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No. 11. Read the following letter from C. PELLY, Esq., Member of the Board of Revenue; to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated 3rd December 1859, No. 108.

I have the honor to submit a proposition for reducing the number of táluqs in the South Arcot district from 13 to 8 táluqs, accompanied by 2 letters from the Collector, and a map received from that gentleman, who is of opinion that there should not be less than 10 táluqs. Mr. Bourdillon's memorandum suggested 9 táluqs.

From Collector of South Arcot, dated 12th November 1859, No. 131.
From do. dated 24th November 1859, No. 160.

2. It will be observed in Mr. Hall's proposition that he has frequently transferred small parts of one táluq to another, without sufficient reason for so doing, and though he states that he can see no valid objection to such transfers, yet it appears to me that there is no urgent necessity for this, and it is the wish of Government that petty changes should not be made in existing boundaries unless for good reasons; and on this principle, I have acted in preparing the re-arrangement of táluqs in other districts.

See Map and Statement No. 2 in letter 12th November 1859.

3. For this reason, and because I thought that the district might be divided into a less number of táluqs than proposed by the Collector, I forwarded another proposition for his consideration. But Mr. Hall, with a trifling modification, adheres to his own plan, as now shewn in the map. The particulars of his scheme are entered in the statement above referred to, and I will briefly note the changes I proposed in it and Mr. Hall's objections.

Táluq and its component part recommended by Mr Hall.	*Sq. Miles.*	*Remarks.*
1. *Chetput*.....	475	Mr. Hall had proposed to give a small slice of Chetput to the North Arcot Collectorate. I suggested that the northern part including the town of Chetput should be transferred to North Arcot, as it could be very conveniently divided between the two táluqs of Pullur and Teruvatúr of that district and the rest of Chetput might then be combined with Tindivanum. But Mr. Hall cannot see that any benefit either to the people or Government would result from so much of Chetput being transferred, and remarks that the complaint hitherto has been that the North Arcot villages situated within the boundaries of South Arcot, have been neglected by the North Arcot authorities, from being so far away from them, and that this evil would be increased by the proposed arrangement. But surely such a complaint, if it has been made, must be without foundation; or the cause of neglect must be found elsewhere, and not in the distance of these villages, which are not more than about 30 miles from the North Arcot Sub-Collector's head quarters; and they are about 50 from Cuddalore the head quarters of the Collector of South Arcot. I can see no advantage in handing over the small slip only of Chetput to North Arcot. If it is, however, considered undesirable to make this transfer and to connect the rest of the táluq with Tindivanum, I would not recommend the transfer of any portion to North Arcot, but keep Chetput as at present a distinct táluq.
Tirunámalli.....	96	
	571	

	Miles.
Tindivanum.....	427
2-3rd of Chetput.....	378
	805

The combined táluq of Tindivanum and part of Chetput would be about 800 square miles with a revenue of about 3 lacs. To increase a táluq to this size might be deemed objectionable, in which case there must be two small, instead of one large táluq.

NOTE.—*The corrected area of Chetput is found to be 73 miles more than at first reported by the Collector. The District Engineer computes its area at 567 miles.*

2. *Tindivanum*.....	424
Chetput.....	20
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I proposed to combine 2-3rds of Chetput with Tindivanum as above.

3. *Tirunámalli*	680	I proposed leaving Tirunámalli as it is
Tirukkalúr	64	without any change. Area 927 miles. Mr.
	744	Hall (paragraph 9) afterwards altered his
Add	201	proposition which would, therefore, add 201
	945	miles to his area.

4. *Villapuram*	309	I agreed in this arrangement, with the exception of
Tirukkalúr	230	the 29 miles of Tiruvádi, but judging from the map now sent,
Tiruvádi	29	it appears that the 29 miles are north of the river and separat-
	568	ed from the rest of the táluq, and I will not urge my
		objection.

I objected to this arrangement as an unreasonably small táluq, and suggested that half, or if the Collector preferred it, the whole of Bawánigiri should

5. *Tiruvádi*	177	be added to the táluq. Mr. Hall has not (paragraph 4, letter
Cuddalore	106	dated 24th November), urged any strong argument against
	283	my proposition. He admits the area is small, but observes

that the táluq contains the head quarters of the Judicial and Revenue authorities of the district, and that is a part of the district over which it is always necessary for a close and careful supervision to be kept up by the táluq Revenue officer. Whether the Government will consider this a sufficient reason for retaining so small a táluq, I cannot pretend to say. A careful supervision is necessary in every táluq; but it is the wish of Government I believe to restrain the táluq officers as much as possible from interfering with and doing the duties properly appertaining to the village officers. It will be further observed that the Kasba of the Bawánigiri táluq is situated at the extreme south of the táluq, so that the transfer of the northern part of this táluq to Cuddalore (or Tiruvádi) táluq, would entail upon the people generally no inconvenience, beyond that which all will at first experience by the measures of combination now being carried out.

For the same reason, viz., the very insignificant area, I objected to this arrangement, and proposed to annex the southern half of Bawánigiri to this

	Miles.	
6. *Chetambaram*	160	táluq. The objection (paragraph 5) advanced by Mr. Hall is
Manárgudi	107	that the river Vellar runs between the two táluqs and forms
	267	a natural line of demarcation; and that the people of Baw-

ánigiri would not like to be obliged to attend at Chetambaram Kachahri upon every occasion, after being accustomed to have a Tahsildar within much easier reach. I have already observed that the northern part of the táluq of Bawánigiri will be more conveniently placed by being transferred to Cuddalore; and as for the southern portion, the people will have to go to Chetambarum Kachahri instead of to the Kachahri at Bawánigiri, or scarcely 4 miles further, none having to go much further than 10 or 12 miles altogether; and they will, compared with other people, be placed in a most advantageous position as regards distance. I had thought that the Collector might have had special reasons, connected with the management of the táluqs of Chetambarum and Manárgudi, for not wishing to add more to that táluq; and, therefore, suggested (as before observed), the transfer of the whole of Bawánigiri to Cuddalore: but he makes no objection on that score, and I do not see sufficient reason for departing from my proposition.

I suggested that the whole of Kallakurchi, (and not part only), with the remaining part of Tirukkalúr (part was given to Villapuram), should form a

7. *Kallakurchi*	384	táluq, without any part of Tirunámalli; and Mr. Hall does
Tirukkalúr	184	not now propose to take any portion of that táluq; but has
Tirunámalli	201	still retained only part of Kallakurchi (paragraph 7), in order
	769	to reduce the area. But I think there is not sufficient

reason for breaking up the táluq; as Tirukkalúr must be broken up, and as 230 miles has been given to Villapuram, I would divide the remainder between Kallakurchi and

Yellavanasúr in about equal portions, and give none to Tirunámalli as proposed by Mr. Hall, thus:

	Miles.
Tirukkalúr area	500
To Villapuram	230
,, Kallakurchi	135
,, Yellavanasúr	135
	500

8. *Yellavanasúr*	329	I proposed and still think that the whole
Tirukkalúr	38	of Yellavanasúr with about 135 miles of
Virudachellum	22	Tirukkalúr (which táluq has already been
Kallakurchi	66	cut up), will be the best arrangement; Mr
	455	Hall makes no special objection.

9. *Virudachellum*	406	I prefer retaining the whole táluq as it is. The area of which appears to be, as corrected, 560 square miles; especially as another arrangement has been proposed for Bawánigiri.

10 *Bawánigiri*	240	I have above (paragraph) suggested
Cuddalore	8	that Bawánigiri should be absorbed for the
Virudachellum	70	reasons given.
	318	4. Mr. Hall has sent a revised statement

of the areas of the existing táluqs, and of those proposed by him, as calculated by the District Engineer; and from that statement I have computed the areas of the 8 new táluqs, now submitted for the consideration of Government, taking them in the order in which they have been noticed above.

		Computed area square miles.	Computed revenue.
1	Tindivanum and 427 part of Chetput 378	805	3,54,000
2	Tirunámalli	927	1,34,000
3	Villapuram 348 part of Tirukkalúr 230 ,, of Tiruvádi 29	607	4,25,000
4	Cuddalore 91 Tiruvádi 206 Bawánigiri (half) 122	419	4,00,000
5	Chetambaram 127 Manárgudi 74 Bawánigiri (half) 122	323	4,17,000
6	Kallakurchi 648 Tirukkalúr (part) 135	783	3,33,000
7	Yellavanasúr 374 Tirukkalúr (part) 135	509	2,48,000
8	Virudachellum	560	2,52,000

5. It will be observed that the areas do not differ to any very material extent with those proposed by Mr. Hall except in the táluq of Tindivanum to which $\frac{2}{3}$ of Chetput is added.

No. 12. ORDER THEREON, 21st December 1859, No. 1738.

Order of 17th July 1859, *No.* 803.

1. In this letter Mr. Pelly proposes a re-arrangement of the táluqs of the district of South Arcot, whereby their number will be reduced from thirteen to eight. In his memorandum of the 4th June 1859, the Revenue Secretary suggested that there should

not be more than nine; but the Collector considers that it will be inexpedient to have a smaller number than ten.

2. This officer proposes to reduce the number of táluqs to ten by abolishing Cuddalore, Tirukkalúr, and Manárgudi, and apportioning them as shewn in the margin. He would, further, adjust the remaining number by means of trifling alterations of boundaries, so as to equalize their areas, population, and revenue, as nearly as practicable; and he proposes to transfer a small portion only of Chetput to North Arcot.

Cuddalore to be divided between Tiruvadi and Bawánigiri.
Tirukkalúr between Villapuram, Kallakurchi and Yellavanasúr
Manárgudi to be added to Chitambaram.

3. Mr. Pelly disapproves the proposed petty changes in existing boundaries; such alterations being in his opinion objectionable unless made for stronger reasons than those urged by Mr. Hall. On this principle and because he considers a further reduction in the number of táluqs may be advantageously made, he advocates the abolition of the five táluqs of Chetput, Tirukkalúr, Bawánigiri, Tiruvádi and Manárgudi, and their union in the manner stated in the margin with the táluqs there specified. The large táluqs of Tirunámalli and Virudachellum he proposes to leave unaltered.

Two-thirds of Chetput with Tindivanum, the northern portion of the táluq, including the town of Chetput—being transferred to North Arcot.
Parts of Tirukkalúr with Vellapuram, Kallakurchi and Yellavanasúr.
Bawánigiri in equal parts with Cuddalore and Chetambaram.
Tiruvádi with Cuddalore excepting the small part north of the river, which will be transferred to Villapuram.
Manargudi with Chetambaram.

4. The Government fully agree with Mr. Pelly that táluqs should not be dismembered without a clear advantage to be gained and that such interferences with established boundaries should be as few in number as possible.

5. They consider his plan for South Arcot to be decidedly preferable to that of the Collector; and they authorize the re-construction of the táluqs accordingly. The following will be the new táluqs; each one being named from its kasba.

Táluqs.	How composed.	Computed area square miles.	Computed revenue.	Population.
1 Tindivanum.....	Tindivanum and..... 427 part of Chetput..... 378	805	3,54,000	1,48,400
2 Tirunámalli.....	Tirunámalli.....	927	1,34,000	91,613
3 Villapuram	Villapuram..... ..... 348 part of Tirukkalúr... ... 230 do. of Tiruvádi 29	607	4,25,000	1,58,047
4 Cuddalore.....	Cuddalore..... 91 Tiruvádi... ..... 206 Bawánigiri (half)..... 122	419	4,00,000	2,11,538
5 Chetambaram ...	Chetambaram... .... 127 Manárgudi..... ..... 74 Bawánigiri (half)..... 122	323	4,17,000	1,48,942
6 Kallakurchi.....	Kallakurchi..... ..... 648 Tirukkalúr (part)..... ... 135	783	3,33,000	1,22,766
7 Yellavanasúr.....	Yellavanasúr..... ..... 374 Tirukkalúr (part)..... 135	509	2,48,000	1,10,350
8 Virudachellum	Virudachellum.....	560	2,52,000	1,14,351

6. Where táluqs are divided, the exact boundaries have still to be traced. This will be done, without breaking up villages, under Mr. Pelly's superintendence, and an exact táluq map will then be prepared.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON.
Secretary to Government.

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No. 1738.

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 21st December 1859.

Read the following letter from C. Pelly Esqr. Member of the Board of Revenue.

(Received 3rd December 1859 No. 108)

Submitting his proposition for the rearrangement of the Táluqs of the South Arcot District.

1. In this letter Mr. Pelly proposes a rearrangement of the táluqs of the District of South Arcot, whereby their number will be reduced from thirteen to eight. In his memo of the 4th June 1859 the Revenue Secretary suggested that there should not be more than nine; but the Collector considers that it will be inexpedient to have a smaller number than ten.

Order of 17th July 1859 No. 802.

2. This officer proposes to reduce the number of táluqs to ten by abolishing Cuddalore

Cuddalore, Tinkkalúr, and Ivanárgudi, and apportioning them as shewn in the margin. He would, further, adjust the remaining number by means of trifling alterations of boundaries, so as to equalize their areas, population, and revenue, as nearly as practicable; and he proposes to transfer a small portion only of Chetput to North Arcot.

3. Mr Pelly disapproves the proposed petty changes in existing boundaries; such alterations being in his opinion objectionable unless made for stronger reasons than those urged by Mr Hall. On this principle and because he considers a further reduction in the number of tálugs ~~may~~ might be advantageously made, he advocates the abolition of the five talugs of Chetput, Tinkkalúr, Bawánigiri

Cuddalore to be divided between Tinnadi and Bawanigiri.

Tinkkalúr between Villapuram, Kallakurchi and Yellavanasur.

Ivanárgudi to be added to Chitambaram.

Two thirds of Chetput with Tondevanum, the northern portion of the tálug, including the town of Chetput being transferred to North Arcot.

Parts of Tinkkalur with Villapuram Kellakurchi and Yellavanasur.

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4. The Government fully agree with Mr Pelly that tálugs should not be dismembered without a clear advantage to be gained and that such interferences with established boundaries should be as few in number as possible.

5. They consider his plan for South Arcot to be decidedly preferable to that of the Collector; and they authorize the reconstruction of the tálugs accordingly. The following will be the new Tálugs; each one being named from its Kasba.

Tálugs

Talugs	How Composed	Computed area Square miles	Computed Revenue	Population
1. Tindivanum	Tindivanum and — 427 part of Chetput — 378	805	3,54,000	148,400
2. Tirumámalay	Tirumámalay	927	1,34,000	91,613
3. Villapuram	Villapuram — 348 part of Tirukkalur — 230 " of Tiruvadi — 29	607	4,25,000	1,58,047
4. Cuddalore	Cuddalore — 91 Tiruvadi — 206 Pavanigiri (half) — 122	419	4,00,000	2,11,538
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6. Hallakurchi	Hallakurchi — 648 Tirukkalur part — 135	783	3,33,000	1,22,766
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8. Tirudachellum.	Tirudachellum —	560	2,52,000	1,14,351

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