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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 362-A.

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No. 1995.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 5th June 1858.

In Con. 5th June 1858.
Vide also from Malabar 30th Oct. in Con. 24th Nov. 1857.
Pro. to do. 24th 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 Con. 8th 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, with reference to

In Con. 6th Dec. 1855.

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	165¾	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	1082	.....	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 and 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	

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 subdivision of Malabar into 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 Report would eventually come before them. It

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

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

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

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

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 Statement 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 Holkars	8	0			
Police. 1 Havildar	7	0			
Police. 1 Holkar	4	0			
	36	8 0			
Nedinganad					
Pay of 1 Peshcar	17	8			
Do. 2 Holkars	8	0			
Do. 3 Police Holkars	12	0			
	37	8 0			
Walloowanad					
Pay of 2 Holkars	8	0			
Do. 3 Police Holkars	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 Tahsildar 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.

*Vide Statement No. 4.

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,

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.

To

W. H. BAYLEY, Esq., *Acting Secretary to Government, R. D.*

Copy to the Acting Collector of Malabar.

No. 3580.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 22d September 1858.

In Con. 22d Sept. 1858. Read letter from the Acting Collector and Magistrate of Malabar, dated 3d June 1858.

[Here enter No. 85.]

The division of Wynaad into 2 talooks has been approved by the Board in paras 10 to 15 of their Proceedings, dated 5th June last, No. 1995, and Government in Extract Minutes Consultation, 26th

In Con. 2d August 1858. July No. 1032, R. D., seemed disposed to concur in the arrangement.

2. The Acting Collector is requested to furnish the sketch map and lists of villages called for in those communications at his earliest convenience. The formation of the new talook of Manarkat can be reported on subsequently as it will involve extra expenditure.

3. Mr. Grant will state whether the office of Fiscal is vacant and if not, how it is proposed to provide for the present incumbent. He will also give his opinion of the advisabiiity of stationing one of the new Deputy Collectors and Magistrates (of whom three will be assigned to Malabar) within, or in the immediate neighbourhood of the Wynaad talook. It is proposed that one of these Officers should be stationed at the Huzzoor to relieve the Collector of the charge of the Treasury Accounts, and other details. But one of the remaining two might, the Board think, be advantageously employed within or near Wynaad, if an eligible and healthy station can be proposed.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary.

To

P. GRANT, Esq., *Acting Collector of Malabar.*

Revenue Department.

No. 2918.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 2nd August 1858.

Read Extract Minutes Consultation, dated 26th July 1858. R. D. No. 1039.

/ Informs: 2nd August 1858 No. 3326 /

Communicated to the Acting Collector, with reference to the Board's Proceedings of 5th June 1858.

His attention is called to Para 5 of the above Extract Minutes of Consultation.

/ A true Extract /.

/ Signed / J. D. Sim.
Secretary.

To.

The Acting Collector of Malabar.

/ True Copy /

J D Sim
Secretary.

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As Board's Proceedings 2nd Augt 1858 —

Ex 455 & Pro
dated 22 Sept 1858 No. 3580

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Memorandum.

With reference to the Me-
morandum from the Secretary
to Government of the 2d Instant,
the Secretary to the Board of Re-
venue has the honor to forward
the papers noted in the margin,
relating to the proposed Subdivision of the
Wynaad Talook.

By Order.

Secretary

Revenue Bd Office
Fort St George
7th July 1859.

To

J. D. Bourdillon Esq.
Secretary to Government
Revenue Department.

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No. 3580 " " 22d Sept - " -
1995 " " 5th June - " -
3 From Malabar 27th March inf 5th June " -
Enclosures
7 From - do - 30th Oct inf 24th Nov " -
Enclosure 1 Map
3 From - do - 15th July inf 8th Sept " -
Enclosures
4 From Mr Ricketts 31st March inf 22d April "
7 From Malabar 5th inf 25th Sept - - - "
Enclosure One -

C. Burton.

Encl 1
to Bds Memo dated
7 July 1859 -

Copy of Bds Proceedings
2d Augt 1858 No 2918.

Read 12/8/59

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to Secretary 6/8/59

Revenue Dept.

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Pro: of Madras Govt. 16th July

Memorandum.

From, The Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

To The Secretary to Government Revenue Deptt.

Dated 7th
Desp'd 8th } July 1859.
Rec'd 9th

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21. Encls:

Returned to S. 28/7/59

Forwarding the papers called for in his Memo dated 2 Instant relative to the proposed Subdivision of the Wynaad Talooke

Mis No. 362 58

11th July 819th