Province of Ontario

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
15th August 1871.

No. 75. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 1st August 1871, No. 3,211 :—

Read the following letter from the Collector of Malabar, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Calicut, 8th July 1871, No. 162.

With reference to the suggestions contained in the Board's Proceedings, dated 23rd November 1870, No. 6,797, I have the honour to state that no reduction, either in the number or pay of the office-servants of Huzur or Talo Cutcherries, seems feasible.

2. Previous to the introduction of the revision of establishment in 1 voluminous correspondence passed between the Collector and Mr. Pelly, in wh the nature and amount of work in the several Huzur and Talook Cutcherries w minutely inquired into and discussed, and all possible reduction compatible the due discharge of public duties was then effected. The correspondence spe for itself. A uniform number of 21 peons was finally allowed for all taloo (except Cochin, where there are only 6 peons).

3. Since the introduction of the revision there has occurred a large increase of work on various accounts which at the time of revision was never contemplated. The present state of work therefore seems to call for an increase and not a reduction of this class of servants.

4. The enclosed Comparative Statements will show in one view the differenc between the number of peons in the several Huzur and Talook Offices before after the revision. Looking to the staff of peons formerly allowed for Revenue work, there is not much difference between the old and the present scale. But under the old system, a large number of servants was allowed for Police functions, and these and the Revenue peons were indiscriminately worked without regard to the legitimate duties of each class.

5. No distribution can be made of the Talook peons as regards the work they perform; they have no special duties allotted to each, but are employed on all work of the Cutcherries to which they are attached.

6. The Huzur servants have, however, special duties assigned to them by Mr. Pelly (*vide* Standing Order No. 411), and they are distributed according to the rule, a reference to which will show that no reduction can be effected in their number.

7. Without a previous knowledge of the work to be performed by the Revenue Establishment of a Bombay Collectorate, it is impossible to institute any useful comparison.

8. The safest course appears to be, to take experience as our guide in coming to a conclusion as to whether the existing establishment is or is not fully occupied in the duties devolving on them. Judging by experience, it can be positively stated that no reduction can be effected in the number of office-servants without inconvenience to the public service.

Enclosure No. 1.

Abstract.—List showing the number of peons in Talook Cutcherries before and after the revision.

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ENCLOSURE No. 2.

ABSTRACT.—List showing the number of peons in the Huzur Office before and after the revision.

SUBMITTED to Government in continuation of Board's Proceedings, dated 10th June 1871, No. 2,350, with the opinion of the Board that, as stated by the Collector, no reduction of establishments in Malabar is feasible.

76. ORDER THEREON, 15th August 1871, No. 1,362.

Miscellaneous.

RECORDED, with reference to G. O. dated 13th July 1871, No. 1,211.

(True Extract.)

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