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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 26th June 1874.

No. 244. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 11th June 1874, No. 1,422.

Read the following letter from Major the Honourable E. R. BOURKE, Postmaster-General, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Coonoor, 17th May 1874, No. 227-161:—

In forwarding you the accompanying statements of the amounts which will be required for district post purposes in the ten districts now under my control, I would request that, if possible, the Board will accord their sanction for this allotment being made. The establishments have been most carefully and economically arranged in consultations with the several Collectors.

2. In order to carry out the reorganized schemes, in the several districts, this amount is necessary to enable an efficient service to be maintained.

3. The accompanying detailed statements (to be returned) of each district, it will be seen, have been verified by each Collector.

4. With regard to the remarks made by the Collector of Tinnevelly, in the statement sent to him for verification, I beg to state that I do not think the sum of Rupees 222 is absolutely necessary, neither do I consider the sum of Rs. 272, "unforeseen contingencies" applied for by the Collector of Nellore, absolutely necessary.

Enclosure No. 1.

Statement showing probable cost of District Post Establishments for the year 1874-75.

Name of District Post.	Number of Gumastahs.	Number of Peons.	Number of Runners.	Number of Overseers.	Total cost of Establishment per mensem.	Total cost of Establishment per annum.	Budget Allotments.
					Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs.
Coimbatore	1	38	33	...	735 0 0	8,820 0 0	2,506
North Arcot	13	40	63	...	615 0 0	7,380 0 0	5,070
Tinnevelly	12	18	42	3	441 0 0	5,292 0 0	4,002
Nellore	7	33	74	2	706 8 0	8,479 0 0	6,208
Trichinopoly	3	13	30	1	301 0 0	3,612 0 0	2,214
Madura	5	17	82	...	402 8 0	5,630 0 0	15,240
Chingleput	4	10	9	...	139 0 0	1,668 0 0	2,313
Tanjore	1	35	25	...	257 0 0	3,084 0 0	5,170
Godavery	7	30	65	2	564 0 0	6,828 0 0	7,035
South Canara	3	15	21	...	252 8 0	3,030 0 0	3,120
Total ...	56	305	406	8	4,453 8 0	53,412 0 0	47,915
Net excess ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5,497

Enclosures Nos. 2 to 12.—Statements.

Districts.	Actual Expenditure for 1873-74.	Budget allotment for 1874-75.	Cost of revised establishment.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Coimbatore	2,535	2,500	8,820
North Arcot	5,329	5,670	7,380
Tinnevelly	4,794	4,992	5,292
Nellore	7,050	8,268	8,478
Trichinopoly	3,433	3,312	3,612
Madura	4,957	5,240	5,650
Chingleput	1,750	1,812	1,668
Tanjore	4,765	5,170	3,084
Godavery	7,491	7,025	6,528
South Canara	2,907	3,120	3,030
Total	45,132	47,015	53,442

With the above letter, the Postmaster-General forwards schemes for the revision of the District Postal Establishments in the ten districts now under his control. The marginal statement shows the actual expenditure during 1873-74, the budget allotment for the current year, and the proposed cost of the revised establishments for each of the districts in question.

2. The schemes for the Nellore and Tinnevelly Districts have already been submitted to Government with Board's Proceedings, dated 27th May 1874, numbered 1,274 and 1,270, respectively. The schemes therein set forth are identical with those now proposed; and, with reference to the remarks of the Postmaster-General in the concluding paragraph of his letter above recorded, the Board have already taken exception to the two items which the Postmaster-General considers unnecessary.

3. With reference to the schemes for Tanjore and Godavery, the Board observe that the expenditure proposed appears to be considerably below the present sanctioned scale of expenditure. If such be the case, the Collectors are competent under recent orders of Government to

G. O. dated 8th May 1874, No. 570.

re-arrange the establishments, reporting the changes effected to the Board for confirmation with a tabular statement showing the existing and revised establishments for facility of comparison.

4. As regards the six remaining districts, the changes contemplated involve

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increased expenditure, and the schemes must therefore be submitted for the sanction of Government; but no information is afforded as to the existing scale of establishment, and the nature of the changes which it is proposed to effect. It is observed that the revised establishments for the ten districts will entail a net excess of Rupees 6,427 over the budget allotment for those districts, and as application will have to be made for an increase to the grant for District Posts, if these schemes are to be carried out, and as the requirements of other districts must also be considered, the necessity for the reorganization, and the advantages expected to result therefrom, should be clearly demonstrated.

A tabular statement showing the existing and proposed establishments should be submitted with a brief summary of the extensions recommended.

5. As regards the schemes for the undermentioned districts, the following points should be explained.

Coimbatore.—The Postmaster-General has entered the annual cost of the revised establishment at Rupees 1,668, whilst from the Collector's letter of the 4th May 1874, No. 105, it appears that the scheme which met with his approval is estimated to cost Rupees 3,168 per annum.

North Arcot.—The statement forwarded is headed *present* cost of the District Post Offices, but as the total, Rupees 7,380, is considerably in excess of the expenditure for the past year, viz., Rupees 5,329, the statement must refer to the proposed and not existing establishment, unless changes have been carried out without sanction.

Coimbatore.—The estimated cost of the establishment is entered as Rupees 735 per mensem, or Rupees 8,820 per annum. This includes two items of Rupees 120 and Rupees 300 for contingent charges and letter-boxes, respectively; these are not monthly recurring charges, but represent expenditure incurred once for all, yet they have been included in the *monthly* outlay, and have unduly increased the annual cost by Rupees 4,620. The correct amount of the annual charges would therefore appear to be Rupees 4,200, and not Rupees 8,820.

No. 345. Order thereon, 26th June 1874, No. 789.

Miscellaneous. Records.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue,
& the Financial Department.

Encl. W. H. French.

No. 1,422.

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Trichinopoly	6	19	30	1	301 0 0	3,612 0 0	3,312
Madura	5	17	41	...	462 8 0	5,550 0 0	5,249
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Tanjore	1	35	15	...	297 0 0	3,084 0 0	5,179
Cuddapah	2	30	65	2	711 0 0	8,532 0 0	7,695
South Canara	3	15	25	...	252 8 0	3,030 0 0	2,170
Total ...	66	305	406	8	4,463 8 0	53,442 0 0	47,015
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(True Copies and Extract.)

Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the Postmaster-General, with the original enclosures, returned.
" the Collector of Chingleput.
" the Collector of Nellore.
" the Collector of Godavery.
" the Collector of North Arcot.
" the Collector of Tanjore.
" the Collector of Trichinopoly.
" the Collector of Madura.
" the Collector of Tinnevelly.
" the Collector of Coimbatore.
" the Collector of South Canara.

Copy to the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Trd. W. H. French.

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