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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 19th January 1867.*

No. 416. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Judicial Department :—

Sanctioning an additional Clerk on Rupees 35 per mensem in each of the nineteen Collectorates. } (Here enter 4th January 1867, No. 35.)

No. 417. ORDER THEREON, 19th January 1867, No. 197.

Miscellaneous. Communicated to the Board of Revenue.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
*Under Secretary to Government.*

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Judicial Department, No. 35.

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## *Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department, 4th January* 1867.

No. 63. Read the following letter from the Honorable C. PELLY, Member of the Board of Revenue, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 26th November 1866.

I have had the honor of receiving the Order of Government, Judicial Department, dated 31st October 1866, requesting my opinion on the application of the Magistrate of South Canara for the services of an additional Clerk, to meet the additional Magisterial work thrown on this Officer by the relief of the Principal Sudder Ameen from such duty. The application is based on the circumstance of there being three Assistant Collectors in the District. In almost every District there is now more than one Assistant Collector. In my original scheme a Vernacular Clerk was allotted for only one Assistant in each District, out of the 12 Clerks provided for the whole Collector's Establishment. I requested* the Collector of South Canara to inform me to what extent the Magisterial work would be increased, and why the work should not be so allotted between himself and his two Assistants, that the Establishment allowed in the sanctioned scale might, without inconvenience, attend to the whole. I beg to forward the Collector's reply,† for the information of Government.

* To Collector, dated 5th November 1866, No 1992.

† Dated 15th November 1866, No. 216.

2. Mr. Cadell does not show clearly to what extent the Magisterial work has been increased by the relief of the Principal Suddor Ameen from this duty. He shows how the 12 Vernacular Clerks provided for his Department are distributed. Of these one is employed as an Assistant to the Record-keeper, but I find, from the scale of Establishment, that the number is inclusive of an Assistant Record-keeper. Another is put down as employed in the preparation of Trade Returns and other work relating to the Sea Custom Department. This duty properly belongs to the English Account Department. The Returns are prepared in English, for submission to the Board of Revenue, and if those from any of the Ports are received in Vernacular, they should be examined by the Vernacular Accountants attached to the English Department. I do not understand what a Vernacular Clerk (Moonshee) has got to do with the preparation of the Trade Returns.

3. The Collector then shows that four of the Vernacular Clerks are employed immediately under the Sheristadar, in the preparation of Revenue Accounts, and in other minor works devolving on the Sheristadar's Office. The necessity for this is not apparent. The Sheristadar‡ has, under the present system, but little to do with the preparation of the Revenue Accounts generally, beyond inspecting the Taluq Annual Jummahbundy Accounts before they are given to the Account Department for compiling general Returns. The aid of the English and Vernacular Accountants is given him for the preparation of any special Returns which he may be required at any time to prepare. I do not see the necessity either for Vernacular Clerks being sent to Taluqs in advance to prepare the Jummahbundy accounts beforehand. This work should be done by the Taluq Establishment, with the aid of the Revenue Inspectors, and the accounts should be examined by one or two Vernacular Accountants. Even if the Vernacu-

‡ See paragraph 4 of the duties of Subordinates in the Collector's Office—Standing Orders, Board of Revenue, No. 411, page 422.

lar Clerks are sent, it need be only for a month out of 12 months in a year. Under these circumstances, I do not think there is anything peculiar in South Canara to make it an exceptional case.

4. As there is, however, an increase in the number of Assistant Collectors, there being two at least, and sometimes three, in almost every District, and as these gentlemen are rapidly qualifying for high Magisterial and Revenue duties, and should have some special Clerk to attend to the work that must be given to each gentleman, and as my original scheme provided only for one Assistant, I would recommend that an additional Clerk, on 35 Rupees, may be allowed to each District, to meet, without difficulty, the additional requirements, unless, in the opinion of Government, there is a probability of not more than one qualified Junior Assistant being attached to each District. It seems probable that there will generally be two Assistants appointed in each District, in addition to the Head Assistant; and to enable them to render efficient service to Government, it is, perhaps, desirable to assign a good Clerk to each of them. This should, I think, prevent any inconvenience being felt on the part of the Collectors. The Assistants will always then be at liberty to go into the District, without drawing away any Clerk from his proper duties at Head Quarters. I would, therefore, under the altered circumstances of the service, recommend one additional Clerk being added to the Collector's Establishment, at a cost, for 19 Districts, of 665 Rupees per month, or 7980 Rupees per annum.

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From the Honorable C. PELLY, Member of the Board of Revenue, to W. M. CADELL, Esq., Collector of South Canara; dated 5th November 1866.

In reference to your letter to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 10th October last, No. 44, I have the honor to request you will show to what extent the Magisterial work will be increased, and why the work should not be so allotted between yourself, and your 2nd and 3rd Assistants, that the Establishment allowed in the sanctioned scale (12 Vernacular Clerks) might, without inconvenience attend to the whole. An immediate reply is requested.

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From W. M. CADELL, Esq., Collector of South Canara, to the Honorable C. PELLY, Member of the Board of Revenue; dated Mangalore, 15th November 1866, No. 216.

With reference to your letter, dated the 5th instant, No. 1992, I have the honor to state that, since the Principal Sudder Ameen was relieved of Criminal work, under the Order of Government, in the Judicial Department, dated the 11th June last, the Criminal work of my office has much increased, as all Criminal cases formerly committed to that Officer for trial are now sent up to me, as Magistrate of the District. Most of these cases are from their nature triable by a Magistrate with full powers, with which neither my 2nd or 3rd Assistant is invested. I have consequently no means of allotting the work between myself and my Assistants, as proposed by you, until one of the above Assistants is invested with the full powers of a Magistrate.

2. Of the 12 Vernacular Clerks attached to my office, the 1st is my Revenue Head Clerk, and the 2nd performs the duties of Magistrate's Clerk. Of the remaining 10—

1 is employed as an Assistant to the Record-keeper.

1 do. in the preparation of the Trade Returns and other work relating to the Sea Custom Department.

1 do. in keeping the General Register of correspondence received in the office.

1 do. in keeping office copies of papers despatched from the office.

1 is attached to the 2nd Assistant Collector in charge of the Mangalore Taluq.

1 do. to the 3rd Assistant Collector in charge of the Cassergode Taluq, and the remaining four are employed immediately under the Sheristadar, in the preparation of the Land Revenue Accounts, and in other miscellaneous work devolving on the Sheristadar's office.



3. The number of Clerks thus left under the Sheristadar is anything but sufficient for the heavy work devolving on that Officer, especially during the Jummabundy season, when he has to send a Clerk to each Taluq in advance, to prepare the Jummabundy accounts beforehand.

4. The Ministerial work in the office of the Assistant Collector to be invested with full powers of a Magistrate could well have been performed by one of my own Clerks, or those attached to the 2nd or 3rd Assistants, if these Officers could be made to hold their Cutcherries in the Huzur Office; but, owing to want of proper accommodation in it, they are obliged to sit in different buildings, and, as sometimes these Officers move about in the District on duty, the Ministerial work of their offices can only be done by separate Clerks attached to their respective offices.

5. The preparation of Calendars, Processes, &c., is not the only work which will devolve on the Clerk to be attached to the Assistant Magistrate with full powers. This servant will also have to take down depositions in Canarese, and to prepare the monthly and quarterly accounts to be rendered by the Assistant Magistrate, and as the Office will probably be placed in charge of a Taluq, he will also have to perform Revenue work under him, in addition to his Magisterial duties.

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No. 64. ORDER THEREON, 4th January 1867, No. 35.

Under the circumstances stated in the foregoing letter, the Governor in Council is pleased to sanction the entertainment of an additional Clerk, on 35 Rupees per monsem, in each of the 19 Collectorates, at an aggregate cost of 19 by 35 = 665 Rupees a month, or 12 by 665 = 7980 Rupees per annum.

(True Extract).

*Chief Secretary.*

To the Honorable C. Pelly.
" Revenue Department.
" Magistrate of
" Accountant General.

Revenue 1867 Dept.
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No. 65.

Proceedings in the
Land Department

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No. 197

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19th day 1867.

Sanctioning an
additional Clerk on Rs. 35
per mensem, in each of the
19 Collectorates

To the Board of Revenue Land Dept dated 19th January

No. 197 — 19 January

Without Order

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