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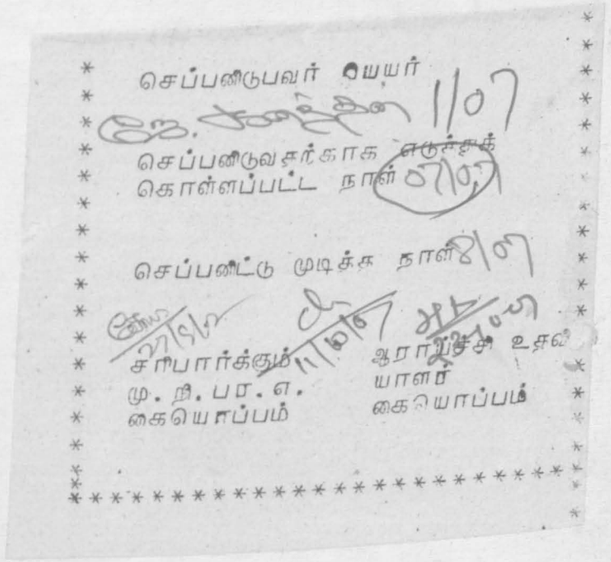
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Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 1st December 1857.

No. 47. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue; dated 30th October 1857, No. 3703.

Read letter from the Acting Collector of Nellore, dated

**In Consultation 30th October 1857.* 13th July 1857.*

(Here enter No. 99.)

Resolved that the above letter with its enclosure and the sketch Map be laid before Government, with reference to Extract Minutes Consultation 8th July 1856, No. 700, R. D.

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11. If these Cusbahs are to be retained, a satisfactory arrangement of the talooks will be very difficult. The residence of the Sub-Collector at Ramiahpatam for 6 months in each year in some degree lessens the inconvenience (so far as Buddapoody is concerned) but not very materially.

12. The best plan would seem to be to make Kundacoor the station of a Deputy Tahsildar, attaching to it the strip of Davagoodoor lying South of Ponnaloo and abandoning the latter station, to locate the Tahsildar of Davagoodoor in some better situation, or two talooks might be formed out of these two and Cavaly. The boundary of Davagoodoor should also run to the sea.

13. The Northern and Southern boundaries of Cavaly seem susceptible of improvement, and the North East corner of Kalighiri might be attached to it.

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16. The Police Divisions of Darshy, Podile and Soondy are to remain as at present. The Board do not see however why the portion of the new talook of Gogullapully which adjoin Soondy should not be attached to the latter, and a similar transfer made to Pamoor.

17. The Darshy Division is both large and of awkward contour, but the Board do not see how this can be remedied at present further than as already suggested.

18. The Pamoor Division South of Gogullapulli also extends inconveniently from Eastward to Westward. The Geographical features of the Western part of the country render it difficult to judge whether it would be advantageous to annex any part of it on that side either to Udayaghirry or even to the Cuddapah District.

19. The Kalighiri talook as now remodelled is of considerable area. The South East angle of it is evidently, much nearer Alloor and Sungum, and might be attached either to Sungum or to Talamunchy of which Alloor is the Cusbah. The Sungum boundary might also be extended somewhat further northwards. The Kalighiri Tahsildar's salary is to be raised from 70 to 80 Rupees.

20. Little alteration is proposed in the Udayaghirry talook which is very compact.

21. From the Ravoor talook a portion in the South East corner is to be attached to Sungum, and an addition made from the North part of Goondavole. These exchanges seem desirable, but a triangular portion of Ravoor interposing between Kalighiri and Sungum might apparently be properly transferred to the latter.

22. The changes proposed in Talaummchy and Nellore call for no notice.

23. Besides the portion of Ravoor above referred to, part of the present talook of Toomultulpoor is to be attached to Sungum, and the pay of the Tahsildar raised from 100 to 120 Rupees. With the slight extension Northwards suggested by the Board, this talook will be compact and tolerably well arranged with reference to the Cusbah.

24. With the entire talook of Sydapoor and the portions of Goondavole and Toomaltultpoor not transferred (as already mentioned) to Ravoor and Sungum and (as will presently appear) to Survapully, Mr. Taylor (deviating considerably in these arrangements from Mr. Elton's plan) proposes to form one talook to be called Sydapoor and placed under a Tahsildar on 100 Rupees. The Cusbah is to be at Sydapoor at one extremity, and a Deputy Tahsildar is to be located at Ravoor, the present Cusbah of Goondavole. Although Sydapoor is the most important town of the new talook, the Board think its situation a very serious objection to its being made the head quarters of the Tahsildar, and they would prefer some more centrical place although involving expense in providing a building.

25. The Survapully talook will include a portion of Toomultulpoor with manifest advantage. The great extent of this talook in a North East direction is objectionable, and may perhaps be remedied by some alteration of the Nellore boundary.

26. The Kotah talook and the Police divisions of Venkatgherry Naidoo Pettah and Tada are to remain unchanged. Portions however of the Naidoo Pettah division run into the Kotah talook, and the Board would think that the Kotah Head of Police could manage them more conveniently and efficiently than the Naidoo Pettah Head of Police.

27. Tada would seem to be an inconvenient station for the Head of Police of that division. The Acting Collector however does not notice this, nor does he mention whether the small portion of the division beyond the limits of the district could not advantageously be transferred to the adjoining Collectorate.

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The following abstract shows the present and future revenue, &c., of each talook.

Talooks.	As at present.			As proposed.		
	No. of villages.	Beriz of Fusly 1265.	Population.	No. of villages.	Beriz.	Population.
Chandaloor, ...	54	57,636	32,131	98	1,03,155	58,608
Ongole, ...	84	92,687	70,759	106	1,19,135	83,569
Dayagoodoor, ...	114	1,07,703	44,275	119	1,10,701	50,724
Gogoolapully or Kunnigherry,	71	.....	32,782	170	39,908	32,782
Kalighiri, ...	87	67,844	58,278	103	68,721	59,092
Udayaghiri, ...	75	59,608	37,019	82	54,296	39,684
Revoor, ...	78	1,04,079	40,807	79	1,01,455	43,392
Sangum, ...	53	1,04,411	35,306	76	1,37,065	46,703
Talamunchi, ...	63	1,41,254	35,572	62	1,40,482	35,240
Nellore, ...	87	1,72,035	82,445	90	1,75,337	83,803
Sydapoor, ...	109	37,822	22,978	139	66,196	35,279
Survapully, ...	78	1,09,197	45,504	83	1,13,730	47,383
Total...	953	10,54,276	5,37,856	1,207	12,30,481	6,16,259

28. The Board have been guided in their remarks on the proposed alterations by Mr. Taylor's maps, but they are aware that many other considerations must be regarded, and that a boundary which on a small map seems straight and well defined may in reality be irregular and inconvenient. If however Government approve generally of Mr. Taylor's propositions, the actual boundary lines can be considered and settled without much difficulty.

NOTE.—*The numerous designations applied to these officers might be got rid of.*

29. The Board will now briefly notice the changes in the establishments, omitting however though merely ministerial servants, the distribution of whom does not call for remark and must depend on local circumstances of which the district officers are the best judges.

30. The following abstract shows the proposed changes.

	Pay.	At present.	Hereafter.
	Rs.	No.	No.
Tahsildars.....	35	1	0
	70	6	1
	80	2	2
	85	2	2
	100	4	5
	120	2	4
	140	1	1
Deputy do.....	21	2	1
	25	7	11
Mazoomdar.....	25	6	1
	30	7	9
	35	4	5
Peishcars.....	15	1	0
	14	5	7
	12	39	39
	10	75	75
Peons.....	10	1	1
	8	1	1
	7	24	23
	6	11	14
	5½	20	18
	5	13	16
	4¾	71	60
	4	80	103
	3¾	410	375
	3	414	457
		1,045	1,068+23

31. Mr. Taylor has re-arranged the establishment in such a way as not to incur extra expense, and the results so far as they regard the most important classes of servants are briefly as follows.

Present No. 18. *Future No.* 15.
Do. No. 9. *Do. No.* 12.

1 Head of Police on 35 Rupees, and 5 Tahsildars on 70 are abolished, an additional Tahsildar being entertained on Rupees 100, and 2 on 120, 1 Deputy Tahsildar on 21 Rupees is dispensed with ; but none on 25 are provided for.

Present No. 17. *Future No.* 15.

Five Mazoomdars on 25 Rupees are abolished, but two on 30 and 1 on 35 are added.

Do. No. 123. *Do. No.* 121.

One Pishcar on 15 Rupees is dispensed with, and 2 more on 14 proposed.

Thus in these 4 grades the present establishment is 164, that proposed will be 163.

32. The present and future average salaries of these grades are as follows.

	Present.	Future.
Tahsildars	87	$101\frac{1}{3}$
Deputy Tahsildars	$24\frac{1}{3}$	$24\frac{2}{3}$
Mazoomdars...	$29\frac{7}{17}$	$31\frac{1}{3}$
Peishcars...	$10\frac{143}{180}$	$10\frac{106}{111}$

33. The average salaries of Tahsildars are under the new arrangement 14 Rupees higher than at present, but there are three less of the grade. In the other classes the difference is immaterial.

34. In the establishment of Peons there is an increase of 23 in number, but this augmentation has been formed by entertaining more on the smaller scales of pay. The bulk of the Peons under Mr. Taylor's arrangement will receive the very inadquate remuneration of $3\frac{3}{4}$ and 3 Rupees each. The Board think this very unadvisable, and would wish this part of the subject carefully reconsidered.

35. The Board have now discussed the various points of the scheme under consideration and it rests with Government to determine how far it shall be carried out. Mr. Taylor has evidently taken great pains with the subject, and if Government wish the District divided into 13 talooks his arrangements will only need partial alterations which can be easily effected. Instead therefore of referring the subject for Mr. Elton's previous report, they will furnish him with a copy of these Proceedings and of the maps, in order that he may have an opportunity of expressing his views while the question is under the consideration of Government.

36. The Board however are constrained to request a re-consideration of the general question, as they entertain grave doubts as to its expediency.

37. It is doubtless very desirable to raise the pay of Tahsildars and make the office of value and importance, but by the present plan this object is attained by the questionable expedient of also increasing their talooks, their duties and responsibilities. In Nellore for instance though the salaries of 3 Tahsildars are raised, but the Collector loses the services of 3 altogether, whether this loss will not be severely felt, and whether the addition to the salaries of these Tahsildars will counter-balance the influence on the lower grades which the slower promotion consequent on the abolition of the 3 less profitable situations will exert, are matters worthy of consideration. It will not escape the notice of Government that 3 additional Deputy Tahsildars are considered necessary, so that one result of the present scheme will be to have a portion of the work now done by Tahsildars performed by the lower class ; as regards the people too the advantages of the new system appear very doubtful. Thus in the Southern Division of Nellore the people of Goondavole and Toomultulpoor have each a Tahsildar on 70 Rupees. In cases beyond the competency of their village officers, they must hereafter proceed to a more distant Cushah, and the people of the first named talook exchange a Tahsildar on Rupees 70 for a Deputy on 25 Rupees.

38. In the Police Department the inconvenience of large talooks is particularly felt by the people. The powers of heads of villages are very limited extending only to the petty assaults, thefts of property not exceeding 1 Rupee, and such trifling matters. They can only inflict imprisonment for 12 hours, or place the offender (if of the lower classes) in the stocks for 6.

39. All cases of more importance than these must go before the Tahsildar or Police Ameen, for sub-officers of Police can only investigate cases, and have no power either to determine them or to inflict any punishment.

40. It is therefore of great consequence to the people to have a sufficiency of officers possessing the higher powers vested in Tahsildars.

41. But in soliciting the Government to reconsider the matter, the Board are mainly influenced by the great difference which the intended employment of Uncovenanted Deputy Collectors and Magistrates will effect in the administration. Instead of only having as at present a Sub-Collector and head, and in some cases a junior Assistant, a Collector will besides these hereafter have 3 Uncovenanted Assistants possessing full powers. There will then be ample superintendence, and it seems to the Board that Tahsildars should in consequence of this increase in the supervising Agency be made executive officers far more than they now are, or indeed can be with extensive talooks under their charge. The general supervision which a Tahsildar now exercises (of necessity for the Collector has not enough of superior Agency,) will then be vested in the higher grades, and the Tahsildar will take a larger personal share in the management of his talook.

42. It seems to the Board therefore that the object now should be to make talooks compact and moderate in size, so as to enable the Tahsildars to perform their functions as executive officers more efficiently and so as to relieve the people from the hardship of long journeys and absence from their agricultural pursuits.

43. Thus in Nellore the Board are inclined to think that a better arrangement than increasing the size of the talooks would be to locate one Assistant Covenanted or Uncovenanted (say) at Sydapoor, and another (say) at Kaligiry. These officers could superintend the management of three talooks each and the Police of the adjoining divisions. The Collector would still have two and often three Assistants available for general purposes. The Tahsildars could consequently perform a larger portion of detail-work which is now in reality performed by ill paid and less qualified persons.

44. If however Government still think it desirable to enlarge talooks, the Board would suggest the propriety of vesting Sub-Officers with powers intermediate between those of village Officers and Tahsildars.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM, *Acting Secretary.*

No. 48. ORDER THEREON, No. 1238 ; dated 1st December 1857.

* *Para.* 35. Before passing orders on the question discussed in the paper above recorded, the Government wish to have before them Mr. Elton's views upon the subject, which it is observed,* the Board have requested him to submit for their consideration.

(Signed) H. FORBES,
Acting Secretary to Government.

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No. 3703

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 30th October 1857.

Read letter from the Acting Collector of Nellore dated 13th July 1857.

In Extract 30th October 1857

(Here Enter No 991)

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		Rupees	No.	No.
17	15	35	1	1
		30	4	0
		25	0	1
		20	2	2
		15	2	2
		100	2	5
		120	2	4
		140	1	1
9	12	21	2	1
		25	1	11
17	16	30	0	1
		40	1	0
		35	4	2
120	121	15	1	2
		16	20	20
		12	20	20
		10	75	75
		10	1	1
		9	1	1
		8	24	23
		7	11	14
		6	20	16
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		4	15	13
		3	10	10
		2	10	10
		1	10	10
			1013	1023

Note. The manner and designation of appeal to these officers might get rid of.

31 Mr. Taylor has rearranged the Establishment in such a way as not to incur extra expense and the results so far as they regard the most important classes of servants are briefly as follows.-

1 Head of Police on 35 Rupees and 5 Tahsildars on 30 are abolished. an additional Tahsildar being entertained on Rupees 100 and 2 on 120. 1 Deputy Tahsildar on 21 Rupees is dispensed with; but none on 25 are provided for.

Two Mazoomdars on 25 Rupees are abolished. but two on 30 and 1 on 35 are added

One Peishcar on 15 Rupees is dispensed with and 2 more on 16 proposed.-

Thus on these 4 grades the present Establishment is 164, that proposed will be 163

32. The present and future average salaries of these grades are as follows.-

	Present	Future
Tahsildars	87	101 1/3
Deputy Dr	24 1/9	24 3/10
Mazoomdars	29 7/7	31 1/3
Peishcars	10 103/120	10 105/120

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33. The average salaries of Tahsildars are under the new arrangement 4 Rupees higher than at present, but there are three less of the grade. In the other grades the difference is immaterial.

34. In the Establishment of Peons there is an increase of 23 in number but the augmentation has been formed by entertaining men on the smaller rate of pay. The Table of the Peons under Mr Taylor's arrangements will receive thirty one Rupees each emumeration of 2½ and 3 Rupees each. The Board think the very considerable and could with the part of the Table just carefully reconsidered.

35. The Board have now discussed the various points of the scheme under consideration and it rests with Government to determine how far it shall be carried out. Mr Taylor has evidently taken great pains with the subject and of Government with the District

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District divided into 15 Talooks his arrangements will only need partial alterations which can be easily effected. Instead therefore of referring the subject for Mr Elton's previous report they will furnish him with a copy of these Proceedings and of the Maps in order that he may have an opportunity of expressing his views while the question is under the consideration of Government.

36. The Board however are constrained to request a reconsideration of the general question as they entertain grave doubts as to its expediency

37. At a doubtful very desirable to raise the pay of Talookdars and make the Office of value and importance, but by the present plan this object is attained by the creation of additional expedient of also increasing their duties and responsibilities. Talooks their duties and responsibilities. In Kellaee for instance the salaries of 3 Talsildars are raised, but the Collector loses the services of 3 altogether, whether this

this log will not be severely felt & whether the addition to the salaries of these Tahsildars will counterbalance the influence on the lower grades which the slower promotion consequent on the abolition of the 3 less profitable situations will exert are matters worthy of consideration. It will not escape the notice of Government that 3 additional Deputy Tahsildars are considered necessary so that one result of the present scheme will be to have a portion of the work now done by Tahsildars performed by the lower class. as regards the people too the advantages of the new system appear very doubtful. Thus in the Southern Division of Malabar the people of Goondasole and Tirtalli poor have each a Tahsildar on 75 Rupees. In cases beyond the competency of their Village Officers they must hereafter proceed to a more distant

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distant Tahsildar and the people of the first named Taluk exchange a Tahsildar on 75 Rupees for a Deputy on 25 Rupees.

38 In the Police Department the inconvenience of large Talooks is particularly felt by the People. The powers of Heads of Villages are very limited extending only to petty assaults thefts of property not exceeding 1 Rupee and such trifling matters. They can only inflict imprisonment for 12 hours or place the offender (of the lower classes) in the stocks for 6.

39 All cases of more importance than these must go before the Tahsildar or Police Ameen for Sub Officers of Police can only investigate cases and have no power either to determine them or to inflict any punishment.

40 It is therefore of great consequence to the people to have a sufficiency of officers possessing the higher powers vested in Tahsildars.

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But in soliciting the Government to reconsider the matter the Board are mainly influenced by the great difference which the intended employment of Uncovenanted Deputy Collectors and Magistrates will effect on the administration. Instead of only having as at present a Sub Collector and Head and in some cases a Junior Assistant Collector will besides these here after have 3 Uncovenanted Assistants possessing full powers. There will then be ample superintendence and it seems to the Board that Tahsildars should in consequence of this increase in the Supervising Agency be made Executive Officers for more than they now are or indeed can be with extension of Talooks under their charge. The general supervision which a Tahsildar now exercises (of necessity for the Collector has not enough of Superior Agency) will then be vested in the higher grades and the Tahsildar will take a large personal share in the management of his Talook.

62 It seems to the Board therefore that the object now should be to make Talooks compact and moderate in size, so as to enable the Tahsildars to perform their functions as Executive Officers more efficiently & so as to relieve the people from the hardship of long journeys and absence from their agricultural pursuits.

63 Thus in Nellore the Board are inclined to think that a better arrangement than increasing the size of the Talooks would be to locate one Assistant Covenanted or Uncovenanted (say) at Udayagiry Kaipoor and another (say) at Kaligiry. These Officers could superintend the management of three Talooks each & the Police of the adjoining Divisions. The Collector would still have two and often three Assistants available for general purposes. The Tahsildars could consequently perform

perform a larger portion of detail-work
which is now in reality performed by
ill paid and less qualified persons.—

If however Government still
think it desirable to enlarge Talooks
the Board would suggest the propriety
of vesting Sub Officers with powers inter-
mediate between those of Village Officers
and Talookdars.—

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Read the following Letter from the Secretary of the Board of Revenue dated (Fort William) 30th Oct. 1857. No 3703.

Before passing orders on the Question discussed in the paper above recorded the Govt wish to have before them Mr. Elton's views upon the subject, which it is observed, the Board have requested him to submit for their consideration.

W.H. B.G.

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-ment of the Talooks in the
Nellore District, in view to
increasing the Salaries of the
Tahsildars.

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