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No. 51. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue; dated 5th June 1858, No. 1995.

In Cons. 5*th June* 1858.
Vide also from Malabar 30*th Oct. in Cons.* 24*th Nov.* 1857.
Pro. to do. 24*th Nov.* 1857.

Read letter (enclosing a Statement and sketch Map) from the Acting Collector of Malabar, dated 27th March 1858, proposing alterations in the boundaries of certain talooks in his district.

(Here enter No. 45.)

In Cons. 8*th Sept.* 1857.

Read again letter from the same Officer, dated 13th July 1857, forwarding for the information of the Board copies of correspondence with Mr. Ricketts (Commissioner for the Revision of Civil Salaries and Establishments) relative inter alia to the formation of two new talooks in the District of Malabar.

Resolved that the foregoing correspondence received from the Acting Collector of Malabar, be submitted for the consideration and orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council,

In Cons. 6*th Dec.* 1855.

with reference to Extract Minutes Consultation, in the Revenue Department, No. 1293, dated 26th November 1855, directing the revision of talook and District boundaries wherever it could be effected with public advantage.

2. The following abstract prepared from the Statement accompanying the first letter recorded above, exhibits the results of the proposed changes in the six talooks which it is intended to remodel, both as regards revenue, area and population.

Talooks.	As they are at present.			Revenue to be added or deducted.		Statistics under the new arrangement.		Nature of the proposed arrangement.
	Revenue.	Area.	Population.	To be added.	To be deducted.	Revenue.	Population.	
Cherikul ...	1,07,669	130	80,277	.....	902	1,06,767	not shewn	Five villages will be transferred from Cherikul to Cotyam.
Cotyam.....	1,61,513	487½	1,06,319	902	.....	1,62,415	,,	
Shernad.....	1,18,171	165½	1,03,869	.....	1,082	1,17,089	,,	One village will be transferred from Shernad to Betutnad.
Betutnad...	1,44,056	173	1,00,696	1,082	.....	1,45,138	,,	
Calicut.....	1,57,968	261½	1,23,354	* 5,062	4,137	1,58,893	1,23,125	One Amshom from Calicut to Coormenad & two Amshoms from the latter to the former.
Coormenad.	1,26,610	396	1,03,509	4,137	5,062	1,25,685	1,03,738	

* The net revenue to be added to Calicut is 925 Rupees which sum is also the net amount to be deducted from Coormenad.

3. As these changes and especially the interchange of Amshoms between Calicut and Coormenad, will remove inconvenience experienced at present and contribute much to public and private advantage without any extra expense to Government, the Board recommend that they may be sanctioned.

4. With the second letter recorded above, Mr. Robinson transmitted copies of correspondence which passed between himself and Mr. Ricketts, on the latter officer calling for a Report on the proposed sub-division of Malabar in to two Districts which was previously discussed in the correspondence noted in the margin.† The Board recorded Mr. Robinson's letter at the time with the remark that any proposition from Mr. Ricketts founded on Mr. Robinson's

† *From Commissioner Revision of Civil Salaries and Establishments dated* 31*st March in Con.* 24*th April* 1857.
To Commissioner dated 24*th April* 1857.

* *Addressed to Mr. Ricketts and enclosed in letter from Acting Collector dated 13th July in Cons. 8th Sept.* 1857, *No.* 111.

† *Letter No.* 3617 *dated 5th in Cons. 25th Sept.* 1857, *para.* 2.

Report would eventually come before them. It is not their intention to bring that question at present before Government, but as a portion of Mr. Robinson's Report, dated 23rd June* 1857, (para. 25 et seq.,) contains a distinct proposition for forming two new talooks in the District, and he has since† referred to it as a change which it would be desirable to make in connection with those already recommended in these Proceedings, the Board resolve to submit the Report for the orders of Government without reference to the other question contained in it.

5. Mr. Robinson states that the three talooks of Walloowanad, Nedinganad and Palghat are from their large size and population quite unmanageable by one Tahsildar and that one office in each talook falls short of the requirements of the people. Such parts as are at a distance from the cusbahs are at present greatly neglected, and are becoming more so as other portions of the talooks, in consequence of increasing wealth and importance, make greater demands on the time of their public officers. The wealth and population of Palghat have risen rapidly in a short time, and as the Railway runs through its whole length as well as that of Nedinganad, it is expected that business will still further increase. The Head of Police in the talook of Walloowanad exercises but a nominal check on the out-lying posts situated from 25 to 40 miles South East of the cusbah as the population in the North West is composed of the worst class of Moplahs, who require his close attention. Additional sub-officers of Police and Peshkars have from time to time been appointed to meet the wants of the three talooks, but they have not proved equal to the actual necessities of the case.

6 The remedy proposed by Mr. Robinson is the formation of a new talook from portions of the three above noticed, to contain 515 square miles with a population of 56,733 souls and a gross Revenue of Rupees 64,592.

‡ *Prepared from St. No.* 3.

7. The following abstract‡ shows the extent to which the present three talooks will be affected by the arrangement :—

Talooks.	As they are at present.			To be taken for the new talook.			As they will be when the new talook is formed.		
	Area in Sqr. Miles.	Population.	Gross Revenue.	Area in Sqr. Miles.	Population.	Gross Revenue.	Area in Sqr. Miles.	Population.	Gross Revenue.
Palghaut	400	1,34,523	1,74,975	55	15,677	14,722	345	1,18,846	1,60,353
Nedinganad	286	1,17,819	1,70,132	90	25,398	31,096	196	92,421	1,39,036
Wallowanad	875	99,894	1,30,823	370	15,658	18,774	505	84,236	1,12,049
Manarkat (the proposed talook)				515	56,733	64,592			

8. The proposed talook thus appears to be larger than any of the other three, and Mr. Robinson remarks that the revenue compared with the area is smaller than the average of talooks, but that this will enable him in organizing an Establishment for the new talook to dispense with the office of Sheristadar. Under an active Tahsildar he has no doubt that its revenue will in a few years be greatly increased, there being at present much concealed cultivation and plenty of waste which the people require but a little encouragement to take up for cultivation.

9. In Satement No. 4, the Acting Collector details the Establishment that will be required for the new talook, involving a total cost of Rupees 309-4-0 per month; but sanction is required for only Rupees 130-4-0, in addition to the present expenditure as he suggests making up the difference by substituting a Police Ameen in the Town of Cochin for the Fiscal at present employed there, and taking also to account the salaries of certain officers in the three

talooks to be reduced, whose services will not be required under the new arrangement. The offices proposed to be abolished, &c. are indicated in the margin.*

			Rs.	A.	P.
* *Establishment required for Manarkat*			309	4	0
Pay of present Tahsildar and head Police Officer at Cochin	120	0 0			
Do. of Police Ameen to be substituted	35	0 0			
Deduct diff.			85	0	0
			224	4	0
Deduct.					
Palghaut.					
Pay of 1 *Peshcar*	17	8			
Do. 2 *Kolcars*	8	0			
Police. 1 *Havildar*	7	0			
1 *Kolcar*	4	0			
		36 8 0			
Nedinganad.					
Pay of 1 *Peshcar*	17	8			
Do. 2 *Kolcars*	8	0			
Do. 3 *Police Kolcars*	12	0			
		37 8 0			
Walloowanad.					
Pay of 2 *Kolcars*	8	0			
Do. 3 *Police Kolcars*	12	0			
		20 0 0			
			94	0	0
Requiring sanction			130	4	0

10. Besides the change detailed above, Mr. Robinson proposes dividing Wynad into two talooks to be designated West and East Wynad, the former retaining its present Cusbah and the latter Moopainad (about Sultan's Battery) for its chief station.

11. The grounds of this suggestion are the large size of the present talook and its increasing importance as a coffee-growing tract of which Government are aware. Large portions (upwards of 30,000 acres) of the talook have been taken up by Europeans for plantations, and it is expected that much more will in a short time be appropriated for the same purpose. The number of European settlers and Managers of coffee estates is stated to be 50. Mr. Robinson remarks that the business of the talook can no longer be transacted by one Tashildar and Head of Police, and the Board are inclined to concur with him especially when it is considered that rules are in contemplation for assessing the coffee lands of Malabar to the Public Revenue, which will entail considerable extra labor and require close supervision.

12. The division proposed is thus exhibited in margin of para. 33 :—

	Area in Sqr. miles.	Population.	Revenue.
East Wynad	640	23,560	13,683
West Wynad	520	27,205	38,943
Total	1160	50,765	52,626

13. In explanation of the small revenue and population of Wynad, the Acting Collector states that they are not now truly represented, as coffee cultivation pays nothing though both the divisions are full of active Native and European planters, and that the large bodies of Coolies and attendants on the plantations are not included among the population.

14. The present Establishment† for Wynad consists of 98 officers entailing a cost of Rupees 653-12-9 per month, and the proposed Establishment for both divisions will consist of 106 officers at a monthly cost of Rupees 811-4-9, or Rupees 157-8-0, in excess of the present Establishment and for which the sanction of Government will be necessary if the arrangement be approved.

† *Vide Statement No.* 4.

15. The Collector has not furnished the names of the villages which it is intended should constitute the new Talooks of Manarkat and East Wynad, nor the prescribed Tabular Forms for the new Establishments and a sketch Map shewing the proposed line of division in Wynad, but should his proposal to divide Wynad, in which the Board concur, be favorably viewed by Government, he will be instructed to supply these. In the meanwhile perhaps Government will authorize the Acting Collector carrying out the arrangements explained in the first four paras. of these Proceedings and which the Board have recommended.

(Signed) G. S. FORBES, *Secretary.*

No. 52. ORDER THEREON, No. 1032; dated 26th July 1858.

1. With their Proceedings above recorded, the Board submit for the consideration and orders of Government, a correspondence between themselves and the Collector of Malabar relative to the revision generally of Talook boundaries in that District, and the formation of 2 new Talooks, with a view to the greater efficiency of fiscal and Police administration.

2. The proposed reforms are threefold. The first is the amendment of the boundaries of the Cherikal, Kotayam, Shernád, Betatnád, Calicut and Kùrmanád Talooks by the transfer of five villages from Cherikal to Kotayam, one from Shernád to Betatnád, one Amsham from Calicut to Kúrmanád, and two Amshams from the latter to the former. The Board (para. 2) give a tabular Statement shewing the result of these changes as regards revenue, area, and population, and remark that they will remove inconvenience experienced at present and contribute much to public and private advantage without any extra expense to the State; the Governor in Council accordingly sanctions the arrangement recommended.

3. The second reform advocated by the (late) Acting Collector and the Board is to form a new Talook called *Manarkát* from portions of the three Talooks of Nedinganád, Walluvanád, and Palghát which from their large size and population, and increasing wealth and importance are quite unmanageable by one Tahsildar; for this new Talook an Establishment would be required, costing Rupees 309-4-0 per month; but as under the new plan, certain officers now existing would be dispensed with, the total increase requiring sanction would only be Rupees 130-4-0.

Board, para. 9.

4. Mr. Robinson's third proposal is to divide Wynád into two Talooks to be designated East and West Wynád: the grounds of this suggestion are, the large size of the present Talook and its increasing importance as a coffee growing tract; the business of the whole of Wynád the Acting Collector observes can no longer be transacted by a single Tabsildar and Head of Police, "especially," the Board add, "when it is considered that rules are in contemplation for assessing the coffee "lands of Malabar, which will entail considerable extra labour, and require close supervision."

Board, para. 10.

Board, para. 11.

The present Establishment for Wynád consists of 98 officers costing Rupees 653-12-9 a month; the division into two Talooks will involve an increase of Rupees 157-8 a month.

Board, para. 14.
Collector's Statement 4.

5. The Government are fully convinced of the necessity for the proposed changes. Many Talooks of the Madras Districts have more than doubled their revenue, and probably their population since the British assumed the country; while the revenue and Police Establishment still remains as at first fixed. As to Wynád the Government have already requested the Acting Collector to report his opinion on the necessity for the permanent location of an European Assistant in the Talook. The Board will accordingly instruct Mr. Grant, as proposed by them in the last para. of their Proceedings, to furnish a list of the names of the villages which it is intended should constitute the new Talooks of Manarkát and East Wynád, and the prescribed Tabular forms for the new Establishments, with a sketch map shewing the proposed line of division in Wynád. But adverting to the late peremptory orders of the Honorable Court of Directors against increase of Establishments, the Governor in Council could not sanction an immediate application to the Government of India. The utmost that can now be done will be to obtain and keep the papers in the Government office until a more prosperous state of the Imperial treasury warrants a hope of the required expenditure being admitted by the Supreme Government.

6. The Government may observe that judging from the sketch maps already submitted by Mr. Robinson, very great irregularities in boundary, and inequalities of area appear still to exist although the proposed alterations take place. But in the full conviction that the changes advocated are the best which local experience can suggest, they forbear from pressing the point.

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7. Adverting to para. 8 of the Board's Proceedings, in which it is mentioned that the small revenue, compared with its area of the proposed Manarkát Talook will enable the office of Talook Sarrishtadár to be dispensed with, the Government are of opinion that it will be far better that when application is made it should be for a complete Establishment at once; it is stated that under an active Tahsildar there is no doubt that the revenue will be greatly increased in a few years as there is much concealed cultivation and plenty of waste; if the services of a Sarrishtadár are not required at present there seems every reason to suppose that he *will* be required in a few years; and any piecemeal applications for increased Establishments are open to serious objection.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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To H. Nicholles Esq
Commissioner for the revision of Civil Salaries and Establishments throughout India.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge your letter of the 31st Ultimo No 373, in which you ask the opinion of the Board on the advisability of dividing the following Districts.

Malabar
Canara
Tanjore
Bellary
Cuddapah.

You request the Board to enter fully into all the arguments for and against the measure whether it has their approval or not, and appear to have an impression that some of the other large Collectorates might perhaps be also divided with advantage.

2. The question must manifestly be affected, by various considerations, such for example as the position which Collectors are in future to hold with respect to salary and powers the retention or otherwise of their Magisterial functions, and the alterations which may be made in the situation of the District Courts and in the general administration

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of justice by the introduction of the new Code.
On these and other points the Board profess
little or no information, and they can therefore
only answer your question on the supposition
that a division of the Collectorates named
by you is the only change under contemplation.

3. Viewing the subject in this light they
desire me to lay before you a Copy of their
letter dated 25th January 1855 No 237 in which
they considered plans for ensuring an efficient
revenue control over the different provinces
your attention is particularly called to the re-
-marks in Paras 14. & Para 15 you will find
that the Board advocated the division of Cuddа-
-pah and Bellary into two Collectorships on
account of their unwieldly and inconvinient
size. But with regard to the other 3 Dis-
-tricts named by you the Board are not pre-
-pared to recommend a similar measure for
the following reasons.

4. The province of Malabar has strong
peculiarities. It has a language a popula-
-tion and land tenures which differ from
the rest of the Presidency, and to preserve
uniformity in its revenue administration
it

it seems desirable that it should be under one
controlling authority aided by an adequate
number of subordinate Officers. For its police
management this arrangement seems ab-
-solutely indispensable, and the grave events
which have taken place there show that the
Chief Magisterial authority could not be
divided without embarrassment and risk.

5 Canara has also its marked local
peculiarities in respects situation, language
and tenures, though it does not profess the
same uniformity as Malabar. It was for-
-merly divided into the 2 Districts of North
and South Canara and each portion now pos-
-sesses its separate Civil and Sessions Court.
The Board do not consider that any risk or
even serious public inconvenience would follow
if the 2 divisions were again placed under
separate Collectors, but they fail to see the
advantage of such an arrangement. It
would multiply correspondence, and prevent
that regularity and uniformity of system
which results from its seaports its forests
its salt pans and its frontier on the
Mysore

Mysore side being under the same Chief au-
thority while no substantive improvement could
be effected in its general internal administra-
tion.

6. In Tanjore the lands form a Delta dependent on a chain of irrigation works sup-
plied from the same sources. To check disputes
regarding water to facilitate their adjustment
when they occur, and to aid in the protection
and maintenance of the embankments and
sluices, it seems essential to the Board that the
superintendence of the entire Province should
be vested in one Officer. The peculiarity of
the Colongoe system of settlement, is another
strong argument for the same course, as diffi-
culty and dissatisfaction would arise, if the
price of grain and the rates of remission
in unfavorable years were not fixed in a
uniform manner throughout the District.

7 As you allude to Madura among
some other large Districts, the Board deem
it desirable to point out that the state of
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the Zemindaries in it have given the Collector
much labour, one of them, Ramnad is likely
soon to lapse to Government and another
Shevagunga is now under charge of the Collector
as Agent to the Court of Wards.

Revenue Board Office
Fort St. George
24th April 1857.

Shaw & Co
pr Sd J. D. Sim
Ag Secretary.

1.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
dated 22d November 1856.

Read letter from the Ag Collector of
Malabar dated 30th October 1856.
(Here enter No. 168)

The Board do not think it necessary
to apply to Government for permission to
transfer Desoms (Villages) from one Tah-
sheem (Subdivision) to another and on re-
ference to the Maps as well as the Ag Collectors
explanatory notes in the Statement they au-
thorize him to carry out such of these changes
as do not involve transfers from one Taluk
to another.

2. These last alterations will require
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the sanction of Government and for greater facility of reference the Board request the Acting Collector to forward a Map showing such changes only - The Ag Collector will at the same time consider whether the configuration of some of the Talooks cannot be more improved than his present proposition con-template.

3 Thus the Chenicut Talook is small while the next one Cottyam seems very large- A portion of the latter might apparently be transferred to Chenicut - The North and South boundaries of Cartenaad might also be made more regular - The part of Comme-=naad which runs into Calicut might also be transferred to the latter Talook.

4 - These remarks will serve to show the Acting Collector the alterations which Go-=vernment have in view.

5. The Map should be accompanied by a Statement showing the present and future size - population and revenue of each

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each Talook affected by such changes, or such of these particulars as can be given without much labor and delay.

I have &c

(True Extract)
(Signed) J. D. Sim
Ag Secretary.

(True Copies)

Secretary

Comp.d
S. Boyle

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 26th July 1858

Read the following
Extract from the Proceedings
of the Board of Revenue

(Recd enter 5th June/58 No 1995)

1. With ten proceedings above recorded the Board submit for the consideration and

To

orders of Govt a correspondence between themselves and the Collector of Malabar relative to the revision generally of Taloob Boundaries in that District, and the formation of new Talooks, with a view to the greater efficacy of fiscal and Police administration.

2. The proposed reforms are threefold.

Enclosure in an Endorsement from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue to the Acting Secretary to Government Revenue Dept dated 5th June 1858
No 1995

Copy
Board's Letter to the Commissioner for the revision of Taluk Talooks and Establishments throughout dated 24th April 1857
Board's Proceedings to —
Malabar dated 24th November 1857

the first is the amendment of the boundaries of the Cherikal, Kotayam, Skernád, Betatnád, Calicut and Kurumenad Talks by the transfer of five villages from Cherikal & Kotayam, one from Skernád & Betatnad, one Angadiam from Calicut & Kurumnáad, and two Amshams from the latter to the former. The Board have before them a Statement shewing the result of these changes as regards Revenue, area, and population, & remark that they will remove inconvenience experienced at present and contribute much to public and private advantage without any extra Expense to the State. The Govt in C. accordingly sanctioned the arrangement recommended.

3. The second reform advocated by the late A. Collector and the BD. is to form a new Talk. called Manarkát from portions of the three Talks of Nedinjanád, Nattuvanád, & Palghát, which from their large size & population, & increasing wealth and importance are quite unmanageable by one Tahsildar; for this new Talk. an Establishment will be required, costing Rs 309. 4. 0 per month, but as under the new Plan, certain offices now Existing will be dispensed with, the total increase requiring Sanction would only be Rs 130. 4. 0

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4. Mr Robinson's third proposal

is to divide Wynád into two Talks. The designated S. & W. Wynád: the grounds of this suggestion are: the large size of the present Talk: & its increasing importance as a Coffee growing tract; the business of the whole of Wynád the Sub Collr. Observes can no longer be transacted by a single Tahsildar: Head of Police, "Especially" the Road, when it is considered that "Rules are in contemplation "for opening the coffee planting localities. "which will entail considerable "Tehsildaree, Magisterial duties." "&c &c."

The present Establishment for Wynád consists of 98 Officers costing Rs 653.12.9 a month. the division into two Talks will involve an increase of Rs 157.8. a month.

I. Do not see fully convinced of

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the necessity for the proposed changes. Many Talks of the Madras Districts have more than doubled their revenue, and probably their Population since the British opened the Country; while the revenue and Police Establishments still remain as at first fixed. As Wynád the Sub Collr. requested the Collector to depute his opinion on the necessity for the permanent location of a European Officer in the Talk. The Board will accordingly instruct Mr Grant, as proposed by them in the last para of their Proc. & furnish a list of the names of the Villages which it is intended

should constitute the new Talk of Manantoddy and Sultan Wynaad, and the prescribed Tabular forms for the new Establishments with a sketched map shewing the proposed line of division in Wynaad. But adverting to the late peremptory orders of the Hon. C. of D. regarding the Establishment, the G. in C. could not sanction an immediate application to the Govt of India. That must first be done, with the opinion of the Board on the papers in the Govt Office, under a more prosperous state of the Imperial Treasury, and a hope of the required Expenditure being admitted by the Supreme Govt.

6. He Govt may observe that judging from the Sketch maps already submitted by Mr Robinson very great irregularities in boundary, and inequalities of area appear still to exist although the proposed alterations take place. But in the full conviction that the changes advocated are the best which local experience can suggest, they forbear from pressing the point.

Adverting to Para 8 of the Boards proceedings, in which it is mentioned that the small revenue, as compared with the area of the proposed Manantoddy Talk, will enable the office of Talk Sarishtadar to be dispensed with, the Govt are of opinion that it will be far better — but when application is made for a complete Establishment at once; It is stated that under an active Tahsildar there is no doubt that the Revenue will be greatly increased in a few years as there is much concealed cultivation and plenty of waste; If the services of Sarishtadar are not required at present they may hereafter become necessary and I suppose that in a few years he will be required;

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and any piecemeal applications for increased Establishments are open to serious objection

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Extract Mins. of Consultation
Dated 27th July 58.

From Bd of Revd 15th June 58
No 1176 in Cons.

Sanctioning the amendment of the boundaries of certain Talooks in Malabar as proposed and stating with reference to the formation of two new Talooks in the same District that under the recent orders of the Honorable Court the Government are unable to sanction an immediate application to the Government of India for an increase of Establishment.

No. 07662.

C14 July 28th