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No. 43. Read the following letter from J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, to D. F. CARMICHAEL, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 19th February 1874, No. 371 :—

By desire of the Board, I have the honour to request the sanction of Government for the entertainment of two Accountants in the Board's Cutcherry, on salaries of Rupees 30 and 25 respectively from the 1st March 1874, for the purpose of tabulating the Price Returns received from the districts.

2. Formerly Returns were received from each district, showing the average prices of only six articles in terms of the Madras Garce, and this office had only to post the figures of the twenty-one Returns and send them to Government, but the Government of India having recently called for Price Lists of the various grains in terms of the Imperial Seer, as defined by Act XXXI. of 1871, the Board have directed Collectors to submit Returns from each station in their districts showing the prices of thirteen articles in terms of local measure, and ordered that the conversion of the District Returns in terms of the Imperial Seer should be done in the Board's Office. Returns are now received every month from 255 places for thirteen articles, besides the fortnightly Statements of Prices at the Head-quarters of each district for the same number of articles. The number of stations will shortly be increased, as prices are to be recorded at the stations of all Deputy Tahsildars, and the information as to the local measures in use at those stations which is required for framing Conversion Tables is nearly complete. The convertion of each entry in the Returns involves a distinct computation, and the aggregate work is very great. The Board think that for the computation and posting of the figures the services of two Accountants are indispensable to aid the present staff. Every endeavour has been made to get the work done by the existing establishment, but it has been found that the conversion of a single month's Return occupies two men more than forty days and that it is impossible to continue the present arrangement without seriously affecting the current account work which is already sufficiently heavy. The Board consider it essential that the work of conversion and tabulation should be done in their office. The experience under the old system when the Returns were made up in the Collectors' offices, showed that the most extraordinary irregularities, such as in many cases to render the Returns quite unreliable, were allowed to creep in.

Board's Proceedings, dated 15th Jany. 1873, No. 51.

No. 44. ORDER THEREON, 3rd March 1874, No. 298.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government of India have, by their recent Order, dated 10th February 1874, No. 1-16, directed that the prices of the articles sold per rupee should be shown in the terms of "the old Government seer of 80 tolahs, and not in those of the seer as defined in Act XXXI. of 1871,"

G. O., dated 20th February 1874, No. 229.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
3rd March 1874.

The Board will consider and report if, under this change, the labour in their office cannot be diminished and the necessity for any additional establishment dispensed with.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. G. A. Turton.

Govt. of {1874} Madras.

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated March 3rd.

Read.

Encl.

G. O., *3rd March* 1874, No. 298.

MARCH.
Nos. 43-44.

Additional Establishment in Board's Office.—Directs Revenue Board to report whether, with reference to G. O., 20th February 1874, No. 229, the labour in their Office cannot be diminished and the necessity for any — be dispensed with.

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No. 371.

From J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue,

To D. F. CARMICHAEL, Esq., Secy. to Govt., Revenue Department.

SIR,

BY desire of the Board, I have the honour to request the sanction of Government for the entertainment of two Accountants in the Board's Cutcherry, on salaries of Rupees 30 and 25 respectively from the 1st March 1874, for the purpose of tabulating the Price Returns received from the districts.

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REVENUE BOARD OFFICE,
Madras,
19th February 1874.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,

J. Grose
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Exd G. A. Turton

Rev. 1874. Depte

Board of Revenue,

MADRAS.

No. 616

FROM THE SECRETARY TO THE BOARD OF REVENUE,
TO THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, REV. DEPT.

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Dated 19th *February* 1874.

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S.O. No 298 - 3 March 1874

FEBRUARY.

No. 371.

Accountants, Additional—in Board's Office.—Sanction of Government requested for entertainment of two Accountants in Board's Office, one on a salary of Rupees 30 and the other on 25 Rupees to aid present staff in tabulating Price Returns received from districts.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 3d March 1874.

No. 298 Revenue Department.

Read the following Ltr of the Board of Revenue

Requesting sanction to the establishment of two additional Accountants in Board's Office to aid present staff in tabulating Price Returns received from districts

H. E. 19 Feby 1874. No 371

S.O. 9/20 Feby/74. No 229

The Govt of India have by their recent order dated 9/10 Feby 1874. No 78, directed that the prices of the various articles noted for Triplicane should be

shown in the Gazette of "the rest of the Presidency" and not in those of the two divisions in Act XXIV of 1871." The Board will consider and report if any such changes as the

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Add Accountants asked for by 13 & 1
Rec.d for tabulating Price Returns

Hon. W. Lees
Secretary

1/1/24. R.E. March