

No. 148. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 10th June 1871, No. 2,350 :—

Read the following replies of Collectors to Board's Proceedings, dated 23rd November 1870, No. 6,797.

From the Ag. Collr. of Ganjam,	dated	8th March 1871, No.	232.
" Offg. " Vizagapatam,	" 3rd "	" "	183.
" " the Godavery District,	" 24th Jan. "	" "	19.
" " "	" 14th Feb. "	" "	52.
" Offg. " the Kistna District,	" 16th "	" "	539.
" " Nellore,	" 15th "	" "	307.
" Acting " Bellary,	" 9th "	" "	49.
" " Cuddapah,	" 23rd "	" "	42.
" " Kurnool,	" 9th "	" "	32.
" Acting " Chingleput,	" 11th "	" "	48.
" " North Arcot,	" 2nd March "	" "	123.
" " South Arcot,	" 28th Feb. "	" "	75.
" Offg. " Tanjore,	" 1st "	" "	34.
" Acting " Trichinopoly,	" 19th Jan. "	" "	22.
" " Madura,	" 14th Feb. "	" "	49.
" " Tinnevely,	" 3rd "	" "	48.
" Acting " Coimbatore,	" 28th Jan. "	" "	29.
" " Salem,	" 23rd Feb. "	" "	523.
" Acting " South Canara,	" 31st Jan. "	" "	183.
" " "	" 7th March "	" "	313.
" Commr. of the Nilgiris,	" 7th Jan. "	" "	1.

With reference to the Proceedings of the Government of India, Financial Department, dated 14th July 1870, No. 2,285, suggesting reductions in the establishments of peons and other office-servants in the several Collectorates of this Presidency, according to the scale prevailing in the Presidency of Bombay, the Board called upon the Collectors to report whether any, and if so, what reductions were possible without impairing the efficiency of the administration.

2. The foregoing are the replies of nineteen Collectors; those of the Collectors of the other two districts, *i.e.*, Madras and Malabar, not having been yet received.

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3. Of the nineteen Collectors from whom replies have been received twelve

Madras...	8,376	are of opinion that no reduction can be carried out without serious inconvenience.
Tanjore...	168	
Trincopoly...	4,896	
Ganjam...		
South Arcot...		
Total...	22,848	

5. Dismissing from consideration the class of servants called Attenders the Board find that the establishments of peons and other servants in the Office of Collectors and their Assistants in this Presidency are, as shown in the margin, not much in excess of those in Bombay. If any reduction were at all possible in this class of servants two or three peons alone on the establishment of Sub-Collectors might be dispensed with, reduction in pay being unquestionably impossible.

	MADRAS.		BOMBAY.	
	No. of servants.	Cost per mensem.	No. of servants.	Cost per mensem.
Collector	* 30	243	28	217
Sub-Collector	12	90	8	59
Head Assistant	6	44	5	39
Deputy-Collector	4	27	4	29
Total	52	404	45	344

* The number is less where Branch Banks have been established and the treasury work reduced.

6. As regards Attenders the Board are strongly opposed to their posts being abolished. They are a very useful class of servants, able to read and write, and are virtually Clerks employed under the several heads of departments in a Collectorate for the purpose of carrying messages from one department to another, arranging papers, tying them up into bundles, keeping them in good order, and carrying them from one place to another. The Board are not aware how this description of work is done in Bombay, where there are no Attenders, but they presume that it is done by better-paid Clerks. They are satisfied that any reduction that may be now carried out will only result eventually in an application from Collectors for an increase in the establishment of Peons.

7. The establishments of Talook Peons in this Presidency are much larger in size than those in Bombay. A Collectorate in this Presidency, which is nearly of the same size as that in Bombay, is divided into eight talooks on an average, while that in Bombay is divided into twelve. A talook in Bombay consists only of about 100 Government villages, while a talook in this Presidency contains 180 Government villages on an average. Allowing for the difference in the size of the talook and the number of villages contained in

	No. in each Talook.	if the Board consider that the number* of Talook Peons in this Presidency is by no means large, and is, in fact, less in proportion than in Bombay.
* Madras...	21 or 22	
Bombay...	10 to 20	

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8. The Board's remarks in paragraph 6 apply with greater force to the only Dufferbund or Attender employed in the talooks, and they cannot recommend that this useful servant should be

9. The replies of the Collector of Malabar will be submitted to Government when received.

No. 149. ORDER THEREON, 13th July 1871, No. 1,211.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government agree with the Board of Revenue that no reduction in these quarters is feasible, without great inconvenience to the public service.

2. Ordered that the following letter be despatched to the Government of India, Home Department:—

(Here enter 13th July 1871, No. 1,212.)

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,

13th July 1871.

No. 150.

To

No. 1,212.

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,

HOME DEPARTMENT.

Miscellaneous.

SIR,—I am now directed to reply to your letter No. 511 of the 30th August last, inquiring how far the sug-

gestions of the Financial Department, No. 2,285, of the 29th July preceding, can be carried out in this Presidency, respecting the charges for peons and other office-servants in the Madras Collectorates.

2. It was remarked, in paragraph 2 of the communication under acknowledgment, that "the Governor-General in Council is aware that the Madras Government revised these establishments in 1867; but as the Financial Department makes the comparison with the results of a more recent revision in Bombay, the Government of Madras may be able to make further reductions with this additional information before it."

3. The subject has had the careful attention of His Excellency in Council, who concurs in the opinion of the Board of Revenue that no reduction is feasible without great inconvenience to the public service.

4. About the Office "Attenders"—a class of people to whom exception has been specially taken—I am to say something presently; but leaving these out of

Paragraph 5, Board's letter.

view, it will be seen that the differences between the Collectorate establishments

(Hoozoor) of the Madras and Bombay Presidencies amount to this—

* Less, where Branch Banks have reduced the treasury-work of the Collector.	Madras, 52* servants, at Rs. 404
	Bombay, 45 " at " 344

5. Passing from Hoozoor to talooks the number of peons in Madras is, as pointed out by the Board of Revenue (paragraph 7), actually less in proportion than in Bombay. The districts in either Presidency are nearly co-extensive, but a Bombay district has on an average *twelve* talooks, while the Madras average gives *eight* only, with an average of 180 Government villages to an average of 100 in Bombay.

6. *Attenders*.—There are 19 in each Collectorate at an aggregate cost of Rs. 148 a-month; in the Collector's Office 16, Sub-Collector's, 1, Head Assistant's, 1, Deputy-Collector on general duties, 1. As observed by the Board of Revenue they are fairly educated men, and on a very humble salary, averaging under Rs. 8; are virtually Clerks employed under the several heads of departments for the purpose of carrying messages from one department to another, arranging papers, tying them into bundles, keeping them in good order, and carrying them from one place to another. If they were reduced the immediate "Clerk" establishment

would have to be increased. The 16 Attenders in the Collector's Office are thus distributed—

English Record Department ...	...	...	...	...	1
Vernacular "	...	...	...	...	1
Sheristadar ...	...	...	...	...	1
Vernacular Revenue Clerk ...	...	...	...	...	1
" Magisterial "	...	...	...	...	1
" Petition "	...	...	...	...	1
Whole Vernacular Department, generally ...	...	...	...	...	1
Head English Clerk ...	...	...	...	...	1
Current Records Clerk ...	...	...	...	...	1
Whole Correspondence Department, generally ...	...	...	...	...	1
English Accountant ...	...	...	...	...	1
Native "	...	...	...	...	1
Whole Account Department ...	...	...	...	...	1
Deputy-Collector ...	...	...	...	...	1
Treasury Department ...	...	...	...	...	1
Press Department ...	...	...	...	...	1

Total... 16

The Governor in Council is of opinion that the creation of these "Attenders," with the careful distribution he made of them, is one of the most useful changes devised by the Honourable Mr. Pelly amongst the minor practical points that engaged his attention.

In conclusion, I am desired to submit, for the perusal of the Government of India, a copy of one of the Reports received from the district officers—that of the Collector of Cuddapah—as giving a succinct and interesting description of the laborious working of a Madras Collectorate, so far as these petty establishments, whose reduction has been suggested, are concerned.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

D. F. CARMICHAEL,

Acting Secretary to Government.

No. 12/11
13th July 1877
Pro. Bd. Rev. No. 2350

Dated 10th June 77

The Govt agree with the Bd of Rev that no reduction in these quarters is feasible, without great inconvenience to the Public Service.

Ordered that the following letter be despatched to the Govt of India. Home Dept.

The Bd of Rev. No. 2350

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Sir,

I am now directed to reply to your letter No. 511 of the 30th August last, regarding how far the suggestions in the Financial Dept., No. 2280 of the 29th July preceding, can be carried out in this Presidency, respecting the changes for Pans and other Office Servants in the Madras Collectorate.

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has been specially taken, I am to
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these out of view, it will be seen that
the differences between the Collectorate
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Bombay, 45 " - 364 Rs.

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twelve talooks, while the Madras
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of 168 Rs a month

on a very humble salary,
averaging under 8 Rs.

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Collectorate; in the Collector's office
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employed under the several heads of
depts, for the purpose of carrying mes-
sages from one dept to another, passing
-ing papers, tying them into bundles,
keeping them in good order, & carrying
them from one place to another. If
they were reduced, the immediate
'Clerk' establishment would have to be increased.
The 16 Attenders in the Coll's Office
are thus distributed.

English & Record Dept	1
Vernacular do	1
Paris & London	1
Vernacular Rev Clerk	1
do. Map	1
do. Petition	1
Write Vernacular Dept generally	1
Head English & Clerk	1
Current Record Clerk	1
Write Correspondence Dept generally	1
English Accountant	1
Native do	1
Write account Dept	1
do. order	1
Writing Dept	1
Proof Dept	1
Total	16

Para 5. Bd's letter

(Huzur)

& Cps, where Branch Branches
have indicated the necessary work
of the Collectors.

The S. is of opinion that the
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In conclusion, I am desired to
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a succinct & interesting description
of the laborious working of an
electric collectorate, so far as the
policy establishments, whose interest
has been suggested, are con-
cerned.

By 27/6/71

13th July 1871

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