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Government of Madras

Revenue DEPARTMENT

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Two of the Commissioners to deal with Land Revenue, one with Separate Revenue and one with Settlements and Agriculture.

(b) To appoint, instead of the present staff of Secretaries to the Board, consisting of one Secretary on Rs. 2,000 and one Sub-Secretary on Rs. 1,500 a month, three Secretaries and an Assistant Secretary, viz. :—

(i) One Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue on Rs. 1,500, rising to Rs. 1,800 a month;

(ii) One Secretary to the Commissioner of Separate Revenue on Rs. 1,500, rising to Rs. 1,800 a month, the present Personal Assistant to the Commissioner retaining office under the designation of Assistant Secretary with his present pay of Rs. 500 a month;

(iii) One Secretary to the Commissioner of Settlements and Agriculture, the Serishtadar of the Board of Revenue being transferred as Secretary on his present rate of pay, Rs. 1,000 a month.

2. With the exception of the pay proposed for the Third Commissioner, we approve of the proposals which are calculated to lead to improved administrative efficiency.

4. We consider that it will be sufficient if the pay of the Third Commissioner is fixed at Rs. 3,000 a month instead of Rs. 3,250. As it is intended that the Commissioners should, under the arrangements proposed, be remunerated according to the position which they hold in the Board, without reference to the duties which may be assigned to each, the Third and Fourth Commissioners will have a claim to the higher salaries of Rs. 3,750 and 3,500 as opportunity arises.

5. The financial effect of the proposals as approved by us is a saving of Rs. 1,441-10-8 a month, or Rs. 17,000 a year as compared with the present cost of the administrative staff, and after providing for the office establishments shown in the proposition statement attached to the letter from the Government of Madras of the 12th March 1886, the net saving will be Rs. 992-10-8 a month, or Rs. 11,912 a year.—

Administrative staff.			Present.			Approved.		
			Rs.	A.	P.			
Three Members	...	...	10,125	0	0	Four Members	13,250	0 0
One Commissioner of Salt and Abkari Revenue	...	...	2,833	5	4	...	...	
One Director of Revenue Settlement and Agriculture	...	...	2,333	5	4	...	...	
Two Secretaries	...	...	3,500	0	0	Three Secretaries	4,400	0 0
One Personal Assistant to the Commissioner of Salt and Abkari	...	...	500	0	0	One Assistant Secretary	500	0 0
Office establishment	...	...	19,591	10	8	Office establishment.	18,150	0 0
			11,961	0	0		12,410	0 0
			552	10	8		30,560	0 0
			560	0	0			
Net Saving	...	...	992	10	8			

With the modification proposed in the foregoing paragraph, we recommend the proposals for your Lordship's favorable consideration.

We have, &c.,

(Signed) DUFFERIN.
 (") F. S. ROBERTS.
 (") C. P. ILBERT.
 (") S. O. BAYLEY.
 (") T. C. HOPE.
 (") A. COLVIN.
 (") G. T. CHESNEY.

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Copy forwarded to the Home and the Revenue and Agricultural Department for information.

(By Order)

(Signed) J. E. O'CONOR,
 Asst. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

Order—dated 24th November 1886, No. 1030, Revenue.

Communicated to the Board of Revenue.

2. The Government of India has been addressed on the question of the date from which the reorganization, now sanctioned, is to have effect and the result will be intimated in due course.

3. In the mean time, the Board will take in hand all such preliminary arrangements as are practicable.

4. The transfer of the Revenue Survey Department to the old Eye Infirmary and of the Salt Department to a portion of the office now occupied by the former is a measure which can be carried out, without waiting for the reply of the Government of India to the reference made to it.

5. Government are inclined to think that, with the large space which will be available when the Survey Department vacates, it would be possible to adequately accommodate the Forest Department in the Chepauk buildings. This point should have the early consideration of the Board.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
 Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

„ the Director of Revenue Settlement and Agriculture.
 „ the Commissioner of Salt and Abkari Revenue.
 „ the Superintendent, Revenue Survey.
 „ the Public Department.
 „ the Financial do.

Resolution—dated 18th December 1886, Mis. No. 9351.

The Board understand that the Superintendent of Revenue Survey is willing to transfer to the Eye Infirmary a portion of his office, leaving in the present building the Photographic establishment, the establishment connected with the Lithographic presses and the stores. This arrangement will give ample accommodation for the Salt and Abkari Commissioner and his office. The Deputy Commissioner of Salt will be left in the Eye Infirmary buildings. The Board think that it may then be possible to accommodate the Forest office in the Chepauk buildings; but until the Abkari and Salt Department has moved in, it is not possible to speak certainly on this point. The Board request that the above arrangement may be sanctioned at once.

2. The reorganization of the Board's office will necessitate the issue of instructions to Collectors as to the future mode of addressing the Board, and will necessitate certain re-arrangements in their own office. Instructions on these points will shortly be issued.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) M. HAMMICK,
 Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

READ—also the following G.O., dated 21st December 1886, No. 1101, Revenue :—

Read—letter from the Superintendent, Madras Survey, dated 4th December 1886, No. 231-G.—

ABSTRACT.—Reporting on the removal of the Central Survey office to the old Eye Infirmary.

Read—also Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 18th December 1886, Mis. No. 9351.

ABSTRACT.—Requesting sanction to certain arrangements in connection with the transfer of offices of the Superintendent of Revenue Survey and the Commissioner of Salt and Abkari Revenue from the Chepauk buildings to the Eye Infirmary building and *vice versa*.

Order—dated 21st December 1886, No. 1101, Revenue.

The proposals of the Board of Revenue have the approval of Government. Very early effect should be given to them.

2. The questions of the future location of the Forest Department can be considered after the Salt and Abkari Department has moved into the Chepauk buildings and it is ascertained what room will be available.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Superintendent, Revenue Survey.
„ the Commissioner of Salt and Abkari Revenue.
„ the Director of Revenue Settlement and Agriculture.

Resolution—dated 26th January 1887, No. 121.

The Government have already been informed that the Superintendent of Survey has removed a portion of the Survey office to the buildings formerly used to accommodate the Eye Infirmary. The Salt and Abkari Department transferred their office to the Chepauk buildings during the Christmas holidays, and the Board finding that the available accommodation was sufficient for the Forest office have directed that office to move in at once. The Board hope that it may be arranged before long to remove some further portion of the Survey office from the Chepauk buildings as the accommodation, though now sufficient for the Board and the Forest office, is not likely to be so long. The records and stores will increase in the next two years and then the present building will no doubt not suffice to hold the Board, the Forest office, and the Store, Photographic, and Press Departments of the Survey office. Probably the Survey office will be able gradually to transfer some of these to the Eye Infirmary buildings.

2. The sanction of Government is now requested to the distribution of subjects among the Members of the Board as proposed below, after reorganisation takes place. The Government have already laid down the principles on which in future the subjects are to be divided, but with regard to some of them doubt still exists.

3. The Member of the Board, who will in future be designated as the Commissioner, in charge of Separate Revenue, will deal with—

- (1) The Salt Department.
- (2) The Abkari Department.
- (3) The Opium Revenue.
- (4) The Customs Revenue.
- (5) The tabulation of all statistics connected with the sea-borne trade of the province.

4. The Commissioner in charge of Settlement and Agriculture will deal with the following subjects:—

- (1) Revenue Settlement.
- (2) Revision of village establishments.
- (3) Internal Trade and Commerce—
 - (a) Land trade with Native States.
 - (b) Inter-provincial and internal road traffic.
 - (c) Rail-borne traffic.

(4) Irrigation—

(a) Accounts.

(b) Minor Irrigation Works, including the disposal of repair grants.

(5) Cultivation and rainfall accounts.

(6) Prices.

(7) Weights and measures.

(8) Season reports.

(9) Reports on the forecast and condition of crops.

(10) Special crops (coffee, indigo, &c.).

(11) Statistical returns.

(12) Statement of industries.

(13) Kistbandi.

(14) Transfers of land from dry to wet.

(15) Transfers of poramboke lands to assessed.

(16) Well rules.

(17) Composition for second crop.

(18) Cowles.

(19) Ruined tanks.

(20) Agriculture—

(a) Village and taluk accounts and agricultural records.

(b) Agricultural implements and farm improvements.

(c) District famine analyses.

(d) Cattle-disease.

(21) Annual administration report, so far as production and distribution, including season, prices, cultivation, wages, &c.

(22) Jamabandi report.

(All except the portions specified below as falling to the Land Revenue Members).

5. The Board have had some doubt about the disposal of "Remissions." The Government (G.O., dated 15th October 1884, No. 1135,) apparently wished that this subject should be divided, and that in future the "Season remissions" should be dealt with by the Member for Settlement and Agriculture, and that the other remissions should be disposed of by the Land Revenue Members. This arrangement is not unlikely to cause confusion, and the Board would prefer to see the whole subject dealt with by the same department of the Board, preferably that of Land Revenue.

6. There is some doubt also regarding the future disposal of the subject of "Darkhasts and relinquishments." The Board consider that the subject is more of a fiscal than an agricultural matter, and that the Land Revenue Members of the Board should deal with it.

7. The subject "Inams" is mentioned in the original letter from the Revenue Secretary, dated 26th July 1884, as one falling to the Land Revenue Department for disposal. The Board think it would be better to leave the disposal of the subject to the Commissioner of Settlement and Agriculture, who at present disposes of it.

8. The Commissioners of Land Revenue will dispose of the following subjects:—

(1) Court of Wards (routine and ordinary matters).

(2) Destruction of wild animals.

(3) District Press.

(4) District post.

(5) Endowments (VII of 1817), yeomials and territorial pensions.

(6) Compensation for assignment and acquisition of land.

(7) Land-revenue collection.

(8) Law-suits and legal questions.

(9) Income-tax.

(10) Pisciculture.

(11) Public works.

(12) Public officers (uncovenanted)—Leave, conduct, allowances, &c.

(13) Records.

(14) Stamps, including duty on pauper suits.

- (15) Special funds.
- (16) Examination of treasuries.
- (17) Waste lands.
- (18) Zemindaries (routine and ordinary matters).
- (19) Alienation statements.
- (20) Beriz deductions.
- (21) Census.
- (22) Irrecoverable arrears.
- (23) Process service.
- (24) Accountant-General's statement of receipts and charges (except Salt, Abkari, Opium and Customs).
- (25) Divisional charge statements.
- (26) Movements of district officers.
- (27) Travelling allowances.
- (28) Emigration.
- (29) Forests.
- (30) Administration report relating to—
 - (a) Destruction of wild animals.
 - (b) Revenue and finance.
 - (c) Special funds.
 - (d) Administration.
 - (e) District press.
 - (f) District post.
 - (g) Circulation of copper coin.
- (31) Budgets (except Opium, Salt, Abkari, Customs, Settlement and Agriculture).
- (32) Jamabandi report relating to—
 - (a) Irrecoverable arrears.
 - (b) Coercive process.
 - (c) Interest.
 - (d) Civil suits.
 - (e) Sub-division of quit-rent.
 - (f) Lands acquired by public servants.
- (33) Estimate of extra charges.
- (34) Refunds.
- (35) Rewards.
- (36) Store returns.
- (37) Transfer of villages from one taluk to another.

9. The full Board subjects will be—

- (1) Court of Wards (other than routine).
- (2) Trade and commerce (other than routine).
- (3) Zemindaries (other than routine).
- (4) Conduct of public officers (covenanted).

10. Of the subjects to be dealt with by the Commissioners of Land Revenue, the following may be classed as to be disposed of by the two Commissioners jointly:—

- (1) Public officers (uncovenanted)—leave, conduct, allowances, &c.
- (2) Movements of district officers.
- (3) Travelling allowances.
- (4) Administration report relating to—
 - (a) Destruction of wild animals.
 - (b) Revenue and finance.
 - (c) Special funds.
 - (d) Administration.
 - (e) District press.
 - (f) District post.
 - (g) Circulation of copper coins.

- (5) Budget (except Opium, Salt, Abkari, Customs, Settlement and Agriculture).
- (6) Jamabandi report relating to—

- (a) Irrecoverable arrears.
- (b) Coercive process.
- (c) Interest.
- (d) Civil suits.
- (e) Sub-division of quit-rent.
- (f) Lands acquired by public servants.

The remaining subjects are either special or of minor importance, and following the present division they would fall

To the 1st Land Commissioner.

- (1) Court of Wards (routine and ordinary matters).
- (2) Destruction of wild animals.
- (3) District post.
- (4) Endowments (VII of 1817), yeomials and territorial pensions.
- (5) Compensation for assignment and acquisition of land.
- (6) Pisciculture.
- (7) Public works.
- (8) Records.
- (9) Examination of treasuries.
- (10) Census.
- (11) Process service.
- (12) Accountant-General's statement of receipts and charges (except Salt, Abkari, Opium and Customs).
- (13) Rewards.
- (14) Store returns.
- (15) Transfer of villages from one taluk to another.
- (16) Village offices and officers.

To the 2nd Land Commissioner.

- (1) District press.
- (2) Land-revenue collection (routine).
- (3) Law-suits and legal questions.
- (4) Income-tax.
- (5) Stamps, including duty on pauper suits.
- (6) Waste lands.
- (7) Zemindaries (routine and ordinary duties).
- (8) Alienation statements.
- (9) Beriz deductions.
- (10) Irrecoverable arrears.
- (11) Emigration.
- (12) Forests.
- (13) Estimate of extra charges.
- (14) Refunds.
- (15) Divisional charge statements.
- (16) Special funds.

11. The Board propose to issue instructions to Collectors, showing the future distribution of subjects between the different departments of the Board, and to direct them to correspond on each subject, after the reorganization, with each department separately. The address would be to the Secretary of the Board in the Department of Settlement and Agriculture, Separate Revenue, or Land Revenue, as the case might be. The Proceedings of the Board in future will in the same manner issue with the name of the department given at the head.

12. The Board presume that, when issuing instructions to Collectors regarding the future method of addressing the Board, they may inform them of the increased powers conferred upon them by G.O., dated 5th September 1885, No. 1101. They beg to point out, however, that the proposal to confer on the Board authority to write off irrecoverable arrears within 10 per cent. of the total demand, cannot be carried out

without a change being made in section 55, Regulation I of 1803 (G.O., dated 29th November 1883, No. 1485). This matter must therefore stand over for the present.

13. The Board consider that the control of the Board's library and the general office establishment should be in the hands of the Secretary to the Land Revenue Commissioner. This arrangement will doubtless be the most convenient.

14. The distribution of the existing office establishment can be effected immediately on receipt of the final orders regarding the reorganization.

15. The Board will loyally endeavour to work with the staff allotted, leaving the doubts expressed in their Proceedings, dated 15th October 1885, No. 2883, to be solved by practical experience and time.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) M. HAMMICK,
Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

ORDER—dated 12th February 1887, No. 162, Revenue.

Miscellaneous.

Government adhere to the opinion already expressed, that season remissions should be dealt with by the Member for Settlement and Agriculture. As pointed out in paragraph 6 of G.O., dated 15th October 1884, No. 1135, these remissions have a direct bearing on the condition of agriculture and of the agricultural classes, and come more properly within the purview of the functions of the Agricultural Member. It is to be observed that it is only special remissions for losses from floods or drought that are beyond the power of disposal vested in Collectors under the remission rules.

2. As regards remissions not dependent on season, these come under two distinct heads, viz., fixed remissions and deductions from the entire beriz of villages. Those under the first head all properly belong to the Settlement Member, and should be included among remissions to be dealt with by him. Those under the second head are of the nature of assignments of revenue in lieu of cash payments from the treasury or remuneration of service rendered to the State, and as such come within the purview of fiscal administration, which falls to the share of the Land Revenue Members. It does not appear to Government that the separation of these remissions, which possess a distinctive character from the rest, would cause any confusion as apprehended by the Board.

3. As respects darkhasts and relinquishments, Government see no objection to these subjects being reserved to the Land Revenue Members. This seems only consistent with the principle that all quasi-judicial functions should be exercised by those members.

4. With regard to inams, these bear an analogy to remissions of the nature of assignments of revenue, which, as above mentioned, must be dealt with by the Land Revenue Members. They, also, in a measure involve questions of right and tenure, and moreover, in the opinion of Government, the fewer subjects calculated to tie him down to office work that the Agricultural Member has, the better. As already intimated, therefore, one of the Land Revenue Members should be constituted Inam Commissioner.

5. The Board's proposals in paragraph 11 are approved, and they may, as suggested in paragraph 12 of their Proceedings, intimate to Collectors the increased powers conferred upon these officers by G.O., dated 5th September 1885, No. 1101, paragraph 8 (c). Government agree with the Board in considering that the contemplated delegation to the Board of the power of sanctioning the writing off of irrecoverable arrears within 10 per cent. of the total demand must be postponed for the present.

6. With reference to paragraph 14 of the Board's Proceedings, the sanction of the Government of India to the reorganization having effect from the 1st April next has been communicated to them in G.O., dated 7th instant, No. 139.

7. Government desire to take this opportunity to intimate to the Board that the distribution of subjects must, from the nature of the case, be considered tentative.

(True Extract.)

Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue *See 2 copies at Board*
 „ the Director of Revenue Settlement and Agriculture.
 „ the Commissioner of Salt and Abkari Revenue.
 „ the Inam Commissioner.
 „ the Superintendent, Revenue Survey.
 „ the Government Botanist.
 „ the Superintendent, Government Central Museum.
 „ the Public Department.
 „ the Financial Department.
 „ the Judicial Department.
 „ the Military Department.
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