

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	290	Press ~~Nis.~~
²⁸⁰⁻⁸¹ Dated	24-2-1870 N	

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No. 280. Read the following letter from the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, to the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 2nd February 1870 :—

I AM directed, with reference to the Order of Government, November 29, 1869, No. 117, to inform you that the Board have carefully scrutinized the work of their Office, and are unable to propose any reduction in the establishment.

2. The matter had already been brought prominently to notice by the increase of work in the Office owing to expansion of the Local Fund operations and the adoption of new forms of Trade Returns, etc., and it had been decided that increased establishment was absolutely necessary.

3. With regard to the establishments in the provinces under the Board's control, they have been so carefully revised and so much cut down that there is no present prospect of further reduction. Several applications have lately been made for increase; and in most cases the Board have refused to entertain the proposal mainly on the ground of not disturbing so soon the recent revision.

4. The Board consider that great injury would arise from insisting on a monthly return from Collectors of the reductions they would propose, as a condition of uncertainty would be produced, calculated to prejudice the value of posts in the Revenue Department, and thus reduce the strength of establishments which, it is much feared, have, in some instances, already been too much cut down. Unless, therefore, the Government think fit so to direct, they do not propose to communicate the order to Collectors. The Madras Sea Customs is the only department in which there is ground for believing that the establishment is at all in excess of the actual requirements, and, under Government Order, 4th January 1870, No. 2, the Board are at present engaged in carefully inquiring into this matter with a view to amalgamating the Income-tax and Town-rents and Excise with the Sea Customs; it will be their object, if possible, to secure the efficiency demanded by the interests of the revenue in connection with all these items, without the increase which, in the absence of such amalgamation, might prove necessary and, if possible, with some saving.

No. 281. ORDER THEREON, 24th February 1870, No. 290.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government request the Board to communicate the G. O. under reference by them to all Collectors, in view to giving these officers an opportunity of suggesting any reductions of establishment which may be possible in particular districts. The establishments, as revised by the Honourable Mr. Pelly, have now had a fair trial, and it can do no harm to give the district officers this opportunity of reporting upon their fitness.

2. The monthly returns need not be required.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

No. 317.

From the *Asst. Secretary to the Board of Revenue*Dated *2^d February* 1870.

FOR ORDERS.

I do not think the Board were justified in not circulating to the Collectors the order of the 117. d 29. Nov. 1869. They should at least have afforded these officers an opportunity of stating their views, whether any reduction of their establishments is possible. No doubt in most cases these officers would

establishments, as usual

Cost. of 1870: 3170/15.

REVENUE.

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated February, 21th.

Recd.

G. O., 24th February 1870, No. 230.

FEBRUARY.

Nos. 230-231.

Revenue Establishments.—Board of Revenue to communicate the G. O. regarding reductions to all Collectors for report.

have replied that no saving could
be effected. I do not know what of
Mr. Pelly's reforms & re-arrangements
But there seemed too much at
making the establishments of the
districts uniform. Some districts have
suffered by being under-handed - a few
might bear reduction
I would instance Trichinopoly. I
am satisfied if asked Mr. Baubury

would be able to suggest reduction
perhaps not large. but still producing
a saving without impairing efficiency
I suggest that a communication
to this effect may be addressed to
the Board of Revenue

PM
I hardly think it is advisable to
take any further steps in this
matter.

I think that for the sake of the public
India the Government should be empowered to
collect in the small States, whether the Congress
any reduction. ^{should be a matter of course}
Establishments, as usual

FOR ORDERS.

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The ^{24th Feb 70} ~~first~~ ^{of} opinion
~~that it will be well to~~
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to them ~~Board~~) to all Collectors
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of suggesting any so
reductions of relab^l which
may be possible in
particular Districts. The
Districts, as revised

by the Hon. Mr. Kelly
have now had a fair
trial, and it can do
no harm to give the
British opportunity
to see this opportunity
of reporting upon their
plans.

The monthly returns
need not be repeated

MS.

14. Letter B. 7. 1871