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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 18th January 1873.*

No. 136. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 12th December 1872, Miscellaneous No. 8,244:—

Read the following papers:—

From the Officiating Collector of Madras, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madras, 22nd November 1872, No. 208.

With reference to paragraph 2 of the Board's Proceedings No. 149 of 23rd July, and Miscellaneous No. 5,699 of 19th August last, I have the honour to forward statements received from the Deputy-Collector showing the present distribution of work in the various departments of his office.

2. It seems very necessary to put some person in responsible charge of the voluminous records at the Deputy-Collector's Office of nearly one century, which it has taken nearly two years to bring to order. Any person entrusted with it will not only have to search, issue, and receive back the papers required for the several departments in the office, but will also have to find out and produce papers called for by the High Court, Small Cause Court, and the two Police Courts; and this work entails no small labour on the present establishment. Not less than 100 Summonses are received every year from the above Courts, and papers of older date than 1800 are called for. As a rule, the Clerk producing them is kept away more than one day. The Deputy-Collector states that the present establishment is heavily worked, and that the charge of the records cannot be conveniently entrusted to anybody in it. The work of the whole establishment appears to have been reviewed by the Board only recently, that is, when the question of constituting the Town as a separate Collectorate was under consideration. With regard to the quit-rent establishment I beg to observe that the conservancy of the tanks, which it is proposed to vest in the Deputy-Collector of Madras, will create additional work to the present establishment. The Advocate-General has lately given it as his opinion that no batta can be charged on demands issued, under Section 4 of the Madras Act, for the recovery of the arrears of revenue. There being no provision in the law making quit-rent not paid within the fasli an arrear, no body will, as a rule, pay until a demand has been served, and demands will have to be prepared and served in almost every case. Under such circumstances, the charge of the records should not, in my opinion, be entrusted to any one in that establishment. The Abkári Department is one in which some unforeseen contingency frequently arises, and creates new work for the establishment, as already stated in my letter No. 32 of 1st March 1872.

G. O., of 31st May 1870, No. 788.

3. Under these circumstances, I would repeat the recommendation made in paragraph 2 of my letter No. 149 of 23rd July 1872, namely, that a special establishment, as per margin, be organized for the charge of the records.

| | Rs. |
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| 1 Record-keeper ... ... ... ... | 25 |
| 1 Attender ... ... ... ... ... | 10 |

Endorsement of the Officiating Collector of Madras, dated 9th December 1872, No. 216.

Read the following letter from the Deputy-Collector of Madras, to the Acting Collector of Madras, dated 4th December 1872, No. 997.

I HAVE the honour to inform you that the four months' extension time sanctioned by Government in their Proceedings No. 1,181, dated 9th August last, for the continuation of the temporary Record Establishment having expired on the 30th ultimo, their services were dispensed with from that date.

2. The records of the various departments are now classified, and are well arranged; and to leave them without some particular person to look after them would plunge them again into that confusion in which they were found two years ago, and the sum of Rs. 2,550 already spent on their arrangement would be a waste.

3. Until the receipt of the sanction for a small permanent establishment recommended in my letter No. 608, dated 19th July last, I beg to propose that the services of a Record-keeper and an Attender, at a monthly cost of Rs. 35, may be retained as a temporary establishment. Early orders are requested.

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| Record-keeper ... ... ... ... ... | 25 |
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| Total ... | 35 |

4. I have requested two of the temporary establishment (ceased to be from the 1st instant) to take care of the records as hitherto, on condition that they would be paid salary *only* if it is allowed by Government.

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SUBMITTED for the favourable consideration of the Board, in continuation of this office letter No. 208 of 22nd November 1872, wherein sanction for a permanent establishment, at a cost of Rs. 35, for the charge of the records was solicited.

(Signed) D. ARBUTHNOTT,
*Officiating Collector.*

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THE Board resolve to submit this application for the favourable consideration of Government.

2. The statements submitted show that the present permanent establishment is fully occupied; and unless it be supplemented, as proposed, much of the benefit expected to accrue from the expenditure incurred on the arrangement of the very valuable records of the office will be lost.

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No. 137. ORDER THEREON, 18th January 1873, No. 67.

Miscellaneous.

THE Deputy-Collector's Office is already very expensive, costing Rs. 3,327 per mensem, and under a proper re-distribution of the work and revised classification of the establishment, provision can, the Government believe, be made for the custody and arrangement of the records without additional cost to the State. The Tahsildar of a limited taluq like that of Madras is allowed nine Goomastahs (the number sanctioned for the large taluqs in the districts), and the number of Accountants and Clerks in the Abkári Department appears very high.

2. The Board will be good enough to re-consider the matter. They are at liberty, if they deem fit, to depute one of their Secretaries to look into the working of the office, and, in consultation with the Collector, to submit a revised scale of the establishment.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

MISCELLANEOUS No. 8,244 — REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

# PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE

Dated 12th December 1872.

Read the following

No. 208.

From,

The Honorable D. Arbuthnott,
Offg Collector of Madras.

To

J. Grose Esqre.
Secretary to the
Board of Revenue.
Madras.

Sir,

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2. It seems very necessary to put some person in responsible charge of the voluminous records at the Deputy Collector's Office of nearly one century, which it has taken nearly two years to bring to order. Any person entrusted with it will not only have to search, issue and receive back the papers required for the several departments in the Office, but will also have to find out

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3. Under these circumstances I would repeat the recommendation made in para 2 of my letter No. 149 of 23rd July 1872, viz: that a special establishment as per margin be organized for the charge of the records.-

*1 Record Keeper Rs 25
1 Attender Rs 10.

Madras Collector's Office
22nd November 1872.

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(Sd) C. Arbuthnott
Offg Collr of Madras

No. 997

From,
The Deputy Collector of Madras.

To,
The Acting Collector of Madras.

Sir,

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sanctioned by Government in their Proceedings No. 1188 dated 9th ultimo last for the continuation of the temporary Record establishment having expired on the 30th ultimo, their services were dispensed with from that date.

2. The records of the various departments are now classified and are well arranged, and to leave them without some particular person to look after them would plunge them again into that confusion in which they were found two years ago; and the sum of Rupees 2,550 already spent on their arrangement would be a waste.

3. Until the receipt of the sanction for a small permanent establishment recommended in my letter No. 608 dated 19th July last, I beg to propose that the services of a Record keeper and an attender at a monthly cost of 35 Rs. may be retained as a temporary establishment. Early orders are requested.

Record Keeper Rs 25
Attender Rs 10
Total 35

4. I have requested two of the Temporary establishment (ceased to be from the 1st instant) to take care of the Records as hitherto, on condition that they would be paid salary only if it is allowed by Government.

I have &c.
sd/ R. Raghunatha Row
Deputy Collector

Madras Deputy Collector's Office
Madras
4th December 1872.

(True copy)

Submitted

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No. 216.

Submitted for the favorable consideration of the Board in continuation of this Office letter No. 208 of 22nd November 1872, wherein sanction for a permanent establishment at a cost of Rs. 35 for the charge of the Records, was solicited.—

Madras Collector's Office
9th December 1872.

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Offg Collector

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The Board resolve to submit this application for the favorable consideration of Government.

2. The statements submitted show that the present permanent establishment is fully occupied; and unless it be supplemented as proposed much of the benefit expected to accrue from the expenditure incurred on the arrangement of the very valuable records of the Office will be lost.—

True Copies & Extract

H R Stokes
Offg Sub Secretary

For the Secretary to Government
Revenue Department
with 2 enclosures

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Revenue Establishment

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Proceedings of the Madras Govt
18th Jany 1873
Read the following Do:
Proceedings of the Board of Rev:

Submitting for favorable consideration of Govt letter from Collector of Madras requesting sanction for permanent establishment of a Record Keeper on Rs 25 and an Attender on Rs 10 to have charge of records in Deputy Collectors Office -

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

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SUBJECT.

Submitting for favorable consideration of Govt letters from Coll of Madras, requesting sanction for permanent Establishment of a Record Keeper on Rs 25 + an Attender on Rs 10 to have charge of records in Dy Collectors Office

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