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Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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Dated 7-12-~~19~~ 1857	

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No. 31. Read the following letter from E. B. THOMAS, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated 19th November 1857, No. 68.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Extract from Minutes of Consultation No. 1195, and in reply to para. 4 thereof, I beg to forward a statement shewing the number of villages situated between Soondaputty and Danaickencotah on the southern side of the Neilgherries, together with the population, &c., thereof.

2. As regards the opinion of the inhabitants, on the change, enquiry was made through the Tahsildar of Danaickencotah, and the result appears that the inhabitants are unwilling to resort to the Court at *Ootacamund*, instead of to the Courts at Coimbatore; a translated copy of the Mahazernamah presented by the inhabitants, is sent herewith. That their unwillingness is attributable chiefly to the climate and locality on the hills, to the difficulty of ascending the same; the European Principal Sudr Ameen of the hills is not conversant with their language also; which leaves the suitors, they say, at the mercy of the Court Vakeels and Translators, a point which should be perhaps considered on the next appointment.

3. The villages shewn in the statement are situated below the hills,

(Signed) E. B. THOMAS,
Collector.

Translation of a Mahazernamah presented by the inhabitants of the 22 villages situated below the Neilgherry Hills on the southern side, dated 19th October 1857.

Being asked by Government to say whether we are willing to attend the Principal Sudr Ameen's Court at Ootacamund, for redress for our Civil and Criminal cases, instead of going to the Courts at Coimbatore, we beg to state in reply, that as the Principal Sudr Ameen's Court in question, is situated on the Hills, it will be hardship, inconvenience, and expensive to us, to go and return, and wait at that Court; we are not therefore willing to resort to that place, we shall as hitherto go to the Courts at Coimbatore for redress, by which every thing will be easy for us.

Signed by 88 Individuals.

(True translation.)

(Signed) E. B. T.,
Collector.

Statement shewing the number of villages situated between Soondaputty and Danaickencottah, on the southern side of the Neilgherries, together with the distance of each village to Ootacamund and Coimbatore.

Villages.	Villages and Hamlets.					
	Number of villages.	Number of hamlets.	Total.	Number of Population.	Distance from each village to Coimbatore.	Do. do. to Ootacamund.
					Miles.	Miles.
1 Soondaputty	1	8	9	262	30	30
2 Nelletoray	1	1	2	745	30	30
3 Odenthoray	1	3	4	143	30	30
4 Anooberpolliem	1	0	1	115	24	30
5 Aulatty	1	0	1	150	24	30
6 Bychempolliem	1	0	1	120	24	30
7 Moolatoray	1	2	3	510	24	30
8 Coottampoondy	1	0	1	69	26	32
9 Timmaroyempolliem	1	0	1	155	24	30
10 Katimmalah	1	4	5	62	35	30
11 Moolachap Combay	1	0	1	21	35	30
12 Dalypolliem	1	2	3	17	28	34
Total...	12	20	32	2,369		

Coimbatore,
19th November 1857.

(Signed) E. B. THOMAS,
Collector.

No. 32. ORDER THEREON, No. 1590; dated 7th December 1857.

The Magistrate of Coimbatore submits as called for in Extract Minutes of Consultation 17th September last, No. 1195, a statement shewing the number of villages situated between Soondaputty and Danaikencottah on the southern side of the Neilgherries. There are twelve villages with twenty hamlets, the whole containing a population of 2,369 persons. The inhabitants on reference being made to them object to their being brought within the jurisdiction of the Ootacamund Principal Sudr Ameen's Court, and prefer remaining subject to the Court at Coimbatore.

2. Under these circumstances their wishes will be attended to and the line defining the jurisdiction of the Principal Sudr Ameen's Court on the south side of the Neilgherries, will be so drawn as to exclude those villages.

3. The boundaries in the Malabar and Coimbatore Districts of the country to be subject to the Ootacamund Court will then, starting from above Soondaputty, run along the southern and western ridges of the Neilgherry table land by Gulikul Hill (Sispara), Makooty and Neilgherry Peaks, to Neddewuttum, thence they will follow the line of the Pykara and Mayaur rivers to the junction of the latter with the Bowany. From this point to Soondaputty again, they will pass on or below the southern crests of the Neilgherries so as to exclude the subjacent villages entered in the Collector's statement.

4. The Sudr will ascertain from Mr. Thomas how this southern line should be drawn and how defined by natural land marks, and they will then submit to Government a Notification announcing the extension of the Ootacamund Court limits. The Notification should first be shown to the Collectors of Malabar and Coimbatore for their approval.

5. The substitution of a Subordinate Court for the present Principal Sudr Ameen's Court at Ootacamund is now under consideration, but this change will not affect the proposed extension of the Court's jurisdiction which will be equally required in either case.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

Rud. Department

No. 1590

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Dated 7th December, 1857.

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from the Collector of Coimbatore

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Court of South Arcot
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