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No. 161. Read the following letter from the Registrar General of Assurances, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 9th August 1866, No. 232.

Soon after the close of the Calendar year, I recommended the abolition of seven Non-Official Sub-Registry Offices, in which the fees were insufficient to remunerate the Registering Officers, and of two official Sub-Registry Offices, of which the inutility had been brought to notice by the Registrars, and concurred in by the Collectors. These offices were accordingly ordered to be abolished, from the 30th April, in the Government Orders, No. 110, of the 26th January, and No. 190, of the 6th February.

2. There are a number of other Official Sub-Registry Offices in which very little work is going on, and in which the fees credited to Government are insufficient to cover the cost of the books with which they have been supplied. As an entirely new set of books will have to be supplied to every office on the 1st January 1866, and as this set will form the commencement of a new series under Act XX of 1866, this seems a desirable time for the abolition of such offices as experience has shown to be unnecessary.

3. The following statement contains the name of every office in which the number of registrations during the past Official year has not exceeded 50, and two offices which have been recommended for abolition, although the number of registrations in them is in excess of that number. It also shows the number of registrations in the four months of 1864-65 during which the Registration Act was in operation, and the total amount of fees collected in both these periods.

Offices.	Registrations.		Fees.					
	1864-65.	1865-66.	1864-65.			1865-66.		
			RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Ganjam.								
Suradah	2	13	2	4	0	14	12	0
Calingapatam	21	6	6	8	0	42	12	0
Munsoorcottah	3	3	1	0	0	12	4	0
Sompettah	...	19	...	..	...	36	4	0
Vizagapatam.								
Gunupur	...	17	...	...	...	17	0	0
Royagudda	...	29	...	...	...	35	4	0
Jeypore	6	23	5	6	0	28	12	0
Godavery.								
Rughoodevapuram	...	27	...	...	...	23	8	0
Yernagoodem	...	20	...	...	...	37	8	0
Polaveram	...	35	...	...	...	28	12	0
Kistna.								
Divi	6	36	2	0	0	51	0	0
Kykalore	...	18	...	...	...	10	8	0
Noozeed	...	23	...	...	...	84	8	0
Vissunapett	7	42	3	0	0	93	8	0
Nundigama	7	49	2	4	0	63	12	0
Mungalagiri	2	32	0	4	0	22	12	0
Vinukonda	4	19	2	12	0	11	8	0

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	1864-65.	1865-66.	1864-65.			1865-66.		
Nellore.			RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Venkatagiri	...	19	...	...	.	11	12	0
Sriharicottah	...	2	...	...	...	3	0	0
Rapuru	...	24	...	...	.	39	8	0
Aloor	1	49	0	4	0	60	0	0
Kavali	...	34	...	.	.	53	0	0
Udayagiri	6	27	1	12	0	14	0	0
Podilee	...	2	...	.	...	6	0	0
Darisee	...	12	...	.	...	7	12	0
Cuddapah.								
Pulivendala	38	45	30	12	0	27	8	0
North Arcot.								
Vencatagirikotah.	...	20	...	...	...	28	8	0
Maderpak	1	3	0	4	0	1	8	0
South Arcot.								
Marakanum	20	70	6	12	0	60	0	0
Kullakurchi	3	41	0	12	0	12	0	0
Tittagudi..	...	50	...	...	...	34	8	0
Chengam...	...	14	...	...	...	10	8	0
Madura.								
Oosalamputti	4	25	1	4	0	20	12	0
Vilputti	...	...	...	...	.	...	...	...
Trichinopoly.								
Marungapuri	70	373	21	8	0	357	12	0
Coimbatore.								
Talavady.	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...
Calicut.								
Tangachery	2	5	0	12	0	14	0	0
Anjengo	4	7	2	0	0	5	0	0

4. It would, of course, be out of the question to abolish the whole of these offices. I have, therefore, consulted the Collectors as to which of them it may be advisable to retain, and the following is a summary of their replies.

5. The Agent in Ganjam is of opinion that the Sub-Registry Offices of Suradah, Calingapatam, Munsoorcottah, and Sompettah should be amalgamated with those of Aska, Chicacole, Berhampore, and Itchapore.

6. The Agent in Vizagapatam thinks that the application of the Registration Act to the Agency tracts was a mistake, but as there are a few people who can read and write there, and as the tracts in question embrace an area of 12,000 square miles, he is opposed to the abolition of the offices at Jeypore, Gunupur, and Royagudda.

7. The Registrar of the Godavery District recommends the abolition of the Sub-Registry Offices of Rughoodevapuram and Polaveram, and the Collector concurs. The former is a portion of the Rajahmundry Taluq, and the latter of the Yernagoodem Taluq. It is proposed to retain the Yernagoodem Office, because it is desirable that there should be one Registration Office in the Taluq.

8. The Collector of the Kistna District thinks that the offices at Divi, Kykalore, Vissunapett, and Mungalagiri may be conveniently amalgamated with those at Bunder, Gudivada, Nuzid, and Guntoor, but that the abolition of the Nundigama and Vinukonda offices would be attended with great hardship.

9. The Collector of Nellore is averse to the abolition of any of the offices in his district, on the ground that it is hard to make the people of one Taluq travel to another, and that registration will probably increase hereafter.

10. The Registrar of Cuddapah attributes the small amount of registration at Pulivendala to the indifference of the Tahsildar, and states that, since he has been warned, the last monthly returns show a great increase in registration. The Collector concurs with him in thinking that the office should not be abolished.

11. The Collector of North Arcot is of opinion that the offices of Vencatagirikotah and Maderpak may be advantageously abolished—the former to be transferred to Palmanair, of which it forms the Sub-Division, and the latter; which is part of the Kalastry Zemindary, but which is very remote, either from the Cusbah of that estate, or from Narainavanum, the nearest Sub-Magistrate's Station, to be attached, for the purposes of the Registration Act, to the nearest Taluq of the Madras District, which Mr. Robinson believes to be Trivellore.

12. The Registrar of South Arcot recommends that the Sub-Districts of Marakanum, Tittagudi and Chengam be amalgamated with those of Tindevanum, Vurdachellum, and Trinomalay, and that the Kullakurchi Office be retained, as it is the only Registration Office in the Taluq. The Collector concurs in this opinion. The Marakanum office, which has been inserted in the list, in consequence of these recommendations, shows 70 registrations during the year.

13. The Collector of Madura sees no objection to the amalgamation of the Oossalamputti and Vilputti offices with those of Tirumungalum and Periakolum.

14. Mr. Gribble, Acting Registrar of Trichinopoly, considers it unnecessary that the Kulitalai Taluq should be subdivided into three Sub-Districts, viz., one under the Tahsildar at Kulitalai, one under the Sub-Magistrate at Manaparai, and one under a Non-official at Marungapuri. As the remuneration of the latter is very insignificant, averaging less than Rupees 10 a month during the last official year, it is proposed to abolish this office, and amalgamate it with that of Manaparai, which is only 15 miles distant. The Collector approves of the arrangement.

15. The Registrar of Coimbatore recommends that the Talavady office be abolished, and the Collector concurs in the advisability of doing away with it.

16. The Collector of Malabar observes that Tangachery is 90 miles, and Anjengo 110 miles, from the town of British Cochin, and that it would be hard on the people to have no facility of registering nearer than Cochin. As it is not improbable that both places may ere long be transferred to Travancore, he thinks it hardly worth while to make any change, but sees no objection to the Tangachery office being closed, and amalgamated with that of Anjengo, if such a course is deemed advisable.

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17. I propose generally acting on these recommendations, except in Nellore and North Arcot.

18. I have recently inspected all the offices in the Nellore District, and from the inquiries which I made at Sriharikottah, I see no reason to suppose that there will ever be enough registration at that station to render it worth while to have an office there. This Sub-District is a Division of the Taluq of Gudoor, with which I would propose amalgamating it. Podilee and Darisee are also two very un-promising Sub-Districts. As they both form part of the same Zemindary, there seems no reason why they should necessarily constitute two distinct Sub-Districts. Podilee being more accessible than Darisee, I would amalgamate the latter with the former.

19. In North Arcot, I do not think it will be convenient to attach Maderpak to Trivellore, which is in a different Registration District. The arrangement may cause mistakes; and so few registrations have taken place, or are likely to take place, at Maderpak, that it does not seem worth while to make an anomalous provision for them. I would, therefore, amalgamate Maderpak with Narainavanum.

20. A Draft Notification, embodying the above changes, is enclosed. With the reductions proposed, there will still be 295 Sub Registry Offices remaining on the 1st January 1867, a number which far exceeds the number of corresponding offices deemed necessary in the other Presidencies.

Bengal	126
Bombay	72
North West Provinces	196

No. 162. ORDER THEREON, 15th August 1866, No. 1261.

The Governor in Council approves and sanctions the abolition of the Sub-Registry Offices referred to, and directs the publication, in the Official Gazette, of the Notification submitted by the Registrar General.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Registrar General of Assurances.

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Judicial Dept

Notification

Fort St. George [illegible] August 1866.

Under the provisions of Act XX of 1866 the Right Honorable the Governor in Council is pleased to direct that the undermentioned Sub Registry Offices shall be abolished on the 31st December 1866 and that the tracts constituting the sub districts in question shall from that date be transferred to the jurisdiction of the Sub Registrars noted below.

Names of Sub Registry Offices abolished.	Transferred to the jurisdiction of the Sub Registrar of
I. Ganjam District	
1. Surelah	Aska
2. Calingapatam	Chicacole
3. Mundasoreh	Berhampore
4. Sompettah	Itchapore
II. Godavery District	
5. Raghoodevapuram	Rajahmundry
6. Polavaram	Yernagoodem
III. Kistna District	
7. Divi	Bunder
8. Kaikaloor	Gudivada
9. [illegible]	[illegible]
10. Mangalagiri	Guntoor
IV. Nellore District	
11. Sriharicottah	Gudoor
12. Darsee	Podilee
V. North Arcot	
13. Vencatagiri Kota	Palmanair
14. Maderpak	Narainavanum

Names of Sub Registry Offices abolished.	Transferred to the jurisdiction of the Sub Registrar of —
VI South Arcot	
15. Merakanum	Tindevanum
16. Tittagudi	Vriddhachellum
17. Chengam	Trinomalay
VII Madura	
18. Cossalampatti	Tirumungalum
19. Vilpatti	Periakolum
VIII Trichinopoly	
20. Marungapuri	Manaparai
IX Coimbatore	
21. Talavady	Sattimungalum
X Malabar	
22. Tiruprachery	Anjengo

By order of his Excellency the Governor in Council

Chief Secretary