MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 1391 Press ~~Mis.~~

430-432

Dated 15th May 1869

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Read the following :—

No. 430. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 23rd February 1869.

Read letters from the Collector of Malabar, dated 9th December 1868, No. 343, and 13th January 1869, No. 10.

In this letter* the Collector reports that so far as the stated business on hand is concerned, the services of a part of the establishment, entertained in connection with the sale of Escheats in Malabar, may be now dispensed with.

* Dated 13th January 1869, No. 10.

2. The total establishment sanctioned was sixty-seven persons, at a monthly cost of Rupees 1,790. Of these forty-seven only, at a monthly cost of Rupees 1,221, have been actually employed, and the Collector now proposes to retain for another year the establishment noted in the margin, at a monthly cost of Rupees 266. The establishment is on as economical a scale as is consistent with the work to be done.

	Rs.
1 Shoristadar, ...	70
2 Inspectors, at 40 Rupees each, ...	80
4 Clerks, at 20 Rupees each, ...	80
1 Dufterband, ...	8
4 Peons, at 7 Rupees each, ...	28
Total	266

3. The possibility of effecting this reduction is contingent on the non-entertainment of certain proposals made by the Collector on which he wishes orders :

1*st*,—The re-valuation of the Government gardens in Tangacherry and Anjengo and the four lease-holds ; and,

2*nd*,—The introduction of a land-tax in lieu of tree-tax in the town of Cochin.

4. The former of these proposals, (*viz.*, alteration of the valuation of Tangacherry and Anjengo) has already been submitted, with the Board's views on the subject, to Government in Proceedings of Board noted marginally ; and until the orders of Government are received, no instructions can be given on the subject.

Dated 28th January 1869, No. 591.

5. The latter, (*viz.*, the substitution of a tax on the land for the existing tax on trees in the Cochin gardens,) is doubtless recommended to some extent by present convenience. It is, however, intimately connected with the large measure of converting the tree-tax throughout Malabar ; and the Board, while fully appreciating the advantages of an assessment on the land over an assessment on its produce, are not prepared to initiate so important a change, without fuller consideration of the subject in its bearing on the district at large. The settlement should, therefore, be completed on the terms already decided on.

The Board request the sanction of Government to the revised establishment, as noted in paragraph 2.

No. 431. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 28th April 1869, No. 2,862.

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of Malabar, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Calicut, 3rd April 1869, No. 96.

I HAVE the honor to bring to the Board's notice that there yet remain for settlement in North Malabar escheat lands of the value estimated at upwards of 80,000 Rupees. Most of these are situated in jungly and mountainous tracts, and the jenm

right of Government thereto has, in most cases, to be settled after considerable scrutiny of the village accounts and minute local inquiry.

2. Of the establishment consisting of three parties, sanctioned by Government in their Order, dated 2nd February 1867, No. 298, for the settlement of the Malabar Escheats, only two parties were entertained in addition to the party heretofore engaged on the northern escheats, and who worked simultaneously under the late Acting Huzoor Sheristadar during the last two years. This latter was latterly considerably reduced in strength.

Vide foot-note to the statement submitted with the Collector's letter, recorded in Board's Proceedings, dated 28th November 1866, No. 8,546.

3. The sanction for the escheat establishments lapsed on the 28th February last, and Mr. Ballard has laid before the Board, in his letter of the 13th January last, No. 10, his propositions for carrying out the balance of escheat work; but it appears to me that the establishment, proposed to be retained by him, related solely to the escheats in the southern division, and did not comprise that necessary for completing the settlement in the north.

Vide Board's Proceedings, dated 23rd February 1869, No. 1,231.

4. As I have already stated there still remains work to be done in the north, and it is desirable it should be speedily brought to a close. Mr. Ballard had probably in view to retain the establishment that has all along been working on the northern escheats, as he did not break it up on the sanction lapsing. The establishment noted is still kept up, and I think, from the extent of work still remaining to be done, it will have to be kept up for another year.

1 Inspector on	Rupees	35
1 Goomastah on	,,	20
		55

5. I beg, therefore, that sanction may be accorded for their retention for one year, from 1st March last, or that orders may be issued for passing their pay till final orders are passed on this letter. The establishment can be done away with if the work is completed before the close of the period for which sanction is now solicited.

6. The total cost of the whole establishment to be retained, inclusive of that advocated by Mr. Ballard in his letter above quoted, is Rupees 321 per mensem.

7. The total value of escheats settled in north Malabar up to the end of February last is Rupees 8,40,512-14-0, and the cost of establishment entertained for the purpose aggregated Rupees 27,831-10-2, or only about 3¼ per cent.

In the foregoing letter the Acting Collector requests sanction for the retention of one year, from 1st March last, of the establishment noted in the margin, for the settlement of escheats in north Malabar, and points out that the establishment, recommended in the Board's Proceedings, dated 23rd February 1869, did not include in it the establishment necessary for completing the settlement in the north. The Board, therefore, request that the sanction of Government may be granted for the continuance of the establishment of 55 Rupees for another year, 1869-70.

	Rs.
1 Inspector, ...	35
1 Goomastah, ...	20
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No. 432. ORDER THEREON, 19th May 1869, No. 1,391.

Land Revenue.

THE Government in their Order, of this day's date No. 1,390, have sanctioned Mr. Ballard's proposals for the re-valuation of the Government gardens in Tangacherry, Anjengo, and the four lease-holds; the Board of Revenue are accordingly requested to submit a revised statement of the escheat establishment to be retained.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Malabar Escheat Office
Calicut 9th December 1868.

No. 342.

From

R. H. Reade Esqre
Collector of Malabar.

To

A. MacGregor Esqre
Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort Saint George.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Board of Revenue standing order dated the 23rd ultimo, on my letter of the 5th October last, on the reduction and abolishment of the Escheat Establishment.

2. In proceeding the first in execution with which the Board have favoured me regarding the Escheat amounts fixed by reduction, which under the late circumstances of the case, I have represented to the Honorable the Governor in Council, the Board do not take this view; and prefer to allow me to act

Govt. of {1869} Madras.

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated May, 19th.

Recd. Read.

G. O., 19th May 1869, No. 1,391.

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Nos. 430—432.

Escheat establishment in Malabar.—Board of Revenue to submit a revised statement for retention.

dict on their authorization for reduction before conveyed, but they point out a manner in which certain relief may be given without objection and this I will duly bear in mind at the proper time.

3 But I beg to submit that no orders have been passed on the point of the highest fiscal importance mooted in my letter above quoted and my previous letter on the subject, viz on my proposition to fix a land tax on the Gardens before their sale. The registers prepared are sufficiently full to enable me to do this at once. If the principles and rates advocated by me are approved I have only to have the lands classified. The Escheat Superintendent can be deputed at once, and the matter satisfactorily settled in two or three months.

It is clearly desirable this preliminary should be arranged before the lands are sold and I would particularly request the early and favorable attention of the Board to this matter.

I have &c

(signed) G. A. Ballard
Collector

(True Copy)

Alexr Bruce

× Vide proceeding dated 24th Septr 1866 No 3850 and several subsequent endorsements of Petitioners.

dated 17th December 1867 No 283 B.

Statement shewing the Establishment sanctioned, existing, and now proposed to be retained for the settlement of Escheats in Malabar.

Scale sanctioned			Establishment entertained as it now exists		Establishment proposed to be retained when the present establishment is discontinued.	
designation	Cost	Total	designation	Salary	designation	Salary
	Rs	Rs		Rs		Rs.
1 Superintendent	200		1 Superintendent	250	1 Shenstidar	70.
Office Establishment			1 Head Accountant	70	2 Inspectors at 40 Rs each	80
1 Head Accountant	70		1 Clerk	20	4 Clerks at 20 Rs each	80
2 Clerks at 20 & 30 Rupees each	50.		2 Ditto 15 Rs each	30	1 Duffetdar	8
2 Ditto at 15 Rupees each	30		1 Attender	8	4 Peons at 7 Rupees each	28
1 Attender	8		6 Peons at 7 Rs each	42		
6 Peons at 7 Rupees each	42	450	1 Shenstidar	100		
1 Shenstidar	150		3 Inspectors 40 Rs each	120		
4 Inspectors at 40 Rupees each	160		6 Clerks at 20 Rs each	120		
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1 Shenistedar	100		1 Gumastah	20		
4 Inspectors at 40 Rupees each	160		1 Peon	6		
6 Clerks at 20 Rupees each	120			1221		
1 Attendar	8		Total expenditure from 1st March 1867 to 31st December 1868	30487		
6 Peons at 7 Rupies each	42	430				
		1790	average expenditure per month	1,385	Total	266.

Malabar Collector's office
Calicut 13 January 1869.

Collector.

In a letter from the
Collector of Malabar
dated 13 January 1869
No. 10.

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From J. Mayne Esq. dated 30

Statement shewing the
Establishment sanctioned
existing and proposed
& retained for the Settle-
ment of Escheats in
Malabar.

No: 1391.

The Government in their Order of this day's
date No. 1390, have sanctioned Mr. Baillie's
proposals for the resumption of the Government
gardens in Tangachery, Anjengo, and the four
lease-holds. The Board of Revenue are accordingly
requested to submit a revised statement of the
escheat establishment to be retained.

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