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# MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

## Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 1777 Press Mis.

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Dated 23rd June 1865

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## *Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 23rd June 1869.*

No. 500. Read the following letter from the Under-Secretary to the Government of India, (Financial Department,) to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Revenue Department, dated Simla, 29th May 1869, No. 650 :—

In reply to your letter, No. 984, dated 10th April 1869, regarding the appointment of Mr. Symonds to the post of Special Assistant in the Settlement Department at Madras on a salary of 500 Rupees per mensem, I am directed to state that the inquiry made in this department letter, No. 1,296, dated 27th February, has not been understood. The object of that inquiry was to know whether, as there was no such Officer as a Deputy Collector in the sanctioned scale of Survey Establishments in Madras, Mr. Symonds, who is apparently a 4th-Class Deputy Collector, and drawing the salary of a 2nd-Class Deputy Collector, is drawing that salary, in consequence of any vacancy in the 2nd-Class rendering that salary available, or whether it is an addition to the sanctioned complement of salaries of that class.

2. It is no doubt competent to the Madras Government to employ a Deputy Collector on settlement duties, and, if there was a vacancy amongst the 2nd-Class Deputy Collectors, the Government of India could have no objection to the arrangement; but if Mr. Symonds's appointment be an addition to the sanctioned number, it will be necessary to obtain the previous sanction of Her Majesty's Secretary of State, as virtually the arrangement would involve the creation of a new appointment, although, as reported in your letter under reply, there is on the whole a considerable saving to Government by dispensing with the services of the Deputy Director of Settlement on Rupees 1,200 per month.

3. I am also to point out to you that it appears from the correspondence submitted with your letter that a Mr. Rundall was, in December 1864, allowed, while specially employed in the Settlement Department at Vellore, to draw the salary of a Deputy Collector of the 1st-Class. This arrangement seems equally exceptionable, if there was no vacancy in that class of Deputy Collectors.

4. A further report is, therefore, requested with reference to the above remarks.

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No. 501. ORDER THEREON, 23rd June 1869, No. 1,777.

Miscellaneous.

RESOLVED that the following letter be despatched :—

(Here enter 23rd June 1869, No. 1,778.)

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
*Acting Secretary to Government.*

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Govt. (1869) 23rd June

REVENUE.

To

Dated June, 23rd.

Read.

G. O., 23rd June 1869, No. 1,777.

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Nos. 500-501.

Mr. Symonds, Acting Personal Assistant to the Collector in the Settlement Department, to be Deputy Collector in the Administrative Department of Tinnevelly—I am directed to be responsible to Government of India, with reference to certain remarks regarding his appointment in that department.

Revenue Department,
Fort Saint George,
23rd *June*, 1869.

No. 1,778.

No. 502.
To

The Secretary to the Government of India,
Financial Department.

Sir,

Miscellaneous.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Under-Secretary Batten's letter of the 29th ultimo, No. 650. In reply, I am directed to explain that, under the original sanctions for the Settlement Department of this Presidency, this Government was authorised to employ a Settlement Party in each district under revision, at the head of which was placed a Deputy Director of Settlement on a salary of Rupees 1,200, with Assistants on Rupees 425 and Rupees 325. When, however, it was determined to make the experiment of entrusting the revision of the assessment to the Collector of the district, aided by a special establishment which was provided for in the General Budget of the Settlement Department, it was deemed desirable to endeavour to reduce the cost of a party, and accordingly, instead of nominating a Deputy Director and Assistants to the two parties employed in the districts of Tinnevelly and Nellore, which had been selected for the experiment, Messrs. Symonds and Rundall were appointed Personal Assistants to the Collectors in the Settlement Department. The change of designation from Deputy or Assistant-Director to Personal Assistant-Collector was made, because these Officers were serving under the direct orders of the Collector of the district, instead of under the Director of Revenue Settlement. Their salaries were fixed with reference to rate of pay drawn by Deputy Collectors, (who are never employed in the Settlement Department, the full complement being required for the administrative duties of the districts,) because, had the experiment been successful, it was contemplated to abolish the Settlement Department altogether, and to increase the Staff of Deputy Collectors, in order to provide Officers for the conduct of Settlement operations under the Collector's orders.

2. It will thus be observed that there is no question of whether there were vacancies or not in the grade of Deputy Collector, as the Land Revenue Administration Department is totally distinct from the Settlement Department in which Messrs. Rundall and Symonds were employed, and from which Budget they were paid. It is true that one of these Officers, Mr. Symonds, was nominated a Deputy Collector of the 4th-Class, but he was appointed to act as Personal Assistant to the Collector in the Settlement Department in Tinnevelly; and his place as 4th-Class Deputy Collector in the Administrative Department was filled up. It was probably this arrangement which has led the Government of India to suppose that Mr. Symonds had been nominated a Deputy Collector of the 2nd-Class when no vacancy existed.

3. In conclusion, I am directed to state, for the information of the Government of India, that the attempt to leave settlement operations in the hands of the District Officers, has now been definitively abandoned, and Mr. Rundall and his Settlement Party were some time since again placed under the orders of the Director of Revenue Settlement, under whose direction the revision of the assessment of the Nellore District is now being conducted. Mr. Rundall was at the same time appointed an Uncovenanted Officiating Deputy Director of Revenue Settlement. The same course will probably be followed ere long in regard to the Tinnevelly District; and I am to express a hope that in the meantime the temporary arrangements made by this Government within their Budget provision, in view to carrying out an experiment which was likely to have largely economized the funds of the State, may not be interfered with.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,
(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
*Acting Secretary to Government.*

Ezd. F. R. Bantleman.

Revenue Depart.

No. 1777

Proceedings of the Madras Govt. under date the 23rd June/69

Read the following letter from the Under Secy. to the Govt. of India, Financial Deptt.

Requesting a further report with reference to certain remarks, in connection with the appointment of Mr. Symonds to the Settlement Department.

(A.D.: 29th May 1869, No. 606/-

Resolve that the following letter be despatches:-

To the Secy. to the Govt. of India, Finl. Deptt. (Here enter

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Financial 1869 Department.

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From Government of Fort St. George.

Dated 23rd June. No. 1,778. Enclosure 6 sheets.

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Transmitting Proceedings of Board of Revenue, dated 23rd June 1869, No. 502.

Submitting explanation with reference to certain remarks made by Government of India, in connection with the appointment of Mr. Symonds to the Settlement Department at Tinnevelly.

Revenue Depart.

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The Secretary to the
Govt. of India,
Financial Dept.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Under Secretary Bathurst's letter of the 29th Ultimo, No. 650. In reply I am directed to explain that under the original sanctions for the Settlement Department of this Presidency, this Govt. was authorized to employ a Settlement Party in each District under revision, at the head of which was placed a Dy. Director of Settlement on a salary of Rs. 1200, with Assistants on Rs. 425 and Rs. 325 When, however, it was determined to make the experiment of entrusting the revision of the assessment to the Collectors of the Districts

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3. In conclusion, I wish to state for the information of the Govt of India that the attempt to blend settlement operations in the hands of the district officers has now been definitively abandoned, and Mr Rundall and his settlement party were some time since again placed under the orders of the Director of Ryotwar Settlement, under whose direction the revision of the assessment of the Tellore district is now being conducted. Mr Rundall was at

at the same time appointed as Deputy Director of Ryotwar Settlement. The same course will probably be followed ere long in regard to the Tinnevelly district, and (in the meantime) I am to express a hope that the temporary arrangements made by this Govt within the budget provision in view to carrying out an experiment which at once likely to prove largely economize the resources of the State may not be interfered with.

Rundall