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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No.	2725	Press / Mis.
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Dated	5th October 1869.	

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No. 50. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 30th August 1869, No. 6,489 :—

Read the following letter from the Collector of Vizagapatam, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Camp at Bimlipatam, 26th July 1869, No. 450.

I HAVE the honour to address the Board on the total want of machinery for collecting the various returns now required by Government in this Zemindary District.

2. The establishment allotted to each Deputy Tahsildar for all purposes consists of two peons, of whom one has to be chiefly occupied as a warder in charge of the Subsidiary Jail under the new Rules.

3. The returns that each Deputy Tahsildar is required to submit, are the following :—

1. Register of Births and Deaths, monthly.
2. Monthly return of Indigo and Cotton cultivation.
3. Annual return of Sugar-cane.
4. Census returns.

These statistical statements have to be obtained from a number of scattered villages over a large extent of country from village officers, over whom the Deputy Tahsildars have little, if any, legal authority.

4. It has been reported to me by one of the Deputy Tahsildars that the impossible problem of collecting these returns without any establishment for the purpose, has been solved in this way. When a return is overdue, the Deputy Tahsildar sends a Batta Peon to the village servant from whom it is required, with a batta chit notifying that so much a day is to be paid to the peon until the statement is submitted.

5. On the practice being brought to my notice for official sanction, I was compelled to order its discontinuance, and found on inquiry that the same system had been in force throughout the Zemindary limits since the preparation of these returns had been required.

6. I beg now to submit an estimate of the cost of paying for these Batta Peons, as prepared on my orders by the different Deputy Tahsildars of the district, which will at least show what they believe to be the amount hitherto exacted from the village officials, in compelling them to prepare the required returns.

7. The small sums entered against the talooks of Rayogadda and Gunapur, arise from their belonging to the Jeypore Zemindary, where there are no Curnums or village officials by whom statistical returns can be got up, and they are consequently obtained *en bloc* from the Zemindar's Amil.

8. The remaining talooks of Jeypore above the hills are not included in the statement, as no statistics are professed to be prepared for those parts.

9. Statistical returns of this nature are valuable when correct, but it is easy to estimate the correctness of returns prepared, as those in this district must necessarily be, and which I fear are absolutely valueless for any purpose, however interesting the study of the figures supplied may be to heads of statistical offices at Madras.

10. It appears a mere waste of money to apply for funds for the purpose of collecting such returns. I allude specially to the Registers of Births and Deaths, for the correctness of which no one is responsible.

11. If, however, it be deemed necessary to continue forwarding these returns and to obtain them through our Deputy Tahsildars from the village officers, the establishments of the former must be revised, and additional peons be appointed to perform this additional duty, to the extent of three each in the talooks of Vizianagaram, Chipurpully, and Parvatipur, two in the talooks of Vizagapatam, Ankapally, Srungavarapukotta, Bobbily and Viravilli, and one in each of the remaining six talooks.

12. The cost of the proposed twenty-five peons, at the rate of Rupees 5 per mensem, will be Rupees 1,500 per annum.

ENCLOSURE No. 1—Estimate.

THE Board resolve to submit this letter to Government, and inquire whether they are prepared to sanction the payment of Batta Peons employed to collect the returns, referred to in this letter, from Zemindary villages. If not, the Board fear that the collection of such statistics must remain in abeyance.

No. 51. ORDER THEREON, 5th October 1860, No. 2,725.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government are unable to sanction the expenditure proposed by the Collector of Vizagapatam. Any expenditure which may be found absolutely necessary for obtaining vital statistics in Zemindaries and other permanently settled estates, should be included in the Board's proposals in regard to the general scheme which they have had recently under consideration in communication with the Sanitary Commissioner.

2. In the meantime, the Board's attention will be drawn to the G. O., under date 14th June 1865, No. 1,310, and they will be requested to ascertain and report what action has been taken in the several districts on the instructions therein issued. If the proposals made by the Board in paragraph 15 of their Proceedings, and sanctioned by Government in paragraph 2 of their order above quoted in regard to the recognition of a Government officer in all villages belonging to permanently settled properties, have been carried out, the collection of statistical information should be greatly facilitated.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

in the Board's proposals in
regard

Revenue Department.

No. 2725.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 5th September 1869.

Read the following Address

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue —

Revenue —

Requesting to obtain sanction to the grant of rewards to Canarese Peons employed by Batta Peons employed to collect statistical returns from Zamindary villages in Vizagapatam Districts. —

(R. & O. 30th Aug. 1869 No. 1489.)

The Government direct to be granted additional rewards to the Canarese Peons employed by the Batta Peons employed to collect statistical returns from Zamindary villages in Vizagapatam Districts, as may be found absolutely necessary for obtaining vital statistics in Zamindaries and other permanently settled Estates, the Board to distribute in the manner proposed by them.

Rewards.

Govt. of {1869} Madras.

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

From Bd of Revenue 15 Sept 1869
Oct 1897.

Dated October, 5th.

Read. Encl.

G. O., 5th October 1869, *No.* 2,725.

OCTOBER.

Nos. 50-51.

Statistical returns of Zemindary villages in Vizagapatam.—Proposal of the Board of Revenue to employ Batta Peons to collect these returns, declined.

regard to the general scheme which they have had recently under consideration in communication with the Sanitary Commissioner.

2. In the meantime the Board's attention will be drawn to the G.O. under date 14th June 1865, No. 1310, and they will be requested to ascertain and report what action has been taken in the several Districts on the instructions therein issued. If the proposals made by the Board in paras 15 of their Proceedings and sanctioned

sanctioned by Govt in para 2 of this order, in regard to the recognition of a Govt Officer in all villages belonging to permanently settled properties, have been carried out, as the collection of statistical information should be greatly facilitated.—

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