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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

13th December 1878, No. 2,002.

Read the following paper :—

No. 142. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 19th November 1878, No. 3,080.

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3. I have found, after an experience of $3\frac{1}{2}$ years, that, though the clerks always work hard and well, their number is so small that they cannot keep the office well up to the requirements of my division even when there is no extra call upon them. When such is the case, we drift helplessly into arrears of various ~~and~~ inconvenience and delays are the result.

4. I consider that the need of an increased establishment cannot be better shown than by the plain fact apparent from the annexed figures that the work of the office is six or sevenfold greater than it was when the office was fixed at its present strength.

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9. The sum total of figures is, in 1860, 2,295 against, in 1877, 18,147, i.e., the work is more than sevenfold greater now than it was when Mr. Pelly fixed the present scale as the establishment absolutely required for the work of the office.

10. There is also a considerable increase in the magisterial work.

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interpreter, taking him off his miscellaneous work; so that allowing, for example, two working days as the time occupied by each trial, on average I do not think too high, in 1860 the Gumasta was only 64 days occupied with the Head Assistant Magistrate as Interpreter, whereas in 1877 he was so occupied 192 days, and during all this period the miscellaneous office work had to be done by him out of the regular office hours.

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No. 2,180.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Acting Secretary.

No. 143.

ORDER THEREON, 13th December 1878, No. 2,002.

Miscellaneous.

The transfer of one clerk from the establishment of the Sub-Collector to that of the Head Assistant is approved and sanctioned.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) L. A. CAMPBELL,
Under Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. A. F. Goodall.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

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From

Board of Revenue

Dated

19th Nov.
22nd Dec.

1878

FOR ORDERS.

Mr. Lowell.

The late Mr.
Asst. Collector
complains of the
inadequacy of his
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He states from
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Head Assistant Collector's Office, Korm
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to that of the —

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the Sheristadar.
All H.O. Assistants
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H.O. Assistants from
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No figures are
given as to the
latter's work but
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experience of both
appointments
the Undersecretary
can testify to the fact

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one clerk

2002/ that the H.O.
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= etc was proportionately
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clerks is a large
number to transfer
suddenly without
consulting the
officer concerned.
(now Mr. Sewell)
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FOR ORDERS.

To Mr. Lieft.

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Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

" Collector of Kistna.

Copy to the Additional Secretary to Government, Revenue (Famine) Department.

End. W. J. Lewis.

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Establishment—attached to Head Assistant Collector's Office, Krishna District.—Submitting to Government letter from Collector pointing out the necessity for increasing the—, and recommending transfer of two clerks from the Sub-Collector's Office establishment to the Head Assistant Collector's Office.

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