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coupled with the necessity of residence on the Hills, which natives greatly dislike both on account of the climate, and because of the increased cost of living there.

5. I have the honor, therefore, to suggest that this opportunity be taken to seek sanction for an increase of the salary of the office to not less than Rupees 100 per mensem. Funds are available, without any increase on the scale of establishments sanctioned for the district, from the provision made in Mr. Pelly's scheme for a Sub-Magistrate, etc., (with establishment), on the Lower Pulney Hills, but which office has never been filled up, partly because of the impossibility of procuring two competent persons for the two posts, in filling one only of which there has always been such difficulty; partly because a resident Magistrate is not required on the Lower Hills; and partly because the experiment of having one there broke down completely together with the health of the officer last so employed (while there was only one Sub-Magistrate's office for both the Upper and Lower Hills) and that of his office people who could not stand the climate which at certain seasons is extremely feverish.

6. I am aware, I may say, that the proposal to have only one Sub-Magistrate for the Hills has before this failed to find acceptance, and that the orders even now are that there should be two, one for each range. The impossibility of carrying out those orders and the necessity of giving better pay to secure efficient service have, however, been frequently reported (*vide* correspondence marginally noted) and seem to me unquestionable. At all events, the views which the officers of the district, who are presumably best acquainted with the necessities of the case, have consistently maintained in opposition, to a great extent, to the views of the Board of Revenue, and to the effect that no Sub-Magistrate is required on the Lower Hills, have been acted up to in practice for the last six years without objection being raised or inconvenience felt by any one. Should my present proposal to raise the Sub-Magistrate's pay be now approved therefore, and the existing orders for the maintenance of two such officers and their establishments consequently cancelled, no change will be involved further than that the sanctioned scale of establishments will be brought into conformity with actual and approved arrangements, which the grant of such a salary as I propose to the head of the office in question will enable me to maintain in efficiency, and as now can hardly be reasonably expected, and as is now only occasionally and by accidental good fortune attained.

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(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. McQUHAE,
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No. 123. Order thereon, 12th September 1874, No. 1,165.

Miscellaneous.

His Excellency the Governor in Council is pleased to sanction the proposal of the Collector of Madura supported by the Board to raise the pay of the Magistrate and Deputy Tahsildar of Kodaikanel to Rs. 100, and put him in charge of both the Upper and Lower Hills.

2. The Collector will take care that this officer moves about in his range.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
*Acting Secretary to Government.*

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

Exd. G. A. Turton.

Govt. of [1874] 2nd Dirn.

REVENUE.

To

The BOARD OF REVENUE,

&c., &c. &c.

Read.

G.O., 12th September 1874, No. 65.

Read. September 12th.

SEPTEMBER.

Nos. 122-123.

*Deputy-Tahsildar and Sub-Magistrate of Kodaikanal on the Pulneys, Madura District.*—Sanctioning the proposal of the Collector to increase the salary of the — and to put him in charge of both the Upper and Lower Hills. Directing the Collector to see that the officer moves about in his range.

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No. 2,328.

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(True Copies and Extract.)

Secretary.

To the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with one original Statement.

" the Collector of Madura.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

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C No. 2988

From Pro: Bd of Rev:

Dated 20th August 1874.

FOR ORDERS.

I would have the Collr to know
the Collr's views before
taking any action thereon

for what it is worth

Shall be disposed
of in Council

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BOARD OF REVENUE,
MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 20TH AUGUST 1874, No. 2,328.

Encl

Received 28 Augt 74

AUGUST.
No. 2,328.

*Deputy-Tahsildar and Sub-Magistrate*—of the Puineys, in Madura District.—Proposal of Sub-Collector to increase pay of — from Rupees 70 to 100, submitted for favorable consideration of Government.

To 14 Bd Revenue
6 Asst Genl
5 Jud Dept
} Dec 28 September 74

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Statement showing the Cultivated area, population and revenue of the villages on the lower Palney hills in the Dist of Madura.

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| Names of villages | Cultivation | | | | | | Population | Distance from nearest Magistrate's station on the plains. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Extent | | | Assessment | | | | |
| | Cawnies | | | Rs. | as | p | | |
| Verrapatchi | 2380 | 11 | 1 | 3767 | 8 | 8 | 3795 | 22 miles from Palni |
| Thandikudy | 2493 | 8 | 3 | 5503 | 10 | 9 | 3222 | 22 miles from Periacolum |
| | 4874 | 1 | 0 | 9271 | 3 | 5 | 7017 | |
| Manalur | 679 | 8 | 0 | 1856 | 3 | 10 | 576 | 13 miles from Nelacottai |
| Adalur | 521 | 9 | 3 | 861 | 5 | 5 | 582 | |
| Pasuramalai | 1235 | 6 | 3 | 2384 | 0 | 6 | 968 | 20 miles from Dindigul |
| Thoramalai | 300 | 7 | 1 | 353 | 1 | 5 | 90 | |
| | 2736 | 4 | 7 | 5154 | 11 | 2 | 2216 | |
| Melaparamalai | There villages are united and there is no account showing the area cultivated | | | | | | 94 | 15 miles from Palani<br><br>There are no made roads between these villages and the plains. |
| Karunjimalai | | | | | | | 333 | |
| Perumparamalai | | | | | | | 18 | |

W. Mc Rae
Collector

Enclosure in letter
Y. D. 12 Sept 15/74
From the Bd. No. 122.

The Collr. of
Madura

To

The Secty to the
Bd. of Revenue
Madras

No. 2988/74.

Dated 21st July 1874

No 218

Rev 1163/74

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