Revenue (1897) Department.

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G.O., No. 2513

DATED 14th May

[Despatch Abstract.]

Approving & sanctioning Board's recommendation to increase the number of peons under the Dy. Coll.r on Weavers Relief from two to three & to raise the pay of two peons from Rs 7 to Rs 8.

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The Recommendation in para 1 is approved & sanctioned

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SUBJECT.

Passing orders on proposals for additional establishment &c. submitted by the Special Deputy Collector in charge of Weavers' Relief Operations.

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Establishment.—Passing orders on proposals for additional —, &c., submitted by the Special Deputy Collector in charge of Weavers' Relief Operations.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE
(REVENUE SETTLEMENT, LAND RECORDS AND AGRICULTURE).

READ—the following letter from M.R.Ry. S. RAMU IYER Avargal, Deputy Collector on Weavers' Relief Scheme, Deccan Districts, to the Secretary to the Commisssoner of Revenue Settlement and Director of the Department of Land Records and Agriculture, dated Camp, Adóni, 13th April 1897, Ref. on C. No. 3:—

With reference to paragraph 3 of B.P. (Rev. Sett., &c.), No. 293, dated the 8th instant, I have the honour to humbly make the following representations regarding the scale of establishment proposed for my office, in the hope that the Board may see fit to revise the same.

2. Of the two clerks proposed I think that one at least should be a man of much better qualifications than it is possible to get for Rs. 30 in the Deccan districts, and especially during this famine time when, owing to the large number of temporary appointments created in the several affected districts, unusual difficulty is being felt in securing competent hands for vacancies. I should have one clerk who is well up in accounts and is sufficiently educated and trained to master the rules relating to the several weaver relief schemes started at different centres, to intelligently examine and check the different registers and accounts maintained at each centre, and to assist me generally in the disposal of correspondence. The Board will, no doubt, be pleased to see that I cannot devote the necessary time for a full and detailed check of the accounts and registers of the several offices without detriment to the more important matters to which I have been called upon to devote my attention, and which involve the careful study of the several details of the scheme as worked in practice at each centre, the visiting of as many looms as possible at work, carefully observing and noting the various operations connected with the weaving, and ascertaining by inquiry and observation the adequacy or otherwise of the relief granted.

3. I, therefore, beg that the Board will recommend sanction for the entertainment of a clerk on Rs. 50 instead of on Rs. 30. This is no more than the pay which has been usually assigned to the Head Clerk given to Deputy Collectors on special duty, such as Inam, Forest Settlement., &c, and I hope that my proposal will not be considered extravagant, when it is remembered that the pay of Rs. 50 at this season of high prices with a tendency to go higher still represents actually much less than the nominal sum, and that the duties involve constant and costly travelling over four districts. Pending orders on this point, I have deferred the entertainment of a clerk on Rs. 30.

4. I submit further that the scale of menial establishment proposed for my office is also inadequate. It is nothing more than that sanctioned for Temporary Deputy Collectors appointed to relieve Divisional Officers of their ordinary duties, and who have little or no travelling to do. I need hardly say that the circumstances of my case are quite different. Being expected to be constantly in camp and move about rapidly over four districts, I cannot manage merely with a couple of peons. I shall have to send one peon from each camp in advance to the next, to keep things ready against my arrival. One has to be in charge of the office records and furniture, to make covers, gum them, mend pens, and in fact do the duties of the muchi and the attender, and to accompany the office establishment and records while on march. Therefore, I beg that I may be allowed three peons, which is the least number that has been to my knowledge usually sanctioned for offices entrusted with similar special duties, but with

more limited territorial jurisdiction. I also beg to propose that the pay of the peons should be fixed at Rs. 8 each. No taluk peon of any standing would care to accept a peonship in my office with the peculiar hardships which it involves, especially during this period of famine, for a paltry increase of one rupee. It is difficult to find unemployed private persons suited for a dhalayat's place, and even if one can be had, he would not care to accept an appointment in my office on Rs. 7. I may, in this connection, mention that Special Tahsildars for loans work, whose travelling does not extend beyond one taluk, have been allowed three peons on Rs. 7 each.

5. I beg also that the Board will be pleased to recommend the entertainment of a masalchi on Rs 6. In these parts the classes of people from whom peons are selected look upon it as derogatory to their social position to be required to do masalchi's duties, such as sweeping the office, dusting the furniture, making and supplying ink, and lighting the office and so on. For the rougher work of loading and unloading the records, stationery and furniture in marches by railway or by road, the services of a masalchi are specially required. I beg to further point out that a masalchi is usually allowed to a Deputy Collector on special duty.

6. I submit this communication direct to the Board, as it concerns my own office, and it does not relate to any particular district. I beg to be informed whether, in cases of this kind relating to my own office or myself, or, in other cases where the subject matter of the communication is of a general character, applicable to all the districts included in my sphere of duty, I may address the Board direct, or if not, through the Collector of what district I should send them. I presume that bills for the travelling allowance of myself and my establishment and the monthly detailed bill of contingent charges should be submitted direct to the Board.

7. I solicit the favour of early orders.

RESOLUTION—dated 4th May 1897, No. 337.

The Deputy Collector's proposal to increase the number of peons from two to three and to raise the pay of his peons from Rs. 7 to Rs. 8 is approved, and the sanction of Government is requested thereto.

2. The Board does not consider it necessary to raise the pay of the Head Clerk to Rs. 50. The Deputy Collector's work will consist almost entirely of inspection, and his reports and other correspondence should always be drafted with his own hand. The accounts and registers should be checked by himself and the Deputy Tahsildar appointed to assist him. Nor is there any necessity for the appointment of a masalchi, as the Deputy Collector has no fixed office building for the masalchi to attend to, and the additional peon proposed can do the rest of the work required of a masalchi.

3. The Deputy Collector should address the Board direct only in matters pertaining to his own office or to the general administration of relief relating to all the Deccan districts. Where his communications refer to any particular district, they should be sent through the Collector of that district. His bills may be submitted direct to the Board.

(True Copy and Extract.)

Famine Secretary.

To the Special Deputy Collector, Weavers' Relief Operations.
" Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
" Collectors of Deccan Districts.

Exd. C. M. Thumbuswamy.

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