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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 2328.	Press Mis.
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Dated 13 Aug	1869

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
13th August 1869.

No. 198. Read the following letter from the Under-Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, to the Acting Secretary to the Government of Madras, Revenue Department, dated Simla, 21st July 1869, No. 2,154 :—

In reply to your letter, No. 1,778, dated 23rd June 1869, regarding the appointment of Messrs. Symonds and Rundall in the Settlement Department, on salaries of Rupees 500 each per mensem, under the designation of Personal Assistants to the Collectors of Tinnevelly and Nellore, respectively, I am directed to state that the Governor-General in Council is pleased to confirm the sanction accorded by the Government of Madras to the above appointments; but I am to observe that the arrangements, which involved changes in a sanctioned scale of salaries, should have been reported for the previous sanction of the Government of India and the approval of Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India.

Copy forwarded to the Accountant-General, Madras, in continuation of letter from this department, No. 1,295, dated 27th February 1869.

No. 199. Order thereon, 13th August 1869, No. 2,328.

Miscellaneous.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. WELLESLEY,
Acting Under-Secretary to Government.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Ordered that the following letter be despatched.

No. 502. From the Acting Secretary to Government of Fort Saint George, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, dated 23rd June 1869, No.1778.

Sir,

I have the honour 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 R.1200, with Assistants on R. 425 and R.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

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G. O., 18th August 1869, No. 2,928.

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Messrs. Symonds and Rundall of the Settlement Department.—Letter from Government of India confirming their appointment as Personal Assistants to the Collectors of Tinnevelly and Nellore, recorded.

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.

No.198.

Read the following letter from the Under-Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, to the Acting Secretary to the Government of Madras, Revenue Department, dated Simla, 21st July 1869, No.2,154:-

In reply to your letter No.1778, dated 23rd June 1869, regarding the appointment of Messrs. Symonds and Rundall in the Settlement Department, on salaries of R.500 each per mensem, under the designation of Personal Assistants to the Collectors of Tinnevelly and Nellore, respectively, I am directed to state that the Governor-General in Council is pleased to confirm the sanction accorded by the Government of Madras to the above appointments; but I am to observe that the arrangements, which involved changes in a sanctioned scale of salaries, should have been reported for the previous sanction of the Government of India and the approval of Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India.

Copy forwarded to the Accountant-General, Madras, in continuation of letter from this Department, No.1295, dated 27th February 1869.

No.199.

Order thereon Misc.No.2328, d/ 13th August 1869.

O r d e r e d to be recorded.

(Signed). H. Wellesley.

Acting Under-Secretary to Government.

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G.O. No. 2328 dy 13th Aug. 1869.

Re: the appointment of Messrs Symonds and Randall as personall assistants to the Collectors of Tinnevelly & Nellore

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No 2545

From the Secretary to the Govt. of Madras

Dated 21st July

Recd 31st Aug 1869.

No 2154

Stating that the Govr Genl in Council has confirmed the sanction of this Govt appointing Messrs Symonds & Randall as Personal Assistants to the Collectors of Tinnevelly & Nellore respectively

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