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Revenue Department

Minutes of Consultations

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Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 4th May 1858.

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			No. of persons to each Taliary.
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	No.
Village Taliaries.....	260
Station and Ghat do.	258
Do. Cavalgars.....	42
	560

Note. The assets shewn in No. 2 differ slightly from the amount entered in No. 1, as the former includes the emoluments of certain Cavalgars.

Para. 30 to 32.

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	Men.	Rs.
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Out Stations.....	2,565	92,340
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Note. In Col. 11 of No. 1 the value of the Enam, is stated to be Rupees 16,299 for the Bellary Talook at 2/3 of the reduced assessment. In Col. 6 of No. 6 the same amount is entered for the Bellary Talook, though the heading of this Col. is designed to shew the half value only. This discrepancy requires explanation.

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	Rs.
Assessment being $88416 \times 2 =$	1,76,832
Fees.....	34,769
	2,11,601
Proposed charge for 5526 Taliaries.....	1,98,936
	12,665
Deduct.	
Jodee paid to the Cirkar Statement No. 6 Column 29.....	9,248
Gain.....	3,417

Para. 19.

12. Mr. Pelly is decidedly of opinion that the village fees as at present found should be resumed and a cess of one anna per Rupee of the assessment both of Government and Enam land, should be substituted for it, to be collected by Government and to form a fund towards defraying not only the charge for Taliaries but also the expenditure incurred on account of official payments to the other public servants of the village. The fund thus to accrue cannot be separately shewn for the Taliaries as it is proposed that the one anna cess should cover the fees of the village officers generally. Statement No. 4 is intended to shew this part of the

	Rs.
Reddy.....	44,934
Curnum.....	51,105
Taliary.....	34,769
Cavale.....	3,030
Neerguntie and Ungagola.....	3,804
Totee.....	1,841
Barkee.....	4,777
Shroff.....	6,481
Paryah and Chumner.....	65,051
	2,15,792

Statement No. 4 Col. 21.

Do. Col. 17 at foot.

Do. Col. 20.

8,60,860 on which a Jodee of Rupees 98,244 is payable to Government, but the Taliary alone is at present under consideration.

13. Mr. Pelly's proposition embraces two important reforms, viz. firstly, the thorough reformation of the Village Police, and, secondly, the collection and payment of village fees under systematic arrangements. The Board are fully sensible of the value and importance of an improved Village Police, and desire to see its officers encouraged in their legitimate functions unchecked by the interference of Huzzoor and Talook Peons; but while admitting that Mr. Pelly's provision for station guards and patrols, by diminishing the number of Talook Peons so employed, tends to further this end, they are unable to recommend the scheme in its present form for the approval of Government, because Mr. Pelly has not shewn how far his proposed extension of the Village police to be under consideration, and are sensible that the plan now before them might clash with their own comments upon his plan is simply to afford information which may prove useful at the present time, the Village police being calculated under a proper system to take an important place in a scheme for the reconstruction of the police arrangement of the country.

14. Under this view, the Board abstain from discussing the means by which the proposed outlay involved in Mr. Pelly's scheme could be provided for.

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15. The total number of Candachar Peons in the whole district is not mentioned by Mr. Pelly, but it appears from para. 21 of his letter that there will not be any difficulty in bringing the lands held by this class of Peons to full assessment, service being no longer required of them. Some, Mr. Pelly says, have already relinquished their claims to remission with exemption from service, and the rest it is added may be allowed to do the same.

16. In submitting Mr. Pelly's proposition for the orders of Government, the Board desire to record their appreciation of the great importance of the subject, and to add that they are prepared on learning the views of Government with reference to the scope which may be given to the Village Police without interfering with other projected changes, to state more precisely how far Mr. Pelly's proposals seem to them to merit the sanction of the Government.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) G. S. FORBES,
Secretary.

* From Bellary 23rd Feby. in Con.
31st March 1858, No. 919.

P. S.—Since the above Proceedings were drafted, the Board have received a further letter* from the Collector enclosing one from his Sub-Collector, on the subject of the Village Police in the Talooks of the Sub-Division. This communication, and its accompaniments, are submitted for the information of Government.

(Signed) G. S. FORBES,
Secretary.

No. 26. ORDER THEREON, No. 549; dated 30th April 1858.

Ordered to be referred to the Judicial Department for consideration.

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

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*Extract from the Proceedings of the
Board of Revenue dated 12th August 1856.*

Read again letter from the

Collector of Bellary dated 26th May 1855.
Inboms: 4th June 1855.
relative to the Village Police of his District.

1. The Collector has prefixed to the above report a very useful abstract of the correspondence which has already passed on the subject of the Village Police of the Bellary District. It is unnecessary for the Board to peruse this part of Mr. Pelly's letter, and they will therefore pass at once to the question of reforming the Police Establishment as now existing.

2. The number of Villages in the District is stated to be 2758 exclusive of 1695 dependent hamlets—at present 2216 Villages are provided with 4584 Talukaries performing duty.

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The Collector considers that of the total number of Villages 560 are too small to require separate Taluaries and proposes to entertain 3219 Officers of this class for the remaining 2198 Villages. The number of Taluaries required for a Village must depend not only on its population but on its size - the number of hamlets dependent on it, and other local considerations of which the Collector must necessarily be the best judge. On this point therefore the Board will only remark that generally, one Taluary for every Village with 800 inhabitants would appear to be sufficient. In such Villages as contain 8 or 10,000 inhabitants it seems preferable to have a certain number of Taluaries and to establish a Tannah of regular peons in aid of the Taluary Establishment, than to increase the latter force to the extent that the population might otherwise seem to require.

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4. The Survey assessment value of the existing Enams and the Marah amounts to Rupees 2,08,612 or Rupees 1,64,339 for the former and Rupees 44,223 for the latter. Of the Enams however a large portion (Rupees 37,255) is stated to have been long left uncultivated and on a portion a jody of Rupees 8754 is collected. Moreover the Survey Assessment is independent of the established reduction of 25 per Cent since granted on all Circar lands. These reductions bring down the assessed value of the Enams to Rupees 87,819 while the actual receipts of the Taluaries from these lands is estimated at only Rupees 52,858, their Marah in like manner being believed to yield only Rupees 32,639. Thus the actual emoluments of the present Taluaries are supposed to be Rupees 76,743.

5. Mr Pelly proposes to make the Taluaries emoluments equivalent to 36 Rupees per annum. and estimates the extra

extra expense to Government at Rupees
62,758.-

6 The Board observe however, that the payment fixed by Government in South Arcot is only Rupees 30 per annum of which 12 Rupees is given in money and 18 Rupees in good arable land and they are inclined to consider this a sufficient remuneration for the same class in Bellary. The Board desire to have the Collector's opinion on the question of whether payment wholly in cash, or partly in cash, and partly by rent-free land, would be the more desirable system in Bellary. and in the latter case, what means could in Mr. Pelly's opinion be adopted to prevent a continuance of the system which has hitherto been so common of subdividing some Enams among heirs of deceased holders, until but a small fraction is left for the party actually performing duty. at the

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rate sanctioned for South Arcot the entire emoluments of 3219 Taluaries would be Rupees 96,570, of which sum Rupees 38,628 would be in money and Rupees 57,942 in land. The extra expense would thus be about Rupees 20,000, supposing the estimate of the Taluaries present emoluments to be correct, which however is very doubtful. The Collector it is observed states in para 51 that "the surplus in some Villages cannot be made available for the deficiencies in other places" but he assigns no reason for this opinion and the Board are not prepared to abandon the right of Government to dispose of emoluments of this nature in such manner as the public service may require. A fair degree of consideration may well be shown in special cases where a sudden change would be productive of hardship but

but it is undoubtedly part of the Government plan to make the surplus emoluments of one Village meet the deficiencies of another, and their right to do so seems unquestionable.

7. It is also part of the Government Scheme, wherever practicable to realise the fees now paid by the people and carry them to the general fund for the payment of the Village police.

8. Mr. Pelly will specially notice these two points in his next report.

9. There is also another subject on which the Board request full information. That the enjoyment of the Enams ~~is~~ by persons who perform no service. In statement No 3 enclosed in Mr. Mellor's report 27th June 1844 the Board find it stated that the Taluq Enams are shared by 10981 persons, of whom only 4740 perform the service for which the Enams were granted.

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granted. It is unnecessary to point out the evils of such a system or the necessity of applying an effectual remedy to it. The Board are not unaware of the difficulties that may present themselves to an immediate resumption of Gyrmisul Enams, but while they would request the opinion of the Collector upon the best means of making available to the public service all the emoluments which have been set apart for its support they are of opinion that now that the Village Police is to be put in a state of efficiency, advantage should be taken of all future lapses among Gyrmisuldars to appropriate the Enams they held to the purpose for which they were granted.

10. The Board concur with the Collector that the Patel should have considerable control over the Taluq but they cannot go so far as to rest the

the Potels with such powers of punishment as Mr. Pelly suggests. The Potel can always complain to the Collector if the Taliary neglects his duty and if his representation is correct, it will be supported by the Village Communities, on whose expression of dissatisfaction it will generally be safer to rely. The Board agree also in much that the Collector urges in para 53 but this part of his letter does not require consideration here. His suggestions in para 54 regarding the testimony of approvers do not fall within the Board's province.

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requested to report more particularly. The Board are under the impression that as these men still retain a vivid recollection of having been Military retainers, that they object to be employed on many of the duties which Peons ordinarily perform, such as conveying messages or letters, and it is desirable that their feelings in respect to the performance of the duties of a Taliary should be correctly ascertained before they be incorporated with that class of servants. If required as Guards at any particular station the Board think it will be preferable to place them on the permanent establishment as peons on fixed pay. This is however, a question of detail which can be settled

settled hereafter. The number of each class and their emoluments is shown in the Margin. It will be seen that of 3837 Cuttoobas - dies 1091 do no duty and get on an average, receive as much as those who are required to serve.

Numbers	Entire Emoluments	No of men doing duty	Emoluments of those who do duty	No who do no duty	Emoluments of those who do no duty
Naud Taliares 630	3730	456	4823	174	907
Caravagars 776	9560	449	7551	327	2009
Cuttoobas 3837	26408	2746	18481	1091	7997
	5243	41698	3651	30855	1592
					10843

12 The Board have passed orders separately regarding the Cundachar - peons. Pro. to Coll. n July 1855. In consequence of those orders all of this class the permission on whose lands does not exceed the ordinary Chowtaga will at once be dispensed with and the same course may probably be followed with regard to the remainder whose emoluments are stated to be little in excess of

No of Cundachars } 1315
Total Emoluments } 31321
which exceed ordinary Chowtaga Rs 6331.

95 of the Chowtaga. The condition of service being withdrawn.

13 The Collector has not stated whether the Emoluments of the Naud Taliares &c include what they would receive as Chowtaga, but the Board presume this is not the case.

14 From the above the Board perceive that the entire emoluments of the Village police as now established amount to about Rupees 180,071 as shown in the Margin.

Caravagars 776
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Cuttoobas 3837
Total 5243
Emoluments 26408
No of men doing duty 2746
Emoluments of those who do duty 18481
No who do no duty 1091
Emoluments of those who do no duty 7997

15 The reference to which the Collector present letter is a reply was intended to be limited only to the Village police and not to the regular establishment. The efficiency of the Village Establishment depends however, materially on the support they receive from a well trained and paid body of regular

regular peons, placed at judiciously selected stations, and affording them ready aid without in any way encroaching on their proper functions. The number of Police Peons certainly seems very small for so large and populous a District as Bellary, but more detailed information is necessary to enable the Board to judge of the best means of placing this department on a proper footing.

16. Considering the many points on which careful enquiry is necessary before the Board can submit a well-devised scheme for the reformation of the Village Police for the consideration of Government they think it best to adopt the plan proposed by Mr. Pelly, viz. to authorise him to organise one Talook as a model without however carrying his

his measures into effect until duly sanctioned. They therefore request that he will follow this plan as soon as possible, making the careful enquiries pointed out in para 52 of his letter particularly into the real value of the enams and fees of the Taluaries &c. and following the principles laid down in paras 6-7-9- and 11 of these proceedings.

| A true Extract |

To C. Pelly Esq.
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| Signed | G. J. Forbes
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Copy to
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In an Extract from the
Proceedings of the Board
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Gain	3,417

consideration it is no part of Mr. Pelly's plan that the enam be resumed. Such a measure would excite, it is stated, very great be otherwise inexpedient.

12. Mr. Pelly is decidedly of opinion that the village fees as at present found should be resumed and a cess of one anna per Rupee of the assessment both of Government and Enam land, should be substituted for it, to be collected by Government and to form a fund towards defraying not only the charge for Taliaries but also the expenditure incurred on account of official payments to the other public servants of the village. The fund thus to accrue cannot be separately shewn for the Taliaries as it is proposed that the one anna cess should cover the fees of the village officers generally. Statement No. 4 is intended to shew this part of the proposition under consideration. It is there found that the present fees of the village servants, as enumerated in the margin, entitled to

Roddy	44334
Curran	51105
Taliary	34769
Cavalie	3030
Neerguntie and Ungagola	3804
Totee	1841
Barkee	4777
Shroff	6481
Paryah and Chummer	65051
	215792

Statement No. 4 Col. 21.
do. Col. 17 at foot.
do. Col. 20.

official emoluments amount to Rupees 2,15,792 and that the proposed one anna cess would yield 2,15,803 of which Rupees 71,493 would be collected from holders of enam lands. The new fund at the rate proposed would not thus yield a larger income than what is now, though only nominally, enjoyed, and a Jodee of Rupees 13,578 is payable on the present fees which the Government would be required to surrender under the new arrangement. The Assessment of the enam lands held by the several classes of servants above mentioned is as much as Rupees 8,60,860 on which a Jodee of Rupees 98,244 is payable to Government, but the Taliary alone is at present under consideration.

13. Mr. Pelly's proposition embraces two important reforms, viz., firstly the thorough reformation of the Village Police and, secondly, the collection and payment of village fees under systematic arrangements. The Board are fully sensible of the value and importance of an improved Village Police and desire to see its officers encouraged in their legitimate functions unchecked by the interference of Huzzoor and Talook Peons; but while admitting that Mr. Pelly's provision for station guards and patrols, by diminishing the number of Talook peons so employed, tends to further this end, they are unable to recommend the scheme in its present form for the approval of Government because Mr. Pelly has not shewn how far his proposed extension of the Village force would dispense with the Talook peons. The Board understand the reconstruction of district police to be under consideration and are sensible that the plan now before them might clash with its proposed details; their object therefore in laying before the Government, Mr. Pelly's letter with their own comments upon his plan is simply to afford information which may prove useful at the present time, the Village police being calculated under a proper system to take an important place in a scheme for the reconstruction of the police arrangement of the country.

14. Under this view the Board abstain from discussing the means by which the proposed outlay involved in Mr. Pelly's scheme could be provided for.

15. The total number of Candachar Peons in the whole district is not mentioned by Mr. Pelly, but it appears from Para. 21 of his letter that there will not be any difficulty in bringing the lands held by this class of Peons to full assessment, service being no longer required of them. Some, Mr. Pelly says, have already relinquished their claims to remission with exemption from service, and the rest it is added may be allowed to do the same.

16. In submitting Mr. Pelly's proposition for the orders of Government, the Board desire to record their appreciation of the great importance of the subject and to add that they are prepared on learning the views of Government with reference to the scope which may be given to the Village Police without interfering with other projected changes, to state more precisely how far Mr. Pelly's proposals seem to them to merit the sanction of the Government.

(A true Extract.)

[Signature]

Secretary.

To

H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, R. D.
Copy to Bellary.

* From Entry 23rd Feb. in Con.
31st March 1858. No. 919.

P.S.—Since the above Proceedings were drafted the Board have received a further letter* from the Collector enclosing one from his Sub Collector, on the subject of the Village Police in the Talooks of the Sub Division. This communication, and its accompaniments, are submitted for the information of Government.

G. S. Miles

Secretary.

From Entry 23rd Feb. in Con.

23rd Feb.

Museum 1858 Department
No. 1497

Received from the Proceedings
of the Board of Museum.

125
Dated 31st March 1858.
No. 2 of 1858.

Enclosed:

No. 1144

Examine the list of items in the
General Order to the 15th May 58.

Approved
per [signature]

Resuming the measures
proposed by the Committee of 1851.
- being in connection with the re-
- organization of the Village
- of [unclear] of his District.

No 25820

of April 1852

Young, 30th April 1858
With an order

No. 579

Ordered to be
referred to the Executive
Department for consideration.

For the Secy -
30 April 1858

[Signature]

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