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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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16th May 1870.*

Read the following papers:—

No. 194. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 19th March 1870, No. 1,887.

Read the following letters:—

From the Officiating Collector of the Kistna District, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Masulipatam, 13th January 1870, No. 149.

WITH reference to Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 7th December 1869, No. 596, sanctioning the transfer of the entire surplus treasure of this district to the Branch Agent of the Bank of Madras at Guntour, the Accountant-General has asked me, in his letter, dated 14th December 1869, No. 5,803, to report to the Board of what reduction the Cash Department at the Huzoor is susceptible in consequence of this arrangement, and observes that the work of the department must be considerably lightened, and the pecuniary responsibilities of the Cash-keeper reduced.

2. I have already reported to the Board that I have dispensed with the services of two Shroffs at Guntour, but I was not prepared to recommend any reduction at the Huzoor.

3. The Huzoor Treasury Department consists at present of the marginally

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Cash-keeper	125
Head Shroff	50
2nd do.	25
3rd do.	15
4th do.	15
1 Accountant	25
1 Do.	20
1 Do.	15
1 Gollah	10
1 Do.	8
2 Do., at Rupees 7	14
Total...	322

noted establishment. The work performed by each is detailed below, from which the Board will observe that every individual has quite as much as he can perform, and that the transfer of the treasury to the Bank does not relieve these officials to such an extent as would warrant any reduction.

4. The Cash-keeper is the head of this department. He has charge of the money placed at his disposal for

current expenses in accordance with instructions contained in paragraph 7 of Board's Standing Order No. 390. He examines besides the remittances received from the talooks, and has charge of them for generally a day or two, until they are put away by the Collector in a separate box under his lock and seal. He is, moreover, the officer primarily responsible for the correctness of the payments made upon Cheques issued by the Treasury Deputy-Collector. He is also the custodian of the various description of Stamps (judicial and non-judicial,) Bills of Exchange, Bills of Lading, Adhesive Stamps, Postage Labels, Telegraph Stamps, Stationery, and Permanent Advance Fund. At the Huzoor he sells Stamps to the licensed Stamp Vendors, and supplies Stamps to the talook depôts on indents passed by the Deputy-Collector. He keeps the several books and accounts connected with them, and is responsible for their accuracy. He is assisted by three Accountants and four Shroffs.

5. Two of the Accountants prepare Chittahs for the receipts and disbursements; keep other cash books and the memorandum books showing the receipts and

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issues of Currency Notes. The third writes the accounts connected with the receipt and issue of the several description of Stamps, Postage Labels and Telegraph Stamps, and supplies the English Account Department with the information required for the preparation of Monthly Returns submitted to the Superintendent of Stamps.

6. Of the Shroffs the Head Shroff is always occupied in giving out and receiving moneys. He is responsible that no counterfeit coin is received into, and that no over-payment is made from the Treasury. The items of receipts and disbursements are so numerous and heavy that he has occasionally to resort to the aid of another Shroff. Simultaneously as money is told out whether for receipt or issue, the Third Shroff makes the entries in the Rough Cash Chittah. This Shroff has also to prepare the detailed statement of coins received into and paid out of the Treasury daily. The Second Shroff is solely engaged in attending to the receipts and issues of the various descriptions of Stamps, Postage Labels, and Telegraph Stamps. The Stamp-sales have so largely increased within the last few years that one Shroff has often been found unable to attend to this task without additional aid. The recent prohibition of the use of stamped papers indiscriminately, and the introduction of the bicolour Stamps has more than doubled the work. The withdrawal of the indulgence hitherto given to parties permitting them to use two or more Stamps to make up one of the required value, and the consequent necessity there will now be for supplying each Talook Stamp Depôt with some Stamps of all values, will tend to increase the work still further. The Fourth Shroff has charge of the Stationery Depôt, and also assists the Head Shroff and the Second Shroff when they may stand in need of assistance.

7. The effect of the change by the transfer of the surplus treasure to the Guntoor Bank will only be to divert from the Huzoor Treasury the amount that was hitherto available for remittance beyond the district. From the annexed statement it will be observed that the average Huzoor receipts amounted to Rupees 36 lacs per annum, and notwithstanding that no surplus money is received in future, still between eight and nine lacs will be required for Huzoor expenses. There will no doubt, therefore, be a corresponding reduction in the shroffing work; but as this work is generally performed by all the Shroffs together, it is not likely that any particular individual will be considerably relieved. Each man will still have to perform the particular work apportioned to him. For reasons already explained the work connected with the Stamp Department has very largely increased, and is quite beyond the capabilities of one Shroff allowed by Mr. Pelly. No provision whatever appears to have been made for the conduct of the work connected with the Stationery Depôt. It occupies the full time of one Shroff now; I trust, under the explanation given above, the Board will acquiesce with me in considering that no reduction can be made in the number of existing hands.

8. The question next to be considered is whether or not any reduction can be made in the salaries.

9. The Cash-keeper has hitherto been drawing Rupees 125. The Accountant-General observes that, under the new arrangement, his pecuniary responsibilities will be lessened, but I do not see this. His pecuniary responsibilities still remain

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the same. Hitherto he was allowed from Rupees 20,000 to Rupees 30,000 for defraying the current expenses, the rest being locked up under the seal of the Collector, and the same amount will still be required to be placed at his disposal, nor can any abatement be allowed in the amount of security taken from him. The only work that has decreased is that of shroffing; but this should not be taken into consideration as he has little or nothing to do with it. His responsibilities in making the payments at the Huzoor Station of the district are very heavy, and they are not diminished now. In the districts of Godavery, Bellary, Trichinopoly, and Malabar, where the Huzoor Treasury was transferred to the Branch Bank, Rupees 70 are allowed to the Cash-keeper for the discharge of the Stamp-work alone. But as the circumstances of this district are not analogous with those, the Huzoor Treasury-work being still left untouched, I should think that Rupees 55 is not too much for the rest of the work, including cash, which is even greater than what it was when his pay was originally fixed. It is very necessary that the Cash-keeper should be a man of substance and respectability, and that this remuneration should be high enough to keep him from continually looking for some other preferment. The present incumbent, J. Iyappa Naidoo, is a most respectable and intelligent man, and has filled this place for the last eight years with much credit.

10. As regards the Shroffs while their work in shroffing silver will be reduced, there is reason to believe that it will increase in respect of copper, which the Accountant-General has directed should be received into the treasury without limit. The increase of work in the Stamp Department combined with this will counterbalance the saving in the shroffing of silver. Counting Stamps is much more difficult than shroffing. In districts where the Huzoor Treasury was transferred, two Accountants are allowed for the Stamp-work alone on Rupees 45, whereas there is but one Shroff at Rupees 25 and an Accountant on Rupees 15 for this work in the district.

11. Under these circumstances I would submit that no reduction is practicable either in the strength or the emoluments of the Cash Department.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Statement.

From the same officer, dated Masulipatam, 5th January 1870, No. 29.

THE Treasury at Guntoor having been transferred to the Sub-Agent of the Bank at that station, I have directed the Tahsildar to dispense with the services of the two Shroffs at Rupees 10 each, retaining the third on receipt of Rupees 15 for the Stamp-work.

2. I take this opportunity to request that the Board will be pleased to permit me to attach one of these Shroffs to the Bezwada Talook where the monetary transactions are too heavy to be conducted efficiently by one Shroff. Bezwada is one of the most important stations in the district. On account of the anicut-works, etc., there are three Range Officers drawing monthly about 40,000 Rupees. The business connected with the Stamp Department is also heavy. A District Moonsiff is also located at this station. The Tahsildar has often urged upon me the necessity

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of allowing him an additional Shroff, but I was not able to bring it to the notice of the Board, as I knew that no extra expenditure would be sanctioned. The transfer is however feasible.

RESOLVED that the foregoing letters be submitted to Government, with a recommendation that sanction be granted to transfer one of the two Shroffs, dispensed with in the Guntoor Talook, to Bezwada as requested by the Collector in the second of the above letters.

2. The Board concur with the Collector in the opinion that the transfer of the surplus balance in the Huzoor Treasury to the Branch Bank at Guntoor does not allow of any reduction in the strength or the emoluments of the Collector's Treasury Establishment. The work of the Treasury has been decidedly on the increase of late years, in connection with Stamps, Stationery, Currency Notes, and in sundry other ways, and the Establishment cannot be reduced without impairing its efficiency.

REFERRED to the Accountant-General for his remarks.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
12th April 1870.

(Signed) H. WELLESLEY,
Acting Under-Secretary to Government.

No. 195. From the Accountant-General, Madras, to the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Fort Saint George, 28th April 1870, No. 23.

WITH reference to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 1,887, dated the 19th ultimo, referred for my remarks on the 12th instant, I have the honour to state that, under the circumstances represented by the Collector, no further reduction need be pressed upon for the present; but that he be required to report again twelve months hence, whether it may not then be feasible to effect a reduction, as by that time he will be better able to ascertain the extent of relief afforded to his Treasury by the transfer of the surplus treasure of the district to the Branch Bank at Guntoor.

2. As the establishment of Branch Banks at Negapatam and Tuticorin must have, in some measure, reduced the work of the Cash Department of the Collectors of Tanjore and Tinnevely, I take this opportunity to suggest that those officers also be now requested to report whether any savings can be effected in their establishments.

No. 196. ORDER THEREON, 16th May 1870, No. 717.

Miscellaneous.

AGREEABLY to the recommendation of the Board of Revenue the transfer to Bezwada of one of the two Shroffs

dispensed with in the Guntoor Talook is sanctioned.

2. The Board will request the Collector, as suggested by the Accountant-General, to report twelve months hence whether it is feasible to effect a reduction in the Huzoor Treasury Establishment.

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3. The attention of the Board of Revenue will be drawn to paragraph 2 of the Accountant-General's letter, and they will be requested to report on the Treasury Establishments therein alluded to.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Accountant-General.
„ the Financial Department.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Govt. of 1870: 31st Dec.

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Sec. Sec. Sec.

Dated May, 18th.

Recd.

G. O., 18th May 1870, No. 71.

MAY.
Nos. 192-193.

Surveys dispensed with in the Guntoor Talook.—The transfer of one to Puzara, and one to Kistna to report after twelve months whether a reduction in the Guntoor Treasury Establishment could be effected, and Board of Revenue to report on Treasury Establishments of Tanjore and Tiruvelli.

Revenue Department.
11/7/70

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 16th May 1870
Read the following papers.

From Board of Revenue.

Recommending to sanction pro-
posed transfer of one of Shroffs to Bez-
wada Talook whose services were dis-
pensed with when Treasury at Guntur
in Kistna District was made over to
Branch of Madras Bank at that Station
and concurring with collector in con-
sidering that transfer of surplus balance
in Huzoor Treasury to Bank, does not
allow of any reduction in strength
or emoluments of Treasury establishment.

(H. E. 19th March 1870 No. 1887)

For Accountant General.

Stating that under the circum-
stances represented by the collector
no further reduction need be proposed
upon.

(H. E. 28th April 1870 No. 23)

Agreeably to the re-
commendation of the Board of Revenue
to Bezwada
the transfer of one of the two Shroffs
dispensed with in the Guntur
Talook, is sanctioned.

The Board will request
the collector, as suggested by the
Accountant General, to report
twelve

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Board of Revenue,

MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 5TH JANUARY 1870, No. 36.

Encl
Dec-10-21/70

Amended May 1870 & 1874

JANUARY.
No. 36.

Surplus balances—of Kistna District.—Copy
of letter addressed by Accountant General to
Collector requesting him to remit, direct to
Guntur Branch Bank instead of to Huzoor
Treasury, and to report, through Board, reduc-
tion that can, in consequence, be effected in
Huzoor Cash Department, recorded.

Entered in the Proc. of the Govt of
Madr. to the Secy to Govt of M. E.
and 19th March 1870.
24/1/1887

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twelve months hence, whether it is
feasible to effect a reduction in the
Hoozoo Treasury establishment.

3 The attention of the
Board of Revenue will be drawn
to para 2 of the Accountant General's
letter, and they will be requested
to report on the Treasury establish-
ments therein alluded to.

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- 14. Board of Revenue with an Encl. D.O. 107
- 15. Accountant General
- 16. Financial Department

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