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No. 243. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 5th December 1871, No. 4934 :—

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of the Godavery District, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Dowlaishweram, 10th November 1871, No. 359 :—

The inconvenient manner in which this district is at present divided into Local Fund Circles was brought to my notice shortly after I took charge of it, and I have now the honour to submit, for the consideration of the Board, a memorandum drawn up by Mr. Happell, my Head Assistant, whose local knowledge qualified him for the task, pointing out the objections to the present arrangement, and containing proposals for a redivision of the district by which the inconveniences now felt would be obviated. These proposals have my entire concurrence, and the Superintending Engineer, to whom I forwarded the memorandum for perusal, informs me that Mr. Happell's recommendations agree with those he has already submitted to Government. Major Fischer expresses a wish that the new arrangement may be carried out before another official year commences, for, as he remarks, "there is so much difficulty in working the Circles and Public Works Ranges as now constituted, it is most advisable to bring the matter to an issue before very great confusion takes place in the accounts both as regards collections and outlay."

2. An extract from Major Fischer's letter to Government, of which he has favoured me with a copy, is enclosed for the information of the Board.

Memorandum on the Division of the Godavery District into Local Fund Circles.

The present division of the district into Local Fund Circles is as inconvenient as it well could be. The Rajahmundry Circle contains more than two-thirds of the area of the district, but, formed as it is of one delta and four upland taluqs, its income is barely half that of the Cocanada Circle, and of course wholly insufficient for its requirements in roads alone.

2. In forming the circles no attention appears to have been paid to the geography of the district. The Godavery divides the district into two parts of nearly equal size, and since it is practically impossible to bridge it, it forms the natural terminus of all the roads which approach its banks from either side. But this great natural boundary has been entirely neglected in demarcating the circles. It runs through both cutting each of them into two distinct parts entirely disconnected, except officially, with each other, and having a close natural connexion with the parts of the other circle on the same side of the river.

3. If the Godavery were the boundary every road might have both its termini within the same circle—an obvious advantage. Each Local Fund Board is expected to study and understand the wants of its own circle only, and, therefore, the more independent and complete in itself that circle is the more likely are its wants to be properly understood and supplied. Many roads that will pass through portions of both circles as now constituted are required. Proposals for their construction will have to be made and discussed by both Boards. Should they differ in opinion conferences, inconvenient to the members and leading to endless waste of time, will have to be held.

4. The Board of Revenue in recommending the present circles appear to have thought it essential to have the whole of each revenue division in the same circle. I have hitherto been unable to discover any good reason why this should be so. Neither for the purposes of collection nor of expenditure are the revenue divisions in any sense units of the circle. The collections are brought to account by taluqs, and the expenditure by Public Works Ranges. It is, therefore, essential that the whole of each taluq should be in the same circle. It is also highly convenient to have the whole of a Public Works Range within the same circle. But no sort of inconvenience would arise

from having a part of a revenue division in one circle and the rest in another. There is nothing to prevent the officer in charge being a member of both circles, like the Collector and Superintending Engineer

5. In this district the Public Works Ranges are and must be determined by the position of the canals. As one system of canals is on one side of the Godavery, and another system on the other side, the ranges also must be bounded by the river.

6. To sum up, the present circles are as for possible from coinciding with the natural divisions of the district, portions of each are more closely connected with portions of the other circle than with each other; they do not coincide with Public Works Ranges by the officers in charge of which the greatest part of the funds is expended; two-thirds of the area are in one circle and two-thirds of the funds in the other; each circle will have to construct two distinct sets of roads, one on each side of the Godavery; each set independent of the other in the same circle, but dependent on one of the sets in the other circle.

7. I propose that the Vasishta, or western branch of the Godavery, be taken as the boundary of the circles. The first or the Cocanada Circle will then contain the two delta taluqs Ramachendrapuram, Amalapuram, the two upland taluqs, Rajahmundry and Peddapore, and the four Zemindary Divisions, Cocanada, Coringa, Pittapore, and Toonee, part of which is delta and part upland. The second or Ellore Circle will contain the three delta taluqs, Narsapore, Bhimavaram, and Tanuku, and the two upland taluqs, Ellore and Yernagudem. These circles will coincide with the Engineer's Ranges with the insignificant exception of the Nagaram Division of the Narsapore Taluq, which is and must remain in the Central Delta Range. They will both have sufficient funds, and will contain delta and upland lands in about the same proportion.

8. If the revenue divisions remain as they are, one taluq of the Sub-Division, Yernagudem, will be in the Ellore, and two, Rajahmundry and Peddapore, in the Cocanada Circle. The Sub-Collector may be Vice-President of the former, and an ordinary member of the latter circle.

(Signed) W. A. HAPPEL,
Acting Head Assistant Collector.

From Captain J. F. FISCHER, R. E., Acting Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Fort St. George, dated Dowlaishweram, 13th September 1871, No. 1863.

With reference to G. O. of the 1st instant, No. 2229, I have the honour to observe that, except in the Godavery District, the arrangement of the Local Fund Circles does not materially interfere with the Ranges of the Division.

2. In the Godavery District, the circles have been so arranged that, not only is it quite impossible to make them at all agree with the ranges as existing, but the collections are so unequal in the two, it will be absolutely necessary to make constantly transfers of funds from one to the other to utilize these fully in any one year, and I beg, therefore, to suggest that the circles be altered here and the ranges left as they are.

3. I would then divide the district into two circles, viz., Eastern and Western, the former to consist of two ranges and the following taluqs:—

Rajahmundry, Peddapore,	No. 6 Range.
Ramachendrapur, Cocanada, and Coringa including Pittapore and Toonee, Amalapur with Nagaram,	Containing Nos. 1 and 2 Ranges now constituting one range.

The latter will then be taken in two ranges with the taluqs of—

Yernagudem, Ellore,	Comprising No. 4 Range.
Tanookoo, Bheemavaram, Narsapore,	Comprising No. 3 Range.

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19th April 1872.

The circles would then agree very well with our ranges at the same time that the collections would be far more equitably distributed all over the district; the progress reports as now prepar ed would remain unaltered, and each Range Officer could furnish one to the Board.

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Submitted for the favourable consideration of Government.

2. Mr. Happell has shown good grounds for revising the division of the district.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) J. B. PENNINGTON,
Sub-Secretary.

Transferred to the Financial Department.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
12*th December* 1871.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

No. 244. ORDER THEREON, 19th April 1872, No. 541.

The Government have deferred passing orders on the foregoing papers relating to a reconstitution of the Local Fund Circles in the Godavery District as it was impossible, from the late date at which they were received, that the necessary arrangements could be completed before the close of the financial year, and it was therefore necessary, in order that the work might go on, to dispose of the budgets for 1872-73 on the basis of the existing division of the district.

2. The Governor in Council concurs with the District Officers and with the Board of Revenue in thinking that the circles should be rearranged so as to make the Godavery the boundary. As regards the sub-division of the amalgamated first and second ranges by the inclusion of the Nagaram Division in the Western Circle, it is a question between the inconvenience of separating expenditure, involved in Mr. Happell's proposal, and that of separating receipts involved in that of the Superintending Engineer. The Government decidedly think the former to be the less inconvenience, and accordingly approve Mr. Happell's recommendation that the western branch of the river should be taken as the boundary. The President is accordingly requested to take steps at once for the revision of the budgets for 1872-73, with reference to the proposed new circles. The grants made from Provincial Funds for the district will remain the same. It will also be necessary that the receipts and disbursements of 1871-72 should be reclassified; and the redistribution of the old balances (*vide* G. O., 14th March 1872, No. 315,) should be carried out and justified at the same time. When all is ready the President will submit the revised budgets and abstract accounts with a draft notification in modification of that issued under G. O., 9th May 1871, No. 619, Public, and revised lists of Members of the Local Boards. He will also report what should be the head-

quarters and place of meeting of the Western Board. The Government presume it should be Ellore.

(True Extract.)

W. HUDLESTON,
Officiating Chief Secretary.

To the Revenue Department.
,, Public Works Department.
,, Board of Revenue.
,, Collector of the Godavery District.
,, Accountant-General.
,, Inspector-General, Indian Medical Department.
,, Director of Public Instruction.
,, Sanitary Commissioner.

Exd. J. Wright

Govt. of {1872} Madras.

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To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,
&c., &c.,

Dated April, 19*th*.
Recd.

G. O., 19th April 1872, No. 541.

APRIL.
Nos. 243—244.

Passing orders on the papers relating to the re-constitution of the Local Fund Circles in the Godavery District.

No. 4,934.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 5th December 1871.

Read the following letter from H. E. SULLIVAN, Esq., Acting Collector of the Godavery District, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Dowlaiswaram, 10th November 1871, No. 359:—

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ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Memorandum drawn up by Acting Head-Assistant Collector.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.—Extract from Superintending Engineer's letter.

SUBMITTED for the favourable consideration of Government.

2. Mr. Happell has shown good grounds for revising the division of the District.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

J. B. Pennington
Sub-Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with two enclosures, to be returned.

Copy to the Acting Collector of the Godavery District.

Exd. G. A. Turton.

Financial Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following ~~letter~~ Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 5th December 1871 No 4,934.

Order thereon, 19 April 1872 No 947.

The Government have deferred framing orders on the foregoing Papers pending the introduction of a Bill to constitute Local Fund Circles in the Godavery District as it was considered that the Bill could be completed before the date at which they were desired, that the necessity arrangements could be completed before the close of the financial year, and it was thought there was no necessity for the proposed change which would otherwise involve considerable expense.

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PROCEEDINGS, 5TH DECEMBER 1871, No 4,934.

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No 947

DECEMBER.

No. 4,934.

Local Fund Circles—of Godavery District,—Letter from Collector forwarding Memo. drawn up by Mr Happell, Head Assistant Collector, pointing out objections to present arrangement of, and suggesting a re-division of District taking western branch of the Godavery river as boundary of the two circles into which District is divided, submitted to Government, for favorable consideration.

12 Dec. 71

Secy to Govt

I should like Mr Kobb to take Mr Ac Lockhart's letter. I am prepared to agree in favor of having only one Circle to the south of Godavery pending Settlement

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I am entirely in favor of the proposed change which would otherwise involve considerable expense in Travelling allowances.

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for 1872-73. on the basis of the existing division of the district.

2. The Governor in Council concurs with the District Officers and with the Board of Revenue that the circles should be rearranged so as to make the Godavery the boundary. As regards the sub division of the amalgamated first and second ranges by the inclusion of the Ragaram division in the western Circle it is a question between the inconvenience of separating expenditure, involved in Mr. Happell's proposal, and that of separating receipts involved in that of the Superintending Engineer. The Government decidely think the former to be the less inconvenience and accordingly approve Mr. Happells recommendation that the western branch of the river should be taken as the boundary. The President is accordingly requested to take steps at once for the revision of the budgets for 1872-73. with reference to the proposed new Circles. The grants made from Provincial funds for the district will remain the same. It will also be necessary that the receipts & disbursements of 1871-72. should be reclassified; and the re-distribution of the old balances (Vide G.O 14th March 72 No. 315) should be carried out and justified at the same time. When all is ready the President will submit the revised budgets & abstract Accounts with a draft notification in modification of that issued under G.O. 9th May 1871 No. 619 Public, and revised lists of members of the local boards.

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H.C.

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Nos. 243. 244.

Petitions or claims on the subject of claims to the reconstitution of the Local Fund Circle in the Godavery Dt.

To

The Revenue Departt.

" P. W. Departt.

" Board of Revenue

Collector of Godavery District

Accountant General.

Inspr. Genl. Medl. Departt.

Director of Public Instruction.

Sanitary Commissioner