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Government of Madras

Revenue

DEPARTMENT

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following letter from Sir E. C. BUCK, *Kt.*, c.s.i., Secretary to the Government of India, Revenue and Agricultural Department (Forests), to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Revenue Department, dated Calcutta, the 2nd March 1893, No. 292 F.:—

In continuation of the telegram from this Department, No. 213-F. of the 17th ultimo, I am directed to forward a copy of the despatch noted in the margin, from which it will be seen that Her Majesty's Secretary of State has objected to increase the establishment of the Madras Board of Revenue by the proposed appointment of an additional Assistant Secretary.

2. In communicating this decision, I am to say that the Government of India are not aware of the extent to which the work of the Board of Revenue has been increased either by the subordination to them of the Forest Department, or by the restriction, under the new arrangements, of the powers of Forest Conservators, and are not, therefore, in a position to judge to what extent relief can be afforded to their office by a reversion to the *status quo ante* on the one hand, or by the conferment of wider authority on the Conservators on the other. But, so far as forest questions are concerned, I am to suggest that the opportunity of the approaching visit of the Inspector-General of Forests to Madras may be taken to permit that officer to submit his views to His Excellency the Governor in Council on matters of detail. Analogous questions have lately arisen in Bombay, and it is understood that Mr. Ribbentrop has had the advantage of discussing them with that Government.

3. As regards work other than that relating to "Forests," the Government of India must leave it to the Government of Madras to consider how far the business in the Board of Revenue can be reduced in such a way as to afford material relief to the Secretary to the Board.

ENCLOSURE.

Despatch from the Right Honorable Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India, to His Excellency the Most Honorable the Governor-General of India in Council, dated India Office, London, 19th January 1893, No. 7, Revenue.

I have considered the papers received with and cited in your Excellency's letter No. 304, dated the 9th November 1892, recommending sanction to the appointment of an additional Assistant Secretary to the Madras Revenue Board.

2. I find that there are already attached to the Board—
- 2 Secretaries on Rs. 1,740 each.
 - 1 Secretary on Rs. 1,000.
 - 1 Assistant Secretary on Rs. 600.
 - 1 Uncovenanted Assistant on Rs. 500.
 - 1 Assistant Director of Agriculture on Rs. 750 to Rs. 1,000.
 - 1 Do. of Land Records on a salary rising to Rs. 1,500.

It is proposed that another Assistant Secretary should be sanctioned on a salary of Rs. 700, rising to Rs. 1,000 if he is a member of the Provincial Service, and on a local allowance of Rs. 350 a month in addition to grade pay if he be a member of the Imperial Service. The

new Assistant Secretary would be attached to the Settlement Member of the Board, under whom a Secretary, an Assistant Director of Agriculture and an Assistant Director of Land Records are already employed. The proposal for the additional appointment is based on the large amount of correspondence, too heavy for one Secretary, that comes before the Settlement Member of the Board.

3. I find that my predecessor, Viscount Cross, when sanctioning a recent addition to the staff of the Madras Revenue Board,* suggested some reduction of the amount of business coming before it (the Madras Revenue Board), and referred to the question of reducing the number of members of the Board. In your present letter you mention that the Madras Government are averse to either of these measures, and that you do not feel justified in pressing such measures upon the Local Government.

4. On full consideration of this matter, I see considerable objections to increasing the establishment of the Madras Board of Revenue by the additional appointment which has been proposed. The monthly Proceedings, both of the Madras Government in the Revenue Department and of the Madras Revenue Board, are extremely voluminous and indicate, as was observed in Lord Cross' despatch No. 35, dated the 26th March 1891, that a great deal of work which in other provinces would be disposed of by a single supervising authority, in some by a Divisional Commissioner, is dealt with in Madras both by the Board of Revenue and by the Executive Government.

5. I consider that it is in this direction and not in an increase of establishment that a remedy is to be sought, and that the Local Government should be instructed to arrange for taking over from the Board of Revenue some one of the departments which now report to the Board. There is no apparent reason why the heads of the Forest Department in Madras should not, as in most of the other provinces, report direct to the Government Secretariat. Orders should also be given in all the departments to curtail the length of official reports which now very materially increase the amount of public business with no corresponding advantage to the public service.

Read—again the following G.O., dated 21st March 1893, Mis. No. 1140, Revenue:—

Read—letter from the Secretary to the Government of India, Revenue and Agricultural Department (Forests), dated Calcutta, 2nd March 1893, No. 292 F.

Read—the following telegram from the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Revenue Department, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Revenue and Agricultural Department, dated 11th March 1893, No. 11:—

Your letter No. 292 F., 2nd instant. Assistant Secretary required in Land Revenue Department Board not Settlement as Secretary of State understands. Mr. Ribbentrop will be consulted as suggested, but as pressure of business in Land Revenue Department continues, Government solicits retention Assistant Secretary until end of May and urges that benefit of retention up to date will be lost unless arrears completely cleared.

Read—also the following telegram from the Secretary to the Government of India, Revenue and Agricultural Department, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Revenue Department, dated 20th March 1893:—

Your telegram, 11th instant. Retention of temporary Assistant Secretary, Land Revenue Department, in Board's office till end May sanctioned to clear arrears on the understanding that this extension is final.

Order—dated 21st March 1893, No. 1140, Revenue.

Communicated to the Board of Revenue, Land Revenue.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) E. GIBSON,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, Land Revenue.
„ the Accountant-General.
„ the Public Department.

ORDER—dated 20th April 1893, No. 311, Revenue.

Miscellaneous.

The Secretary of State's despatch and the Government of India's letter read above will be referred to the Board of

Revenue for remarks. The subject should be dealt with by the Full Board and the question of re-organization should be considered in all its bearings. The results of the appointment of an additional Deputy Director of Land Records and Agriculture under G.O., dated 20th August 1891, No. 775, should be noticed.

2. The Secretary of State's misapprehension as to the department of the Board of Revenue in which the services of an additional Secretary were applied for, has been pointed out to the Government of India in the telegram embodied in the second of the papers read above. His Excellency the Governor in Council, however, considers it undesirable to press further for the appointment of an additional Secretary to the Board, as the Secretary of State is evidently not prepared to increase the Secretariat establishment of the Board of Revenue in any of its departments and any further representations on the subject would therefore be useless.

3. Before taking action in any other direction towards affording relief to the Board's Land Revenue Secretary, the Government deems it advisable to consult the Inspector-General of Forests to the Government of India, as that officer may possibly be able to suggest some practicable method of simplifying forest business and expediting its despatch. The Board of Revenue will accordingly be requested to place itself in communication with Mr. Ribbentrop and to give its careful consideration to any suggestions that he may make on the subject above referred to. Mr. Ribbentrop's proposals should be submitted to Government with the Board's opinion on the same.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue),
with copy of despatch from the Secretary of State (to be returned).

Exd. S. J. Pereira.

50 Copies.

Govt. of {1893} Madras
REVENUE.

G.O., 20th April 1893, No. 311.

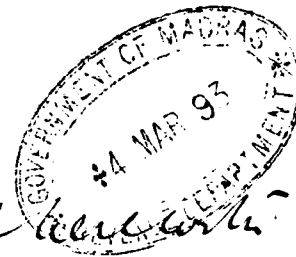
APRIL.

Board of Revenue.

Despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State declining to sanction the appointment of an Assistant Secretary to the — (Land Revenue), communicated to the Board of Revenue for certain suggestions therein made being considered.

Revenue and Agricultural Department,

28/2 1893.



Dear Sir,

I send herewith a copy of
my despatch for the Secretary of State
about the additional Secretary to the
Board. This is a matter which the Secretary of
India must leave mainly for the
Secretary of Madras to deal with and an
official letter will be sent within 2
days to that effect. But as the
suggestion is made in an letter
that the opportunity might be
taken of the first opportunity
to permit him to submit his

him in relation of detail and
as his Reflection is likely to leave
had as last week I am to
forward a copy of the dispatch
unofficial in case it is desired
to consult him on a question
connected with the present issues.

Yr. Trust

Wm. L.

Secretary for India New York

(1893.)

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

ABSTRACT.

Current Number. 14.

From

Sr E. S. Buck

Secretary to Govt of India
Des. & April Depts

Order

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Due

11. 4 83.

Dated 28 Feb

Received 4 Mar.

Enclosures 1

No.

SUBJECT.

Regarding additional
Secretary to the Board of
Revenue.

This is only a D.O
from Sr E. S. Buck
which is to the same
purpose as the official
letter (under P. no 1788)
subsequently received

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(1893.)

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

ABSTRACT.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Current Number. 11/000

From

The Government of India
Rev. & Agric. Dept.

Dated 2nd Mar.

Received 6th Mar.

Enclosures

No. 292 H.

SUBJECT.

Forwarding with certain remarks on the business of the Forest Dept. a copy of the Despatch from the Secretary of State for India objecting to increase the establishment of the Board of Revenue by an additional Assistant Secretary.

From

Sir E. C. Buck

Dated

28 February 1893.

FOR ORDERS.

I don't see much chance
of doing much to prolong the
period of Mr. Lewis's employment
as Asst. Secy. & the Rev. Secy.
B. A. I should be only pro-
longing the agony of losing
him for a few weeks, for the
longer he is certainly
better than his replacement.
He is on the way to India
despatched as before sail
in the B. A. ship. He has
is no doubt that a great deal
of common sense is done
him on his return to the
& the fact is that he is
only very effectively to
stop him in the meantime
the 2. This is a very
interesting line &
perhaps. I don't only
refer to a single instance,
the Treasury Bill. The
B. A. before it for some time
at present in the report.

The accompanying letter (870)
of 28th Feb from Sir E. Buck
has been received this morning -
and, as Asst. General Pitt-Rivers
is now in Madras, I circulate
it at once - Possibly Hon. Sir
may have seen Mr. Pitt-Rivers
already -
2. It will be obvious from para 2
of the Secretary of State's despatch
that Sir E. Buck proposes that
the proposal of this Government
to put an additional Secretary
to the Land Revenue Dept. of
the Board. This - by command
from his appointment & that
his refusal is to

allow an additional Secretary
to the Settlement or Dep.
wh. was never proposed -

3. India in its telegram com-
municating the Secretary of
State's decision has allowed
the day to remain in the

Board's office until the 31st March.
(L. 6. Ind. 517
27.2.93) - seeing however,

that the Despatch shows that
the proposal has been dis-

missed, it is submitted
that the matter may be explained

to India by wire. With the
request that under Art. 98(b)

of the C. S. Regulations sanction
may be accorded by India

to the retention of Mr. Devi
for a further term - in view

of immediate pressure of
business - until this Govt.

for months ago - It has
been since been in the Govt.
Office (R. D.) there a
long great light is probably
being prepared with no more
elaborate statement?

The point at issue is
simply whether the new Bill
shall be a Revision of the
draft by the Special Comtee
a new one and meeting
the present Act as proposed
to the Board. The point to

be decided may be diffi-
cult, but I don't think
any one will make it
difficult to decide.

As to the amalgamation
of the two into the Govt. Office
the matter is really the dis-

appearance of the Govt. as
an entity. It is not a
little clear. It can be done
directly.

but I don't want to make
any suggestion on the point
whether we have that Mr.

Riddings can suggest
like before - I don't think
of direct business - I

will ask him for his views
on the point - I.H.S.
570/50

I agree that there is no reason
for opposing the return of Mr. Devy.
The more so as I am very
strongly persuaded that, if the
Board Land Revenue members
would work in a more rational
manner so as to spare the
Secretary, & when the latter is
an officer who ^{would} not let
his office get out of hand, the
Land Revenue work could not
be satisfactorily done with the
present organization. But I don't think the Board is so
instructed as my hon. colleague
does, and before overwhelming
Govt. with the Board's work,
the provision of a Secretary by
the abolition of one member there
be considered. I was not in favour
of this being suggested while there
was hope of getting an addi-
tional Secretary, but the case is different
now; and if the Board persists
in saying that the work cannot
be done without two members &
two Secretaries, they will have
to choose between the present
organization & that of one member
& two Secretaries.

can make further representa-
tions to the Secretary of State

4. Now in the event of Mr. Riddings
making proposals which

are acceptable to the Government
and wh. may lead to relieving
the Board of some of its

work - it is not likely that
the changes which may be
decided upon can be

adopted forthwith and
some time must necessarily
elapse before they can be

introduced.

L.H. 4/3

The first thing he must do is to clear
up the misapprehension which exists
as to this Assistant Secretary. I think
with the Secretary that we should tell
India that it is in the Land Revenue
Department and not in Settlement
that the Assistant Secretary is required.
Then I would ask my hon. colleagues to
consider what they say about Mr.
Devy. He is only to stay till March 31st.
This is an extension, & most likely he
will not be there.

V.E.
FOR ORDERS

Mr Ribbentrop may be asked to formulate his views. They are, as I gathered from him, that the Forest work should be transferred to form a fourth Commissioner, with a permanent allowance, being appointed Deputy General of Forests & attached to the Secretariat through out in the position of Secretary or Deputy Secy. The funds to pay such an officer could be found by reductions in the staff of the & the Commissioner recently reorganised.

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off. all the answers. The Board could tell us when this would be. I believe another two months more would do it, and it seems to me a monstrous pity that he should have almost cleared the Augean stable, and yet leave a bit unfinished. When we might make a thorough job of it. If this were done we might get the Board to make arrangements for carrying out their work better, but I don't well see how this can be done till this mill stone of Amara is cleared off. If we once had a tabula rasa we could consider what course should be taken to keep the work up to date, and I would be glad if my hon. colleagues were to agree to our making this supreme.

Revenue Board's Additional Secretary -

Mr. J. C. Carson C.I.D.
Mr. Sir H. Stokes K.C.I.D.
H.E. Mr. Governor -

I should be glad to see the hon. Mr. Farquhar's proposals as to the reconstitution of the Board, which he once promised us. I think we should ask the Board for their views on Sir C. Buckle's representations, and also Mr. Ribbentrop for his. I should also like to hear what the hon. of Revenue Settlement has to say as to

Circular to D.O. & Co.
C.I.D. in H.E. C. 2. 1787

P.C.

6. 2

Mr. Lynch's appointment & its result. I understand Mr. W. finds next to nothing to do - and I have some suspicion that we could vacate his appointment, which we did not ask for, and put him in the Land Revenue Dept. where we could find him work - a solution of the Secretary difficulty at least could be found.

C 4/3

No.

From

Dated

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FOR ORDERS.

Out of deference to the
the Govt. in her own
to confer with the
only for the purpose
of the services to the
of the Board on the
off. limiting the time to
3 months. The application
of the Govt. for the
the application to the
add. Secy. by the
the Govt. to the
closed up. J.H.

10/3/93

The telegram to India
& the reply are
in the G.O. 1140 of 21-3-93

That are the points alluded to
for this? J.H.

3/4/93 J.H.
J.H.

We are all agreed upon the reference to Mr. Ribbentrop. As to the other points the hon. Mr. Farquhar has told me personally that he is going to confer with the members of the Board as to the work in their office - and there do not seem to be any other

Recirculated with reference to
H.E. Mr. Governor's remarks -

H.E. 9/3

India has sanctioned Mr. Levy's retention till the end of May, in the telegram under C. No. 2200. as to the remaining points the members are not agreed as to what course is to be adopted, except as regards the proposed reference to Mr. Ribbentrop. The papers are accordingly re-circulated.

P.C.

24. 3. 93

H.E. 24/3

FOR ORDERS.

Rev. Board's Additional
Secretary -

Hon. Mr. Garton. C.S.D.
Hon. Sir H. Stokes. K.C.S.D.

Received
to H-ll's +
H-8 Mr. Garton

C 9/3
P 11/3
Re: on 27/3
R 7/4

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read of C. No 1788
Read again L.O. No 1160
21 Mar. 83

Order of 20 April 1893 No. 311.

The Secretary of State's
Despatch Mr. Gold India's
letter read above with the
referred to the ~~Board~~ Board
Revenue for remarks.

2. The Secretary of State's
misapprehension as to the
Department of the Board
of Revenue in which the services
of an additional Secretary
were applied for, has been
pointed out to Mr. Gold India
in the telegram embodied in the
second of the papers read above
in which the mistake above
alluded to is the ~~undesirable~~
Council considers it ~~undesirable~~
to press further for the appointment
of an additional Secretary to the
Board, as the Secy of State

The subject matter of the letter
by the Public Board of the
function of reorganization
should be considered in all
its bearings. The results
of the appointment of an
additional Secretary to
Land Revenue & Agriculture
under G.O. No. 91 of
1891 should be studied.

19/4/93

This has been taken into account in
this. Hence there is a long
conference with the Public Board
before having the matter to be
points on which there seemed to be
a general consensus of opinion
as to the existing state of affairs
with the P.D. Office & as to the
possibilities of expediting the
despatch of business in
the P.D. Office & having the
P.D. to send the points to me
with any remarks they had.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read

Submitted to Govt with the
Board's opinion on the
same

Order

11-4-53

To

The Board of Revenue (Grand Revenue)
with copy of Verbatim from
the Secretary of State
to be returned

20/4/53

is evidently not prepared to
increase the Secretariat establish-
ment of the Board of Revenue
in any of its departments, and
any further representations
on the subject would therefore
be useless.

To make in amplification a
exemplification of each point
to be taken by the Board
before Govt. - If this is done
the Govt. will be in a better
position to deal with the
separate communications
If

3. Before taking action in
any other direction towards
affording relief to the Board's
Grand Revenue Secretary the
Govt. deems it advisable
to consult the Inspector General
of Forests & the Chief Engineer
~~as~~ as the officers may
possibly be able to suggest some
practicable method of simplifying forest ~~work~~ business
expediting its despatch.
The Board of Revenue will accordingly
be requested to place itself in
communication with Mr.
Ribbentrop & to give due careful
consideration to any suggestions
that he may make on the subject
above referred to. Mr. Ribbentrop's
responses should be

C. No. 1788/93

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Draft Order

Re. Board, additional
Secretary

(From Order)

G. Act 20 April 1893, no. 311

W. H. H.

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