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No. 72. Read the following letter from C. PELLY, Esq., Member to the Board of Revenue; to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated 6th September 1859, No. 19.

From Ag. Collector of Guntoor, No. 1, 25th July 1859. I have the honor to submit for the consideration and orders of Government the accompanying correspondence having reference to the boundaries of Guntoor and Rajahmundry. The irregular boundary line of Guntoor attracted the attention of Government and was noticed in the Minutes of Consultation No. 804 of 11th August 1857, paragraph 5.

" " " No. 2, 25th August " with enclosures.

" Collector of Nellore, 1st September " of Rajahmundry, No. 129, 23rd August. "

2. Mr. Dykes the Acting Collector of Guntoor recommends that the present boundary line between Guntoor and Kurnool should be altered, and proposes to adopt as the future boundary, a stream running North and South and falling into the Goondlacumma about 5 miles from Doopaud in the Kurnool district, the line of which stream is prolonged till it strikes the Kistna, at a point about $1\frac{1}{2}$ mile from the bend of that river northwards.

From Mr. Dykes, 25th July paragraph 4.

From Mr. Dykes, 25th August paragraph 3.

Mr. Arbuthnot to Mr. Dykes, 9th August paragraph 2.

3. Mr. Arbuthnot the Collector of Kurnool seems to think the proposed change objectionable on the ground that it would include half the Doopaud Talook which with a large area has but a small Revenue, owing to the vast extent of hills and jungles it contains; and because the distance of the villages proposed to be transferred is at present nearer to Cumbum, where an European Officer will always be stationed, than to either Kurnool or Guntoor.

4. Mr. Dykes thinks this latter objection will be removed by placing, as it is proposed, a Deputy Collector in charge of the South Western portion of the Guntoor district, whose Head Quarters would be equally near at hand to the ryots as Cumbum; whilst as regards appeals to the Collector or business at the Courts the ryots would be considerable gainers as regards distance by having to visit Guntoor instead of Kurnool or Nundyal.

5. The Doopaud Talook having but a small Revenue and being mostly hills and jungles would not desire the advantage contemplated by Mr. Dykes by being placed in closer proximity with the Courts, and I do not perceive that any material benefit would accrue by transferring a part of that Talook from the supervision of the European Officer at Cumbum, to that of the Deputy Collector to be located in the South Western part of Guntoor.

6. It has I believe been in contemplation to make a great change in the Masulipatam district by connecting it to Rajahmundry and Guntoor and it may possibly in that case be deemed expedient to remove the Head Quarters from Guntoor to a more Eastern town, which would thus render the transfer of part of the Doopaud Talook from Kurnool less desirable.

7. The second recommendation of Mr. Dykes, has reference to the boundary line on the Nellore side. He proposes to measure.

Mr. Dykes, 25th July, paragraph 5.

1st. To make the river Goondlacumma the line of boundary between the two Districts, transferring all the Guntoor villages which are on the South of that river to Nellore, and taking the villages North of the river, which now belong to Nellore, into the jurisdiction of Guntoor. Mr. Dykes seems to prefer this division, as the new boundary adheres rigidly to the natural line of demarcation presented by the river. But it may be remarked that a small river is not generally a good boundary, and it is frequently found that a single village has lands on both sides, and this objection is noticed by Mr. Elton, in his letter to me of 1st September paragraph 3.

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8. 2nd. The second measure suggested, but not recommended by Mr. Dykes, is to make the boundary between the two districts by drawing a straight line from the Southern extremity of the proposed Kurnool boundary to the North of the Goondlacumma. This boundary would retain the villages of Guntur now to the South of the Goondlacumma in that district, as well as transfer the villages of Nellore North of the river, and which form a very irregularly shaped patch of country, stretching from the coast along the left banks of the river some thirty-five miles.

9. The change in either case would involve the transfer of the large Salt Cottur of Canuparty. This Cottur lies close to Chinna Ganjam, the depôt of the Guntur District; and its management in conjunction with Chinna Ganjam, Mr. Dykes, remarks, would be as practicable as desirable under the effectual supervision of the Deputy Collector he proposes putting in charge of that portion of the district.

10. Mr. Elton, the Collector of Nellore points out that the line of the Goondlacumma if adopted would involve the transfer to Guntur of nearly the whole of the present Talook of (Chendaloor or) Addunkur which is of considerable importance to Nellore, as the place where the annual cattle shows are held, about half the Talook of Enamanamellore, and a small portion of the Vencatagherry Zemindary, (an arrangement, Mr. Elton says, likely to be highly distasteful to the Rajah,) included in the Police Division of Dorset; and he suggests that the transfer of the Salt Cottur of Conooparty might have a prejudicial effect on this branch of the Revenue in consequence of the propinquity of the Pedda Ganjam Cottur of Guntur District: and in his letter to me of 1st September he expresses his doubt whether the improvement of which the South Eastern corner was deemed by Government to be susceptible had reference to such an alteration in the size and Revenue of the two districts as the proposition made by Mr. Dykes, would involve and he thinks it more likely that the views of Government would be met by the transfer to Nellore of the small portion of Guntur containing Chinna and Pedda Ganjam interposed between a part of Nellore and the sea coast. The proposed boundary, he also shows, would bring the Guntur District within 10 miles of Ongole the Sub-Collector's Head Quarters for part of the year, and withdraw the transferred villages further from European supervision would cut villages in two and, as the river is liable to change its course, would rather cause confusion than otherwise to adopt it as a boundary neither could the piece of Guntur proposed to be transferred to Nellore be conveniently incorporated with the latter District; all the land to the South of this tract belongs to the Vencatagherry Zemindary. Mr. Elton, is decidedly of opinion that the change on so large a scale advocated by Mr. Dykes, on such very insufficient grounds as those put forward by him should not be undertaken, and if adopted will interfere with the arrangements he has in hand for the re-adjustment of the Talook boundaries.

11. Some of the objections raised by Mr. Elton, to the proposed change have not much weight. The transfer of Addunkur need not interfere with the Cattle show and the transfer of the Salt Cottur of Canooparty should not have a prejudicial effect on the Revenue but rather the reverse, as both the Cotturs will be under the immediate supervision and direct control of a single responsible Officer on the spot, the Deputy Collector; and Mr. Elton advocates the transfer of the Guntur Cotturs to the Nellore District.

12. But there are objections to making the river Goondlacumma the boundary; and with Ongole as the Head Quarters of the Sub or Deputy Collector there do not appear any cogent reasons for adopting the great change advocated by Mr. Dykes. But a smaller change perhaps that suggested by Mr. Elton, viz., the transfer of the Salt villages of Chinna Ganjam and Pedda Ganjam, and the nook of country lying to the South of Vatapattam, might on further enquiry be found a desirable arrangement.

13. The next paper I would refer to is the letter from the Collector of Rajahmundry in which he points out the very irregular boundary between that district and Masulipatam. This question is now before Government and until it is disposed of, there may be some difficulty

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in arranging for the boundaries of the new Talooks. But as it may be (as already remarked) in contemplation to absorb the Masulipatam District entirely, I should be obliged by being instructed whether I should make arrangements for the new Talook boundaries of the five districts, of Rajahmundry, Masulipatam, Guntur, Nellore and Kurnool, with reference to the changes proposed in the District boundaries, or on any other basis or without any reference at all to the changes of the District boundaries; leaving that measure for future consideration. The transfer of villages and tracts of Country from one district to another should not I think be made, unless there is a decided advantage to be derived by the change. But in making the new arrangement of Talooks it will probably occur not unfrequently that changes in the District boundaries will also suggest themselves, and for the disposal of these questions I would beg to solicit the instructions of Government for my guidance.

No. 73.

ORDER THEREON, 16th September 1859, No. 1254.

Mr. Pelly lays before Government some correspondence that has passed between himself and the Collectors of the Districts concerned, respecting a re-adjustment of the boundary of Guntur on the side of Kurnool and of Nellore, and of that between Rajahmundry and Masulipatam. In the former case the correspondence appears to have originated with the Acting Collector of Guntur; in the latter, with the Collector of Rajahmundry.

2. The Governor in Council agrees with Mr. Pelly that transfers of territory from District to District ought only to be made for some decided advantage; and they agree with him that the present propositions respecting the boundary of Guntur have not that justification. The propriety, however, of a transfer of a part of the North of Nellore to Guntur will depend in some degree on the final decision of the question respecting the Masulipatam District, to which Mr. Pelly refers. If that decision leaves Guntur at its present size, such a transfer may be expedient.

3. With respect to the Rajahmundry and Masulipatam boundary, that also depends on the same question, and no present order is required. With regard to the question asked by Mr. Pelly in the closing para. of his letter, it seems unlikely that the form and size of many taluqs will depend materially on the final decision respecting Masulipatam; but it may be proper to defer any recommendation respecting the taluqs likely to be so affected until such decision shall have been made, which, probably, will be within a few weeks from the present time.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,

Secretary to Government.

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Under date the 16th September 1859.

I read the following
letter from Mr. Pelly Lajo
Member of the Board
Presided.

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ence to certain alterations
proposed in District bound-
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To C. P. Pelly Esq. 5 Dec. 17

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