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## *Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of* 30*th June* 1857.

No. 50. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue; dated 13th June 1857, No. 2022.

Read letter from the Collector of Canara dated 13th January 1857.*

* *In Consultation* 13*th June* 1857.

(Here enter No. 3.)

*From Collector of Canara dated* 30*th December* 1854, *in Consultation* 1*st February* 1855.

*Boards' letter* 18*th June* 1855.

The late Collector of Canara in obedience to the circular orders of Government, dated 6th October 1853, No. 587, reported in outline the measures which he deemed necessary for improving the village Police, adding suggestions for the improvement of the Police generally. His propositions having been submitted to Government, were reviewed in Minutes of Consultation of Government under date the 20th October 1855, No. 1171, Revenue Department.

2. Mr. Maltby shewed that the system in Canara differed from that of the Districts of the Presidency in general, in the circumstance that there are no officers corresponding to the Curnum and Taliar to each village but a limited number, under the designations of Shanbogues and Oogranies, whose services were distributed among the villages of the talook. He considered the number of much too small, but the arrangement coupled as it is with a separate stipendiary Police, a good one, and proposed extension not alteration. He also shewed that the Potails received a mere nominal remuneration and had in a great measure lost, from the effect of the more regular administration under British rule those exemptions and privileges which under the Native Governments compensated for the want of specific emolument, while their labours and responsibilities had become considerably greater. To restore the efficiency of the office which had fallen in consequence he proposed an increase to their salaries.

3. It is unnecessary to notice his suggestions for strengthening the stipendiary Police, and the division of the talook of Soopah, as Government though admitting the force of his observations on these points, intimated their desire that consideration should be confined in the present instance to the village Police.

4. Mr. Maltby's views on this subject were approved of generally; but the Government, in agreeing to an increase of the number, questioned the necessity of an augmentation of the pay of the Shanbogues, and concurred with the Board in opinion that there should be one Oograny to each Potail, by which arrangement their number would be nearly double that proposed by Mr. Maltby; while on the other hand, their pay, the Government thought, might under these circumstances be equalized with that given to the Taliars of South Arcot, viz. 2½ Rupees per mensem, instead of being fixed at 3 Rupees a month as proposed.

5. In communicating these remarks they desired that the Collector might be called upon to submit the necessary details of the general scheme, modified as suggested, in proper form with a view to the sanction of the Government of India being solicited for the increase of charge which it will involve.

6. The letter recorded at the head of these Proceedings is the reply to this reference.

7. Mr. Fisher, the present Collector of Canara, is not satisfied with the scheme of his predecessor, but advocates a more complete approach to the village system of the Carnatic, which he considers will produce greater efficiency.

8. With this view, he would do away with the present comparatively high paid Shanbogues (whom he terms magany servants) and attach one, on salaries varying from 4 to 3 Rupees monthly, to each Potail. Under these altered circumstances he anticipates that the Shanbogue would become obedient to the Potail instead of being, as at present, his superior.

9. From the statement enclosed in his letter it appears that Mr. Fisher's plan provides for 1075 Potails on stipends of from 5 to 2½ Rupees each; as many Shanbogues with remuneration as a bove stated, and 1181 Oogranies some receiving 2½ and some 2 Rupees monthly according to the size of their charge. In some cases 2 Oogranies would be attached to 1 Potail.

10. The aggregate annual expense of this Establishment would be Rs. 1,16,406 which is Rs. 18,326 less than that proposed by Mr. F. Maltby.

11. The Board do not concur with Mr.Fisher in considering the entire assimilation of the village Establishment with that of the Carnatic as desirable for Canara. The necessity for a Curnum to each head of a village in the former arises from the great detail in accounts necessitated by the mode of settlement. In Canara, the wurg system renders the accounts more simple. Fewer hands therefore will suffice to write them ; and there is an obvious advantage in the employment of a moderately well paid official, over that of one whose small emoluments expose him in a greater degree to temptation. They prefer therefore to adhere to the present description of Shanbogues, who have been so long entertained, that the Board do not quite understand how the adoption of Mr. Fisher's plan could be said, as has been said by him, to be a *return* to the village system.

12. The number of Potails at present is 1969 ; Mr. Maltby estimated that it might be reduced to 1,500 ; Mr. Fisher brings it down to 1075. Although the local officer has necessarily superior means of judging to the superintending authority at a distance, the Board cannot but feel an apprehension that the number proposed is too small. As regards salary they deem it unnecessary to exceed 3 Rupees per mensem. It is true that the labour and responsibility involved in the office cannot be said to be fully remunerated by this small stipend ; but the deficiency is compensated to the class of persons, viz. the substantial landholder, which the Board desire to see in the office, by the rank and importance it confers.

13. No remark is required relative the proposition in regard to Oogranies, except that the number of Potails being increased it would seem proper that their number must be increased also, as the Board incline strongly to the opinion that there should be not less than one Oograny to each Patail.

14. The Collector would pay a portion of the Shanbogue's salary by remission from Beriz. The Board on full consideration would prefer a direct money payment, as the time of an accountant, even if there were one to each Potail, may be too much occupied, to allow him leisure to attend to cultivation. For the same reason it seems preferable that the remuneration of the Oograny should also be wholly in money. With the Potail the case is different. It is not supposed that he will be materially dependent on his official salary for subsistence, and a remission from the tax on his land, particularly when peculiar to himself, will add to his importance.

15. It is resolved to request the present Acting Collector to revise the scheme for village Establishments with reference to the foregoing remarks, and to submit a fresh proposition with as little delay as possible.

16. He will be pleased to include in it a calculation of the expense of providing a Dufterbund to each Shanbogue, as on full consideration of the point, the Board are disposed to repeat the recommendation for their employment. If one Shanbogue attends to the accounts of several villages he will require some one to carry his accounts from one to the other, and the Oograny, if taken for this purpose, may be absent from his own village when urgently required for Police purposes.

17. In the letter under consideration* the Collector brings to notice that he has recently discovered that 30 of the Monigars which, with the exception of 5, is the whole number now employed in the District, are paid from the funds allotted to the village Establishment, and receive in the aggregate Rupees 3,924 per annum. When these people were first employed he has been unable to learn, but is told that they have been entertained and paid from the fund of the village Establishments from Fusly 1212.

*Para. 28.

18. The Acting Collector will be pleased to consider carefully whether any of this class of servants will be required, after the village Establishments have been reformed, and if he is of opinion that it cannot be entirely dispensed with, he will apply in the prescribed form for the entertainment of as many as he deems it necessary to retain, as an addition to his talook Establishment.

Ordered that a copy of these Proceedings be submitted for the consideration and orders of Government, and a transcript of the same be forwarded to the Acting Collector of Canara.

(A true Extract.)

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

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*Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 30th June 1857.*

No. 51. ORDER THEREON, No. 664 ; dated 30th June 1857.

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council approves of the instructions issued by the Board of Revenue to the Acting Collector of Canara respecting the reform of the village Police of that District, and will await the receipt of the revised scheme which that officer has been called upon to submit in accordance with their views.

(Signed) H. FORBES,

*Acting Secretary to Government.*

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under the designations of Shanbogues and Ooganies, whose services were distributed among the Villages of the Taluk. He considered the number much too small, but the arrangement coupled as it is with a separate Stipendiary Police, a good one, and proposed extension not alteration. He also shewed that the Patails received a mere nominal remuneration and had in a great measure lost, from the effect of the more regular administration under British Rule those exemptions and privileges which under the Native Governments compensated for the want of specific emolument, while their labours and responsibilities had become considerably greater. To restore the efficiency of the Office which had fallen in consequence he proposed an increase to their Salaries.

3. It is unnecessary to notice his suggestions for strengthening the Stipendiary Police, and the division of the Taluk of Soopah, as Government though admitting the force of his observations on these points, intimated their desire that



that consideration should be confined in the present instance to the Village Police.

4. Mr. Mallby's views on this subject were approved of generally, but the Government, in agreeing to an increase of the number, questioned the necessity of an augmentation of the pay of the Shanbogues, and concurred with the Board in opinion that there should be one Oogany to each Patail, by which arrangement their number would be nearly double that proposed by Mr. Mallby - while on the other hand, their pay, the Government thought, might under these circumstances be equalized with that given to the Talians of South Arcot, viz. 2½ Rupees per mensem instead of being fixed at 3 Rupees a month as proposed.

5. In communicating these remarks they desired that the Collector might be called upon to submit the necessary details of the general scheme, modified as suggested, in proper form with a view to the sanction of the Government of India being solicited for the increase of charge which it will involve.

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8. With this view, he would do away with the present comparatively high paid Shanbogues (whom he terms Magany Servants) and attach one, on salaries varying from 4 to 3 Rupees monthly, to each Potail. Under these altered circumstances he anticipates that the Shanbogue would become obedient to the Potail instead of being, as at present his superior.

9. From the Statement enclosed in his letter it appears that Mr Fisher's plan provides for 1075 Potails on Salaries of from 5 to 2½ Rupees each, as many Shanbogues in the remuneration as above stated, and 1181 Cogranies some receiving 2½ and some 2 Rupees monthly according to the size of their charge. In some cases 2 Cogranies would be attached to 1 Potail.

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the Collector brings to notice that he has recently discovered that 30 of the Monigars which with the exception of 5, is the whole number now employed in the District are paid from the funds allotted to the Village Establishment, and receive in the aggregate Rupees 392 per annum. When these people were first employed he has been unable to learn, but is told that they have been entertained and paid from the fund of the Village Establishments from July 1912.

18. The Acting Collector will be pleased to consider carefully whether any of this Class of Servants will be required



required, after the Village Establishments have been reformed, and if he is of opinion that it cannot be entirely dispensed with, he will apply in the prescribed Form for the entertainment of as many as he deems it necessary to retain, as an addition to his Talook Establishment.

Ordered that a Copy of these Proceedings be submitted for the consideration and orders of Government, and a Transcript of the same be forwarded to the Acting Collector of Canara.

(A true Extract)
L. R. Lewis
Ag Secretary

To
H. Forbes Esqre
Ag Secretary to Government
Revenue Department.

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No. 689

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Read 13th June 57
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No. 2022

Submitting with the Board's remarks thereon a letter from the Ag. Collector of Canara stating his views on the scheme proposed by Mr. Malthy for superseding the Police Establishment

No. 664 With an order 30th June

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Fort St. Geo. 30th June 1857

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