoor, and keeps accounts of their receipts and issues. The Cash-keeper retains the Permanent Advance Fund with him, and makes payments for contingent charges on account of the several departments of the Huzoor Cutcherry, inclusive of the press, and prepares bills, and after drawing the amount, replenishes the Permanent Advance Fund. He has also to distribute the pay of the several establishments in the Huzoor Cutcherry.

6. On consideration of these additional duties, and the strong representation of Collectors, the Board thought it proper to allow the services of two Accountants to the Cash-keeper, which number, they are fully of opinion, is not more than what is actually required. No reduction can be made in their number without impairing the efficiency of the department, or interfering with the proper performance of its duties.

7. In paragraph 2 it is stated, that if an Accountant is required for the Custodian of Stamps, the Cash-keeper's own pay should provide for the expense. In this Presidency no such system prevails. Each man's pay is regulated with reference to his own work and responsibilities. The salary of 70 Rupees proposed for the Cash-keeper is not large, when the very heavy and responsible character of his work is taken into consideration.

8. In paragraph 4, the Government of India question the necessity of Gollahs, as there is no work in connection with the removal or shifting of bags of treasure. The entertainment of Gollahs under the Cash-keepers, in the Bellary and Godavery districts, was not intended for the removal of treasure. There is a great deal of work in sorting, packing, and despatching stamp-papers, stationery, &c., to the several talooks and stations. All the Judicial Stamps have to be stamped with the official seal before issue. To attend to these duties the services of two men are absolutely necessary.

9. Adverting to paragraph 5, inquiring whether the Cash-keepers on Rupees 125 have been absorbed, the Board observe that the Government have already, on the Board's recommendation, sanctioned the postponement of the reduction of pay of the present Cash-keepers until they are otherwise provided for. It would be extremely hard to reduce their pay in consequence of a change effected

G. O., dated 26th August 1867, No. 1,989.

solely for the benefit of Government. The Board would strongly recommend that the present incumbents may not suffer by the change.

No. 296. ORDER THEREON, 11th June 1868, No. 1,648.

Miscellaneous.

1. Ordered to be communicated to the Supreme Government, with reference to the order quoted.

2. This Government are of opinion that good and sufficient ground is shewn for the retention of the Cash-keeper's establishment. The Board of Revenue will lose no opportunity of transferring the present incumbents so as to allow of the introduction of the reduced scale as soon as possible.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.
FORT ST. GEORGE,
11*th June* 1868.

No. 1,649.

No. 297.
To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

Miscellaneous.

1. I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 6th April 1868, No. 1,978, and to forward to you in reply, for submission to the Government of India, copy of the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd May 1868, No. 3,796, explaining the necessity for the retention of two Accountants and the Gollahs under the Cash-keepers in the Bellary and Godavery districts.

2. This Government are of opinion that good and sufficient ground is shewn for the retention of the Cash-keeper's establishment as revised by them.

3. The Board of Revenue have been requested to lose no opportunity of transferring the present incumbents, so as to allow of the complete introduction of the reduced scale as soon as possible.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government,

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

stationery, &c., to the several talooks and stations. All the Judicial Stamps have to be stamped with the official seal before issue. To attend to these duties the services of two men are absolutely necessary.

9. Adverting to paragraph 5, inquiring whether the Cashkeepers on Rupees 125 have been absorbed, the Board observe that the Government have already, on the Board's recommendation, sanctioned the postponement of the reduction of pay of the present Cashkeepers until they are otherwise provided for. It would be extremely hard to reduce their pay in consequence of a change effected solely for the benefit of Government. The Board would strongly recommend that the present incumbents may not suffer by the change.

G. O., dated 26th August 1867, No. 1,989.

(A true Extract.)

Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Exd. J. Wright.

Rev = 1868 Department.

Prs. of Govt for June

No. 1841-

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 22nd May 1868.

No. 3,796.

Submitting remarks on letter from Government of India inquiring what special necessity exists for retention of two Accountants under so called cashkeeper in Bellary and Godavery Districts and why Gollabs are retained under Custodian of Stamps.

Financial 1868 Department.

[ ]

From Government of

Fort St. George,

Dated 11*th June.* } *No.* 1,649.
R. } *Enclosures*
6 spare copies.

D. No.
L. No.

Progs. { *D.* / *No.*

Forwarding, for submission to the Government of India, copy of the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, explaining the necessity for the retention of two Accountants and the Gollahs under the Cash-keepers in the Bellary and Godavery districts.

No. 3,796.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 22nd May 1868.

Read endorsement of Government, dated 16th April 1868, Revenue Department:—

ABSTRACT.—Referring to the Board, for remarks, a letter from the Government of India, inquiring what special necessity exists for the retention of two Accountants under the so called Cashkeeper in the Bellary and Godavery districts, and why Gollahs are retained under the Custodian of Stamps.

---

1. In paragraph 2 of the foregoing letter, the Government of India inquire what special necessity there is for the retention of two Accountants under the Cashkeeper in the Bellary and Godavery districts, where branch Banks have been established, as that functionary is simply the Custodian of Stamps, who has to keep merely an account of his own receipts and issues.

2. The Board observe that the reduced establishment of the treasury in those districts was proposed by them, after due consideration of the requirements of the department, and after consultation with the Collectors concerned, and they would deprecate any change in it.

3. The Cashkeeper in the districts above referred to, though relieved of the responsibility of keeping cash, has various other important duties to attend to. He has not only the charge of stamps, postage and service labels, but is also intrusted with the heavy work of stationery and contingent charges, and the keeping of accounts connected with the Permanent Advance Fund.

4. He is not the mere Custodian of Stamps as supposed by the Government of India. According to the Discount Rules, he has to sell, to the licensed Vendors, all stamps up to the value of Rupees 50 on a discount of three per cent., and keep the accounts connected with them. He has also to supply, to the talooks and other stations, various kinds of stamps on indents passed by the Deputy Collector, after stamping them with the official seal.

5. In this Presidency, the practice which had formerly existed of allowing the District and local officers to purchase, from the local markets, certain kinds of stationery, such as French Foolscap, country-paper, &c., has been discontinued, and large quantities of them are now annually supplied to the districts by the Superintendent of Stationery. The Cashkeeper at the Huzoor is intrusted with the charge of these articles. He distributes them to the talooks, and the several departments of the Huzoor, and keeps accounts of their receipts and issues. The Cashkeeper retains the Permanent Advance Fund with him, and makes payments for contingent charges on account of the several departments of the Huzoor Cutcherry inclusive of the press, and prepares bills, and after drawing the amount replenishes the Permanent Advance Fund. He has also to distribute the pay of the several establishments in the Huzoor Cutcherry.

6. On consideration of these additional duties, and the strong representation of Collectors, the Board thought it proper to allow the services of two Accountants to the Cashkeeper, which number they are fully of opinion is not more than what is actually required. No reduction can be made in their number without impairing the efficiency of the department, or interfering with the proper performance of its duties.

7. In paragraph 2 it is stated, that, if an Accountant is required for the Custodian of Stamps, the Cashkeeper's own pay should provide for the expense. In this Presidency no such system prevails. Each man's pay is regulated with reference to his own work and responsibilities. The salary of 70 Rupees proposed for the Cashkeeper is not large, when the very heavy and responsible character of his work is taken into consideration.

8. In paragraph, 4 the Government of India question the necessity of Gollahs, as there is no work in connection with the removal or sifting of bags of treasure. The entertainment of Gollahs under the Cashkeepers, in the Bellary and Godavery districts, was not intended for the removal of treasure. There is a great deal of work in sorting, packing, and despatching stamp-papers,

5

Revenue Depart.
11th June /68

No. 1649.

To The Secy to the Govt of India, Finl Depts.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 6th April 1868, No. 1978 and to forward to you in reply for submission to the Govt of India, copy of the Bo: of the Board of Revenue dated 22nd May 1868 No. 3796 Sec. 10. in reply the necessity for the retention of two Accountants and the Gollahs under the Cashkeepers in the Bellary and

× The letter to which this is a reply was sent to the Financial Dept.

This letter has not yet been brought on the Proceedings & so I think both Nos 1978 & 1868 should be recorded in the Index order.

Jes

and Godaulery Districts.

~~I am to add that~~
this Govt are of opinion
that good and suffi=
=cient ground is shewn
for the retention of
the Cashkeeper's Es=
=tablishment as revised
by them.

The Board of
Revenue have been
~~requested~~ to lose no op=
=portunity ~~to~~ to transfer
the present incumbents
so as to allow of the complete
introduction of the re=
=duced scale as soon
as possible.

2/6/68

Revenue 1868 Deptt
No of Govt for June

(2)

No 1649

To
The Government of India
Fin. Dpt.

Dy 11th June 1868.

No 297.