

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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17th June 1870.*

No. 211. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 6th June 1870 :—

Read Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, dated 31st May 1870, No. 788.

In paragraph 11 the Government request the Board to prescribe the duties to be assigned to the Collector of Sea Customs when made Collector of the town of Madras, to the Deputy-Collector and to the Sheristadar; and in paragraph 12 they suggest that the necessity for entertaining a Sheristadar, on Rupees 200 a-month, requires to be explained.

2. The Board propose that the Collector should be a Collector under Regulation II. of 1803, and his responsibility will be the same as that of all other Collectors. The importance of the Sea Customs of the Port requires that he should administer them by a distinct and separate agency, and this will be the only exceptional part of his duty.

3. The Deputy-Collector will, of course, occupy the same position as at present. Under Section 3, Act VII. of 1857, he may perform such of the duties of a Covenanted Assistant Collector as shall be assigned to him by the Collector and he will be the immediate manager of the departments which have to do with Quit-rent, Abkarry, Registration, Stamping of Weights and Measures, and the bulk of the Income-tax. As in the case of an Assistant Collector his proceedings will be subject, in all cases and in the fullest manner, to the superintendence, control, and revision of the Collector.

4. In order that the Collector, who is primarily responsible for the revenue administration, may have the means of exercising an efficient supervision, (such as experience has shown has been wanting of late,) he must have a confidential servant who will be able to assist him in devising returns and other checks, such as will reveal, at frequent intervals, the state of affairs in each of the departments of which the Deputy-Collector is the executive manager, and who can afterwards be trusted to aid in the examination of the returns and the application of the checks. This confidential servant the Board propose to call a Sheristadar, and it would not be consistent with the position he is to fill, and the qualifications he must possess, if his salary were made less than Rupees 200 a-month. His principal duties will be similar to those performed by a District Sheristadar, more especially at the time of Jummahbundy; and his position, with regard to the Deputy-Collector, will not be unlike that of a District Sheristadar with regard to a Deputy-Collector "on general duties." Without a Sheristadar the Collector can be little more than a referee; with a Sheristadar he will be an efficient controller of administration. In addition to the duties which have already been described, the Sheristadar will have to attend to correspondence, unanswered lists, Board's orders, registers, records, returns, and all the ordinary business of the office. The Board attach the greatest importance to this part of their proposals, and strongly deprecate any change either in the salary or the designation of the Collector's chief ministerial officer.

5. In paragraphs 12 and 13 Government request the Board to consider whether the new permanent charges cannot be reduced to the amount of the

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permanent savings, which, by some mistake, Government calculate to be Rupees 5,412, instead of Rupees 6,852, the correct sum; and whether it will be safe to dispense with so large a portion of the temporary Income-tax Establishment as the Board have proposed.

6. After due inquiry the Board consider that it will be safer for the present to retain a part of the Income-tax Establishment, costing Rupees 3,684 per annum. They have placed two of the Collector's Clerks on the Income-tax Establishment, and they have allowed them four Peons. The establishments they now propose are as follow:—

I. Permanent:

<i>Collector's Office.</i>					RS.
1 Sheristadar, at Rupees 200	...	...	...	...	2,400
1 Clerk, „ 50	...	...	...	...	600
1 Accountant, „ 50	...	...	...	...	600
4 Peons, „ 7	...	...	...	...	336
Total					3,936

Deputy-Collector's Office.

Establishment as before, with the following exceptions:—

Increase of salaries in the Quit-rent Department as described in paragraph 9, Board's Proceedings, 11th April 1870, No. 2,419	...	...	...	1,920
Additional establishment for stamps as described in paragraph 18 of the same Proceedings	...	...	...	936
Total				6,792

* Board's Procs., 11th April 1870, No. 2,419, paragraph 24.	RS.
Sea Customs	5,352
Quit-rent	1,020
Ground-rent	240
Pensions	240
Total	6,852

7. The savings amount to Rupees 6,852 as shown in the margin, so that there will be a net reduction in permanent establishment of Rupees 60.

II. Temporary:

INCOME-TAX ESTABLISHMENT.

<i>Collector's Office.</i>					RS.
2 Writers, at Rupees 25	...	...	...	...	600
<i>Deputy-Collector (and Tahsildar)</i>					
1 Head Clerk, at Rupees 50	...	...	...	...	600
1 Inspector, „ 50	...	...	...	...	600
3 Writers, „ 20	...	...	...	...	720
1 Shroff, „ 20	...	...	...	...	240
4 Conicopillays, „ 15	...	...	...	...	720
6 Peons, „ 7	...	...	...	...	504
Total					3,984

8. The cost of the present establishment, including a Collector, is Rupees 16,032. Hence the saving in temporary establishments is Rupees 12,048.

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9. According to the Notifications issued by Government on the 3rd ultimo, all Income-tax assessments, which are not made by the Collector, must be made by the Deputy-Collector. The Board think it very desirable that some portion of the duty should be assigned to the Tahsildar. The Collector is to assess all incomes of Rupees 10,000 and upwards. The Tahsildar might be required to assess incomes below 1,000 Rupees.

10. If this proposal is adopted the Board would give a special Income-tax allowance to the Tahsildar, whose salary is Rupees 150 a-month, as well as to the Deputy-Collector. To the former they would assign Rupees 50 a-month, and to the latter Rupees 100.

11. In their last Proceedings on this subject the Board took it for granted that the Cochrane's Canal Establishment would continue under the control of the town Deputy-Collector. On re-consideration they are of opinion that it should be under the Collector of the district. The canal is intimately connected with the Salt Cotours, and the transactions of the fund, which are now somewhat complicated, have little, if anything, to do with the town.

12. The Board would suggest, for the consideration of Government, the desirability of restoring the old designation of "the District of Chingleput" to the District of Madras, now that there is to be a Collector of the town of Madras.

No. 212.

ORDER THEREON, 17th June 1870, No. 894.

Miscellaneous.

UNDER the circumstances represented by the Board of Revenue in the foregoing Proceedings, the Right Honourable the Governor in Council will not object to the nomination of a Sheristadar, on Rupees 200 per mensem, to assist the Collector of Sea Customs in carrying on the additional duties, which it is proposed to entrust to him. The permanent addition of a Clerk, Accountant, and four Peons to his Establishment for the same purpose, as recommended in paragraph 6 of the Board's Proceedings, is also sanctioned, as well as the additions to the Quit-rent and Stamp Departments of the town. The total charges on account of these arrangements will amount to Rupees 6,792 per annum, which will be met from the savings effected by the Collector of Sea Customs in his present establishment, amounting to Rupees 6,852 per annum.

2. The Board of Revenue propose that the Tahsildar of the town should assist the Deputy-Collector in making Income-tax assessments, but this arrangement does not commend itself to Government. This officer's proper work is sufficient to occupy the whole of his time, and recent disclosures have shown that it is essential that he should exercise a close supervision over his subordinates.

3. The Government are, however, willing to give the Deputy-Collector some additional assistance in his Income-tax work, and are therefore pleased to sanction the retention in his office of one highly paid servant for Income-tax work. He will be styled "Manager," and his salary will be fixed at Rupees 125 per mensem. This addition will enable a slight reduction to be made in the salaries proposed.

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by the Board for the rest of the establishment, and will render unnecessary the employment of three Notice Writers instead of two who now form the permanent establishment.

4. The special establishment now sanctioned for Income-tax work will thus stand as follows:—

<i>For the Deputy-Collector.</i>					Per Annum.
					RS.
1 Manager, at Rupees 125	...	...	...	...	1,500
1 Head Clerk, „ 45	...	...	...	...	540
1 Inspector, „ 40	...	...	...	...	480
1 Shroff, „ 20	...	...	...	...	240
4 Conicopillays, „ 15	...	...	...	...	720
2 Writers, at 20 Rupees each	...	...	...	...	480
Total...					3,960
<i>For Collector's Office.</i>					
2 Writers on 25 Rupees each	...	...	...	...	600
Total...					4,560

5. The Government consider that the Deputy-Collector's special remuneration may properly be fixed at Rupees 150 per mensem, which will raise the total temporary charge on account of Income-tax to Rupees 6,360 per annum against Rupees 10,080, which was the outlay on this account during the past official year.

6. The arrangements will take effect from the first proximo, and a Notification will be published in the *Gazette*, nominating Mr. Hunter Blair to be Collector of the town of Madras from that date, and changing the designation of the present Madras District to Chingleput, and a report on the subject will be submitted for the information of the Government of India.

7. The Cochrane's Canal Establishment will not be transferred to the charge of the Collector of the town, but will continue as at present under the control of the district authority.

(True Extract.)

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To the Board of Revenue.
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Revenue Dept.

Memo. for Orders.
no. 1699

In this paper the Board reply to the Proceedings of Govt on the subject of the proposed amalgamation of the charge of the Town of Madras with the Collectorate of Sea Customs. They explain the position which the Collector and Deputy are relatively to occupy, and urge most strongly the necessity of providing the Collector with a Sheristadar on Rs. 200 per mensem

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THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 17th June 1870.

G. O., 17th June 1870, No. 804.

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Nos. 211-212.

Amalgamation of Sea Customs office with Town of Madras—Proposals of the Board of Revenue on this subject approved and ordered to be carried out from 1st July 1870.

2. They also explain that the permanent savings of their scheme amount to Rs 68,52 and not only Rs. 54,12, as miscalculated in the Govt Order, and by charging a portion of the Collector's Estab^t to the Income Tax Grant they reduce the permanent new charge to Rs. 6792 being Rs. 60 below the available sav-
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3. They also propose
an Income-tax Estab^t.
for the collector and Dy.
collector at Rs. 3984 per
annuus

The Defy Club must
I think have a good
clerk or Manager. If
he save 9000 or 10000
he will make 20000
well. J. D. S.

you. I am sure like myself
I feel great doubts
about the Council's
proposals. It appears
to me my dominion here
is almost dead and
I am sure that the
Council will have to
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then about there. (add
not his name) in
called for through the
Board and submitted
to the Council with their
written observations.

I think he might
make the 150. Mr
Winsome got 800 I think!

annum against the old
charge of Rs. 16,532 thus
saving Rs. 12,048 of this
temporary charge

4. The Board further make two new proposals in their Proceedings: 1st that the Tahsildar shall make all assessments on incomes below Rs. 1000, and 2^d that the Pochra's Panel shall continue to be managed by the District Collector instead of by the Town Collector, and they suggest a special Income Tax

allowance of Rs 100 for
the Dy. collector and
Rs.

Rs 50 for the Tahsildar,
thus reducing the saving
on the temporary charge
by Rs. 1800 per annum.

They also suggest that
the District be again
styled Fingleput.

5. It is submitted
that all the proposals
may be sanctioned ex-
cept that regarding
the Tahsildar making
assessments, which
seems to place the
responsibility in the
hands of an officer
on too low a salary.

It is true that in
some

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not to burden the
Tahsildar with the
this duty. He will be
have quite enough to
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of the necessary. I shall
rather give the D. & G. M.
a better hand
of the Income Tax D. & G. M.

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to his ordinary duties
as D. & G. M. he has
the Income Tax on
his hands.
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N. B. A. A.

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deal of improvement.
A. A. A.

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old name will be
with some exception
especially in Calcutta
at home. J. D. S.

~~some~~ small taluqs there
are Tahsildars on Rs 150
per mensem who make
assessments, but there
are very few assessments
to make in such locali-
ties, whereas in Madras
there will probably be
a large number.

6. It also seems
hardly worth while
to return to the old
designation of the
District. The distinction
between the collector of
the Madras District
and the collector of
the

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Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 17th June 1870.

Read the following
Proceedings of the Board
of Revenue.

Subj. Board's views regarding
duties to be discharged by Coll^r
Sheriatadon &c on completion of
proposed amalgamation of Madras
of Coll^r's office with that of
Sea Customs.

(H. B. 6th June 1870)

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For Collector's Office

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6 - Acute fever

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