Revenue Department

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No. 35. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue; dated 18th June 1857, No. 2087.

* *In Consultation 19th Jan. 1857.*

† *In Cons. 18th June 1857, No. 501.*

Read again letter from the Acting Collector of Guntoor dated 11th October 1856,* proposing certain alterations in the configuration of certain talooks in his District.

Read also letter from the same officer dated 29th January 1857,† forwarding copy of a communication from the District Civil Engineer concurring in the modifications proposed in the Collector's first letter.

(Here enter No. 17.)

Resolved that the foregoing letters be submitted for the consideration and orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, with reference to Extract Minutes Consultation No. 828, Revenue Department, 7th August 1856.

2. The alterations proposed by the Acting Collector of Guntoor in the foregoing correspondence affect the boundaries of six talooks in his District.

3. The first alteration contemplates the addition of 7 villages to Datchapully from Timmarecotta talook. The former talook at present comprises 66 villages an area of 383 square miles and a population of 59,966 souls and revenue of 92,737 Rupees. Under the proposed change it will consist of 73 villages with an area of 425 square miles, a population of 64,714 souls and a revenue of 1,07,172 Rupees. The Timmarecotta talook will thus be reduced to 583 square miles or 82 villages and its revenue to 1,06,421 Rupees.

4. As the talooks are at present constituted, their common boundary appears from the sketch accompanying the Acting Collector's letter to be very irregular. The villages proposed for transfer are stated to be within a short distance of their intended talook Cusbah, and situated for the most part on the same side of the stream as the Cusbah.

5. The second alteration is proposed apparently with the chief object of diminishing the size of the largest, and increasing that of the smallest talook in the District.

6. Cooroopad contains 143 villages of 516 square miles with a revenue of 1,24,826 Rupees and a population of 41,726 souls. Mr. Newill proposes incorporating 7 of its villages, the statistics of which are shown in the margin with those of Condaveed. The latter will then be increased to 53 villages with an area of 171 square miles, a population of 24,747 souls and a revenue of 84,883 Rupees.

Area. Sq. M.	*Population.*	*Rev.*
20	2557	10,769

7. The proposed boundary line appears to the Board to be scarcely an improvement on the present one, but the reduction of Cooroopad talook will doubtless secure greater facility of supervision.

8. The third alteration is to be effected by the following interchange of villages between the talooks of Tenally and Ponnoor with the view of rendering them more compact.

	Number of villages.	Area square miles.	Population.	Rev. Fusly 1265.
Tenally talook as at present.	58	194	43,041	1,16,363
To be transferred to Ponnoor.	3	16	2,702	8,824
	55	178	40,339	1,07,539
To be added from Ponnoor.	7	18	3,158	9,125
Tenally as proposed.	62	196	43,497	1,16,664
Ponnoor talook as at present.	68	222	38,704	1,42,619
To be transferred to Tenally.	7	18	3,158	9,125
	61	204	35,546	1,33,494
To be added from Tenally.	3	16	2,702	8,824
	64	220	38,248	1,42,318

9. By referring to the sketch delineating this modification it will be seen that by the proposed transfer, the distance between the villages and their Cusbah towns will be reduced con-

siderably. Mr. Newill observes that the existing arrangement was effected with the object, no-longer necessary, of keeping the Commawoor channel entirely within the Ponnoor talook.

10. Under the reasons assigned in the foregoing paras., the Board agree with the Acting Collector that the changes suggested by him are desirable, and accordingly recommend that he be authorized to carry them out as soon as convenient.

(A true Extract.)

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

No. 36.

ORDER THEREON, No. 804; dated 11th August 1857.

The Board of Revenue submit a letter from the Acting Collector of Guntoor, proposing alterations in the extent of some of the talooks of that District as shewn in the following table.

	At present.			As proposed.		
	No. of villages.	Area in Sq. Mls.	Revenue.	No. of villages.	Area in Sq. Mls.	Revenue.
Datchpully,	66	383	92,737	73	425	1,07,172
Timmercottah,	89	625	1,20,856	82	583	1,06,421
Condaveed,	86	151	74,113	53	171	84,883
Coorapad,	143	516	1,24,826	136	496	1,14,057
Tennally,	58	194	1,16,362	62	196	1,16,664
Ponnoor,	68	222	1,42,619	64	220	1,42,317

2. The Board recommend the changes though in para. 7 of their Proceedings they admit that the proposed boundary line between Coorapad and Condaveed talooks is not an improvement on the old one, and in para. 9 they allude to Mr. Newill's remark that it is no longer necessary to keep the Coomawoor channel entirely within the Ponnoor talook, without any explanation of the circumstances which have removed the necessity. The Government observe from the sketch submitted that the proposed boundary line between Tennally and Ponnoor talooks is also not an improvement.

3. Thus as in two of the three instances, the new boundary lines seem nearly as irregular as the old ones, and the information in regard to the Coomawoor channel not complete, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council is not prepared to sanction the changes before the Collector and the Board have given further consideration to the subject. To enable the Government properly to understand the Collector's propositions, it is necessary that his report should be accompanied by a Map of the whole District, shewing all the present and proposed lines marked distinctly in different colors. The positions of the Cusbah towns and of the stations of the District Moonsiffs' Courts should also be pointed out in the Map.

District.	Entire extent in square miles.	No. of Talooks.	Average extent of each Talook.
Bellary	12,101	17	712
Kurnool	3,278	8	419
Tanjore	5,781	16	236
Trichinopoly	2,922	8	365
Tinnevelly	5,482	13	422
Coimbatore	8,151	15	543
Canara	7,152	12	596
Malabar	6,050	16	378

4. The Government also find it necessary to draw the attention of the Collector and the Board to the small size of the talooks in Guntoor, and to the propriety of decreasing their number, in order to increase the present very low salaries of the Tahsildars. The table in the margin will shew that the average extent of the talooks in the Districts of this Presidency in which there is little or no Zemindary settlement is much above the average extent of the talooks of Guntoor, which is only 357 square miles, the extent of the entire District being no more than 5,000 square miles without any portion permanently settled. In Tanjore alone the average extent is so low

	Average Rev. of the District.	Average extent of Talook square miles.
	Rs.	
Guntoor	19,10,423	357
Coimbatore	26,35,665	543
Canara	27,97,487	596
Bellary	26,81,726	712

	Extent.
**Timmercotah*	625
Coorapad	516

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1	*Tahsildar at*	120.
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6	*do.* "	40.
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as 236 square miles, but there are reasons peculiar to that District which would make change unadvisable. Considering all circumstances, and the proportion which the average revenue of Guntoor bears to that of the three other Districts noted in the margin, in which the average extent of each talook ranges between 543 and 712 square miles, as well as the fact that in Guntoor there are already two talooks of the extent shewn in the margin,* the Government believe that the average extent of all the Guntoor talooks can without any inconvenience be raised to 500 square miles or even a little above that limit, thereby reducing the number of these talooks to 9 or 10. The Government are obliged thus strongly to suggest the change because the pay of the Guntoor Tahsildars is exceedingly low as shewn in the margin, and they are of opinion that no other arrangement than that pointed out will serve to place them on a better footing. With these observations, the Government would leave the subject for the consideration of the Acting Collector and the Board, with a request that they will submit their opinion at an early date.

5. In para. 9 of Extract Minutes Consultation of 26th November 1855, No. 1293, it was pointed out that there may be instances in which transfers of talooks or villages from District to District would much tend to promote the efficiency of the administration both Revenue and Police, and the Government must observe with reference to that remark, that the South Western portion of the Guntoor District seems to need extension not only to correct the present irregular boundary line, but also to take in the portion of the Doopaud talook of the Cuddapah District proposed to be transferred to Kurnool, which is more distant from either Kurnool or Cuddapah than from Guntoor. The Southern limit, and particularly the South Eastern corner of Guntoor, seems to be also susceptible of improvement. The Board of Revenue will be good enough to desire the Acting Collector to communicate with the Collectors of Cuddapah and Nellore on the subject, and submit a full report.

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

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Revenue Department.

No 2087

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dated 18th June, 1837.

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4. As the Talooks are at present constituted, their common boundary appears from the sketch accompanying the Acting Collectors letter to be very irregular. The Villages proposed for transfer are stated to be within a short distance of their intended Talook Cutcherry and situated for the most part on the same side of the stream as the Cutcherry.

5. The second alteration is proposed apparently with the chief object of diminishing the size of the largest and increasing that of the smallest Talook in the District.

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area. Population. Rev. 20 Sym. 2557. 10769.

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8. The third alteration is to be effected by the following interchange of Villages between the Talooks of Tually and Pomroor with the view of rendering them more compact.

	Number of Villages.	Area: Square Miles.	Population.	Rev: Tuly 1865.
Tually Talook as at present	58	194	43041	116363
To be transferred to Pomroor	3	16	2702	8824
	55	178	40339	107539
To be added from Pomroor	7	18	3158	9125
Tually as proposed	62	196	43497	116664
Pomroor Talook as at present	68	232	38704	142619
To be transferred to Tually	7	18	3158	9125
	61	204	35546	133494
To be added from Tually	3	16	2702	8824
	64	220	38248	142318

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9. By referring to the Sketch delineating this modification it will be seen that by the proposed transfer, the distance between the Villages and their Asbah Towns will be reduced considerably. Mr Neville observes that the existing arrangement was effected with the object (no longer necessary) of keeping the Commanoor Channel entirely within the Commoor Taluk.—

10. Under the reasons assigned in the foregoing Paras. the Board agree with the Acting Collector that the changes suggested by him are desirable, and accordingly recommend that he be authorized to carry them out as soon as convenient.—

(A true Extract)

S. A. Smith
Acting Secretary

To,
H. Forbes Esq.
Acting Secretary to Government
Rev. Department.

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(7) Rev: Depart.

No 804.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation -
Under date the 11 August, 1857

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I have &c
(signed) G. Dundas

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Contract Letters of Revr.
Dated 11th August 1837.
From G. Dundas Esqr. Secy. to the Board of Revr.
Dated Masulipatam 7th September 1837.

Relating to the
Letter from the Collector of Guntur
of 26th August 1837
Proposing certain
Alterations in the Limits
of Talooks comprising the Zillah
of Guntur.

Recd 9th Sept.
Answd 26th.

Copy to Mr. Chief Secy. Govt. Rev.