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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 985 Press Mis.

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Dated 4. 7. 1864

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No. 39. Read the following letter from P. GRANT, Esq., Magistrate of Coimbatore; to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Ootacamund, 16th May 1864, No. 30.

I have received the Proceedings of Government, dated 26th ultimo, No. 272, calling on the several Magistrates to report on the qualifications of the Taluq Sheristadars in their respective Districts with reference to their fitness to be entrusted with Magisterial powers.

2. In reply, I beg to forward a Statement showing the name, salary, age, period of service, and qualifications of each Taluq Sheristadar, based on the reports of my subordinates with reference to the individuals employed in their Divisions, and on my own personal knowledge so far as those under my direct charge are concerned.

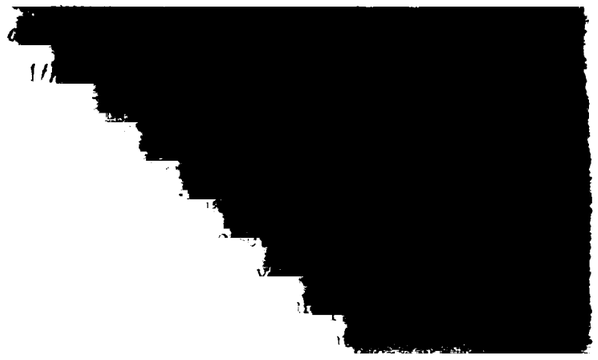
3. It will be seen that of the 11 Taluq Sheristadars, four* only are reported to be qualified to be invested with the powers of a 2nd Class Sub-Magistrate. The three Sheristadars in the Sub-Collector's Division, viz., Caroor, Dharapooram, and Oodoomulpettah are said to be unfit for Magisterial work, and Mr. Sullivan is of opinion that they should be required to retire on pension, to which from the length of their services they are entitled. It has been suggested to him that he should call upon them to apply for pensions as soon as passed candidates are available to fill their offices. In regard to the two† Taluq Sheristadars in the Northern Division, the Deputy Magistrate Iyaloo Naidoo reports that they possess a slight knowledge of the Penal and Procedure Codes, and that if they are allowed six months' time for study, they will be able to acquire a sufficient knowledge of the Codes to enable them to carry on the duties of a 2nd Class Sub-Magistrate. There remain the Sheristadars of two Taluqs, viz., Coimbatore and Neilgherry: neither of these individuals possess a sufficient knowledge of the Penal and Procedure Codes, and Rules of Practice to warrant Government investing them with 2nd Class Sub-Magistrate's power; but as there are Town Sub-Magistrates at the Cusbahs of these Taluqs, they can undertake the Magisterial work of the Tahsildar's Division during the latter officer's absence. I would also observe that the time of the Sheristadar of the Neilgherry Taluq is so completely taken up with his duties in the Account Department, in consequence of the large disbursements of money to European officers and others on these Hills, that it would be altogether inexpedient to ask him to undertake any extra work; his hands are already full.

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† Coligal and Suttimungalum.

No. 40. ORDER THEREON, 4th July 1864, No. 985.

Under the Order of Government in the Revenue Department, dated 16th October 1860, No. 1886, and the Notification from this Department, dated 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 2nd Class. It appears, however, from the foregoing letter that, out of 11 officers of this grade in the Coimbatore District, seven are not fit to be entrusted with Magisterial powers. Of these, it is observed, that the Sheristadars of the Caroor, Dharapooram, and Oodoomulpettah Taluqs are about to be transferred to the Pension list; that the Coligal and Suttimungalum Sheristadars are expected to qualify in six months;



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List Shewing the names and service of the several Taluq Sheristadars in Coimbatore District

Names of the Taluqs	Names of the Sheristadars	Salary per mensem	Period of Service	Age
	(Division Coimbatore)			years
Coimbatore	Narasingha Rauchah	55	7	32
Pollachy	Soobba Rao	50	37	52
Valgherry	Vencataramaiah	45	8	42
	Sub Collector's Division			
Caroor	Speenivasa Rao	50	42	61
Dharapooram	Seedava Rao	50	30	50
Codoomulpettah	Subbarayadu	45	17	64
	Dharapooram Division			
Bhowany	Ragavendra Rao	45	31	50
Erroodooray	Vencatasoobiah	55	16	41

Remarks.

Does not possess a sufficient knowledge of the Criminal Laws & Rules but as there is a Town Sub Magistrate at Coimbatore he can undertake the Magisterial work of the Tahsildar's Division during the latter officer's absence and consequently it is not necessary that the Sheristadar should be entrusted with Magisterial Powers.

Mr Cobe the Acting Deputy Magistrate reports that this individual is fully qualified to be entrusted with Magisterial Powers.

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Does not possess a sufficient knowledge of the Criminal Laws and Rules - the accounts connected with the disbursements of money to the Numerous European Officers and others on the Tiles &c &c levy, that he Sheristadar can hardly find time to study the Penal and Procedure Codes & Rules generally - There is a Town Sub Magistrate at Coimbatore and he can undertake the Magisterial work of the Tahsildar's Division during the latter officer's absence.

Mr Sullivan reports that none of these three Sheristadars, are fit to be entrusted with Magisterial work.

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Mr Walker reports that he considers this Sheristadar to be well qualified for being entrusted with powers of a 2nd Class Sub Magistrate

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Name & Salary	Names of the Sheristadars	Salary per Mensem	Period of Service	Age
	Deputy Collector of Northern Division			
Vattimunaalum	Ramiah	50	29	46
Colligal	Rama Rao	45	29	55.
	Deputy Collector of Southern Division			
Pulladum	Dassappiah	55	33	

Remarks.

The Deputy Magistrate Northern Division reports that these two Sheristadars possess a slight knowledge of the Penal and Revenue Codes, and can acquire a competent knowledge of the Duties of a 2nd Class Sub Magistrate if they are required to study the Laws and Rules on the Subject for about 6 months.

Mr. Cole the Deputy Magistrate states that he considers that this Sheristadar is fully qualified to be entrusted with Magisterial Powers.

Principal Collectorate Office
Vizagapatam 11th May 1864
Ed. Maltby

Judicial Department.

EDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read letter from the Magistrate of Coimbatore — Dated 16th May '64 No. 30

Order — 4th July 1864 No. 985.

Under the Order of Govt. in the Rev. Dept., dated 16th Dec '60 No. 1886, & the Notification from this Dept. dated 29th Nov. '61, published at page 900 of the Fort St. George Gazette, all Talug Sheristadars are ex-officio invested with the powers of a Subordinate Magistrate of the Second Class. It appears, however, from the foregoing letter that, out of eleven officers of this grade in the Coimbatore district, seven not fit to be entrusted with magisterial powers. Of these, it is observed, that the Sheristadars of the Caroor, Dharapooram, & Oodoomulpettah Talugs are

Dept. No.

Chairman & Members of the Board of Revenue

Dated Ootacamund 12th May 1864

To

The Secy to Govt

Fort St. George

Sir

I have the honor to forward the accompanying letter from the Collector of Coimbatore, dated 16th ultimo, No. 30, with its enclosures, on the subject of the Talug Sheristadars.

2. The Board are of opinion that the Sheristadars of Talugs should not be invested with magisterial powers, and they therefore recommend that the Notification of Government, dated 29th November 1861, be rescinded.

I have &c.

(Signed) H. Stokes

Secy to Board of Revenue

Ootacamund 12th May 1864

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gherry talugs as Subordi-
nate Magistrates are not
absolutely necessary, as
there are Sowcar Magis-
trates at the Cutcheries, who
act during the occasional
absences of the Sahukdars.

2. The Governor in Council
directs that the seven
Sheristadars in question
shall cease to exercise
magisterial authority.
In the case of the She-
ristadars of the Colli-
gal, Suttimungalum, &
Coimbatore talugs, the
prohibition will have re-
moved on the Magis-
trate

Magistrate being satis-
fied as to the acquain-
tance they shall have acquir-
ed with the present crimi-
nal law. The Talug
Sheristadar is perma-
nently relieved of all ma-
gisterial duty in consi-
deration of the work de-
volving on him at that
station.

The Magistrate of Coimbatore.
" Civil Paymaster. } sheps &c

Sent 12th July 1864

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PROCEEDINGS of GOVERNMENT.

Dated July 1864