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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
6th August 1863.

No. 18. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Revenue Department, dated 28th July 1863, No. 1,399.

Observing that the Government have sanctioned the transfer of the Talook Cutcherry of the Chingleput Talook from Tirukalikundrum to Chingleput, and sanctioning the transfer of the Sub-Magistrate from Chingleput to Conjeevaram. (Vide Proceedings Revenue Department, dated 28th July 1863, Nos. 498 and 499.)

No. 19. ORDER THEREON, 6th August 1863, No. 1,255.

To be recorded.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 28th July 1863.

No. 448. Read the following letter from the Honorable C. PELLY, Member of the Board of Revenue, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 18th July 1863, No. 1,581 :—

SIR,

1. In the Order of Government dated 4th August 1860, sanctioning the Establishment of Subordinate Magisterial agency required for the Madras District, the Government directed that a report should be made by the Magistrate after trial for a year as to the work devolving on the Town Magistrate of Chingleput, and the necessity of retaining his services. No report having been received by me on the subject, I called on the Magistrate to inform me whether it was necessary to retain a Sub-Magistrate at Chingleput. I have the honor to submit Mr. Cunliffe's reply[*] accompanied by a letter to him from the Acting Sub-Collector. I agree with these gentlemen that it is necessary for the reasons given to retain the services of a Sub-Magistrate at Chingleput, but, as will be seen in the sequel, it is proposed that the Tahsildar should reside at Chingleput.

2. In the Collector's letter another question respecting the Sub-Magistrates of the District is mooted, on which the orders of Government are required.

3. In the new arrangements of Talooks, the two Talooks of Conjeevaram and Manimungalum were united, and the village of Streeparmatur was made the Cusbah station. There was a Deputy Collector then at Conjeevaram, and a Sub-Magistrate was given for that town ; and the Tahsildar was to reside at the Cusbah Streeparmatur. The Deputy Collectorship was afterwards abolished. At Mr. Cunliffe's suggestion the Cusbah was subsequently changed to Conjeevaram, the Tahsildar was transferred to that town, and the Sub-Magistrate sent to Streeparmatur, this arrangement was sanctioned by Government on my recommendation. A correspondence on the subject has since then taken place between the Collector and Sub-Collector and myself, but I see no sufficient reason for recommending a re-transfer of the Cusbah to Streeparmatur.

4. Conjeevaram, however, being a very large town, with much Magisterial work, it has been found that the Tahsildar has not sufficient time to attend properly to its duties, and the location of a separate Sub-Magistrate who could attend exclusively to all the Magisterial work of the town and its neighbourhood, is strongly urged. There cannot I think be a question, after the experience gained, that this is absolutely necessary. In such large towns, a Town Magistrate has been allowed in other Districts ; and I was at the first of opinion that a separate Officer for this purpose was needed, which influenced me in a great measure in originally recommending Streeparmatur as the Cusbah, and the location of a Sub-Magistrate at Conjeevaram. But it was thought by the Collector that the Tahsildar, with the occasional assistance in Magisterial work that the Sheristadar might give, could do the work with satisfaction, especially if relieved of more of the Talook work by the Sub-Magistrate at Streeparmatur, this however is not the case, and it is found that the Tahsildar must be relieved of the general Police cases of the town.

5. It was therefore proposed by the local authorities to locate the Streeparmatur Sub-Magistrate also at Conjeevaram. Mr. Hooper, the then Acting Sub-Collector, said " that considering how small the amount of crime in the Streeparmatur Division of the Talook is, there is no " necessity for locating a Sub-Magistrate there, and that the present Sub-Magistrate might with " advantage be removed to Conjeevaram ;" and again, that " he does not anticipate that any " inconvenience will be caused to the public by this arrangement, because the amount of serious " crime is so very small, and because the majority of the cases taken up by the Streeparmatur " Sub-Magistrate might have been more satisfactorily disposed of by the village Moonsiffs or by " private arbitration."

6. But the Inspector General of Police suggested that it would be a better plan to retain the Sub-Magistrate at Streeparmatur, and to remove one of the Sub-Magistrates of the Chingleput Talook to Conjeevaram, and this suggestion has met with the concurrence of the Collector in connection with another change which he has submitted to the Board and which has my approval.

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[*] Dated 14th February 1863, No 2.

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7. This proposition is to remove the Tahsildar of the Chingleput Talook from the present Cusbah at Tirukalikundrum to Chingleput itself. Chingleput is a town of much greater importance than Tirukalikundrum though the latter is more centrical, this change has been advocated by the local authorities including the Civil and Session Judge, and after careful enquiry made by the Collector with the Sub-Collector, and the Board have concurred in the proposal to change the Cusbah to Chingleput.

Population of Chingleput	6,700
Do. Tirukalikundrum	1,800

8. The reasons why the smaller town of Tirukalikundrum was selected for the Cusbah of the Talook, when the new Talook arrangements were made, were that it was already the Cusbah, there was a Cutcherry there, and it was more centrical than Chingleput at which place there was no building available for an office. But as the Board now propose a plan for renting a building at Chingleput for the Tahsildar until a Cutcherry is built, the change may be advantageously made.

9. The questions, then, now submitted for the orders of Government are, first, that the Sub-Magistrate at Chingleput be transferred to Conjeevaram; and secondly, that the Tahsildar and the Talook Cusbah of the Chingleput Talook be transferred from Tirukalikundrum to Chingleput.

10. I think it proper also that the Sub-Magistrate of so large a town as Conjeevaram should, as regards his pay, be put on a footing with other Sub-Magisterial Officers holding similar situation as at Bellary, &c., and that his pay should be increased to 100 Rupees (new scale) of a first class Sub-Magistrate with office Establishment of 51 Rupees, as follows:—

PRESENT COST. *Chingleput Sub-Magistrate's Establishment.*	RS.	PROPOSED COST. *Conjeevaram town Sub-Magistrate's Establishment first Class.*	RS.
1 Sub-Magistrate	35*	1 Sub-Magistrate	100
1 Gumashta	12	1 Gumashta	15
1 Dufterbund	7	1 Do.	12
1 Massalchee and Sweeper	5	1 Dufterbund	7
2 Peons	12	1 Massalchee and Sweeper	5
		2 Peons at 6	12
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* This is old scale; by new scale the pay would be 50 Rupees for third Class Sub-Magistrate.

No. 499. ORDER THEREON, 28th July 1863, No. 1,399.

1. The Government have sanctioned the transfer of the Talook Cutcherry to Chingleput.

2. They now sanction the transfer of the Sub-Magistrate from Chingleput to Conjeevaram, on the salary and with the Establishment proposed in paragraph 10 of the above letter.

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To the Honorable C. Pelly.
„ Board of Revenue.
„ Accountant General.
„ Civil Paymaster.
„ Judicial Department,

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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