

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	2977	Press
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<u>26-211</u>		
Dated 25 th November 1969		

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
20th November 1869.*

No. 210. Read the following letter from the Sub-Secretary to the Board of Revenue, to all Collectors, dated Madras, 15th October 1869, No. 7,685 :—

I AM directed to inform you that the financial necessities of the Empire require that the most rigid economy shall be exercised in all departments of expenditure during the remainder of the current year, and that every item which can be deferred till next year shall be so deferred.

2. The heavy and unforeseen refunds which have been ordered by Government, and the rate at which the salaries of establishments are out-running the Budget grant as curtailed by the Government of India, threaten to saddle the Revenue Department with a large deficit. On consultation with Government, it has been made clear to the Board that this deficit must be destroyed, or the public interests will suffer material damage.

3. The only way in which the desired end can be attained is by keeping the expenditure on travelling allowances and batta to establishments within the sanctioned grants. At present these items promise an excess of Rupees 50,000, but, unlike those appertaining to salaries, they are under control. During the rest of the year no tours should be undertaken either by Collectors or their Tahsildars, but such as are indispensably necessary, and even then care should be taken that the establishment taken on circuit is as small as possible.

4. The Board rely with confidence on the co-operation of Collectors in this matter. As the grants in a few districts have been already exhausted, or nearly exhausted, I am to request that you will reply to this letter at as early a date as you possibly can, stating how much of the allotments for your district you can spare. In making this report, the Board hope that you will remember, that the unnecessary retention even of a small sum in your district will cause difficulty and loss in some other district.

5. It may be necessary to suspend the operation of the new batta rules sanctioned in Government Orders, dated 2nd February 1869, No. 276, 3rd February 1869, No. 294, and 13th August 1869, No. 2,327, until the end of the year. The concessions granted by these orders were imperatively demanded, and nothing but the most extreme pressure would induce the Board to abrogate them even for a day; but it is quite possible, and even probable, that this pressure will be felt. If the expenditure on travelling allowances and batta will exceed the allotments unless the new rules are suspended, that measure must be adopted. The Board request that you will report the amount that would thus be saved in your district.

6. The other items in which the Board expect to secure savings, and in which Collectors can aid them, are the following :—

Temporary Establishments.

Extra Charges.

Remitting Treasure within districts.

Pearl Oyster Nursery.

Amandivi Coir (South Canara).

Pisciculture (South Canara).

Salt.

Agricultural Exhibitions.

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Remitting Treasure beyond the districts.

Stamping weights and measures.

District Tappal Establishment.

Transmitting Agricultural Implements.

7. With regard to refunds, I am to state that the Budget allotment has already been exceeded, and that future refunds required by law will probably raise the excess to Rupees 65,000. It is very necessary therefore, that whenever you have to recommend a refund of Land Revenue, you should carefully consider whether the recommendation cannot be deferred till next year. The Board believe that this will be possible in the majority of cases.

No. 211.

ORDER THEREON, 20th November 1869, No. 2,997.

Miscellaneous.

ORDERED to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. WELLESLEY,

Acting Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Rev. 1869. *W. H. P.*
Board of Revenue,
MADRAS.

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FROM THE SUB-SECY. TO THE BOARD OF REVENUE,
TO ALL COLLECTORS.

Dated 15th October 1869.

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OCTOBER *2008/16*
No. 7,685.

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Travelling allowances and batta to establishments.—Collectors directed to keep expenditure on —, within sanctioned grants, and those officers and Tahsildars not to undertake any but indispensably necessary tours. Report requested as to how much of allotments under this head can be saved. Refunds that may be necessary to be deferred, if possible, till next year.

22 July 1869 No 23-28
3 July 1869 - 60-44
13 Aug 1869 - 146-97
12 Oct 1869 - 61

For the Secy. to the Board of Revenue

28 Nov 1869

Govt. of 1869, Madras.

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated November, 29th.

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 20th November 1869, No. 2907.

NOVEMBER.

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Travelling allowances and batta to Establishments.—Board's Proceedings directing Collectors to keep the expenditure on this account within sanctioned grants, recorded.