

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	69	Press
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Dated	10 - 1 - 1861	18 61.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
10th January 1861.*

No. 134. Read the following letter from W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated 22nd December 1860, No. 6,024 :—

SIR,

1. In their Proceedings, dated 29th March 1860, No. 482, Revenue Department, disposing of the Board's recommendations for the re-modelling of part of their Establishment, Government were pleased to re-cast also the pay and situations of the Board's Uncovenanted Assistants in the manner noted in the margin, the result being a reduction of Rupees 250 in the total charge, which was fixed at Rupees 1,250 per mensem. The Board had no voice at the time in this distribution which was, however, in part based on the compromise suggested by the Board in their Proceedings of 29th June 1859, No. 2,489, in reply to the Government call on them to reduce their Establishment on the appointment of the Inám Commission, and now that by Mr. Maskell's appointment to a Town Magistracy, it becomes necessary to give effect to the reduction, they, on further consideration of the question, direct me to submit the following distribution of the diminished allowances, as being in their opinion better calculated to conduce to the efficient working of their Office than that adopted by Government :—

Former.	RS.	Govt. plan.	RS.
1st Assistant.	600.	1st Assistant.	500.
2nd do.....	400.	2nd do.....	400.
3rd do.....	300.	Registrar.....	225.
4th do.....	200.	Depy. do.....	125.
	<u>1,500</u>		<u>1,250.</u>

	RS.
1st Assistant... ..	500
2nd do.... ..	300
Registrar... ..	300
Deputy do.	150
	<u>1,250</u>

2. The Board consider it of importance that the pay of their Registrar, whose duties are very important but of a somewhat different character to those of an Assistant, should be such as to allow of their retaining a properly competent Officer in that post without doing him an injustice even though the post of 2nd Assistant should fall vacant to which, in the Government scheme, he would naturally look for promotion.

3. A great deal of heavy and responsible routine work will fall on the Deputy Registrar, and Rupees 150 is not more than sufficient to secure and properly remunerate the services of a competent person in that post.

4. The Office of 2nd Assistant though different in character is certainly not more onerous nor more responsible than that of the Registrar, on whose constant vigilance the smooth working of the Office greatly depends, and the Board see no reason why it should have a larger salary attached to it.

5. They also consider the marked difference of pay between the grades of 1st and 2nd Assistant advantageous, as enabling them, without unfairness to the claims of any but a very superior Officer in the lower grade, to fill up vacancies in the higher grade, from beyond the range of selection afforded by their own Establishment as opportunities may occur.

6. None of the rates of pay are, in the Board's opinion, higher than necessary to secure the requisite class of Agency in the present state of the demand for persons possessing the desired qualifications. Should Government be pleased to sanction the Board's proposals, they request permission to give them effect from the 1st January 1861.

No. 135. ORDER THEREON, 10th January 1861, No. 69.

The Government sanction the arrangement proposed by the Board, which will be reported in due course to the Government of India.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Acting Secretary to Government.

Note. Up to 1856 the R^t had
4 Asst^s receiving altogether 825 R.
monthly - In that year their pay
was raised to R. 1400.

In 1859 when the Comm^{ee}
was advised the R^t here re-
plied to state that reductions could
be made in their office in consideration
of their being relieved of Indian work.
They pointed out how much their other
work had increased - remonstrated
against any reduction & finally stated
that the only practicable arrangement
if reductions were insisted on / was to
transfer one of their Asst^s to the Survey
Comm^{ee}. Keeping up his pay - whereby the
charge for Asst^s would be reduced
to R. 1250.

This arrangement was not
carried out as the Comm^{ee} declined the
Asst^s but desired that in that event that
the earliest opportunity should be
taken of making a corresponding re-
duction in the R^t's establishment. This

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order was reiterated in March last.

The opportunity has now offered
by Mr. Maskell's promotion out of the
office - The R^t now propose a slight
modification - involving no greater
charge - and which will be more
convenient and which assimilates
their establishment to that of the first
class R & PWD. The following abstract shows

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*Received \$670 Refd to
Pro'st of 1st for January / 61.
Jhon W. Adams*

The Acting Secretary
to the Board of Missions

To the Acting Secretary to
Government

Received
Decr 22
223
274 } December 1860

No 6024.

Sabmuting, for
canceling the Bonds pro-
posed for distributing
the denominated allowance
of their Encumbranted
Assistants as being better
calculated to conduce to
efficient working of their
Office than
proposed by
Government.

Nov 9. 10. Summary

Will answer &

	Wpts 1856 Rs	In 1856 Rs	1856/57	Repaid by Govt Rs	Now proposed by Board Rs	
1 st Apts —	300	500	600	500	500	
2 nd Apts —	200	400	400	400	300	
3 rd Apts —	200	300	300	225	300	Ref Litras
4 th Apts —	125	200	200	125	150	Dep &
	825	1400	1500	1250	1250	

In 1850 when a new H^o Sherick has was app^d.
100 R. of the pay of that Office was attached to
the 1st Ass^t & place him on the footing of 1st
Class Dep^y Col^l. This was not meant as a
personal allowance but this is immaterial.
The 1st proposed scale - as regards the
first 3 app^ts is that of this Office - and I
try to recommend its adoption
H. S. P. 10 Jan. 1864.