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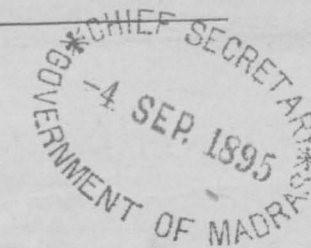
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Deputy Tahsildar of Bukkapatnam.

Approving, with certain remarks, the proposal to transfer the — to Penukonda, Anantapur district, as Stationary Sub-Magistrate; and requesting the Board to report what it proposes to do with the building occupied by the Deputy Tahsildar.

17TH AUGUST 1895, No. 561, REVENUE.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), dated 5th July 1895, Mis. No. 3340 :—

Read—the following letter from F. A. NICHOLSON, Esq., Collector of Anantapur, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue, dated 10th June 1895, Ref. on C. No. 2649 :—

I have the honour to lay the following matter before the Board.

2. The taluk of Penukonda comprises the division of a Deputy Tahsildar, whose head-quarters is at Bukkapatnam, a village only 16 miles from Penukonda, the taluk head-quarter station. I desire to lay before the Board the question whether it will not be better to abolish this officer as Deputy Tahsildar and to locate him at Penukonda as Stationary Sub-Magistrate, taking away from the Tahsildar his present magisterial powers, and making him a Revenue officer proper.

3. From a land revenue point of view I consider that the change will be very beneficial; instead of two persons—one, an itinerating Revenue officer with magisterial powers, and the other, a Magistrate with subordinate and not very important or not well-carried out revenue duties—we should have a Revenue officer unhampered by magisterial work and a Magistrate untrammelled by itinerating revenue duties. For most revenue purposes the ryots have to come to Penukonda, and for most purposes the Tahsildar has to visit all villages, whether within the Deputy Tahsildar's division or outside of it; hence the transfer of all revenue duties to the Tahsildar cannot be prejudicial to revenue work. As a matter of fact, of the villages comprised in the Deputy Tahsildar's division, those on the south-west are within a radius of 15 miles from Penukonda, and of the remaining villages, those on the north-eastern corner alone are at all far removed from the Kasba station and these have the advantage of being near Madigubba station of the South Indian Railway, which is connected with the Penukonda station on the Southern Mahratta Railway by the junction of the two lines at Dharmavaram. If the north-eastern corner, which is hilly and sparsely populated, be excluded, Penukonda is really the centre of the taluk.

4. The next question is whether the magisterial work now allotted to each of the Sub-Magistrates of Penukonda and Bukkapatnam can be efficiently carried out by a single Magistrate to be stationed at Penukonda. The subjoined table shows the total

number of cases tried by the Tahsildar and Sheristadar Magistrates, Penukonda, and the Deputy Tahsildar-Magistrate, Bukkapatnam :—

Courts.	Penal Code cases.				Petty cases.				Grand total.
	Sessions cases.	Warrant cases.	Summons cases.	Total.	Abkari.	Forest.	Other cases.	Total.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Tahsildar-Magistrate, Penukonda.	{ 1893 ..	31	20	51	16	33	3	52	103
	{ 1894 ..	25	13	41	6	14	..	20	61
Average ..	2	28	16	46	11	23	2	36	82
Sheristadar-Magistrate, Penukonda.	{ 1893 ..	25	18	43	1	..	113	114	157
	{ 1894 ..	14	34	49	..	..	76	76	125
Average ..	1	19	26	46	1	..	94	95	141
Deputy Tahsildar-Magistrate, Bukkapatnam.	{ 1893 ..	58	67	125	10	20	62	92	217
	{ 1894 ..	59	77	136	4	29	83	116	252
Average ..	..	59	72	131	7	25	72	104	235
Total ..									458

Leaving out the miscellaneous (Police Act, &c.) cases shown in column 8, which require very little time for their disposal, the Tahsildar had to try on an average only 80 cases, the Sheristadar-Magistrate 47 cases, and the Sub-Magistrate 163 a year. Even cases inclusive of numerous petty Abkari, Forest and Police Act cases, which do not in the main divisions of Gooty and Tadpatri taluks, where the total number brought up for trial is 518 and 543, respectively. As the Stationary Sub-Magistrates for these divisions of these taluks appear both against the Stationary Sub-Magistrates' courts and the courts of other Magistrates who exercised jurisdiction at the commencement of the year :—

Names of the Magistrates.	Total number of cases on the file in 1894.	Remarks.
<i>Anantapur.</i>		
Stationary Sub-Magistrate	315	The Court was working during the whole of the year.
<i>Gooty.</i>		
Stationary Sub-Magistrate	362	The Court was started from 1st March 1894.
Taluk Magistrate	118	
Sheristadar-Magistrate	3	
Sub-Registrar Magistrate	35	
Total ..	518	
<i>Tadpatri.</i>		
Stationary Sub-Magistrate	343	The Court was started from 5th June 1894.
Taluk Magistrate	80	
Sheristadar-Magistrate	120	
Total ..	543	

It is clear, then, that a single Sub-Magistrate stationed at Penukonda will, with only 458 cases per annum, have very light work indeed, just $1\frac{1}{4}$ cases per diem, of which 235, or about half, will be extremely petty cases, while many Penal Code cases will never come to trial. I have consulted the Superintendent of Police and he is of

opinion that it will be advantageous to have a Stationary Magistrate at head-quarters, even though some of the Police cases will have to travel somewhat farther than at present.

5. By the removal of the Deputy Tahsildar's office to Penukonda, some magisterial cases will have to travel a little farther. But on the other hand a large number, and those of the more important character, will no longer have to wander over the taluk after the itinerating Taluk Magistrate and after the Deputy Tahsildar when on circuit, to the annoyance and cost of parties, the waste of Police time and men, and the danger of escaping prisoners.

6. It must be remarked here that a sub-treasury was opened in 1889 at Bukkapatnam with the sanction of Government conveyed in G.O., No. 7454, dated 13th December 1888, communicated in Board's Proceedings, dated 9th January 1889, No. 65, for the sole convenience of the local Forest, Postal and Registration departments to enable them to make remittances into, and receive payments of salaries, &c., from, the sub-treasury with a view to avoid the risk of dealing with a sub-treasury (Penukonda), 16 miles distant from the station. As pointed out in the Accountant-General's letter, No. 138-1-D., dated 22nd February 1886, embodied in Board's

Proceedings, No. 598, dated 9th March 1886, the transactions of this sub-treasury are restricted to the receipts and disbursements relating to these departments, not even the kist collections being allowed to be remitted to it. The two marginally-noted statements show the total number and amount of such transactions relating to each department during the year from October 1893 to September 1894. The District Forest-officer is of course not in favour of the transfer of this office and states that its removal to Penukonda will result in much inconvenience to the Forest Department, as the transactions hitherto allowed at the Deputy Tahsildar's sub-treasury will have to be carried on with a distant treasury at Penukonda, and that the Forest cases too that may arise within the division will have to be taken to the same distance.

Statement showing receipts during the year under reference.

Name of the Department.	No. of transactions.	Amount of the transaction.
		RS. A. P.
Forest	99	1,261 9 2
Registration	80	621 8 7
Postal	87	3,057 6 6

Statement showing the disbursement during the year under reference.

Name of the Department.	No. of transactions.	Amount of disbursements.
		RS. A. P.
Forest	21	4,320 0 0
Registration	37	775 5 2
Postal	33	703 12 9

7. But I have to point out that, after all, the transactions are few and petty, that the distance from Penukonda is only 16 miles, which is far less than many forests and many villages from existing taluk treasuries in other taluks, and that the establishment of the sub-treasury at Bukkapatnam was but very recent and was due to the accident of there being already a Deputy Tahsildar's office at the place; the Deputy Tahsildar was not placed there for the convenience of the Forest and other departments, but being already there, a sub-treasury was opened for their pecuniary convenience. The small convenience caused to these departments by the sub-treasury and the small inconvenience caused by its removal are, to my mind, far outweighed by the greater convenience to the public in the disposal of magisterial cases and in the proper inspection and disposal of land revenue work, while taluk treasury transactions will be simplified by the abolition of this petty sub-treasury.

8. As regards the objection of the District Forest-officer about the trial of Forest cases, it may be observed from the statement given under paragraph 4 that the forest files of the Tahsildar-Magistrate and the Deputy Tahsildar Magistrate are fairly equal and individually small, and that, as the prosecuting agency is the same, it would really be more advantageous and convenient to take the cases to a single non-itinerating Magistrate than to two different courts, both of which are, or should be, constantly on the move.

9. Under these circumstances, I have the honour to propose that the Deputy Tahsildar's office at Bukkapatnam may be transferred to Penukonda, making the

Deputy Tahsildar a Stationary Sub-Magistrate. This proposal will not only not entail any extra expenditure, but there will be an actual saving of Rs. 15 as shown below, which may be utilized to improve the taluk staff:—

Present Deputy Tahsildar's establishment.

Designation of the Staff.	Pay. RS.
1. Deputy Tahsildar	100
2. Head Clerk	15
3. Second Clerk	15
4. Shroff	10
Total	140

Proposed Stationary Sub-Magistrate's establishment.

Designation.	Pay. RS.
1. Stationary Sub-Magistrate ...	100
2. Head Clerk	20
3. Second Clerk	15
Total	135

To this saving of Rs. 5 must be added a further saving of Rs. 10, being the difference between the pay of a Taluk Sheristadar and the pay of a Taluk Head Accountant when the taluk is provided with a Stationary Sub-Magistrate; hence a saving of Rupees 15. With this saving the taluk head gumastah's pay may be increased to Rs. 30 and another gumastah on Rs. 15 may be provided with Rs. 20, besides the second or cash gumastah on Rs. 20.

Resolution—dated 5th July 1895, Mis. No. 3340.

In the paper read above, the Collector of Anantapur proposes that the Deputy Tahsildar of Bukkapatnam, Penukonda taluk, should be abolished, the Deputy Tahsildar being transferred to Penukonda, the taluk head-quarters, as Stationary Sub-Magistrate and the Taluk Sheristadar being made a Taluk Head Accountant as is usual in such cases. The reasons given by Mr. Nicholson appear to the Board to justify the change, and the proposals will accordingly be submitted to Government with the following remarks.

2. Mr. Nicholson shows that the Stationary Sub-Magistrate will, in the event of the scheme being adopted, have only 458 cases on an average during the year to deal with, while the Tahsildar, being relieved entirely of magisterial work, will be free to move about his taluk. The only objection to these arrangements from an administrative point of view is the distance from Penukonda of the villages situated at the north-eastern corner of the taluk. Mr. Nicholson points out that these villages are sparsely populated, and that being near Maddigubba Railway station they have the advantage of railway communication with Penukonda *via* Dharmavaram junction. The villages to the south and west of Bukkapatnam are fairly near to Penukonda (within 16 miles in any case), and the difficulty on account of distance does not arise in regard to them. A survey map drawn to the scale of an inch to a mile accompanies the record.

3. The removal of the Deputy Tahsildar from Bukkapatnam will entail the closing of the sub-treasury at that station which is now maintained for the convenience of the Forest, Postal and Registration departments. The Postal and Registration departments can arrange to provide temporary custody for their money by means of iron safes, as is being done in similar cases elsewhere. There is at present no information in the Board's office about the forest receipts at Bukkapatnam, but the Board does not think that any serious inconvenience will be caused by the proposed change.

4. A saving of Rs. 20 will, as shown below, result from the changes proposed by the Collector:—

Pay of shroff now attached to Deputy Tahsildar's Treasury	RS. 10
Difference between pay of Taluk Sheristadar and Taluk Head Accountant	10
Total	20

Out of this saving the Collector proposes to add Rs. 5 to the pay of the Head clerk of the Deputy Tahsildar (the future Stationary Sub-Magistrate) and to make it Rs. 20. This is a change which has been approved in many other cases, and it is therefore recommended for the sanction of Government.

5. Of the remaining Rs. 15 the Collector proposes to utilize Rs. 10 for improving the pay of the taluk head gumastah, making it Rs. 30 instead of Rs. 20, and Rs. 5 for raising another taluk gumastah's pay from Rs. 15 to Rs. 20.

6. The existing and proposed rates of pay of the Penukonda taluk establishment compare with each other and with those given in the Honourable Mr. Garstin's scheme as shown below:—

Existing scale.			Proposed scale.			Mr. Garstin's scheme.		
1	Tahsildar	150	1	Tahsildar	150	1	Tahsildar	150
1	Sheristadar	60	1	Head Accountant	50	1	Head-Accountant.. ..	50
1	Revenue Inspector	40	1	Revenue Inspector	40	1	Revenue Inspector	40
2	Revenue Inspectors	70	2	Revenue Inspectors	70	2	Revenue Inspectors	70
2	Gumastahs	40	1	Gumastah	30	1	Gumastah	30
6	Do.	90	2	Gumastahs	40	1	Do.	25
1	Shroff	15	5	Do.	75	2	Gumastahs	45
1	Duffarbund	7	1	Shroff	15	2	Do.	40
1	Duffadar	8	1	Duffarbund	7	2	Do.	35
21	Peons	126	1	Duffadar	8	1	Gumastah	15
1	Masalchi	5	21	Peons	126	1	Shroff	18
1	Sweeper	5	1	Masalchi	5	1	Duffarbund	7
			1	Sweeper	5	1	Muchi	7
						1	Duffadar	8
						21	Peons	126
						1	Masalchi	5
						1	Sweeper	5
39	Total	616	39	Total	621	41	Total	676
<i>Bukkapatnam Deputy Tahsildar's Establishment.</i>			<i>Penukonda Stationary Sub-Magistrate's Establishment.</i>			<i>Bukkapatnam Deputy Tahsildar's office.</i>		
1	Deputy Tahsildar	100	1	Stationary Sub-Magistrate..	100	1	Deputy Tahsildar	80
2	Gumastahs	30	1	Gumastah	20	1	Gumastah	20
1	Shroff	10	1	Do.	15	1	Do.	15
1	Duffarbund	7	1	Duffarbund	7	1	Duffarbund	7
2	Peons	12	2	Peons	12	2	Peons	12
1	Masalchi	5	1	Masalchi	5	1	Masalchi	5
8	Total	164	7	Total	159	7	Total	139
47	Grand Total	780	46	Grand Total	780	48	Grand Total	815

7. The Government has already approved of Mr. Nicholson's proposal to depart from the usual taluk scale in the case of the newly-constituted Kalyandrug taluk and the reasons adduced on that occasion may be cited also in support of the present proposals.

8. The masalchi of the Deputy Tahsildar's office will not be required after the transfer of the Deputy Tahsildar to the Taluk office, where there is already a masalchi as well as a sweeper. There will thus be an unappropriated saving of Rs. 5 under this head to which the Collector's attention will be drawn.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. C. C. CARR,
Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
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FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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17TH AUGUST 1895, No. 561, REVENUE.

READ—also the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), dated 24th July 1895, Mis. No. 3694:—

Read—the following letter from A. C. TATE, Esq., Acting Collector of Anantapur, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue, Madras, dated 17th July 1895, Ref. on C. No. 2649:—

With reference to paragraph 8 of Board's Proceedings, Mis. No. 3340, dated the 5th current, I have the honour to state that the savings of Rs. 5 may be utilized in raising the pay of one of the two Rs. 20 gumastahs to Rs. 25, as Mr. Garstin's scheme allows a Rs. 25 hand for the Taluk offices.

Resolution—dated 24th July 1895, Mis. No. 3694.

Submitted to Government, in continuation of Board's Proceedings, Mis. No. 3340, dated 5th July 1895.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) L. M. WYNCH,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

ORDER—dated 17th August 1895, No. 561, Revenue.

Miscellaneous.

The proposal to transfer the Deputy Tahsildar of Bukkapatnam to Penukonda as Stationary Sub-Magistrate, and to

utilize a portion of the savings consequent on the transfer in raising the pay of his clerk by Rs. 5, is approved.

2. Penukonda being, however, a light taluk, the Government is of opinion that it is unnecessary to raise the pay of any of the taluk gumastahs in that Tahsildar's office and, pending the general revision of taluk establishment, the saving now proposed might remain unappropriated. If, however, the Board considers that it might be utilized at once, this could be effected by improving the pay of gumastahs in some heavy taluk, perhaps in another district such as Tanjore.

3. The Board will be requested to report in what taluk the money available can best be spent and what it proposes to do with the building now occupied by the Deputy Tahsildar at Bukkapatnam.

(True Extract.)

L. M. Wynch
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), with two enclosures.
" the Accountant-General.
" the Judicial Department.
" the Financial Department.

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