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Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
5th August 1864.*

No. 28. Read the following letter from W. F. HATHAWAY, Esq., Acting Joint Magistrate, in charge as Magistrate of North Arcot; to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Chittoor, 28th July 1864, No. 39.

With reference to the Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Judicial Department of the 3rd June 1864, No. 820, I have the honor to enclose a list of the Taluq Sheristadars in this District with full particulars as to the general fitness of each man for exercising Magisterial powers.

2. The full character of each man being there given, I will not go through the list again; but will merely add that though as a body they are not very well educated, yet that the cases which they have are chiefly petty ones, and that many of them were employed a long time ago as criminal Peshkars (under the old system), and did much more important work then, being entrusted with the business of working up grave cases, which is done entirely now by the Police.

3. Besides this, a great deal of the Revenue work is far more difficult and important, so that as the two branches have to be performed by the Tahsildar and Sheristadar together, it is far better that the Sheristadar should relieve the Tahsildar of some of the more trivial cases (many of which are not much above those settled by the Village Moonsiffs) instead of entrusting the whole of the important Revenue work to the Sheristadar, and making the Tahsildar (a much better educated man) sink to a mere petty Sub-Magistrate.

4. In the two cases of Palmanair and Vellore, where the Sheristadars are not fit for Magisterial work, I think that at the same time the power might be given them with the distinct understanding that it was to be in abeyance.

Very often an emergency will arise, from the Tahsildar being absent in the villages and only the Sheristadar present, where a Magisterial officer is required, perhaps, for mere work of routine, such as the issuing of a summons or warrant, and great inconvenience might be caused from the Sheristadar having no power to act. So again, when the Sheristadar himself is travelling through the villages on Revenue work, his having Magisterial authority might often be of great use. Therefore in these cases I think there can be no harm in their *having* the power; but their superior Magistrate will take care that they do not perform the ordinary work.

No. 29. ORDER THEREON, 5th August 1864, No. 1182.

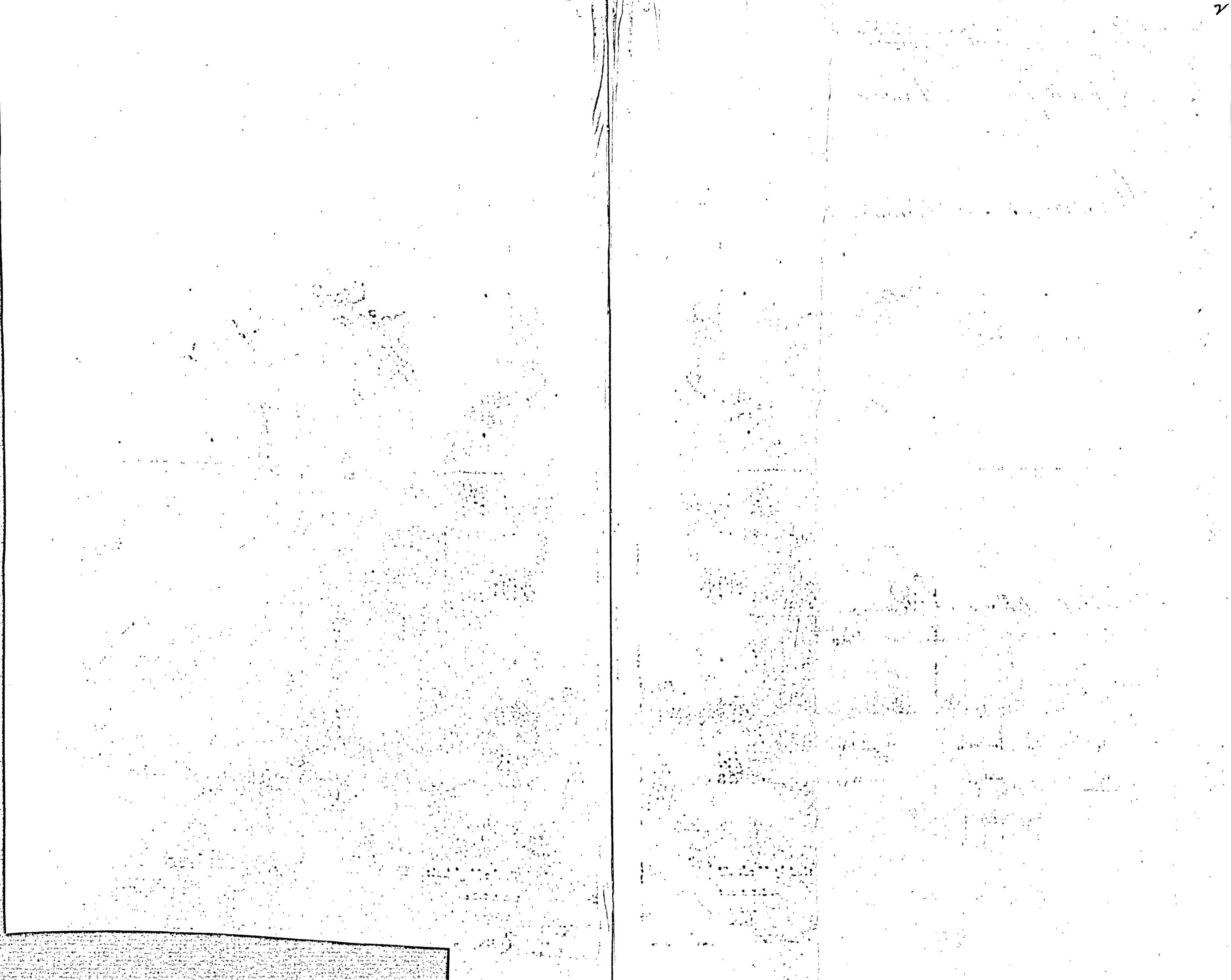
Under the Order of the 16th October 1860, No. 1886, Revenue Department, and the Notification issued from this Department, under date the 29th November 1861, published at page 900 of the *Fort Saint George Gazette*, all Taluq Sheristadars are *ex-officio* invested with the powers of a Subordinate Magistrate of the second Class; but as it appears, from the list submitted with the foregoing letter, that the present Sheristadars of the Palmanair and Vellore Taluqs are not fit to be entrusted with Magisterial powers, the Governor in Council directs that they shall cease to be Subordinate Magistrates, or to exercise any Magisterial authority whatever.

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To the Magistrate of North Arcot.

Exd. J. Tulloch.



List of Saluk Sheristadars showing the fitness of each man for Magisterial powers in the District of Bellary 9

District of N. Arcot.									
Name of Taluk	Office and pay	Name and Age	Period of service in the several appointments	Service in the present		Remarks			
Chendragiri	Sheristadar 45	Tirumal Rao 42	In the present appointment Gumasta in the Revenue Board's office Total service	3	6	0	This man is a good revenue servant, and has had excellent training in that line. He is not old nor wanting in ability, and therefore as the taluk is small & the criminal work light, he may be continued in the exercise of Magisterial powers. There is only one large town in the taluk, Sirpate, and for that there is a special Sub Magistrate.	3	
				6	0	0			
Palamaner	Sheristadar 45	J Rama Chandra Rao 50	In the present appointment In other appointments Total service	4	7	0	This man is deficient in ability and altogether not fit for performing Magisterial work. It is not necessary either, as a large part of the taluk is under the Chukkatagiri Kotta sub Magistrate for criminal work.		
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List of Subaltern Sheristadars showing the fitness of each man for Magisterial powers in the District of N. Cant. 91

Name of Subaltern	Office and pay	Name and Age	Period of service in the several appointments	Remarks
Gurattam	Sheristadar 50	L. S. Rao 51	In the present appointment 3 2 9	Of this service, he spent 8 years 3 months and 13 days as Peshkar and Sub officer of Police in Pochir and Villor.
			In other appointments 26 " 21	
Vellor	Sheristadar 50	J. Venkat Rao 51	Total service 29 3 "	This man was 8 years as peshkar and has some experience of Criminal work. His criminal jurisdiction should be continued, as he is fit to perform the work, and assistance to the tasildar is required, there being no other Sub Magistrate in Gurattam.
			In the present appointment 14 9 15	
Vellor	Sheristadar 50	J. Venkat Rao 51	In other appointments 20 6 20	This man is old, and not able I think to attend to criminal work properly, being altogether one of the old class of officials. Indeed he ought to be pensioned off altogether, but this is one of those hard cases where the first service being on small pay does not count toward pension. Thus this man was for twenty years on
			Total service 35 4 5	

List of Sublet Sheristadars showing the fitness of each man for Magisterial powers in the District of N. M. 91

Name of Sublet	Office and pay	Name and Age	Period of service in the several appointments	Remarks
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on 9 1/2 Rs a month. There is no necessity either for him to take criminal work as there is a Sub Magistrate for Vellore and it is also the head quarters of the Joint Magistrate.

Sheristadar 45 " " District Rao 56 "

In the present

appointment

7 9 1

In other appoint

ment -

+ 29 8 8

Total service

37 5 9

+ 27 years Guimasta
2 1/2 " " Peshkar

This man is old; but on the whole he might be entrusted, under good supervision, to take the petty Magisterial work. This is a case where 15 years of service being badly paid, do not count towards pension.

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List of Subek Sheristadars showing the fitness of each man for Magisterial powers in the District of 18 units. 91

Name of Subek	Office and pay	Name and Age	Period of service in the several appointments	Remarks
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Sheristadar 55 ... (S)ristna 43 ...
Rao

In the present
Appoint-ment- 9 10 7
In the other
appoint-ments 16 4 11
Total service 26 2 18

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This man has had good
training and may be entrusted
with Magisterial powers.

Wallajah

Sheristadar 55 ... B Raja Rao 45 ...

In the present
Appoint-ment- 4 2 14
In other appoint-
ment-
Total service 19 7 11
23 9 25

This man may be entrusted
with Magisterial authority,
as he has some knowledge
of the work and is not deficient
in ability.

List of Subek Sheristadars showing the tenure of each man for Magisterial powers in the District of 18 units.

Name of Subek	Office and pay	Name and Age	Period of service in the several appointments
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Chittoor

By Sheristadar 50

W. Kodanda

Kamaya 42

Miscellaneous

appointments 14 11

This man is newly appointed, the old Sheristadar having applied for pension. Kodanda Kamaya therefore will act till the pension is granted, and then be confirmed. He is quite fit for Magisterial work, having had good training in the Magistrate's office, and being tolerably intelligent, and acquainted with law & English.

List of Subek Sheristadars showing the fitness of each man for Magisterial powers in the District of 18 districts.

Name of Subek	Office and pay	Name and Age	Period of service in the several appointments	Remarks
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District	Ag Sheristadar 55	D Rama Rao 46	Asst. Magistrate 4 2	The old Sheristadar has applied for promotion. This man will act till it is granted, and then be confirmed. He was Sheristadar also head of police at Sirtany but was turned out by the new arrangements ordered by Mr. Pelly. He has therefore been reappointed on the first vacancy. He is quite fit for Magisterial work having been employed in it for 10 months previously.
			In other appointments - 18 8	
			Total service 22 10	

North Arcot
Magistrate's office
Chittoor 28 July
1864

To

The Honorable A. J. Arbuthnot
Chief Secretary to Government.
Fort Saint George.

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Ag Joint Magistrate
in charge as Magistrate

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Judicial Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read letter from the Acting Joint
 Magistrate in charge as Magis-
 trate of North Arcot — Enter 28th July '64 N^o 39.
 Order — 5 August 1864 N^o 1182.

Under the Order of the
 16th Oct. '60 N^o 1886, Rev.
 Sept., & the Notification
 issued from this Dept.,
 under date the 29th Nov.
 '61, published at page 900
 of the Fort St. George Gazette,
 all Taluk Sheristadars are
ex officio invested with the
 powers of subordinate Ma-
 gistrate of the second class,
 but, as it appears, from the
 list submitted with the fore-
 going letter, that the present
 Sheristadars of the Palmanair
 & Vellore Taluks are not fit to be
 entrusted with magisterial
 powers, the Governor in Coun-
 cil directs that they shall cease
 to be subordinate Magistrates
 or to exercise any magisterial
 authority whatever.

The Magistrate of North Arcot. *[Signature]*
 13/6/64

See a letter from
 the Acting Joint
 Magistrate in charge
 of North Arcot to
 the Chief Secretary
 to Government dated
 28 July 1864 N^o 39
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Present taking Sheris-
tadars as follows
J. B. ...
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PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNMENT.

Dated 5th August 1864.

C. H. ...
R. H. ...