Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 3rd May 1872.

No. 15. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 3rd August 1871, No. 3,257 :—

Read the following letter from T. A. N. CHASE, Esq., Collector of Kurnool, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 15th June 1871, No. 204.

My letter No. 103, dated 12th April 1871.

I HAVE the honour to make the following propositions regarding the increase of the number and of the emolument of village servants in this district. When I wrote and requested that the balances in hand of the Village Cess might not be invested in Government Securities, I was not in possession of the information which has now been furnished to me, and I was unable to state how much balance would be available for investment, and the amount which would be required to pay a larger establishment, and to increase the salaries of the establishment at present entertained.

2. Statement No. 1, besides other information, shows the present establishments and the proposed increase. The proposed increase amounts to 4 additional Curnams, 109 additional Reddies (1 Assistant Reddi), 162 additional Vettiyans, and 108 additional Police Talaries, at a cost of Rs. 20,124 per annum.

3. In each of the following villages I have felt it necessary to recommend an additional Curnam. In Vellagode the population is 2,316 and assessment Rs. 6,149 which are distributed among the village itself and eight hamlets at considerable distances from the village. The work consequently is greater than that which can properly be done by one Curnam :—

In Atmakur in the Nandikotkur Taluq.—To this village are attached 5 hamlets ; the entire population is 3,630, and the assessment Rs. 5,110. Here an Assistant Curnam is much required.

In Kenala in the Nandial Taluq.—Here the assessment is Rs. 7,647 and the population 1,757. It certainly has no hamlets, but to prepare accounts for ryots, assessed at so large a yearly revenue, it is necessary that the present Curnam should have assistance.

In Owk in the Koilkuntla Taluq.—The assessment of this village is Rs. 12,519 and the population 2,995.

4. I recommend 109 more Reddies to be appointed. This is chiefly owing to the clubbing of villages having been carried too far by my predecessor, for now many villages have a great number of hamlets at considerable distances, which causes great difficulty in the conduct of Police work, particularly when the Reddi resides not in the Cusbah village, but in one of the hamlets. The only way to correct what exists is to appoint additional Reddies in the hamlets which are situated at long distances from the villages. The greatest increase is in the Cumbum, Markapur, and the Pattikonda Taluqs.

In Panem in the Nandial Taluq, I have, for reasons entered in the statement, recommended an Assistant Reddi in the village itself.

With the increase in Reddies is also necessary to increase the number of Vetties and Talaries, these have both been recommended with reference to the assessment, population, and the number of hamlets.

5. Statement No. 2 has been drawn up to show the number of Reddies whose pay is less than Rs. 5 a month. The Reddi is the headman of the village and a

Magistrate. His subordinates in the Revenue Department are the Vetties, and in the Magisterial Department the Talaries. It is also a requirement of the Police Department that the Constables should treat the Reddi with respect, and salute him where they see him. But in 571 villages in the district the monthly pay of the Reddies varies from Rs. 2-8-0, Rs. 3 to Rs. 4, while that of every Vetty and Talary is Rs. 4. This should certainly be corrected, and the pay of every Reddi, hitherto receiving less, should be raised to Rs. 5, which amount should be considered as the minimum rate of a Reddi's pay. This will increase the total by Rs. 991 a month, or Rs. 11,898 yearly.

I recommend that the pay of the Nandial Reddi be raised, and that of the Curnams in ten villages be increased. The increase will amount to Rs. 30 a month, or Rs. 360 a year. The detailed information is given in Statement No. 3.

6. Statement No. 4 shows the total increase in a financial point of view; it requires no particular remark beyond that the total increase will amount to Rs. 32,382 annually. And here it may be necessary to inform the Board that in 1864, before I entered the district, in Nandial, Sirwell, and Cumbum, Chensu Talaries were employed, and have up to this time been employed for the protection of travellers through the Nandikanama and Jotikanama ghaut, and for the purpose of repressing highway robberies. But I cannot find that any formal sanction of Government has ever been obtained for their entertainment.

Nandial	9
Sirwell	6
Cumbum	7
	22, at Rs. 4 a month.

If such sanction is necessary, I have the honour to request the Board to make an application to Government for it, with retrospective effect, from the date of the first appointment of those officers.

7. Statement No. 5 is to show the amount of collections and expenditure of the Village Cess since 1862 and 1863. The total receipts up to the end of March are Rs. 21,25,094, and the expenditure Rs. 16,11,610, leaving a balance of Rs. 5,14,284. The collections yearly exceed Rs. 3,50,000, and the expenditure, with the increase recommended, will only slightly exceed Rs. 3,00,000. I can therefore safely propose that the sum of Rs. 5,00,000 should be invested in Government Securities.

P.S.—With reference to Board's Proceedings dated 12th June 1871, Miscellaneous No. 1,886, and Government Order No. 1,004, dated 7th idem, which reached me after I had written the above, I beg to state that my letter supplies the information called for.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Statement showing the additional number of village servants recommended.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.—Statement showing the number of Reddies who receive less than Rs. 5 a month.

ENCLOSURE No. 3.—Statement showing the amount of increase recommended in the pay of Curnams and Reddies receiving Rs. 5 and upwards.

ENCLOSURE No. 4.

STATEMENT showing the total increased Charge entailing on the Village Service Fund in the Kurnool District.

Talugs.	Present Establishment.								Proposed Increase per Annum.									Remarks.
	Total Number of Reddies.	Do. Curnams.	Do. Vettyans.	Do. Talaries.	Total.	Amount of their annual Salary.	Additional Number recommended according to Statement No 1.					Annual Pay.	Amount of increase made according to Statement No. 2 in the Pay of the Reddies receiving less than Rs. 5 per Mensem.	Increase made according to Statement No. 3 in the Pay of the Reddies and Curnams receiving Rs. 5 and more per Mensem.	Total amount of increase per Annum.	
							Reddies.	Curnams.	Vettyans.	Talaries.	Total.					
Pattikonda ...	103	104	240	367	814	41,346	24	...	24	18	66	3,456	2,130	.....	5,586	* These include 22 Police Chensu Talaries who were employed in 1864 in Nandikanama and Jotikanama ghaut.
Ramalkota ...	101	101	242	270	714	37,098	12	...	1	21	34	1,776	1,938	.....	3,714	
Nandikotkur ...	95	95	249	189	628	33,570	1	2	20	2	25	1,284	1,482	.....	2,766	
Nandial ...	91	93	248	285	717	38,448*	3	1	16	24	44	2,472	1,373	360	4,104	
Koilkuntla ...	84	84	240	220	628	34,332	...	1	25	2	28	1,380	996	.....	2,376	
Sirwell ...	85	85	234	234	638	33,336*	...	...	...	32	32	1,536	1,284	.....	2,820	
Cumbum ...	71	71	188	324	654	33,978*	42	...	30	2	104	5,496	1,062	.....	6,558	
Markapur ...	67	67	123	230	477	23,274	27	...	16	7	50	2,734	1,734	.....	4,468	
Total...	697	700	1,754	2,169	5,260	2,75,382	109	4	162	108	383	20,124	11,898	360	32,382	

(Signed) T. A. N. CHASE,
Collector.

KURNOOL,
15th June 1871.

ENCLOSURE No. 5.—Memorandum showing the amount of Collections and Expenditure of Village Service Fund.

THIS letter will be submitted for the orders of Government.

2. Under the ancient Village Constitution there were 1,112 individual villages in the Kurnool District. In 1862 a revision of establishment took place, and the number was reduced to 697 (at which number it now stands) with a Reddi to each village. The Government in their Order dated 1st June 1866, No. 1,346, appear to have been under the impression that 713 villages had been adopted as the number, but this is not the case.

3. In their review of the whole subject contained in the above order, the Government remarked, "Mr. Minchin is evidently apprehensive that the grouping (of villages) may have been carried too far and taking Police as well as Revenue requirements into consideration, the Government are of opinion that the number of villages should be increased." The Collector now states that the reduction went too far that "many villages have a great number of hamlets at a considerable distance which causes great difficulty in the conduct of Police work, particularly where the Reddi resides not in the cusbah village but in one of the hamlets." Hundreds of these hamlets, it may be observed, are ancient villages which had each, from time immemorial, its own Reddi and Village Establishment, but upwards of 500 such communities were blotted out in 1855. The Collector proposes to give Reddies to 109 hamlets, and so disentangle them from the condition to which they have been reduced. This is most desirable.

4. There is no such appointment known to the law as an Assistant Reddi, and in the case where such an officer is proposed, it will be better to separate a hamlet and appoint a Reddi for it, otherwise the appointment cannot be sanctioned.

5. Mr. Chase recommends the appointment of 108 Talaries and 162 Vetties. The numbers seem to be fairly calculated with reference to the size and importance of the villages. Care must be taken that, where possible, the old hereditary families are restored.

6. In 571 out of 697 villages the headman receives the same salary or less than his own menial servant, and Mr. Chase properly proposes to give each Rs. 5 as the minimum monthly salary. The other increments to the salary of Reddies proposed for a few special villages are judicious.

7. Good cause is shown for entertaining four additional Curnams.

8. Statement No. 4 shows the existing and proposed establishment and cost. The existing establishments cost Rs. 2,75,382, the additional establishment will raise the sum to Rs. 3,07,764 by an increase of charge amounting to Rs. 32,382. To meet this annual charge there is a steadily rising income from enfranchised Inams and Village Cess of upwards of Rs. 3,50,000 without trenching on the large balance in hand of upwards of Rs. 5,00,000.

9. The latter sum should, with the consent of the Government of India, be invested in Government securities.

10. The Board recommend that the increase in Village Establishments proposed by the Collector be sanctioned, and that he be instructed to re-examine the whole question, and see whether further measures of restoration are not required, and, if not, to propose a reduction of the cess in those villages which more than provide for their own wants by the proceeds of enfranchised Inams supplemented by the Village Service Cess.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
3rd May 1872.

No. 16. ORDER THEREON, 3rd May 1872, No. 714.

Miscellaneous.

THE income of the Village Service Fund in the Kurnool District is over Rs. 3,50,000, and the charges against it are Rs. 2,75,382 for the establishments attached to the 697 villages in the district, to which Mr. Pelly reduced the number from 1,112 by grouping in 1862.

2. In paragraph 15 of G. O., 1st June 1866, No. 1,346, the Government, assuming that the number had been brought down only to 713, expressed their opinion that it should be increased, and the Collector now proposes to revive the separate existence of 109 villages by re-integrating them and attaching to them an establishment of 109 Reddies or Munsifs, 162 Vetties, and 108 Taliaries. He also proposes an addition of 4 to the total number of Curnums for the district, that Rs. 5 monthly should be made the minimum pay of a Reddi, and that the pay of the Nandial Reddi and of the Curnums of 10 villages should be raised.

3. These recommendations, which involve an additional charge on the fund of Rs. 32,382 yearly, are supported by the Board, and are sanctioned by Government. They will bring up the total charges to Rs. 3,07,764 against the rising income of over Rs. 3,50,000. The Government, however, suggest for consideration whether, instead of adding to the number of the Curnums in certain villages or groups of villages as proposed, it may not be better to add to the pay of the individual Curnum, so as to allow of his employing a Gumastah on his own responsibility as was formerly contemplated. It is, however, observed that the whole number of Curnums, with the addition of 4, will only be 704 for 806 villages, and possibly the Collector intends to sub-divide groups.

4. The Board recommend that the Collector should again review the whole village establishment of the district, in order to ensure that no further measures of restoration are required, and that, should this be ascertained beyond doubt, he should submit proposals for reducing the rate of the Village Cess where this is unnecessarily high.

5. The Government approve these proposals, and direct that they be carried out; but they reserve their decision as to any reduction of the *cess* which is much the smaller source of income of the Fund.

6. There is an accumulation of past surplus income, amounting to more than Rs. 5,00,000, which it is proposed to invest in Government securities, the interest being added to the income of the fund; but before finally dealing with this recommendation, the Government would wish the Board and the Collector to consider whether the amount may not better be employed in some manner more directly beneficial to the people.

7 It is to be remembered that the accumulation is entirely derived from the charge on the enfranchised Service Inams, the field for expenditure of which is not restricted by law as in the case of the Village Service Cess, and it has occurred to Government that the people of the district might be greatly benefited by the gradual erection of a "*Grama Chavadi*" in every village, in which all the village-business might be transacted, the Village Munsif hold his Court, the Curnum carry on his work, and the Village Police find their head-quarters.

NOTE.—See Enclosure 5 to Collector's letter. Mr. Chase incorrectly describes this as showing the collection and expenditure of the Village Cess, whereas it relates to the whole Village Service Fund.

8. Institutions of this kind exist in many parts of the country, notably in Malabar, and are found most useful.

9. Another purpose to which the accumulation might perhaps with advantage be devoted is the construction, where necessary in the district, of Cutcherries, Subsidiary Jails, and Police buildings, for which the Government would pay rent to the fund at the rate of 5 per cent. on the outlay.

10. The principal would be equally safe, and the income of the Fund equally secured by this course, while the immediate advantage to the inhabitants of the district would unquestionably be greater than by mere investment in Government securities.

11. The Government would be glad to receive the opinion of the Collector and Board on these suggestions at an early date.

12. The Board will arrange with the Collector for the issue of Sanads of appointment to the Village Munsifs, and will furnish Mr. Chase with a specimen of those given in Trichinopoly.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Officiating Chief Secretary.

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

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Revenue Department.

No. 714

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 3d May 1872.

Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

Requesting Govt. to sanction increase of Village Establishment in Kurnool Distt. proposed by Collector &c } R. C. 3d August 1871 No 3257

The income of the Village Service Fund in the Kurnool District is over Rs 350,000 and the charges against it are Rs 275,382 for the Establishments attached to the 697 villages in the District, to which Mr Petty reduced the number from 1112 by forming, in 1862.

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He also proposes an addition of 4 to the total number of Kurnums for the district, that Rs 5 monthly should be made the minimum pay

+ He seems to contemplate more than one Kurnum in the villages. I think the principle laid down was that in such cases where the work was too heavy for one Kurnum, such an additional Kurnum should be appointed as would make him to have a proper assistant or his own responsibility.

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Enter as here & the official designation "Moonsiff".

Now suppose only two officers instead of one carrying on as Village Justice

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4 The Board recommend that the Collector should again further review the whole village establishment of the District in order to ensure that no further measures of restriction are required, and that, should this be ascertained beyond doubt, he should submit proposals for reducing the rate of the village cess where this is unnecessarily high.

5 The Govt approve these proposals, and direct that they be carried out + as they accrue. There

+ I would be loath to any person to reduce the cess. The possibility of Kummi's pay in some other Districts, their duties is solely entirely to the very liberal assignment of Inams by the State

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7 It is to be remembered that the remuneration is entirely derived from the charge on the emoluments

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B/P.

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Note See Govt. No. 2 Coll. letter. No. Chart incorrectly describes the as showing the collection & expenditure of the Village cess - Service it relates to the State Fund

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The Bd will write to the Chairman of the Board per the issue of Summons to appt. The Village Offs. to furnish the Chairman with a specimen of those given in Tichy.

Govt 11th

The Board of Ch. should also have Summons as in Tichy - a form of which might be sent to the Chairman

11. Board of Revenue Decr 6. May
6. Asst Govt
5. Judicial Depts

Village Estates
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THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated May 3rd.

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G. O., 3rd May 1872, No. 714.

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Nos. 15-16.

Kurnool Village Establishments.—P
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