

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from C. PELLY, Esq., Member of the Board of Revenue, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated 1st December 1860, No. 648 :—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to submit a list of Sub-Magistrates for the District of Coimbatore. The Collector at first applied for Sub-Magistrates at twelve stations, but it seemed to me that there could hardly be necessity for so many, and the Inspector General of Mufassal Police, with whom I have been in communication on the subject, has since carefully discussed the subject in person with Mr. Thomas, and the result of that conference has been communicated to me in Mr. Robinson's letter of 17th instant, from which it will be seen, that it is considered very necessary to have Sub-Magistrates at Matapollem, Avenashy, Anamalai, Taulavadi, Kongayem and Alavakurchi.

2. Mr. Robinson mentions Dárápuram, but Dárápuram is the Cusbah of the united Táluqs of Dárápuram and Kongayem; and Kongayem will be the station of the Sub-Magistrate, as explained by Mr. Thomas in his letter 22nd October, paragraph 3.

3. At three other places, Coimbatore, Ootacamund and Kunúr, Officers are required; but Mr. Robinson explains (paragraph 7) that "the Officers contemplated by Mr. Thomas for these places are not of the character of Judicial Sub-Magistrates," but what Mr. Thomas requires at these stations are good, active ministerial Officers of the character of Kotwáls, to assist the Tahsildárs to meet the innumerable calls for aid to travellers and the like, and he "admits that he does not see how they can be dispensed with."

4. With regard to the first named place, Coimbatore, I would observe that it is rather a large town having a population of 20,000 persons, and it would greatly relieve the Tahsildár if there was (as in other large Cusbah towns has been found necessary) a Sub-Magistrate; and I would recommend that he should be, as proposed by the Collector, a third class Sub-Magistrate.

5. At Ootacamund and Kunúr, it will, it seems, be necessary to have an Officer of some kind, and there seems no objection to calling the Officer at Kunúr, which is a detached station,

a Sub-Magistrate of the fourth class: he will be useful in disposing of magisterial cases, as there is not another Magistrate on the spot. If he is only a Kotwál (which is a Police designation) some other title will have to be given, and he will not have judicial powers. But it will be desirable to modify the proposed Establishments, as the Peons must have higher pay than 5 Rupees on the Hills, and I beg to submit the scale noted in the margin.*

6. At Ootacamund, there is a Tahsildár and Sarishtadár, both having magisterial authority, besides the European Assistant Magistrate, and the necessity for another magisterial Officer is not so great; yet as Mr. Robinson says, "an active ministerial Officer to assist the Tahsildár to meet the innumerable calls for aid to travellers and the like" is required. But I see no valid objection to calling him a Sub-Magistrate, and

he might be placed under the orders of the Tahsildár and transact magisterial work occasionally, while he would perform the other duties for which he is required at this station. As his Office would be at the Tahsildár's Kacheri, all the Establishment he would require would be that noted in the margin.†

From Collector, 4th June 1860, enclosure 1.

From the Inspector General Mufassal Police, 17th November 1860.

From Collector, 22nd October 1860, enclosure 1.

* Establishment for Kunúr Sub-Magistrate.

1 Sub-Magistrate.....	35
1 Daftarband.....	8
2 Peons.....	14
1 Mashálchi or Sweeper.....	6

Total... 63

† Ootacamund Sub-Magistrate's Establishment.

1 Sub-Magistrate.....	35
1 Daftarband.....	8
2 Peons.....	14

Total... 57

7. There is one other place, Masanacovil, which Mr. Robinson has not alluded to; and really I can see no sufficient reason for a Sub-Magistrate at this small place, the population of which does not exceed 100 souls. I have, therefore, omitted it from the statement, as also two other places, viz., Unjalúr and Honore, which the Collector at first proposed for Sub-Magistrate stations, but now agrees to dispense with.

8. The number of Sub-Magistrates I now beg to propose is nine, viz :—

		Cost.
At Coimbatore 3rd class...	...Rupees	84
Mattapollem 4th "	"	69
Avenashy 4th "	"	69
Anamalai 3rd "	"	84
Taulavadi 4th "	"	69
Kongayem 3rd "	"	84
Alavakurchi 3rd "	"	84
Kunúr 4th "	"	63
Ootacamund 4th "	"	57
9 Stations.	Total Rupees ..	663

ORDER THEREON, 17th December 1860, No. 2,427.

1. The Governor in Council approves and sanctions the recommendations in this letter for the location of Sub-Magistrates in the District of Coimbatore. He considers however that the salary proposed for the Sub-Magistrate of Kunúr is too small. This Officer will have a comparatively independent charge, and also revenue work. The place is an expensive one and his pay should not be less than Rupees 50 per mensem.

2. The aggregate monthly cost of the arrangements now sanctioned will consequently be Rupees (678) six hundred and seventy-eight.

(True Extract.)

S. W. Smith
Acting Secretary to Government.

To C. Pelly, Esq.
To the Board of Revenue.
„ Judicial Department. ✓
„ Civil Auditor.
„ Accountant General.
„ Inspector General of Police.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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2. 8 Jan 1861

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Count. the order
of Governor of
a letter from C. Bell
Esq. directing
the location of
the Magistrate in
the District of
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with an Order.

Notified - 22 December 1860.
Communicated to
the Judges Court &
to the Sessions Judge
of Coimbatore.

J. J.

The Judges Court.
" Sessions Judge
of Coimbatore. } No 2090

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