Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 22nd March 1871.

No. 331. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 26th January 1871, No. 418:—

Read the following letter from the Officiating Collector of the Kistna District, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Mangalagiri, 16th December 1870, No. 5,199.

THE Accountant-General having communicated to me a copy of his letter to Government, dated 15th November 1870, No. 250, requesting sanction for the transfer of the Government balance from the Huzur Treasury to the Branch Bank recently opened at Masulipatam, I have the honour to report to the Board what reduction I propose making in the Treasury Department on the receipt of Government order thereon.

2. The subjoined exhibits the present and proposed scale of establishment:—

Present.	Pay.	*Proposed.*	Pay.
	RS.		RS.
Cash-keeper...	125	Cash-keeper...	70
Head Shroff...	50	One Shroff	20
Second Shroff	25	One Accountant...	25
Third Shroff	15	Second Accountant	20
Fourth Shroff	15	One Gollah	10
One Accountant...	25	Second and Third Gollahs, at Rs. 8 each.	16
Second Accountant	20		
Third Accountant	15		
One Gollah...	10		
Second Gollah	8		
Third and Fourth Gollahs, at Rs. 7 each...	14		
	322		161

3. The proposed establishment will cost Rs. 161 per mensem, and show a saving of an equal amount. This amount, the Board will observe, is in excess of the establishment of the Godavery and Bellary Districts by Rs. 30, and is owing to the services of a Shroff, on Rs. 20 per mensem, and an additional Gollah, on Rs. 10 per mensem, being proposed to be retained, the establishment, in all other respects, being precisely the same as the one sanctioned for the districts abovenamed.

4. The Board are aware how largely the business of the Stamp Department has lately increased. Under the operation of the General Stamp Act and the Court Fees' Act, the number of different values of stamps have largely been multiplied, and the prohibition of the use of two or more stamps to make up one of the required value has rendered it necessary that the stock on hand should be greatly increased. The result of this is, that the quantity and value of stamps now received into store are out of all proportion to what they used to be before these Acts came into force. The scale provides for two Accountants, but their time will be so fully occupied in keeping the various books and accounts connected with the department that they will not be able to afford that aid to the Cash-keeper, which is necessary when examining consignments received from Madras, and

making up packages of stamps ordered to be supplied to the taluqs once a month. Accommodation in the taluqs is so bad that the system of monthly indents cannot be permitted to be discontinued. The system of quarterly indents would have the effect of giving some relief to the Huzur Stamp Department, but I do not think in the present state of circumstances, since the taluq officials are already over-worked, and as there is but one Shroff for both Cash and Stamps in most of the taluqs, that it is expedient to entrust the taluq officials with a large stock. Under these circumstances, I believe it will be admitted that a Shroff in the Huzur is absolutely necessary.

5. As to the extra Gollah, the circumstances explained in the previous paragraph render it necessary that two Gollahs should be, as, in fact, they have always been, employed in affixing the date-stamps to the stock papers daily issued from the Huzur. If a third Gollah is not allowed as proposed now, there will be none to look after the stationery, to carry remittances daily from and to the Bank, and attend to the various miscellaneous work of the Stamp Department, such as making up packets for despatch to the taluqs, etc. I have, therefore, proposed a third Gollah, whose duty it will be, besides attending to the work just described, to assist in the counting of stamps and stationery when the periodical supplies are received, and also when the Stamp Department is under examination.

6. The revised scale can be introduced as soon as the treasury is transferred. Of the hands that will have to be dispensed with, a few are eligible for pension. Endeavours will be made to provide for the few who may be out of employ, but are qualified for further service.

7. In the case of the Cash-keeper, however, the Board have recommended in Proceedings, dated 12th August 1867, No. 5,135, in the case of other districts, that he should be left in receipt of the present allowance until otherwise provided for. The Cash-keeper of this district, J. Iyappa Naidoo, who, as I have already reported to the Board, is a most respectable and intelligent man, and who has served in this appointment with much credit for the last nine years, requests that, with reference to Board's observations contained in their Proceedings just quoted, he may be appointed a Tahsildar qualifying service being dispensed with. He has passed the Revenue (Lower) and Precis Higher Tests, but has yet to pass the Criminal Lower to complete the Tests. He went up for examination in this subject last August, and the result is not yet known. He has a service of nearly 20 years, and is in possession of several testimonials which give him a high character. He further states that he hears that the Cash-keeper of the Vizagapatam District is about to retire shortly, and requests that he may be transferred to that district accordingly. I strongly beg to support this prayer, as it will enable us to effect a saving of Rs. 55 per mensem, or Rs. 660 per annum.

Vide Board's Proceedings, 19th March 1870, No. 1,887.

8. In conclusion, I beg to request that the Board will be pleased to inform me whether future Cash-keepers should be required to furnish the security of Rs. 5,000, though the pay of the office is reduced, and the responsibility is lessened. I would also suggest whether it is not advisable to give to this appointment some

signation, as styling this officer a Cash-keeper, even when he has no cash s charge, would be an incorrect designation. I will, of course, take some from the Shroffs, and would request permission for taking an adequate from the First Accountant also, as he will have to be put in charge of when the Cash-keeper may be absent.

Now that the treasury will be removed, it is not necessary to erect a building *de novo* as was lately under contemplation. Two spacious and ms will suffice for stamps and stationery. A third may be added for other nd I would request to be authorized to call for an amended plan and accordingly.

BRANCH of the Madras Bank having been recently opened at Masulipatam, to which the Government balance and the treasury business are to be transferred, the Collector re-models his Treasury Establishment, and proposes the retention of a reduced one of the strength noted in the margin, resulting in a monthly saving of Rs. 161, or Rs. 1,932 per annum.

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countant ...	15	... ...	50
... ...	10	... ...	8
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2. The Board observe that the proposed establishment exceeds in cost those retained in the Bellary and Godavery Districts, under similar circumby Rs. 30 per mensem, which is explained by the Collector's proposal to a Shroff on Rs. 20 and a Gollah on Rs. 10, in order to meet the increased the Stamp Department.

The Board concur with Mr. Boswell that the retention of this additional s fully required by the greatly increased work of the Stamp Department, ordingly recommend that the scale of establishment, as proposed by the r, may be sanctioned.

They also recommend that, as in like cases, the present salary of the eper be continued to him, until he is otherwise provided for. Mr. Boswell ress the Collector of Vizagapatam in view to the transfer of the present eper to a similar post in that district, when the reported vacancy occurs.

The Board also authorize the Collector to reduce the security of the eper to Rs. 1,000, as was done on a like occasion in the Godavery District.

The designation of the Cash-keeper need not be changed now, nor is it y to take any security from the First Accountant as proposed by the r.

The Collector is authorized to call for an amended plan and estimate for otation of the treasury building to the altered requirements.

Accountant General, Financial Department.

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No. 332. ORDER THEREON, 22nd March 1871, No. 523.

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(True Extract.)

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To the Board of Revenue.
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Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Revenue Department.

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