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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 17th May 1871.

Read the following :—

No. 230. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 6th March 1871, No. 975.

Read the following replies of Collectors to Board's Proceedings, dated 8th March 1870, No. 1,609.

From the	Ag.	Collr. of	Ganjam,	dated	16th	May	1870, No.	606.
,,	Offg.	,,	Vizagapatam,	,,	26th	March	,, ,,	200.
,,		,,	the Godavery District,	,,	29th	,,	,, ,,	80.
,,	,,	,,	the Kistna District,	,,	9th	April	,, ,,	1,401.
,,	,,	,,	Nellore,	,,	23rd	June	,, ,,	1,566.
,,	Acting	,,	Bellary,	,,	12th	May	,, ,,	146.
,,		,,	Cuddapah,	,,	25th	March	,, ,,	52.
,,		,,	Kurnool,	,,	21st	,,	,, ,,	93.
,,	Acting	,,	Madras District,	,,	7th	May	,, ,,	152.
,,		,,	North Arcot,	,,	4th	April	,, ,,	113.
,,		,,	South Arcot,	,,	17th	March	,, ,,	72.
,,	Acting	,,	Tanjore,	,,	20th	April	,, ,,	132.
,,	,,	,,	Trichinopoly,	,,	13th	,,	,, ,,	79.
,,	Offg.	,,	Madura,	,,	11th	May	,, ,,	141.
,,	Acting	,,	Tinnevelly,	,,	2nd	April	,, ,,	134.
,,	,,	,,	Coimbatore,	,,	9th	May	,, ,,	107.
,,	,,	,,	Salem,	,,	1st	April	,, ,,	56.
,,	Offg.	,,	South Canara,	,,	23rd	May	,, ,,	659.
,,		,,	Malabar,	,,	8th	June	,, ,,	214.
,,	Asst.	Commr	of Nilgiris,	,,	27th	March	,, ,,	46.

The Board in their letter to Government, dated 2nd February 1870, No. 765, in replying to Government Order, dated 29th November 1869, No. 117, communicating an order of the Government of India on the subject of reduction of establishments, expressed their inability to propose any reduction either in their own office establishments or in those in the provinces. The Government, however, directed that the order of the Government of India should be communicated to all Collectors in order to give them an opportunity of suggesting any reductions of establishment which might be possible in particular districts. The Board accordingly communicated the order in question to all Collectors with their Proceedings, dated 8th March 1870, No. 1,609, and the letters above recorded are their replies.

2. The result is, as will be observed by Government, that all the Collectors are unanimous in the opinion that any reduction in the present strength of establishments in the provinces is impossible. It is the opinion of some that the present establishments are barely sufficient to discharge the duties required of them. Others think that they ought to be considerably strengthened to enable them to cope successfully with the increase of work in various departments which has taken place since the present scale of establishments was introduced. Others

again have expressed themselves to the effect that during the revision effected by the Honourable Mr. Pelly, the establishments were reduced to the lowest point of efficiency, so that any attempt to reduce them now will seriously compromise the interests of the public service. Some have actually applied for an increase to existing establishments, while some have suggested modifications of existing establishments so as to meet the altered requirements of business, but not so as to result in any saving.

3. The Collector of Malabar and the Commissioner of the Nilgiris allude to certain reductions of establishments already determined upon or proposed without reference to the present Circular. The former is requested to report whether, with reference to Government Order, 16th August 1870, No. 1,271, communicated with Board's Proceedings, 24th idem, Miscellaneous No. 555, the Sub-Magistrate of Chavacherry and his establishment, costing Rs. 1,068 per annum, may not be at once abolished. The proposal of the Commissioner of the Nilgiris to effect a reduction of Rs. 504 per annum in the cost of the establishment of the Wellington Joint Magistrate appears to have been submitted to Government in the Public Department.

4. The proposition of the Collector of Nellore for an increase to the establishment of the Deputy-Collector on general duty cannot, for obvious reasons, be entertained at present.

No. 231. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 20th April 1871, No. 1,638.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Malabar, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Calicut, 17th March 1871, No. 78.

With reference to paragraph 3 of the Board's Proceedings, dated 6th instant, No. 975, I have the honour to inform you that the Sub-Magistrate of Chavacherry with his establishment, was abolished from 1st February last, as directed in Government Order, dated 16th August 1870, No. 1,271, communicated with Board's Proceedings of the 24th idem, Miscellaneous No. 555.

Submitted to Government in continuation of Board's Proceedings, 6th March 1871, No. 975.

No. 232. Order thereon, 17th May 1871, No. 872.

Miscellaneous.

G. O., 24th February 1870, No. 290.

It appears from these papers that it is the unanimous opinion of the Collectors of districts, in which they are supported by the Board of Revenue, that any reduction in the present strength of Provincial Establishments—a question to which their attention was specially directed on a recent occasion—is impossible.

2. There is an exceptional case in Malabar, where, owing to the completion of the Taluq Cutcherry at Tellicherry and the removal of the head-quarters of

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the Tahsildar of Kottyam thereto, it has been found that the Sub-Magistrate of Chavacherry and his establishment may be dispensed with. This, it is observed, has been done, resulting in an annual saving of Rs. 1,068, which, however, is available to meet additional outlay under the same head when it may be required elsewhere.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Accountant-General.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

17th May 71.

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Read Progs. Bd Revn 6th June 71
No 975.
Read also Bd Progs 20th April 1871
No 1,638.

I concur with the Bd Revn Bd's establishments were reduced at a little less than they increased since then & is increasing - Any petty saving effected in one direction will be absorbed in another.

G.O. 24th July 70
No 290.

It appears from these papers that it is the unanimous opinion of the Collectors of districts, in which they are supported by the Bd of Revn, that any reduction in the present strength of Provincial Establts, a question to which their attention was specially directed on a recent occasion, is impossible.

2. There is an exceptional case in Malabar, where, owing to the completion of the Taloor Cart-tracing at Tellicherry & the removal of the Headquarters of the Tahsildar of Kotayam thereto, it has been found that the Sub Dept of Chaindarry & this Estabt may be dispensed with. This, it is observed, has been done; resulting in an annual saving of Rs 1068: Wt however is available

to meet additional outlay under the same head where it may be required elsewhere.

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Reduction of Establishment upon Retrenchment —