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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, *6th October* 1869.

No. 99. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Revenue Department:—

Charge of certain talooks in Bellary.—Collector's proposals in connection with this subject, sanctioned. (Here enter 27th September 1869, No. 2,658.)

No. 100. ORDER THEREON, 6th October 1869, No. 3,222.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 4.

COMMUNICATED to the Superintending Engineer of the 3rd Division in continuation of G. O., No. 2,108, dated 29th June 1869.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 27th September 1869.

No. 396. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 13th August 1869, No. 6,012:—

Read the following letter from the Collector of Bellary, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 30th June 1869, No. 156.

I HAVE the honour to submit, for the consideration of the Board, an application from my Head-Assistant, Mr. Kelsall, for an addition of two Gumastahs to his present office establishment. Knowing his charge to be an exceptionally heavy one, I beg to recommend his application being favourably viewed, unless it can be arranged to relieve him of a portion of his present duties.

2. There is no doubt that the talooks at present under the management of the Head-Assistant-Collector form a more important charge than that administered by the Sub-Collector. The four talooks composing it are traversed by the railroad, the revenue is nearly double that of the Sub-division; three of the four talooks rank as second-class, and the fourth as a third-class talook; whereas in the Sub-division there is only one second-class talook and one third-class, and the population of the four talooks which make up the Head-Assistant's division, exceeds that of the five talooks in the Sub-division by thirty and odd thousand.

3. Under these circumstances a change of divisions seems desirable, and, although considering how recently the divisional charges of this district have been re-distributed—I rather shrink from proposing another alteration—I think it my duty to submit the matter for the consideration of the Board before the construction of the new offices, plans and estimates for which are on hand, make the subject more difficult to deal with.

4. The present arrangements are as follow:—

Sub-Division.

Talooks.	Revenue.	Population.	Cost of Sub-Collector's Establishment.	Head-quarters of Sub-Collector.
1. Anantapore	Rs.		Rs. A. P.	
2. Dharmavaram	7,63,226	389,369	433 0 0	Anantapore.
3. Pencondah				
4. Madaksirah				
5. Hindupur				

Head-Assistant's Division.

Talooks.	Revenue.	Population.	Cost of Head-Assistant's Office.	Head-quarters.
1. Tadpatry	Rs.		Rs. A. P.	
2. Ghooty	12,97,102	422,021	177 0 0	Ghooty.
3. Alur				
4. Adoni				

5. I propose the following change:—

Sub-Division.

Talooks.	Revenue.	Population.	Cost of Sub-Collector's Office.	Head-quarters.
1. Anantapore 2. Tadpatry 3. Ghooty 4. Alur 5. Adoni	Rs. 14,61,405	507,073	Rs. A. P. 433 0 0	Ghooty.

Head-Assistant's Division.

Talooks.	Revenue.	Population.	Cost of Head-Assistant's Office.	Head-quarters.
1. Dhurmavaram 2. Pencondah 3. Madaksirah 4. Hindupur	Rs. 5,98,922	304,317	Rs. A. P. 177 0 0	Pencondah.

6. The foregoing arrangement if adopted would place the Sub-Collector, with his higher paid establishment, in charge of the more important division. The only talook not connected by rail with his head-quarters would be Anantapore, the Cusbah of which is only thirty miles off, with an excellent road between the two places. By giving the Head-Assistant the four southern talooks, a charge proportionate to his standing in the Service, and the extent of his establishment, would be assigned to him, and a reference to the map will show that his head-quarters could not be more centrically fixed than at Pencondah. Anantapore, the present head-quarters of the Sub-Collector, is seventy miles distant from the southern extremity of the division. This arrangement might be carried out at once. The public bungalow at Pencondah, which is no longer required for travellers, might be rented to the Head-Assistant-Collector as a residence, and, pending the construction of the office sanctioned for his use, a Government building at the same place, known as the Gunga Mahal, might, at an expenditure of about Rupees 600, be made available for the purpose.

7. I am aware that the Government in their order of the 17th April 1868, No. 1,009, expressed themselves averse to the abandonment of Anantapore as the head-quarters of a division, on the ground that it had been for many years the residence of the Collector, and that public and private interests might suffer by the transfer to another station of the Division Officer. I would, however, respectfully submit that Sir Thomas Munro, when he fixed his residence there, was not Collector of Bellary, but the Commissioner of the Ceded Districts, and as such Anantapore was a very central position, which it ceased to be when made the head-quarters of the southern division of this district. With reference to private interests, I would observe that there are only three bungalows at Anantapore, two of which are in the same compound. The one occupied by the Sub-Collector

(Sir T. Munro's) was, when I saw it last, in a very dilapidated, if not unsafe, condition. Another in the same compound, occupied by the Superintendent of Police, is of more modern date, and was in tolerable repair. The third is occupied by the Assistant-Engineer in charge of the Range. Sir T. Munro's house alone would be vacated, and I believe that if it were, the Assistant-Superintendent of Police would take it, renting his present residence as an office. The Assistant-Engineer would, of course, retain the bungalow he now occupies; so that I do not think private interests would suffer much, and I think I have satisfactorily shown that public interests would be greatly served by the proposed transfer.

8. Should the above proposals not meet with the concurrence of the Board or Government, I beg to suggest that Mr. Kelsall's establishment be supplemented from the offices of other Head-Assistants, who have not such an onerous charge. In Trichinopoly, I believe, the Head-Assistant's charge consists only of one or two talooks.

Enclosure No. 1.

From J. KELSALL, Esq., Head-Assistant-Collector of Bellary, to the Collector of Bellary, dated Ghooty, 23rd April 1869, No. 137.

I have the honour to bring to your notice the insufficiency of my office establishment for the very heavy work of the division.

2. The annexed table, showing the area, population, and revenue of the four divisions of this district, I take from the Board's Proceedings, under date 22nd January 1868, No. 518:—

		Area.	Revenue.	Population.
			Rs.	
Collector	Bellary, Hospett, and Raidroog	2,420	4,95,500	270,000
Sub-Collector	Anantapore, Dhurmavaram, Pencondah, Madaksirah, and Hindupur	3,589	6,74,391	381,297
Head-Assistant-Collector	Ghooty, Adoni, Alur, and Tadpatry	2,668	11,57,784	431,943
Deputy-Collector	Harpenhully, Rudligi, and Hadagally	2,079	3,39,751	194,403

The revenue of my division is nearly as great as that of the Collector and Sub-Collector added together, and much greater than any other two divisions similarly combined. Of the revenue of the whole district not less than forty-one per cent. is drawn from this division. In the same way the population is considerable, more numerous than that of any other division, and presumably the Magisterial work thrown upon me is heavier.

3. Of the talooks composing this division three are second-class talooks, the Tahsildar drawing Rupees 200 per month; the fourth talook is Alur, a third-class talook. In Mr. Sharp's division there is but one second-class talook (Dhurmavaram), one third-class (Anantapore), the other three are fourth-class talooks. The pay of the Tahsildars is Rupees 150, which shows how inferior they are in importance to the talooks of Ghooty, Tadpatry, and Adoni.

4. Having shown you how this division stands when compared with others, I would call your attention to the office establishment allowed me. In paragraph 17 of Standing Orders of the Board, No. 411, I find that a Sub-Collector is allowed a Sheristadar and nine Clerks, paid Rupees 463 per month. The next paragraph shows that I am allowed an office establishment of four Clerks, at a monthly cost of Rupees 177 per month. I have no wish to draw invidious comparisons, but if the Sub-division, with a smaller population and not much more than half the revenue of this division, finds work for an office composed of a Sheristadar and nine Clerks on high pay, how grievously must the four Clerks of this division be over-worked.

5. And this is the case. I do not think a day passes but they have to work considerably beyond office-hours to keep up with current work. Though they do not complain I consider it most unfair to them. I do not wish to speak of myself, but you are aware that much of the writing, which in other offices is done by Gumastahs, has to be done with my own hand, simply because none of the Gumastahs have any time.

6. You are aware that there has been no Tahsildar in the Tadpatry Talook for eight months. At one time or another I have had charge of every talook in this district, and my opinion that from Tadpatry of all the fifteen comes the heaviest work. The work has for the last eight months been vastly increased. The Sub-Magistrate in charge on Rupees 50 is useless, and as you are doubtless aware, was removed from his late post for incompetence and indolence. Mr. Wedderburn considered him unfit to be Sub-Magistrate of Kumply; you may judge how fit he is to rule the notorious Tadpatry Talook.

7. I beg, therefore, that at least two additional Gumastahs may be sanctioned for this office. An establishment of four Gumastahs may be sufficient for some Head-Assistant's charge, but is certainly not sufficient for this.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

2. By Government order, dated 17th April 1868, No. 1,009, the following charges were assigned to the Sub-Collector and the Head-Assistant-Collector of Bellary:—

	Area.	Revenue.	Population.
		rs.	
Sub-Collector.—Anantapore, Dhurmavaram, Pencondah, Madaksirah, and Hindupur	3,589	6,74,391	3,81,297
Head-Assistant.—Adoni, Alur, Tadpatry and Ghooty ...	2,668	13,57,784	4,31,943

3. The Collector now reports that the Head-Assistant's establishment has been found wholly inadequate to the duties to be performed, and that if he continues in charge of the same tract of country, two additional Clerks are indispensably necessary.

4. The Collector proposes, however, that the Sub-Collector's charge, with the exception of Anantapore, should be transferred to the Head-Assistant, and the Head-Assistant's charge, with Anantapore added to it, to the Sub-Collector.

5. The area, etc., of the two charges would then be as follows:—

	Area.	Revenue.	Population.
		rs.	
Sub-Collector... ...	4,057	14,61,405	567,675
Head-Assistant ...	1,770	5,98,922	304,317

The Sub-Collector's head-quarters would be at Ghooty, and the Head-Assistant's at Pencondah. The more important and advancing talooks, some of which are traversed by the railway, would be under the senior officer, and the dryer and less populous tracts under the Head-Assistant.

6. The Board are convinced that the Collector's proposals are well grounded, and recommend that they be adopted.

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27th September 1869.

7. In the Government order referred to above, Government remarked that the change of head-quarters from Anantapore might affect private interest; but the Collector shows that there is nothing to be feared on this score.

No. 397. ORDER THEREON, 27th September 1869, No. 2,658.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government resolve to adopt the Collector's proposals.

2. The Sub-Collector, who will in future be stationed at Ghooty, will have charge of the Anantapore, Tadpatry, Ghooty, Alur, and Adoni Talooks, while those of Dhurmavaram, Pencondah, Madaksirah, and Hindupur will be administered by the Head-Assistant, whose head-quarters will be at Pencondah.

3. Under this arrangement, it will be necessary to modify the plan for a Head-Assistant's Cutcherry at Ghooty, which was sanctioned in G. O., dated 19th June 1869, No. 1,744. The Collector should also submit, through the Board, a carefully prepared statement, showing the cost of adopting the Gunga Mahal at Pencondah to the purposes of a Head-Assistant's Cutcherry, and state whether it would not be possible either to utilize it permanently, or reduce the cost of its temporary conversion from Rupees 600.

4. A statement showing the number of travellers who have halted at the Pencondah public bungalow within the last six months, should also be submitted, in order that the Government may be in a position to judge of the expediency of converting it into a residence for the Head-Assistant.

(True Extract.)

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Public Works Department.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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