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ABKARRY.			
		Rs.	A.	P.
*1 Superintendent		105	0	0
1 Goomastah		14	0	0
3 Sumprettiies at 17½, 10½ and 8¼		36	12	0
1 Conicopillay		14	0	0
7 Do.	at 8¾	61	4	0
2 Draw out men		14	0	0
1 Shroff		14	0	0
Permanent.	1 Duffadar	14	0	0
	40 Peons at 7	280	0	0
	1 Duffadar	14	0	0
Temporary.	2 Head Peons at 8	16	0	0
	22 Peons at 7	154	0	0
TODDY.				
1 Amildar		35	0	0
1 Sumpretty		14	0	0
3 Do.	at 10½	31	8	0
2 Tree Counters		21	0	0
18 Collecting Conicopillay's at 8¾		157	8	0
Head Pygust		14	0	0
1 Shroff		10	8	0
35 Peons at 7		245	0	0
HOOZZOOR.				
1 Pass Writer		21	0	0
Conicopilly at Tondearpet		14	0	0
Head Pygust		14	0	0
2 Peons at 7		14	0	0

3. The sketch map which accompanies the Collector's letter shows the manner in which the Peons are located, and his letter and Statement explain the duties of the force.

4. The establishment is divided into two branches Abkarry and Toddy, and with the servants at the Hoozzoor is shewn in the margin.*

5. In reviewing the Collector's letter the Board expressed themselves satisfied as to the necessity of permanently retaining the Extra Peons heretofore borne on the temporary Establishment, but entertained doubts as to the sufficiency of the supervision, and suggested sundry alterations in the arrangement of the General Establishment.

Proceeding to Collector 30th October 1856.

6. The Board's chief suggestion was an amalgamation of Departments. On looking over the Collector's Moyenzabitah they found that the Toddy, Abkarry and Quit Rent Departments were all kept distinct. Thus within the same range there would be a Quit Rent Conicopillay managing the business of that Department and an Abkarry and a Toddy Conicopillay each looking after those branches. The Board therefore suggested the expediency of a change whereby one servant could do the work of all 3 Departments, his range being however reduced and his salary increased. There being 27 Conicopillays in the Toddy and Arrack Departments

besides 16 in that of Quit Rent and 3 in that of Registration, it seemed likely that some alteration of this kind might be effected without extra charge as the consolidation of duties would not require so many servants of the class.

7. The Board also proposed a better classification of the Peons, called the Collector's attention to the large number of shroffs in his office and remarked on the inadequate remuneration allowed to the Toddy Amildar.

8. In his letter of the 20th December last, the Collector replied to that part of the Board's Proceedings which referred to the shroffs and reported that he had effected a reduction of one servant of this class. The Collector also properly simplified the practice of his office in regard to the receipt of money and proposed some slight alterations of which the Board have approved in the price of Arrack and the rates of the Shops, in both of which the odd pice were commuted.

In Consultation 30th October 1857.

9. The other proposals of the Board are discussed in the Collector's letter of the 6th March last which fully enters into the subject.

10. On careful consideration, Mr. Cunliffe is of opinion that an amalgamation of Departments is not advisable. He proposes that the Superintendent should retain charge of the Arrack Department and only exercise a general supervision over the Toddy Department, which will be the special duty of the Amildar. In the face of Mr. Cunliffe's objections founded on experience the Board are not disposed to press their plans.

11. With respect to the preventive establishment, Mr. Cunliffe proposes to divide the entire area under his control into 4 divisions, which though unequal in extent as will be seen from the plan, are nearly on a par in regard to amount of work. In each of these divisions Mr. Cunliffe's purposes employing an Overseer on 12 and a Duffadar on 10 Rupees monthly, to supervise the other Peons.

		Proposed.			At present.	
		Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.
Pygustics	4	12	48	2	14	28.
Duffadars	5	10	50	2	14	28.
Head Peon	1	9	9	0	0	0.
Do.	5	8	40	2	8	61.
Peons	30	7	210	99	7	693.
Do.	68	6	408	0	0	0.
	311	0	765	105	0	765.

12. The whole of the force will thus be classed as shewn in the margin, which also affords the means of a comparison with the present establishment both in numbers and expense, the "temporary" peons being included in the latter.

13. At present 105 persons are employed on an aggregate salary of Rupees 765, and the proposed arrangement provides for 113 at the same expense.

14. The Board consider the division of the District as now suggested, and the classification of the establishment an improvement on the present state of affairs, but they would wish to see the salaries of the Overseers and the 4 Duffadars employed in similar duties raised to 15 and 12 Rupees each, respectively, considering the nature of their duties and the temptations to which they are exposed. They would also make 7 Rupees per mensem the minimum pay of the peons, but neither plan can be effected without additional expence which the Board are anxious to avoid at present, under the existing arrangements there is evidently a want of superintendence over the peons who are scattered over a large range of country, and this additional supervision can only be obtained (if extra expence is to be avoided) by such a plan as the preceding. The Board see no room to doubt the necessity of at least permanently employing the present temporary force, and they would propose that the Collector be authorized to introduce the arrangements contained in his letter under consideration experimentally, on the occurrence of vacancies.

15. The Board concur with the Collector in considering the Toddy Amildar's pay inadequate to his responsibility and position. They propose adding to his pay, now 35 Rupees the saving of Rupees 10½ effected by the abolition of the office of Toddy Shroff and designating him

Deputy Superintendent instead of Amildar. In a subsequent para. of these proceedings the Board propose a further addition making this officer's salary 50 Rupees.

16. The changes above proposed entail no additional expense.

17. The Board will be glad to receive the Collector's suggestions for any improvement of the existing Abkarry system.

13th September in Consultation 20th December 1856.

18. The Board take this opportunity of submitting a letter from the Collector of Madras proposing various alterations in the Quit Rent and general Departments of his office.

19. Formerly the situations of Head Writer and Record-keeper were united in the person of Mr. Wilson who received a salary of Rupees 210. Mr. Cunliffe however did not require the services of so highly paid an officer, and on Mr. Wilson's retirement employed a Head Writer on 70 Rupees (the usual salary in a Collector's office) and a Native Record-keeper on 35. He also dispensed with the Persian Moonshee attached to his office, who has latterly had very little work to perform.

20 With the surplus of Rupees 115½ thus available, Mr. Cunliffe proposes to make the following changes, viz. to divide Madras into two divisions, the Northern and Southern in which the Quit Rent will amount respectively to about Rupees 46,000 and 30,000, and to place each under an Amildar, at present there is but one Amildar on 40 Rupees monthly. Mr. Cunliffe recommends that this Officer's pay be raised to 70 Rupees, and that a second Amildar should be appointed on 50. He also proposes to raise the pay of the Royasam attached to the Amildar from 8¾ to 10½ Rupees, and to employ another Royasam for the second Amildar on the same salary, as well as an additional Goomastah, a Duffadar and two Peons on 10½, 8 and 6 Rupees, respectively. The total additional charge consequent on these alterations would amount to Rupees 122-12, or of 7¼ Rupees beyond the surplus in hand.

21. The Board concur in the propriety of these changes except that they think one additional peon on 7 Rupees sufficient, as there are already 31 on the Quit Rent Establishment. This would reduce the expence to Rupees 109-12 leaving a surplus of 5¾ 4½ of which the Board would give to the Toddy Amildar making his pay like that of the Quit Rent Amildar 50 Rupees monthly.

22. The Board agree with the Collector that the pay of the Toddy Conicopillay (Rupees 8¾) is too low, but under existing circumstances they are precluded from recomendingan increase. The Quit Rent Conicopillays 16 in number receive 14 Rupees each, and unless their duties are much more onerous, the Collector might arrange them in two classes on (say) 12 and 14 Rupees, and with the saving make an addition to the pay of some of those in the Toddy Department. The addition now suggested for a Royasum and Goomastah will, it is hoped, render unnecessary the employment of Extra Goomastahs.

23. If Government approve of the arrangement above proposed by the Board, and which it will be seen involve no extra expense they will request the Collector to forward a revised Moyenzabitah for sanction.

24. The Board think the Collector may properly abolish the terms "Nevasindah," Jawabneviss, Royasum, and Sumpretty and call the servants of these grades simply Clerks.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM, *Acting Secretary.*

No. 7.

ORDER THEREON, No. 79; dated 20th January 1858.

1. With their Proceedings above recorded, the Board of Revenue submit the information required in para. 4 of Extract Minutes Consultation, dated 14th August 1856, No. 867, on certain points connected with the extra establishment which has been sanctioned from time to time for the protection of the Abkarry Revenue of Madras, preparatory to obtaining the orders of the Government of India to make that establishment permanent. The Board submit also,

with their opinion, the various alterations proposed by the Collector of Madras in the Quit Rent and General Departments of his office.

* PERMANENT.

		Rs.	Rs.
Duffadar		1 at 14	14
Head Pygusts		2 at 14	28
Peons		77 at 7	539
	Total ...	80	581

TEMPORARY.

Duffadar		1 at 14	14
Head Peons		2 at 8	16
Peons		22 at 7	154
	Total	25	184

TOTAL.

Duffadars		2 at 14	28
Head Pygusts		2 at 14	28
Head Peons		2 at 8	16
Peons		99 at 7	693
	Grand total	105	765

‡Pygusties	Rs.	Rs.
Duffadars	4 at 12	48
Head Peon	5 at 10	50
Do.	1 at 9	9
Peons	5 at 8	40
Do.	30 at 7	210
	68 at 6	408
Total	113	765

2. The duties of the Force* of peons, permanent and temporary, in the Abkarry Department of the Madras Collectorate, consist, not only in preventing the smuggling of Arrack from the Abkarry limits of the District of Chingleput, but also in looking after the several shops specified in the † Toddy Shops ..... 400 Columbo Arrack do. 47 Puttah do. do. 91 margin,† watching the gardens, and counting the several trees. The Abkarry limits of the Madras collectorate, which comprise the limits of the Supreme Court and a circumference of 8 miles beyond them, are at present divided into two portions for the purpose of distinguishing the one within the jurisdiction of the limits of the Supreme Court from that beyond them. Mr. Cunliffe proposes to divide the entire area into four divisions, and in each of them to employ an Overseer on 12 Rupees and a Duffadar on 10 Rupees a month, to supervise the other peons, and he recommends therefore the classification of the entire Force as per margin‡

3. The Board of Revenue, while they concur in the necessity of the classification, are of opinion that the pay of the Pygust and Duffadar should be raised to Rupees 15 and 12 respectively, and that the minimum pay of the peons should be 7 Rupees, but as these modifications would entail an additional expenditure of not less than Rupees 88, they withhold their recommendation of them for the present. They suggest however the permanent employment of at least the present temporary force, with authority to the Collector to introduce the arrangements recommended by him, experimentally, on the occurrence of vacancies.

			Rupees.
Pygusts,	- -	4 *at* 15	60
Duffadars,	- -	4 *at* 12	48
Do.	- -	1 *at* 10	10
Head Peon,	- -	1 *at* 9	9
Do.	- -	5 *at* 8	40
Peons,	- -	98 *at* 7	686
		Total...	853
Mr. Cunliffe's classification.		-	765
		Increase...	88

4. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council has given his careful consideration to the subject, his opinion already expressed in para. 4 of Extract Minutes of Consultation dated 14th August 1856, No. 867, that it is necessary that the existing establishment of peons in the Abkarry Department of the Madras Collectorate should be materially augmented is strengthened by what is now represented, and the proposed system of management has his approval. He does not however propose at present to submit to the Government of India the proposition to make the temporary establishment permanent. It appears to him desirable that the arrangements proposed for the future management of the Abkarry Department should be allowed a sufficient trial, before the Supreme Government is addressed on the subject. Resolved therefore that the Board of Revenue be requested to submit distinct classifications for the permanent and temporary establishments, so as to keep them separate until the latter may be made permanent by the order of the Government of India, this may be done by classing as temporary so many peons as will absorb the whole amount sanctioned for the temporary establishment. The authority granted in Extract Minutes Consultation, dated 14th August 1856 for that establishment will continue in force in the meanwhile.

5. The other alterations proposed by the Collector in his establishment are as follows:—

	Present pay.			Proposed by the Collector.			Increase.		
	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
Toddy Amildar...	35	0	0	50	0	0	15	0	0
Head Writer...	0	0	0	70	0	0	70	0	0
Native Record keeper...	0	0	0	35	0	0	35	0	0
Quit rent Amildar...	40	0	0	70	0	0	30	0	0
2nd do. do.	0	0	0	50	0	0	50	0	0
Royasum...	8	12	0	10	8	0	1	12	0
do.	0	0	0	10	8	0	10	8	0
Goomastah...	0	0	0	10	8	0	10	8	0
Duffadars...	0	0	0	8	0	0	8	0	0
2 Peons at 6 Rupees...	0	0	0	12	0	0	12	0	0
Total... ..	83	12	0	326	8	0	242	12	0

The object of these alterations is to raise the present low pay of the Toddy and Quit rent Amildars and to provide for the better management of the Quit rent Department. They involve an increase of Rupees 242-12-0 and Mr. Cunliffe consents to meet Rupees 231-0-0 thereof by the abolition of the offices noted in the margin, which he considers unnecessary; the additional expenditure to the State will then amount to Rupees 11-12. The Board however propose to avoid this increase by employing 1 peon on 7 Rupees instead of 1 Duffadar and two Peons at an aggregate cost of 20 Rupees, as there are already 31 peons on the quit rent establishment.

	Rupees.
Head Writer and Recordkeeper.	210-0-0
Toddy Shroff, - - - -	10-8-0
Persian Moochee, - - -	10-8-0
Total...	231-0-0

6. Under the circumstances set forth in the papers before them, the Government are fully satisfied of the necessity of the modifications proposed in the Madras Collector's establishment. The present very low salaries of the toddy and quit rent Amildars, who are exposed to great temptation, should be raised, and it is desirable that the quit rent Department should be made efficient by the addition of another Amildar. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council resolves therefore to report to the Supreme Government the present inefficiency of the executive branch of the Madras Collector's establishment, and to request their sanction to carry out Mr. Cunliffe's plan as modified by the Board, which involves no additional cost to the State, but, on the contrary, shews a saving as in the margin.

	Rs.
Toddy Amildar - - - - - - - -	50
Head writer - - - - - - - - -	70
Native Recordkeeper - - - - -	35
Quit Rent Amildar - - - - - -	70
2d do. do. - - - - - - - -	50
Royasum - - - - - - - - - -	10½
Do. - - - - - - - - - - -	10½
Goomastah - - - - - - - - -	10½
1 *Peon* - - - - - - - - - -	7
Total -	313½
Pay of present incumbents as specified in para. 5 - - - - - - - -	83¾
Saving as specified in a subsequent part of the same para. - - - - - -	231
	314¾
Saving to the State...	1¼

7. Mr. Cunliffe will be desired to give his consideration to the suggestion contained in para. 22 of the Board's proceedings to modify the scale of pay allowed to the quit rent Conicopollays and raise that of the Toddy Conicopollays. If in the Collector's opinion the duties of the former class of servants are much more onerous than those of the latter, the present rates should not be disturbed.

8. In the last para. of their proceedings the Board suggest a change in the designation of the subordinate servants of the Collector's office. The Government have reason to believe that Mr. Ricketts has extended his enquiry to the use of foreign terms in the Moyenzabitahs, and the Board's suggestion had better be taken into consideration when that gentleman's opinion on the subject is received.

9. From para. 5 of the Collector's letter to the Board dated 13th September 1856, the Government learn that he has employed, without their sanction, a head writer and native Record keeper on 70 and 35 Rupees respectively, out of the pay authorized for the joint office of head

writer and Record keeper. The Board will be good enough to call upon Mr. Cunliffe to explain the circumstances under which he made these alterations in the fixed pay of his establishment contrary to the orders of the Honorable the Court of Directors conveyed in Extract Minutes Consultation dated 18th February 1851, No. 124.

Vide Board's Circular dated 3d March 1851, page 5, volume II.

10. The Civil Auditor will be good enough to explain under what authority he passed the alterations above alluded to in the Collector's establishment, and allowed the continuance beyond 14th February 1857 of the temporary establishment authorized for six months from 14th August 1856 in Extract Minutes Consultation of that date No. 867.

11. Mr. Cunliffe should be instructed to provide for any temporary establishment he may require for the preparation of the bills, in the annual estimate of extra establishments. The practice of paying the extra writers from the salary of the head writer and his assistants as explained in para. 16 of the Collector's letter dated 13th September 1856 is objectionable and should be discontinued.

(Signed) H. FORBES,
Acting Secretary to Government.

Ordered in consequence that the following letter be despatched.

No. 8. From H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George; to the Secretary to the Government of India; dated 20th January 1858, No. 80.

SIR,

With their Proceedings dated the 30th October last, the Board of Revenue submitted to this Government a communication from the Collector of Madras, pointing out that the executive branch of his establishment is numerically weak and inadequately remunerated, and suggesting certain alterations in his office, to remedy the evils he complains of, which can be carried out without additional cost to the State. The Collector explains that, in 1832, the office of Superintendent of the quit rent department was abolished, on the ground that, as the department was under the charge of the Naib Sheristadar, the duties of the department could be conducted by him with the aid of the rest of the establishment, but that in 1844 the office of Naib Sheristadar was also abolished, and since that time there have been only one Amildar and 16 Conicopillays to superintend, and ensure the collection of quit rent from 45,000 rate payers. The pay of the Amildar, the nature of whose duties obliges him to keep a conveyance, is only 40 Rupees a month, which, considering the expense of living at the Presidency, is inadequate, and the Collector, Mr. Cunliffe, bears strong testimony to the duties being too heavy for one man properly to perform; asserts that the Conicopillays are not, at present, sufficiently looked after, and that the work of the Department is in arrear. He therefore proposes to raise the salary of the present Amildar to 70 Rupees per mensem, and to employ an additional Amildar on 50 Rupees monthly, with functions similar to those of the present Amildar, but to be employed in a division of the Collectorate which is more compact, and the duties of which are less onerous, than those of the portion to be assigned to the first Amildar.

2. The Collector further elucidates the want of efficiency in the Department by the following table, which shews that the number of the Amildars and Conicopillays has undergone reduction from time to time without any diminution in the duties to be performed.

Anno Domini.	Cost of the quit rent Establishment. Rs.	A.	P.	No. of Amildars.	No. of Conicopillays.	Land Revenue. Demand. Rupees	Collection within the Fusly. Rupees
1814	1,510	4	...	5	101	74,935	9,019
1817	1,370	4	...	4	84	67,906	10,167
1821	1,358	...	...	4	86	72,133	22,761
1822	1,187	4	...	2	29	83,746	23,354
1830	981	12	...	2	21	69,535	29,156
1832	713	12	...	1	16	66,633	48,333
1834	713	12	...	1	16	70,587	59,114

	Rupees.
1 *Royasum*	10½
1 *Goomastah*	10½
1 *Duffadar*	8
2 *Peons at 6 Rupees each*	12
Total	41

3. The creation of a second division for an additional Amildar will render an increase in the subordinate grade of servants necessary. Mr. Cunliffe proposes to raise the pay of the present Royasum from Rupees 8¾ per mensem to Rupees 10½, and to employ the additional servants named in the margin at an aggregate cost of Rupees 41.

4. The Collector also proposes to raise the pay of the Toddy Amildar, who superintends the collection of Rupees 2,40,000, from Rupees 35 to 50 per mensem, and to style him Deputy Superintendent, in order to distinguish him from the Superintendent of the Arrack Department.

	Rupees.
Increase to the quit rent Amildar	30 0
New do. do.	50 0
Increase to the Royasum	1 12
New Royasum	10 8
New Goomastah	10 8
New Duffadar	8 0
2 do. peons at 6 Rupees each	12 0
Increase to the Toddy Amildar	15 0
Total Rupees.	137 12

5. The expense involved in all these propositions amounts to Rupees 137-12-0. Mr. Cunliffe states that he can dispense with the Head Writer and Record keeper now paid at Rupees 210 by employing in his stead a Head Writer on 70 Rupees and a Native Record keeper on 35 Rupees, the surplus being available to meet the expenditure above recommended. He also proposes to abolish the Toddy Shroff and Persian Moonshee, paid each at Rupees 10-8-0. The total sum available for the expenditure amounts to Rupees 126, still leaving a balance of Rupees 11-12-0.

6. But the Board, while they support the Collector in his recommendation to improve the establishment in the manner he wishes, are of opinion that one additional peon on 7 Rupees will be sufficient, instead of one Duffadar and 2 peons at an aggregate cost of Rupees 20, as there are already 31 peons on the Quit Rent establishment; and this additional cost to the State will be avoided, and a saving of Rupees 1-4-0 be effected.

Saving under the Board's modification.....13-0-0.
Additional charge according to Mr. Cunliffe's plan.....11-12-0.
Net saving to the State.....1-4-0.

7. This Government are fully satisfied of the necessity of the proposed modifications in the Madras Collector's Establishment. They deem it very desirable that the present low salaries of the Toddy and Quit rent Amildars who are exposed to great temptation, should be raised, and that the quit rent Department should be made efficient by the addition of another Amildar, and therefore direct me to solicit the sanction of the Supreme Government to the alterations suggested, which are tabulated below.

Present. Designation.	Salary per mensem. Rs.	A	Proposed. Designation.	Salary per mensem. Rs.	A
Head writer and Record-keeper.	210	...	Head writer.	70	...
Quit rent Amildar.	40	...	Native Record-keeper.	35	...
Toddy Amildar.	35	...	Quit rent Amildar.	70	...
Toddy Shroff.	10	8	2d do. do. do.	50	...
Persian Moonshee.	10	8	Dy. Superintendent Toddy Dept.	50	...
Royasum.	8	12	Royasum.	10	8
			1 do.	10	8
			1 Goomastah.	10	8
Total...	314	12	1 Peon.	7	...
				313	8
			Saving...	1	4
			Total...	314	12

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2	Head Peons @ 8	16 — —
72	Peons @ 7	154 — —
	Toddy	
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1	Sampathy	14 — —
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2	Trew Counters	21 — —
19	Collecting Conicapillays @ 23¼	137 — 8 —
	Head Peyaut	14 — —
1	Shroff	10 — 2 —
35	Peons @ 7	245 — —
	Hoozoor	
1	Pass Writer	21 — —
	Conicapillay at Foundarpet	14 — —
	Head Peyaut	14 — —
2	Peons @ 7	14 — —

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Pt. Coll. 30th Oct. 1806. 5. In reviewing the Collector's letter the Board express themselves satisfied as to the necessity of permanently retaining the Extra Peons heretofore borne on the temporary Establishment—but ascertained doubts as to the sufficiency of the superintendence suggested and the alterations in the arrangement of the General Establishment.

6. The Boards Chief suggestion was an amalgamation of Departments. On looking over the Collectors Progenzabitah they found that the Toddy Abkarry and Land Revenue Departments were all kept distinct. Thus in the same range there would be a Land Rent Conicapillay managing the business of that Department and an Abkarry and a Toddy Conicapillay each looking after these branches. The Board therefore suggested the expediency of a change whereby one Servant could do the work of all 3 Departments his range being however reduced and his Salary increased thus being 27 Conicapillays in the Toddy and Arrack Departments besides 6 in that of Pattah Rent and 3 in that of Registration it seemed likely that some alteration of this kind might be effected without extra Charge as the re-

Consolidation

consolidation of duties would not require so many servants of the class.

7. The Board also proposed a better classification of the Peons called the Collector's attention to the large number of them in this Office and remarked on the inadequate remuneration allowed to the Body Auditor.

8. In their letter of the 20th December last the Collector replied to that part of the Board's Proceedings which referred to the Shroffs and reported that he had effected a reduction of one Servant of this class. The Collector also properly complied the practice of this Office in regard to the receipt of Shroffs and proposed some slight alterations which the Board have approved in the price of Arrack and the rate of the Shops, both of which the old prices were commanded.

9. The other proposals of the Board are discussed in the Collector's letter of the 6th March last which fully explains the subject.

10. On a careful consideration of the Collector's opinion that an amalgamation of Departments is not advisable, we propose that the Superintendent should retain charge of the Arrack

Arrack Department and only exercise a general supervision over the Body Department which will be the special duty of the Auditor. In the place of Mr Caulfield's objections founded on experience the Board are not disposed to press their plan.

11. With respect to the Preventive Establishment Mr Caulfield proposes to divide the entire area under his control into 12 divisions which though unequal in size will be seen from the plan are nearly one in regard to amount of work. In each of these divisions Mr Caulfield proposes employing an Overseer on 12 and a Duffadar on 10 Rupees Monthly to supervise the other Peons.

12. The whole of the force will thus be classed as shewn in the Margin which also affords the means of a comparison with the present Establishment both in Number and Expense the Interpreters Peons being included in the latter.

	Proposed			at present		
	No.	Rs	Rs	No.	Rs	Rs
Jiggachies	4	12	48	2	14	28
Duffadars	5	10	50	2	14	28
Head Peon	1	9	9	"	"	"
Do	5	8	40	2	8	16
Peons	30	7	210	99	7	693
"	68	6	408	"	"	"
	113	"	765	105	"	765

13. At present 105 Persons are employed on

on an aggregate Salary of Rupees 765 and the proposed arrangement provides for 813 at the same expense.

14. The Board consider the division of the District as now suggested and the classification of the Establishment an improvement on the present State of affairs. but they would wish to see the Salaries of the Overseers and the 1st Duffadars employed in Similar duties raised to 15 and 12 Rupees each, respectively considering the Nature of their duties and the temptations to which they are exposed. They would also make 7 Rupees per Mensem the Minimum pay of the Peons but neither plan can be effected without additional expence which the Board are anxious to avoid at present under the existing arrangements there is evidently a want of Superintendance over the Peons who are scattered over so large range of Country and this additional Supervision can only be obtained (if extra expence is to be avoided) by such a plan as the preceding. The Board see no reason to doubt the necessity of at least permanently keeping up the present Temporary Force and they would propose that the Collector be

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authorized to introduce the arrangements contained in this letter under Consideration experimentally on the occurrence of vacancies.

15. The Board concur with the Collector in considering the Foddy Cunellar's pay inadequate to his Responsibility and position They propose adding to his pay now 35 Rupees the saving of Rupees 10½ effected by the abolition of the Office of Foddy Sheriff and designating him Deputy Superintendent instead of Cunellar In a subsequent para of these Proceedings the Board propose a further addition making this Officers Salary 50 Rupees.

16. The Changes above proposed entail no additional expences.

17. The Board will be glad to receive the Collectors suggestions for any improvement of the existing Cutcherry System.

18. The Board take this opportunity of submitting a letter from the Collector of Madras proposing various alterations in the Distt Revt and general Department of his Office.

13th September 1820.

19. Formerly the situations of Head Writer and Record Keeper were united in the person of Mr Wilson who received

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for a Rogasum and Soomastah will, it is hoped, render unnecessary the employment of Extra Soomastahs.

23. If Government approve of the arrangements above proposed by the Board and which it will be their interest to adopt as they will cost no extra expence, the Collector is forwarded a Revised Moyenzabitah for sanction.

24. The Board think the Collector may profitably abolish the terms "Nevasnudah" Sawbuswar - Rogasum and Sanjeetah and call the persons of those grades Curnishy Clerks.

A True Extract

J. Shore

Acting Secretary to G

To

H. Seaton Esq.

Acting Secretary to Government

Revenue Department

Ed
J. Boyle

a Salary of Rupees 210- Mr Cunliffe however did not require the services of so highly paid an Officer and on Mr Wilsons retirement employed a Head Writer on 70 Rupees (the usual Salary in a Collectors Office) and a Native Record Keeper on 35- He also dispensed with the Persian Moonshee attached to his Office who has latterly had very little work to perform-

20. With the Surplus of Rupees 115/12 thus available Mr Cunliffe proposes to make the following Changes- Viz. To divide Madras into two Divisions- the Northern and Southern in which the Dust Rent will amount respectively to about Rupees 16,000 and 30,000- and to place each under an Auditor at present there is but one Auditor on 40 Rupees Monthly- Mr Cunliffe recommends that this Officers pay be raised to Rupees and that a Second Auditor should be appointed on 50- He also proposes to raise the pay of the Royapuram attached to the Auditor from 8 3/4 to 10 1/2 Rupees and to employ another Royapuram for the 2d Auditor on the same Salary, as well as an additional on Ground to be a Duffadar and 2 Peons on 10 1/2

8 and 6 Rupees respectively. The total additional Charge consequent on these alterations would Amount to Rupees 122-12 or 7/4 Rupees beyond the Surplus in hand.

21. The Board concur in the propriety of these Changes except that they think 12 one additional Peon on 7 Rupees sufficient as there are already 31 on the Dust Rent Establishment. This would reduce the expence to Rupees 109-12- leaving a Surplus of 5 3/4 2 1/2 of which the Board would give to the Poddy Cauildar making his pay like that of the Dust Rent Cauildar 50 Rupees Monthly.

22 The Board agree with the Collector that the pay of the Poddy Comacapillay Rupees 8 3/4 is too low but under existing circumstances they are precluded from recommending an increase- The Dust Rent Comacapillays 16 in Number receive 14 Rupees each and as duties their duties are much more onerous, the Collector might arrange them in two Classes on (say) 12 & 14 Rupees and with the Saving make an addition to the pay of some of those in the Poddy Department- The addition now suggested

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 30th October 1856.

Read letter from the Collector of Madras dated 2nd September 1856

/ Here Enter No. 1321 /

The Board are of opinion that the Collector has satisfactorily shown in the above letter that the Temporary Establishment in question is really necessary and they will accordingly again recommend its permanent Entertainment from the 1st January next when the sanction granted in Extract Minutes Cons 14th August last Revenue Depart. No 867 will expire.

In looking over the Inayenjabitah of

Revenue 1856 Sept
No 1293
Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Orders 30th Oct 1856
Read 31st Oct —
Report & Returns No 3597
dated 20th Jan 1858
Registering in the Records
Classification Examination
Section of the Secretary and
Abstract Department
of the Madras Collectorate
and submitting letter
from the Collector on the
subject —

No 6.

Revenue 1858 Sept
Dated 26th Jany 1858.
No 1293
Extract from the
Proceedings of the
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Orders 30th Oct 1856
Read 31st Oct —
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and submitting letter
from the Collector on the
subject —

No 6.

RE: 19th Aug 1858 22:2:3

of Madras Cutchery the Board observe several points on which they wish for the Collectors opinion.

3. They observe that the Toddy and Abkarry Department seems to be kept Distinct, or very nearly so, and they wish to know whether there is any necessity for this separation or any advantage derived from it unless such reasons exist an union of the Department would seem desirable and would lead to a better organization of the Establishment.

Abkary		
1 Superintendent		105
1 Goomastah		14
3 Sumpratties @ 17½ 10½ and 8¾		36.12
1 Conicopillay		14
7 Do @ 8¾		61.4
2 "Draw out" men		14
1 Shroff		14
1 Duffadar		14
40 Peons @ 7		280
1 Duffadar		14
2 Head Peons @ 8		16
22 Peons @ 7		154
Toddy.		
1 Amildar		35
1 Sumpratty		14
3 Do @ 10½		31 8
2 Free Counters		21
18 Collecting Conicopillays @ 8¾		157 8
Head Pygust		14
1 Shroff		10 8
35 Peons @ 7		245
Huzzoor		
1 Pass Writer		21
Conicopillay at Tondiarpett		14
Head Pygust		14
2 Peons @ 7		14

4. The Peon Establishment in the aggregate consists of

2 Duffadar on 14 Rupees
2 Head Peon on 8 "
99 " on 7 "

The Board think it would be an improvement to divide the Peons into Classes - a certain number receiving 6 Rupees and the saving being applied to

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to the formation of classes on 8 and 9 Rupees a greater prospect of promotion would thus be held out as an incentive to good conduct. The same principle might be applied to the Peons on the general Establishment.

5 The Board perceive that a Shroff on 14 Rupees is entertained in the Abkary and one on 10½ in the Toddy Department.

The necessity of retaining these servants should be explained as the General Establishment comprises a

Cash Keeper ——— 70 Rs
Head Shroff ——— 28 "
Deputy Do ——— 14 "

There is also a Shroff on 14 Rupees in the Quit Rent Department.

6. The pay of the Toddy Amildar if his duties involve much responsibility, is small and might properly be

be raised, as has been proposed by the Collector in his letter dated 13th Ultimo No 138.—

7. The same remarks apply to the 18 Collecting Conicopillays who now receive only 8 3/4 Rs each but whose allowances it is also proposed / in common with those of 8 in the Toddy Department, to raise to 10½— The Board however observe that there are no less than 27 Conicopolies in the two Departments— besides 16 employed in connection with the Quit rent and 3 in the Registration Department. The Board wish to know whether so large a number of servants of this class is necessary and whether by any re-arrangement and reduction of ranges, the same Conicopillay— ould not collect for all the Depart. ments within his limit - receiving of course a higher rate of Salary.

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8. The Board call for this information chiefly in order to judge whether the supervision over the preventive Establishment - regarding the efficiency of which they entertain some doubts - cannot be improved without any material increase of expense by some such arrangements as are above suggested. Practically this supervision is at present chiefly exercised by 1 Hurcarah and 2 Duffadars and this degree of Supervision seems insufficient as regards the extent of range and the number of inferior Officers. The Board wish Mr Cunliffe to take this part of the subject, on which he will have observed the Government lay stress, into careful consideration, and he will not deem himself precluded by the suggestions of the Board, from offering his own views as to the best mode of

securing

securing the fidelity and vigilance of the watching Peons, especially those of the outer circle.—

9. On receiving the above information the Board will address Government on the subject of the Temporary Peons now employed.—

/ A true Extract /

/ Signed / J. D. Sim

Acting Secretary

To

B. Cunliffe Esqr.

Collector of

Madras

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From

B. Cunliffe Esqr.

Collector of Madras

To J. D. Sim Esqr.

Acting Secretary to the

Board of Revenue

Sir,

1 With reference to the remarks of

From B. 30th Octr. 1856.

of the Board in their Proceedings. I have had under consideration the necessity of retaining a Shroff in both the Arrack and Toddy Departments and the enquiry which I have made showing the feasibility of abolishing one of these situations, I have on the present decease of the incumbent not filled it up.

2 In order however that one Shroff shall be enabled to perform the work of both Departments, it will be necessary to simplify it, which I propose to do in the following manner.

3 I found it to be the practice for Shop-keepers in purchasing Arrack, to tender any amount, and in any currency, and to require change for the surplus handed in.

4 The purchaser after too often threw down a quantity of Copper Coin, which had all to be carefully Shroffed at the time, and in the evening

of the Charge.—

Madras
25th December
1856

I have &c.
/ Signed / B. Cruttcliffe
Collector

/ True Copies /

Acting Secretary

Compd
C. Dunbar

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evening to be parcelled out according to the mint and date of issue, before the Huzzoor Shroff would receive it on the next morning.—

5. The selling price was another source of delay and trouble, often in itself necessitating change as the Board will observe from the undermentioned rates last sanctioned by them.—

	Rates ℔ Gallon Rs as P	
Putta Arrack within Supreme Court limits	2-15-11	To Bd 18 July 18[illegible]
——— Dº ——— without ——— Dº ———	1-7-1	Do 11th Augt "
Colombo ———	3-6-10	

6. To facilitate the Shroffs duties for the future, I directed him to give change for notes or large sums, and to require that the purchasers should tender the exact price of the liquor he required in Rupees, fractions, and in Copper, up to two Annas.—

7. As however the established rates compel the Shroff to receive a large quantity of Copper Coin, I beg to request the Board's sanction for the amendment as follows.—

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Putta Arrack within Supreme Court limits

	Rs A P
per Gallon ———	3 — " —
Dº ——— without ———	1 - 7 - "
Colombo ———	3 - 7 - "

8. I annex the rates of the Toddy shops, which for the same reasons I request the Board will permit me to modify.—

	Present Rs A P.	Proposed Rs A P.
1st class	2 - 12 - 10	2 - 13 - "
2d — " —	2 - 2 - 10	2 - 3 - "
3d — " —	1 - 5 - 2	1 - 5 - "
4th — " —	" 12 - 5.	" 12 - "

9. The increase, wherever made, is so slight, that the Shopkeepers can have no reasonable objection, and I anticipate none if I receive the Board's approval of

Enclosure
No. Proceedings from the Secretary to the Board of Revenue to the Secretary to Government Dated 30th October 1856.
No. 3657
R 1293/56

Copy of Proceedings of the Collector of Malabar dated 30th October 1856.
Copy of letter from the Collector of Malabar dated 30th October 1856.
Reporting the accompanying and requesting sanction to the establishments noted in the margin.

R. D.

No. 79

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 20th January 1857

Read the following
Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

Received 30th Oct. 1856 et No. 3693

1. With their Proceedings above recorded the Board of Revenue submit the information required in para 4 of Gt. Mins. of Cons. dated 14th August 1856 No. 867 on certain points connected with the extra establishment which

which has been sanc-
tioned from time to
time for the protection
of the Abkarry Revenue
of Madras, preparatory
to obtaining the orders
of the Govt. of India
to make that Establish-
ment permanent. The
Board submit above,
with their opinion,
the various alterations
proposed by the Collector
of Madras in the Estt
Rent and General Depts
of his office.

2. The duties of the
force of peons, perma-
nent and temporary,
in the Abkarry Dept.
of the Madras Collectorate
consist

Toddy shops — 400
Columbo arrack Do — 47
Puttah Do — Do — 91

(19) consist, not only in
preventing
the smuggling of arrack
from the abkarry bo-
unds of the Dist. of
Chingleput, but also
in looking after the
several shops specifi-
ed in the margin,
watching the gardens and
counting the several trees in the
abkarry limits of Madras
collectorate, which com-
prise the limits of the Cuptum fix
and a circumference of 3 miles
beyond them, are at present
divided into two portio
for the purpose of distinguishing the
one within the juris-
diction of the Supreme Court
from that beyond the
Mr. Lauriffe proposes

× Permanent — Rs — Rs
Buffaloars 1@14 — 14
#2 Byrudy 2@14 — 28
Peons — 77@7 — 539
Total 80 — 581
Temporary
Buffaloars — 1@14 — 14
#2 Peons — 2@8 — 16
Peons — 22@7 — 154
Total 25 — 184
Total
Buffaloars — 2@14 — 28
#2 Byrudy — 2@14 — 28
#2 Peons — 2@8 — 16
Peons — 99@7 — 693
Grand total 105 — 765

to provide therefore
are not prepared
to recommend to
Government the employment
of Cuffadars on Rupees
and a Cuffadar on 10
Rupees month, to super-
vise the other peons
and recommend
therefore the classifi-
cation of the entire
force as per margin.

3rd. The Board of
Revenue while they
concur in the necess-
ity of the classifica-
tion, are of opinion
that the pay of the Pyons
and Cuffadars should
be raised to Rs. 15 & 12
respectively and that
the minimum pay of
the

Pyoneers	4 @ 12	48
Cuffadars	5 @ 10	50
2nd Peons	1 @ 9	9
— do.	5 @ 8	40
Peons	30 @ 7	210
— do.	68 @ 6	408
Total	113	765

		Rs.
Pyoneers	4 @ 15	60
Cuffadars	4 @ 12	48
Do.	1 @ 10	10
2nd Peons	1 @ 9	9
Do.	5 @ 8	40
Peons	98 @ 7	686
Total		853
Mr. Cunliffe's classification		765
Increase		88

(20) the peons should be 7 Rs.
but as these modi-
fications would entail
an additional ex-
penditure of not less
than Rs 88, they with-
hold their recommen-
dation of them for
the present. They suggest
however the perma-
nent employment of
at least the present
temporary force with
authority to the Coll.
to introduce the ar-
rangements recom-
mended by him, ex-
perimentally on the
occurrence of vacan-
cies.

4th. The Right Honor-
able the Governor in

Council has given his careful consideration to the subject, his opinion already expressed in para 4 of Ex. Mins. of Cons. dated 14th Augt 1856 & 6th Feby 1857, that it is necessary that the existing establishment of peons in the Abkarry Dept. of the Madras Collectorate should be made permanent appears strengthened by what is now represented, and the proposed system of management has his approval. He does not however propose at present to submit to the Govt. of India the proposition to make the temporary establishment permanent. It appears to him desirable that the arrangements proposed for

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for the future management of the Abkarry Department should be allowed a sufficient trial, before the Supreme Government is addressed on the subject. Resolved therefore that the Board of Revenue be requested to submit distinct classifications for the permanent and temporary Establishments, so as to keep them separate until the latter may be made permanent by the order of the Govt. of India. this may be done by classing as temporary so many peons as will absorb the whole amount sanctioned for the Temporary Establishment. The authority granted in Extract Minutes Consultation dated 11th August 1856 for that establishment will continue in force in the meanwhile.

5 The other alterations proposed by the Collr in his establishment are as follows.

	Present pay	Proposed by the Collr	Increase.
Toddy Amildar	35-"-"	50-"-"	15-"-"
Head Writer	"-"-"	70-"-"	70-"-"
Native Record Keeper	"-"-"	35-"-"	35-"-"
Quit Rent Amildar	40-"-"	70-"-"	30-"-"
2nd Do Do	"-"-"	50-"-"	50-"-"
Royaenum	8-12-"	10-8-"	1-12-"
Do	"-"-"	10-8-"	10-8-"
Jamadar	"-"-"	10-8-"	10-8-"
Duffadars	"-"-"	8-"-"	8-"-"
2 Peons @ 6 Rx	"-"-"	12-"-"	12-"-"
Total	83-12-"	326-8-"	242-12-"

2nd The object of these alterations is to raise the present low pay of the Toddy and Quit Rent Amildars and to provide additional strength for the better management of the Quit Rent Department. They involve an increase of Rx 242-12-" and Mr Lamb[illegible] consents to meet Rx 231-"-" thereof by

Head writer and Record Keeper ____ Rs 210-"-
Toddy Shroff ____ 10-8-
Peon in Moochee ____ 10-8-
Total ____ 231-"-

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by the abolition of the Offices noted in the margin, which he considers unnecessary, the additional expenditure to the State will thus amount to Rupees 11-12-. The Board however propose to avoid this increase by employing 1 Peon on 7 Rupees instead of 1 Duffadar and two Peons at an aggregate cost of 20 Rupees as there are already 31 peons on the Quit Rent Establishment.

6 Under the circumstances set forth in the papers before them the Government are fully satisfied of the necessity of the modifications proposed in the Collector's letter

The present very low salaries
of the Toddy and Quit rent
Amildars, who are exposed
to great temptation, should
be raised, and it is des-
irable that the Quit Rent
Department should be
made efficient by the
addition of another Amil-
dar. The Right Honorable the
Governor in Council resolved them
to report to the Supreme
Govt the present inefficiency
of the executive branch of the
Madras Collector's Establish-
ment, and to request their
sanction to carry out Mr.
Cunliffe's plan as mo-
dified by the Board,
which involves no additional
cost to the state, but on the con-
trary shews a saving as in the margin

	Rs.
Toddy Amildar	50
Head Writer	70
Native Record Keeper	35
Quit Rent Amildar	70
2d do do	50
Royasum	10½
do	10½
Goomastah	10½
1 Peon	7.
Total	313½
Pay of present incumbents as specified in para 8	83¾
Saving as specified in a sub sequent part of the same para	231.
	314¾
Saving to the State	1¼

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7 Mr. Cunliffe
be desired to give his
consideration to the sug-
gestion contained in
para 22 of the Board's
Proceedings to modify
the scale of pay allow-
ed to the Quit Rent
Conicopillays and raise
that of the Toddy Co-
nicopillays. If in the
Collector's opinion the
duties of the former
class of servants are
much more onerous
than those of the latter,
the present rates should
not be disturbed.

In the last para
8 of their Proceedings the
Board suggest a change
in the designation of
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the subordinate servants of the Collector's Office - The Government have reason to believe that Mr. Ricketts has extended his enquiry to the use of Foreign terms in the Poyenzabitahs and the Board's suggestion had better be taken into consideration when that Gentleman's opinion on the subject is received.

9. From para 5 of the Collector's letter to the Board dated 18th September 1856, the Government learns that he has employed, without their sanction, a Head Writer and Native

Vide Bd's Circular of 3d March 1851 page 5 Vol. II.

(24) Native Record Keeper on 70 and 35 Rupees respectively, out of the pay authorized for the joint Office of Head Writer and Record Keeper. The Board will be good enough to call upon Mr. Law. liffe to explain the circumstances under which he made these alterations in the fixed pay of this Establishment contrary to the orders of the Honble the Court of Directors conveyed in Extract Minutes Consultation dated 18th February 1851 No. 124.

10. The Civil auditor will

will be good enough to explain under what authority he passed the alterations above alluded to in the Collector's Estab. and allowed the continuance of the establishment beyond 14th Feb. bruary 1857 of the temporary Establishment authorized for six Months from 14th August 1856 in Extract Minis. Cons. of that date No. 867.

Mr. Mr Cruikshanks should be instructed to provide for any temporary establishment he may require for the preparation of the Bills in the Annual Estimate of extra Establishments.

The practice of paying the

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the extra Writers from the Salary of the Head Writer and his assistants as explained in para 16 of the Collector's letter dated 13th September 1856 is objectionable and should be discontinued.

JR

3 Chiefs Bd of Rev. with 8 Encls Disp 21st

1 Civil Audr

No 237

Rec'd Sept.

To

The Secretary to the Government of
India.

Sir

With their proceed-
-ings dated the 30th October
last, the Board of Revenue
submitted to their Govt's a
communication from the
Collector of Madura pointi
-ing out that the executive
branch of his establish
-ment is numerically
weak and inadequately
remunerated and requ
-esting certain alteration
in his office establish.
-ment to remedy the evil
without additional cost
to the state. The Col.
-lector explains that in

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-tendent of the Quit rent
Dept. was abolished on
the ground that as that
Dept. was under the charge
of the Vait Sheristadar,
he could conduct the
duties thereof efficiently
with the aid of the rest
of the Establishment but
that the latter situation
was also afterwards on
1844 discontinued and that
since that time there have
been only one Amildar and
16 Conicopillays to superin-
intend and record the
collection of Quit rent
embracing 45,000 rate payers.
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the nature of whose duties
obliges him to keep a con-
veyance is no more than

to

Writer and Record Keeper Rs 210--
Toddy Shroff -- 10-8--
Persian Moonshee - 10-8--
Total 231-8--

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Offices noted in the margin,
which he considers necessary,
the additional expenditure
to the State will then
amount to Rupees 11-12--
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to avoid this increase by
employing 1 Peon on 7 Rs
instead of 1 Duffadar and
two Peons at an aggregate
cost of 20 Rs, as there are
already 31 Peons on the Quit
Rent Establishment.

6 The Govt. are unable
to sanction the alterations
in the Madras Collectors
Establishment above alluded
to. The Govt. of India
have recently informed
this Government that the
Honorable

From Govt. of India d/19th Sept. 1856
No 4235 vide C. M. C. of 23d Oct.
1856 No 1130.

1832 the office of Superintendent of the Dust rent Dept. was abolished on the ground that as that Dept. was under the charge of the Head Sheristadar, he could conduct the duties thereof efficiently with the aid of the rest of the Establishment, but that the latter situation was also afterwards in 1864 discontinued and that since that time there have been only one Munlodar and 16 Conicopillays to superintend and manage the collection of Dust rent embracing 45,000 rate payers. The pay of the Munlodar, the nature of whose duties obliges him to keep a conveyance is no more than

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6 The Govt. are unable to sanction the alterations in the Madras Collectors Establishment above alluded to. The Govt. of India have recently informed the Government that the Honorable

From Govt. of India d/ 19th Sept 1865 No 4235 vide C.M.C. d/ 25th Oct 1865 No 1130.

Honorable the Court of Directors have desired that all savings effected by the reduction of Public Establishments should be credited to the State and not otherwise appropriated without their special sanction.

The subject will however be submitted for the orders of the Supreme Government on full and satisfactory information being furnished of the efficiency of the present numerical strength of the Collectors Establishments the reduction which this Establishment has undergone from time to time &c &c

b. Under the circumstances set forth in the papers before them the Govt are fully sensible of the necessity of the modifications proposed in the Madras Collectorate Establishment. The present very low salaries of the Lodgers and Peons and Quit rent annildars who are exposed to great temptation should be raised and it is desirable that the Quit Rent Department should be made efficient by the addition of

another amildar.

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council resolves therefore to report to the Supreme Govt. the presentiency of the executive branch of the Madras Collector's establishment, and to request their sanction to carry ~~in~~ out Mr. Cunliffe's plan as modified by the Board, which involves no additional cost to the state, but on the contrary a shew saving to the State as ~~shewn~~ in the margin.

	No.
Toddy amildar	50
Head Writer	70
Native Record Keeper	35
Quit Rent amildar	70
2nd do. do.	50
Royasum'	10½
— do.	10½
Soomastah	10½
1 Peon	7
Total	313½

Pay of present incumbents as specified in para 5. 833¼

Saving as specified in a subsequent part of the same para 231

314¾

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Report on the re-classifica-
tion and amalgamation of
the Toddy and Abkarry Depts
of the Madras Collectorate, and
passing Orders on the emplt
ment by the Collector, of a
Head Writer and Native Record
Keeper without previous —
Sanction —

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To

The Secretary to the Government of
India

Sir

With Mine proceed
ings dated the 30th October
last, the Board of Revenue
submitted to this Government
a communication from the
Collector of Madras, pointing
out that the executive branch
of his establishment is nu-
merically weak and inade-
quately remunerated, and
suggesting certain alterations
in that Office to remedy the evils
he complains of which can be
carried out without addition
of cost to the State — The
Collector

Collectorship plans that, in
1832, the Office of Superintend-
ant of the Sunt kent Depart-
ment was abolished, on the
ground that as the Depart-
ment was under the charge
of the Nawb Sherishtadar,
the duties of the Department
could be conducted by
him with the aid of the
rest of the Establishment,
but that in 1845 the Office
of Nawb Sherishtadar was
also abolished and since that
time there have been only
five Amildar and 16 Kow-
-pillays to superintend and
oversee the collection of Sunt
rent & tax collected from
65,000 rate payers. The pay
of the Amildar, the nature of
whose duties obliges him to
do by a conveyance, is only

(31)
40 Rs a month which con-
-sidering the ex-
-pense of living at the
Presidency is inadequate,
and the Collector, Mr
Cunliffe bears strong
testimony to the duties
being so
heavy for
man properly to perform,
agents that the Kowcopillays are
not at present sufficiently
looked after, and that
the work of the Dept.
is in arrears. He therefore
proposes to raise the salary
of the present Amildars to 70
Rupees per mensem, and
to employ an additional
Amildar on 50 Rupees
monthly, with functions
similar to those of the
present Amildars, but
be

be employed in a division of the Collectorate which is more compact and the duties of which are less onerous than those of the portion assigned to the first Assistant.

2. The Collector further elucidates the want of efficiency in the Dept by the following table which shows that the number of the Assistants and Conscopillays has undergone reduction from time to time without any diminution in the duties to be performed.

	Cost of the Establishment	No of Assistants	No of Conscopillays	Sunud Revenue Demand	Collection within the Year
	No at			Rupees	Rupees
1814	1510 4	5	101	149 35	9,019
1817	1370 4	4	84	67,906	10,167
1821	1358	4	86	72,133	22,761
1822	1187 4	2	29	83,746	23,334
1830	981 12	2	21	69,535	29,166
1832	713 12	1	16	66,633	48,338
1834	713 12	1	16	70,587	59,114

1 Peyasum ____ No
1 Koomastah ____ 10/2
1 Duffadar ____ 8
2 Tenuat b Peuch ____ 12

Total 41

3 The creation of a second division for an additional Assistant will render an increase in the subordinate grade of servants necessary. The Collector proposes to pay the pay of the present Peyasum from 8 Rupees per mensem to 9 Rupees 10/2 and to employ the additional servants named in the Margin at an aggregate cost of 9 Rupees 41.

4. The Collector also proposes to raise the pay of the Toddy Assistants to the superintendence of the collection of Rupees 2,40,000 from 25 to 50 per mensem, and to style him Deputy Superintendent

-ent in order to dismiss
-guish him from the
Superintendent of the
Arack Department.

The expenses
provided in all these pro-
positions amounts to
Rupees 137-12 - the Cus-
-tom states that the com
-plaint against the Head
Writer and Record
Keeper now amounts to
Rupees 210, by employ-
-ing an extra Head
Writer on 70
Rupees and a
native

	Rs
Increase to the Sirkut pent Amildar	30--
New do do	50--
Increase to the Nayasum	1-12
New Nayasum	10-8
new Gomastah	10-8
new Duffadar	8--
2 do peons @ 6 1/2 each	12--
Increase to the Jodely Amildar	15--
Total Rs	137-12

(35)

Native Record Keeper on
35 Rupees, and the surplus
being available to meet the expen-
-diture above recommended
He also proposes to abolish
the Jodely Shroff and e
Persian Moonshee paid
each at Rupees 10-8--. The
total sum available for
the expenditure amounts to
Rupees 126 still leaving a
balance of Rupees 11-12--

But the Board while
they support the Collector
in his recommendation to
improve the establishmen
in the manner he wishes are
of opinion that one addi-
tional peon on 7 Rupees
will be sufficient, instead
of 1 Duffadar and 2 peon
at an aggregate cost of
Rupees 20 as there are already

Supreme on the 2nd Rest. Establishment; and this additional cost to the State will be avoided and a saving of Rupees - to be effected -

Thus Government are fully satisfied of the necessity of the proposed modifications in the Madras Collector's Establishment. They deem it very desirable that the present low Salaries of the Toddy and Quit Rent Amildars who are exposed to great temptation, should be raised, and that the Quit Rent Department should be made efficient by the addition of another amildar, and therefore direct me to solicit the sanction of the Supreme Government to the alterations suggested which are tabulated below.

Present			Proposed		
Designation	Salary per mensem		Designation	Salary per mensem	
	Rs	a		Rs	a
Headwriter & Record Keeper	70	-	Headwriter	70	-
Quit Rent Amildar	40	-	Native Record Keeper	35	-
Toddy Amildar	35		Quit Rent Amildar	70	-
Toddy Shroff	10	8	2d do do do	50	-
Persian Moonshee	10	8	27 Superintendent Toddy Pft	50	-
Royasum	8	12	Royasum	10	8
			1 Coomastah	10	8
Total	314	12	1 Peon	7	-
				313	8
			Saving	1	4
			Total	314	12

Saving under the 15th modification — 13 -

Additional charge according to Mr Cumbs Proposition — 11 12 -

Not saving to the State — 1 4 -

Fort St. Geo. 20 January 1808

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To the Secretary to the
Govt of India.
Dy 20th January 1858.
Recd 26th February & 9th April

On the reclassification and augmentation of the Cadjy and Arbitary Depts of the Madura Collectorate, and soliciting sanction for the various alterations proposed in the Quit Rent and general Depts of that Office.