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Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 8th January 1858.

No. 25. Read the following letter from E. B. THOMAS, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore ; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government Fort St. George; dated Coimbatore, 5th December 1857, No. 73.

SIR,

1. With reference to the heavy duties of this District, and the number of officers lately returned, I should be thankful if one, of some standing, could be spared to aid me here as a Special* Assistant, (once before allowed me for a time,) or by any other denomination Government thought fit.. Till lately I have had but one Assistant, Mr. Boswell, on whom I have been obliged to devolve more duty than was fair, both the Head Assistant's and his own, thus leaving him no leisure to prepare for his examination, to attend which, he also now leaves me for Trichinopoly.

2. Of the need I have of an Assistant for the Hills alone, Government will be aware from my letter of the 28th May 1857, No. 25. On the Hills an Assistant could be most usefully employed, as I am not able often to be there myself, he could take charge of the Police of the whole Hills, within the limits both of Coimbatore and Malabar; he could also, (in Dr. Cleghorn's absence and my own,) look after the Forests of the Neilgherries, now growing yearly more important, and for which a separate officer, will otherwise be found necessary. The four schools, lately established, in Colonel Pears' absence on tours. Charge of the local Treasury, now much augmented, he would be at hand to facilitate also supplies and arrangements for the Barracks, and the Hills generally, and to attend at once, in my absence, to all applications and references about land and water on the Hills, referring when necessary to my office.

3. He might, if Government thought fit, relieve the Military Commandant of the Hills of all his present Police and miscellaneous duty, which Colonel Cameron represented to be very onerous, and leave that officer at liberty for his Military charge only. Becoming more and more important, as the Neilgherries are, yearly, I think that Government will eventually find it advisable to give the Collector of this District a special resident Assistant there, and to his Hill charge I should also add Colligal and Danaikoncottah, the two talooks at the foot of, and partly on the Hills, North and South. Colligal especially being so far from Coimbatore, that the head or second Assistant, whose charge it is, can too seldom visit it, from Ootacamund it is easily reached.

4. Mr. Ricketts the Commissioner mentioned to me his full intention, with reference to the size and duties of the District, (of which he was aware,) of recommending not less than 8 European Agents; with only one Sub Collector, and one Assistant, and no head Sheistadar, (under which conditions I have for some time been working,) I may honestly say I have been at times overwhelmed, and my health has suffered in consequence.

5. As having worked hard here now for 8 years, often with only a single Assistant, and business yearly increasing, in this large ryotwar district with all its details, I trust I may be allowed to solicit the favorable consideration of Government, in a matter in which the welfare of the Provinces quite as much concerned, as my own relief.

No. 26. ORDER THEREON, No. 11; dated 6th January 1858.

The Government regret that they are unable, under present circumstances, to apply to the Government of India to sanction a Special Assistant in Coimbatore.

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

No. 702

Coimbatore Collectors
Office 5th December 1857

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To
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