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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 10th November 1857.

No. 12. Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Revenue Department, dated 22nd October 1857, No. 1080.

Read the following papers.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Judicial Department.

Transferring a letter from the Sudder Udalt Court, containing certain arrangements regarding the establishment of a new Zillah Court at Kurnool. } (Here enter 26th February 1857, No. 239.)

From the Board of Revenue.

Reporting on the subject of the revision of the District establishment of Kurnool, with reference to the proposed formation of that Province into a new Collectorate. } (Here enter 3rd September 1857, No. 2931.)

1. These papers relate to the Judicial and Revenue Establishments which it will be necessary to organize, consequent on the formation of Kurnool into a Zillah and Collectorate, with portions of the adjoining Districts of Cuddapah and Bellary.

2. The proposition for the formation of Kurnool into a Zillah and Collectorate, was submitted to the Government of India, in a letter dated 27th April 1855, No. 498. It was then contemplated that only the talooks of Punchapolliem in Bellary, and Koilgoontla in Cuddapah, should be added to the Province of Kurnool; and it was intimated that the additional annual expense which the arrangement would involve, would be Rupees 49,694 as shown below.

	Rs.	A.	P.
Salary of Judge...	2,333	5	4
Do. of Collector...	2,333	5	4
Do. of Head Assistant, being the difference between the pay of that office and that of an Assistant...	208	0	0
	4,874	10	8
Deduct salary of the Agent...	2,000	0	0
	2,874	10	8
Judicial Establishment...	423	0	0
Revenue do. ...	843	8	0
Per mensem...	4,141	2	8
		12	
	49,694	0	0

3. The plan proposed by this Government was objected to, on the score of expense, by the Government of India,* who suggested that Kurnool with such additions as might be thought expedient, should be constituted a Sub-Collectorate, and that a Principal Sudr Ameen's Court should be established for the new District. In this proposition the Madras Government, for the reasons fully stated in their reply, dated 12th January 1856, expressed their inability to concur; and the Government of India thereupon intimated,† that they would refer the plan proposed by this Government for the favorable consideration of the Honorable Court, who accordingly, in a Despatch dated 8th October 1856, No. 12, sanctioned the formation of Kurnool into a regular Zillah and Collectorate.

4. With reference to this Despatch, of which a copy was forwarded by the Honorable Court for the information of this Government, the Supreme Government requested* to be furnished with a detailed scheme of the requisite establishment; and as this Government had resolved, on further consideration, to transfer to Kurnool two other talooks from Cuddapah, viz., those of Doopaud and Cumbum, the Sudr Udalt and the Board of Revenue were respectively† requested to re-consider the question of establishments, in advertence to this proposed enlargement of the limits of Kurnool, and with reference to the remarks of the Honorable Court, and to report whether the establishments of Bellary and Cuddapah could be at all reduced in consequence of the diminution in the extent of those Districts.

*Letter dated 13th November 1855, No. 1464.

† 28th February 1856, No. 370.

* 27th November 1856, No. 1543.

† Ex M. C. 7th January 1857, No. 29.

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5. The Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Judicial Department, above recorded, transfers to this Department the reply of the Sudr Udalut, and approves of the arrangements therein suggested regarding the establishment required for the new Zillah. It remains therefore to consider the propositions of the Board of Revenue, relative to the requisite establishment for the Collectorate of Kurnool.

District.	Present re-venues.	Revenue of talooks withdrawn.	Revenue under new arrangement.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Bellary.....	24,68,518	1,80,815	22,87,703
Cuddapah.....	24,70,338	5,00,930	19,69,408
Kurnool.....	8,45,465		15,27,210

represent the difference between the cost of the present establishment of Kurnool, and that approved by Government in Extract from the Minutes of Consultation of the 17th February 1855, when only two talooks were to be added to that Province, to be Rupees 711-8-0 per mensem, omitting the Mahramut Department; but the actual difference was Rupees 712-4- $\frac{1}{2}$ or if the proposed increase in the Mahramut Department be added, Rupees 812-4, as stated in that Extract. The Board appear also to have overlooked the omissions subsequently supplied by the Acting Agent, and brought to notice in their proceedings of the 5th April 1855, by which the difference was augmented to Rupees 843-8, including the increase in the Mahramut Department, and which was stated to be the additional amount required in the letter to the Government of India of the 27th April 1855. The establishment now proposed by the Officiating Agent, amount to Rupees 3,252, or Rupees 1,315 in excess of present expenditure.

+ Approved in Ex. Mins. Cons. 17th February 1855.....	Rs. A. P.
Present establishment.....	2,649 0 0
.....	1,936 12 0
Increase in Mahramut Department.....	712 4 0
.....	100 0 0
.....	812 4 0
§ Revenue establishment.....	Rs.
Magistrate.....	2,574
Press.....	598
.....	80
Amount proposed.....	3,252
Present establishment.....	1,937
.....	1,315

7. The Board consider the Revenue portion of the new establishment, which, with the servants to be attached to the proposed printing office, amounts to Rupees 2,654, $\frac{1}{2}$ to be large, as compared with the establishments of other districts; and they state that they are inclined to suggest various reductions in order to approximate it with those establishments. But before proceeding to detail the reductions they would recommend, they advert to the mode in which the tabular statement, submitted by the Officiating Agent, is drawn up, exhibiting each department separately; and this arrangement they consider undesirable, when carried to the extent of assigning every servant in an office to some particular department. They therefore propose to divide the Cutcherry establishment into certain departments, and, assigning a head and deputy to each, to class the other ministerial servants together, with some few exceptions; and this arrangement they have adopted in the tabular statement which accompanies their proceedings.

¶ Revenue establishment.....	Rs.
Press do.....	2,574
.....	80
.....	2,654

8. The Government have considered the arrangement advocated by the Board, but they are unable to see its advantages. When no establishment in a Cutcherry is fixed, the head of each particular department; and this state of things is likely to create dissatisfaction, and to impede the business of the office. Besides, the advantages which the Board anticipate from the arrangement, are not very great. They are, 1st, that the Collector will thus be enabled to apportion his writers and goomastahs to the several departments at his discretion; and 2ndly, that the transfer of all the departments, but this, the Government apprehend, is far more likely to lead to their being well qualified in none. It appears to them therefore that it will be preferable to leave the arrangement that now obtains, unchanged.

9. The Government proceed to notice the alterations and reductions suggested by the Board in the establishment proposed by the Collector. The Board recommend that the pay of the

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Naib Sheristadar should be fixed at 150 Rupees, being 10 Rupees, more than he now receives and 25 Rupees less than the amount proposed by the Officiating Agent. But the Government regret that, under the orders of the Honorable Court against the augmentation of the individual salaries of the present establishment, they cannot recommend the proposed increase to the Government of India. For the same reason, they are unable to assent to the increase proposed to the salaries of the Head Accountant, the Head Writer, and the Deputy Moonshee. The only case in which they are of opinion that an exception may be admitted, is that of the Cash-keeper or Treasurer, whose duties will be more onerous and more responsible than they are at present; and 100 Rupees a month, as proposed by the Officiating Agent, will not be more than ought fairly to be given to a servant, through whose hands there will annually pass the sum of 15,27,000 Rupees. For the same reason, the Government will not object to the increase of 10 Rupees proposed by the Board to be given to the Head Shroff, who is to be termed Deputy Cash-keeper or Treasurer. The Record Department is obviously on an inefficient footing, and the Government approve of its being modified as suggested by the Board.

10. The number of Moonshees, Goomastahs and Writers, proposed by the Officiating Agent, are reduced by the Board from 43 servants, with an aggregate salary of Rupees 957 to 40, with a salary of Rupees 860. The Peon establishment the Board consider to be unnecessarily large, and they propose reducing the number from 53, at a cost of Rupees 374, to 30, at a cost of Rupees 206. The Board also reduce the number of miscellaneous servants proposed by the Agent from 16 to 11, at a saving of 18 Rupees. In the Printing Establishment, they consider that it will be sufficient for the present to entertain a Foreman on 25 Rupees per mensem, leaving the general supervision of the Press to be undertaken by the Head Accountant or Writer.

11. In the Magisterial Department, the Board have reduced the establishment proposed by the Officiating Agent from Rupees 598 to Rupees 463-8-0. Both the Agent and the Board have assigned a Jemadar to this department, but as one has been allotted to the Revenue Department, the Government consider two servants of this grade to be unnecessary. One Jemadar should have the supervision of all the peons in both departments.

12. With the exceptions noticed by Government, the arrangement, as regards number and salaries, proposed by the Board, is judicious, and sufficient for the object in view. But for the reasons stated in a preceding para., the Government are of opinion that the Writers, Goomastahs and Moonshees, being 40 servants in all, should be allotted to the several departments of Sheristah, English, Moonshee and Treasury; and the Government would suggest the following arrangement.

ö	Sheristah.	ö	English.	ö	Moonshee.	ö	Treasury.
	Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.
1	Head Goomastah. 40	1	Writer.... 35	1	Per Hd. Moonshee. 50	1	Head Goomastah. 35
1	Goomastah... 30	1	Do. 30	1	Do. Dy. do. ... 25	2	Goomastahs at 20. 40
4	Goomastahs at 25. 100	1	Do. 25	1	Do. Goomastah 20	2	Do. at 15. 30
6	Do. at 20. 120	3	Do. at 20. 60	2	Goomastahs at 20. 40		
6	Do. at 15. 90	2	Do. at 15. 30	4	Do. at 15. 60		
18	380	8	180	9	195	5	105

13. The 11 Miscellaneous servants proposed by the Board may also be allotted to those departments, as under.

Sheristah.	English.	Moonshee.	Treasury.
1 Ructwan...	1 Head Moochee.	1 Mussaljee...	1 Ructwan...
1 Mussaljee..	2 Asst. do.	1 Dufterbund	1 Sweeper....
1 Sweeper....			
1 Dufterbund			
4	3	2	2

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Rev. Est. proposed by Board.....	Rs.
Deduct	2,208.
Increase to Naib Sheristadar's pay.....	10
To pay of Head Accountant.....	15
Head Writer.....	15
Deputy Moonshee.....	5
	— 45
Add increase to pay of Cashkeeper.....	2,163
Rev. Est. as modified by Government.....	20
	2,183
Difference.....	25

14. The establishment proposed by the Board for the Revenue Department, amounts to Rupees 2,208. Deducting the difference between the increase to the pay of certain servants disallowed by Government, and the increase to the pay of the Cashkeeper proposed by the Agent, and specially admitted, the establishment for the Revenue Department, as modified by Government, is Rupees 25 below that proposed by the Board, as shown in the margin.

In the Magisterial Department, a Jemadar has been disallowed by Government as being unnecessary, and the cost of that establishment is in consequence reduced from Rupees 463-8 to Rupees 443-8. The total additional establishment for which sanction is required, including that proposed for the Press, is Rupees 744-8 per mensem, as shown below.

	Rs.	A.	P.
Revenue Department...	2,183	0	0
Magisterial...	443	8	0
Press...	55	0	0
	2,681	8	0
Present establishment...	1,937	0	0
Increase...	744	8	0

15. In para. 25 the Board advert to the question whether any reduction, can be made in the establishments of Cuddapah and Bellary, in consequence of the proposed diminution in the extent of those districts, and express their concurrence in the opinion of the Collector that no reduction can be made in the former district. In this opinion the Government entirely coincide. Cuddapah is manifestly underserved, as brought to notice in the Board's proceedings of the 6th September 1856, in which it was proposed to increase the number of Carpoons in that District, by taking them from Bellary, Nellore and Guntoor. But the case is different as regards Bellary, which is known to have a large establishment, and the Government concur with the Board that the reduction of 300 Rupees per mensem proposed by them in para. 26, may safely be effected, after the present alteration of assessment has been carried out.

16. With reference to the enquiry in para. 28, the Government have no intention of abolishing the office of Sub-Collector of Cuddapah. Even without the three talooks now to be united to Kurnool, it will be a very extensive Province; and bordering, as it does, on six other Provinces, is peculiarly exposed to the incursions of gangs of robbers. To form Kurnool into a Collectorate, and to abolish the Sub-Collectorate of Cuddapah, would be only making the former Province efficient at the expense of the latter. The only change necessary will be the allotment of a new charge to the Sub-Collector; and the Government would recommend that he should undertake the southern talooks of the district, as most remote from the Collector's personal superintendence. The country forming the Balaghat of Cuddapah would make a very distinct and convenient charge.

17. The Government resolve to forward a copy of the Sudr Udalut's, and of the Board's proceedings, together with a transcript of this Minute, to the Government of India, with a request that sanction may be granted for the formation of Kurnool into a Collectorate, with additions from the adjoining districts of Cuddapah and Bellary, and that under the provisions of Section LIII, Act VII of 1843, authority may be granted for the establishment likewise of a Civil and Sessions Court at Nundial; the entire additional expenditure involved in these arrangements being Rupees 37,602 per annum, as shown below.

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				Rs.
Vide para. 8 of Honorable Court's } Salary of Collector... ..				2,000
Despatch, No. 12 of 1856. } Do. Judge				2,000
	Do. of Head Assistant, being the difference between the pay of that office and that of an Assistant... ..			208
				4,208
	Deduct salary of the present Agent...			2,000
				2,208
	For officers... ..		0	0
	Revenue, Magisterial and Press establishment... ..	744	8	0
	Judicial establishment... ..	181	0	0
	Increase per mensem... ..	3,133	8	0
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	Increase per annum... ..	37,602	0	0

18. In their letter of the 13th November 1854,* the Sudr Udalut have recommended that the new Court be constituted according to the provisions of Section XLV of Act VII of 1843, "The Civil and Session Judge being authorized to exercise the Civil and Criminal jurisdiction assigned to the Subordinate Civil and Criminal Courts constituted according to Regulations I and II, or Regulations VII and VIII of 1827, besides the proper Civil and Criminal jurisdiction of the Zillah Court, and to take cognizance immediately of Criminal cases within his jurisdiction as Session Judge, as they are sent up by the Police and Magistracy." The Government propose, on the receipt of the sanction of the Government of India, for the establishment of a Civil and Sessions Court at Nundial, to issue, by an order in Council, through the Judicial Department, the necessary instructions to the effect above indicated.

19. Resolved that the Clerk of the Legislative Council of India be requested, with reference to the correspondence noted in the margin, to move the Council to take the necessary measures for passing into law the Bill, submitted with letter dated 27th April 1855, for repealing Act X of 1843, and for declaring the District of Kurnool subject to the Regulations in force, for the administration of justice and collection of the revenue in the several Zillahs and Collectorates under the Presidency of Fort Saint George.

(A true Extract.)
(Signed) H. FORBES,
Acting Secretary to Government.

No. 13. ORDER THEREON, No. 1445; dated 6th November 1857.
To be recorded.
(Signed) E. MALTBY,
Acting Chief Secretary.

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