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Read again the following letter from the Collector of Coimbatore.

(*Here enter 22nd July* 1837, No. 38.)

No. 11. Read the following letter from C. F. CHAMIER, Esq., Acting Register to the Court of Sudr Udalut; to E. MALTBY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government, dated 7th August 1837, No. 79.

SIR,

I am directed by the *Judges* of the Sudr Udalut to transmit, for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, the accompanying copy of a letter, dated 11th April 1837, from the Acting Collector of Malabar, to which is attached a sketch prepared in accordance with the request contained in their letter of the 8th April, copy of which is also forwarded. The sketch in question appears to define clearly the limits proposed to be assigned to the jurisdiction of the Principal Sudr Ameen. The *Judges* find from a letter, dated 29th *July*, received from the Collector of Coimbatore, that, that officer has furnished to the Government direct, the information called for in para. 2 of the Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, under date the 27th February 1837.

(Signed) C. F. CHAMIER,
Acting Register.

From GEORGE ELLIS, Esq., Register to the Court of Sudr Udalut; to W. ROBINSON, Esq., Acting Collector of Malabar, dated 8th April 1837.

SIR,

With reference to the Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, dated the 27th February 1837, No. 246, I am directed by the *Judges* of the Court of Sudr Udalut, to request you will state whether, in order to define as accurately as possible, the limits of the jurisdiction of the Principal Sudr Ameen of Ootacamund, you can draw a clear line that would, on the Malabar side, include the Neilgherry high-lands (i. e. the table-land of a certain height, say 4,500 or 5,000 feet above the sea) and the Sepoor villages, but exclude all Wynaad, except those parts which naturally form part of the Neilgherry table-land.

(Signed) G. ELLIS,
Register.

From W. ROBINSON, Esq., Acting Collector of Malabar; to G. ELLIS, Esq., Register to the Court of Sudr Udalut, Madras, dated Calicut, 11th April 1837, No. 1074.

SIR,

With reference to your letter, dated 8th Instant, I have the honor to submit a sketch, illustrative of the line of demarcation which would meet the wishes of the Court, and assign to the Principal Sudr Ameen of Ootacamund, the Neilgherry high-lands. It runs by Makoorty and Neilgherry peaks along the top of the slope into Wynaad by the top of the Nedwattom ghat (from Goodaloor to Ootacamund), and running down to the Pycarra river which here becomes the boundary between Coimbatore and Malabar.

2. The line (I am well acquainted with the country) is well defined by the unmistakeable features of nature.

3. The line still assigns to Ootacamund, the jurisdiction of wild unpeopled fastnesses between Nedwattom and Pycarra river, which though uninhabited, are claimed by the Nellambore Rajah, as belonging to the Nambolikode Amshom of Wynaad.

4. The Sepoor villages belong to the Coimbatore District.

(Signed) W. ROBINSON,
Acting Collector.

(True Copies.)

(Signed) C. F. CHAMIER,
Acting Register.

No. 12. ORDER THEREON, No. 1195; dated 17th September 1857.

The subject to which these papers have reference, viz., the limits to be assigned to the Principal Sudder Ameen's Court, *Ootacamund*, the jurisdiction of which the Government have been pressed on all sides to extend, was fully discussed in EXTRACT MINUTES CONSULTATION, No. 796, under date the 27th February last. Before, however, coming to a final decision, the Government resolved to call for certain information. *First*, the Sudder Udalut were to ascertain from the Acting Collector of *Malabar*, whether any of the objections advanced in his letter to Government, No. 18, dated 10th February 1857, applied to the line as they had drawn it, from *Soondapatty* to *Gooddaloor*. *Secondly*, the authorities in *Coimbatore* were requested to define the present boundaries of so much of that district as now pertains to the jurisdiction of the Court, and to state the number of villages and amount of population below the hills, which would, under the extension proposed, be included within the same. This information was to be accompanied by a Map.

2. The above returns have now been furnished.

3. The objections of Mr. Robinson to the boundary suggested by his predecessor were, that, by including to the west the *slopes* of the hills, the Government would render subject to the jurisdiction of a *Tamil* Court, in a country where their laws, language and peculiar customs are entirely unknown, many hundreds of the people of Malabar, to whom the journey to *Ootacamund* would of itself, from the difference of climate in the tract to be traversed, prove a very serious hardship and injury. On a reference from the Sudder Udalut, he has now submitted a sketch Map, with a line—almost identical with that drawn by the Sudder—which he describes as follows: "It runs from *Mukourty* and *Neilgherry* peaks, along the top of the *slope* into *Wynaad* by the top of the *Nedeavattom* Ghaut (from *Gooddaloor* to *Ootacamund*) and runs down to the *Tygoor* river, which here becomes the boundary between *Coimbatore* and *Malabar*." To the rest of the boundary, that delineated from *Mukourty*, southwards, to *Kiagoor* (Goldial Hill) and from that to *Soondapatty*, no objections have ever been raised.

4. Before however passing final orders on the proposal for extending the jurisdiction of the Principal Sudr Ameen's Court at Ootacamund in the manner described in these papers, the Government wish for information as to the number of villages and amount of population which will be newly brought under that Court. They also desire to know what the number of their inhabitants and whether they wish for the change, since it would apparently be a hardship to oblige the people of the plains to attend a Court on the summit of the hills whenever they had judicial business. This consideration applies particularly to the villages below the hills on the northern side between Soondapatty and Dunaikonottah, which appear to be within easier reach of Coimbatore than Ootacamund.

5. Before therefore extending the jurisdiction of the Principal Sudder Ameen's Court beyond the plateau of the hills, and thus subjecting the Villagers below to the opposite inconvenience of ascending the pass and encountering a cold climate, the Government wish the Collector and Magistrate to report fully on the subject, and state whether the proposed arrangement is acceptable to them.

(Signed) E. MALTBY,
Acting Chief Secretary.

Rod. F. Cartledge.



Fin. Sec. Dept

No 1195

E. M. C. D/17th Sept 1857.

Rec'd again the following Letters from the Collector of Coimbatore } here enter No 38 D/22d July /57.

Rec'd also the following Letters from the Sudder Adalut } here enter No 79 D/7th August /57.

The subject to which these papers have reference, viz, the limits to be assigned to the P. A. Court, &c

Examined, the jurisdiction of the Govt have been pressed on all sides to be such, was fully discussed in E. M. C. No 246. under date the 27th February last.

Before, however, coming to a final decision, the Govt wished to call for certain information.

First, the Sudder Adalut were to obtain from the acting Collr of Coimbatore whatever any of the Native Officers advanced in his Letter Govt No 18 D/10th February by objected to the line, as they had drawn it, from Tondapadi by Gundalore. Secondly, the whole

- tries in Coimbatore were requested to define the precise boundaries of the tracts of the district at various periods subject to the jurisdiction of the Courts, and to state the number of villages and amount of population below the hills, which would, under the extension proposed, be included within the same. This information was to be accompanied by a Map.

2. The above returns have never been furnished.

3. The objections of Mr Morrison to the boundary suggested by his predecessors was, that, by including in the tract the slopes of the hills, the Govt would undertake subject to the jurisdiction of the Tamil Courts, in a country where their laws, language and practices and terms are entirely unknown, many hundreds of the hill people of Malabar, to whom the journey to Ootacamund would be useless,

from the difference of climate in the tracts to be traversed, from the very several Landlords & Superiors or a reference from the Judges Yesterday he has now entrusted a sketch map, with a line as he most desirable with to be drawn by the Judges, which he describes as follows. "It runs from Mukkurty and Nilgherry peaks, along the top of the slopes into Wynaad by the top of the Moderatore Ghaut (from Gudalore to Ootacamund) down to the Pycara river, which has become the boundary between Coimbatore & Malabar". To be not the boundary, but delineated from Mukkurty, southwards, to Sispara (Gulikal hill) and from that to Poondapanthy, no objections have been raised.

Vide Para 5 see letter of 5th Feb

Mr Brown the point where the proposed line meets the Pycara river, the boundary of the Coimbatore district - but is followed till Tiroppaendo

is approached, when it
is again carried into the Madura
district, the route till it reach
the Mayaveram river, the course of
which it follows till the confluence
of that stream with the
Bhavani near Bemarakeeriet-
tah, when it is carried along
the banks of the Cauvery river, to
Soondapetty.

5. The office situation of the R.C.
Catechist, Mr. Lascelles and others, at
Dindigul, will still belong to the juris-
diction of the Courts in Madura.

6. The Coimbatore, twelve villages &
hamlets taken by the Hills, with a popu-
lation estimated at 2278 will
be brought within the range of the order
Command Courts.

7. The Govt approve the extension of
the P.C.A. Court as set forth in Para
graphs above. They resolve to transmit the
list of Coimbatore villages furnished
by the Collector to the Hillmen Assistant, who
will prepare a similar list from the
Asst. Collector of Madura for those hamlets
which are included in the limits now
determined on, as extending into that dis-
trict, and finally submit a Form of
Notification for insertion in the Gazette.

By Order &c
C. Lushington Sec. to Govt

4. Before disposing finally of the
proposal for extending the jurisdiction
of the Provincial Judge's Courts
at Dindigul in the manner
sketched in these papers, the Govt
wish for information as to the number
of Villages in the Coimbatore District
which will be newly brought under
that Court. - They also desire to
know what the proportion of
Villages is, and whether they
think that
would apparently be a hardship to
oblige the parties of the plaints to
attend a Court at the Summit of
the Hills whenever they had judicial
business. - Also consideration
appears particularly to the Villages
below the Hills in the Pattaram
side between Soondapetty & Damaker-
cottah, which appear within easier

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each of Coimbatore than
Pottacamund -

5 - Before therefore considering
the Jamabundee of the Revd Mr
Diocese Court beyond the Return
of the Hills and thus subjecting
the Villages below to the present
heavier, of according the Petition
& encouraging a cold climate
the Govt wish the Collr & Judge
to report fully on the subject
& state whether the proposed
arrangement is acceptable to
them

To the Sec to the Govt of Madras
&c &c Magistrate of Coimbatore

Dated 23d

Judicial Letter to Engd
7th Sept. No. 13 of 1857.
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