Revenue Department

No 394

Dated 24-3-1859

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No. 13. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 26th February 1859, No. 726.

Read again the following letters :—

No.	482,	From	Ganjam,	dated	26th	Jan.	in Con.	4th Feb. 1857,	No. 13.
,,	4647,	,,	Vizagapatam,	,,	6th		,, 14th Nov.	,,	,, 166.
,,	5016,	,,	Rajahmundry,	,,	28th	Nov.	,, 6th Dec.	1856,	,, 138.
,,	4792,	,,	Masulipatam,	,,	13th		,, 22nd Nov.	,,	,, 157.
,,	4728,	,,	Guntoor,	,,	5th		,, 18th ,,	,,	,, 149.
,,	5260,	,,	Nellore,	,,	15th		,, 23rd Dec.	,,	,, 255.
,,	4652,	,,	Cuddapah,	,,	8th		,, 14th Nov.	,,	,, 116.
,,	80,	,,	Bellary,	,,	30th	Dec. 1856,	,, 5th Jan.	1857,	,, 132.
,,	5290,	,,	Kurnool,	,,	16th		,, 30th June	,,	,, 115.
,,	4717,	,,	Chingleput,	,,	15th	Nov.	,, 16th Dec.	1856,	,, 380.
,,	4736,	,,	North Arcot	,,	7th		,, 18th Nov.	,,	,, 249.
,,	4484,	,,	South Arcot,	,,	31st	Oct.	,, 4th ,,	,,	,, 223.
,,	61,	,,	Tanjore,	,,	24th	Dec.	,, 5th Jan.	1857,	,, 207.
,,	4548,	,,	Trichinopoly	,,	3rd		,, 7th Nov.	1856,	,, 185.
,,	4868,	,,	Madura,	,,	21st	Nov.	,, 13th Dec.	,,	,, 272.
,,	4669,	,,	Tinnevelly,	,,	8th		,, 14th Nov.	,,	,, 357.
,,	5091,	,,	Coimbatore,	,,	3rd	Dec.	,, 5th Jan.	1857,	,, 197.
,,	336,	,,	Do.	,,	14th	Jan. 1857,	,, 5th June	,,	,, 6.
,,	5289,	,,	Salem,	,,	17th	Dec. 1856,	,, 30th ,,	,,	,, 167.
,,	59,	,,	Canara.	,,	18th		,, 6th Jan.	,,	,, 140.
,,	4834,	,,	Malabar,	,,	18th		,. 25th Nov.	1856,	,, 149.
,,	4699,	,,	Madras,	,,	14th	Nov.	,, 5th Feb.	1857,	,, 171.

6th September 1856. On an application from the Collector of Cuddapah for an increase in the number of Carkoons and Peshcars on his Establishment, the Board proposed that 38 Carkoons should be transferred as a temporary arrangement from the Districts of Bellary, Guntoor and Nellore to that of Cuddapah the number of that class of servants in those Districts being large and apparently more than requisite ; and stated that if the Government approved of the proposal the necessary instructions would be issued to the Collectors.

In Con. 18th October 1856. 2. In the Extract Minutes Consultation, dated 13th October 1856, No. 1085, disposing of those Proceedings, the Government finding the nomenclature of the servants to vary in the different Districts, doubted whether the whole of the so called Carkoons were really of the class intended by the Board ; and called upon them to ascertain what was really the number of servants performing such duties in the Districts named, and to obtain the opinions of the Collectors concerned on the subject of the proposed transfers. Adverting also to the great difference observable in the several Districts in the number of this class of servant, the Government were likewise of opinion that a more extensive rectification than the Board proposed seemed necessary ; and accordingly desired them to report the actual number entertained in all Districts, and the number really necessary and useful.

3. The above order was circulated to all the Collectors ; and their replies having been received, the Board resolve to submit to Government a Statement shewing the number of Carkoons and Peshcars, with the area, population and Beriz of the several Districts. This Statement has been compiled both from the Collectors' returns and from the Civil Auditor's list of Establishment, and it is believed that the document as now submitted represents very nearly the actual numbers employed in each District, performing such minor revenue duties as are generally allotted to Carkoons and Tarrufdars.

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4. It will be seen from the Statement that the number of Carkoons varies greatly in the several Districts. In ten Districts, viz. Nellore, Bellary, Guntoor, Chingleput, Rajahmundry, Tanjore, Masulipatam, Tinnevelly, South Arcot, and Cuddapah, they range from 119 to 65. In Madura and Salem there are 46 Carkoons and 43 Zillahdars respectively ; and in Canara, there

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are 35 Monigars, of whom 30 are paid from the funds allotted for the village establishment. In all other Districts except *Coimbatore* and *Malabar* in which there are no servants thus named, the numbers range from 28 to 11. The District of Chingleput consisting of an area of 2717 square miles with a revenue of 11½ lacs of Rupees has got 90 Carkoons, while North and South Arcot comprising 6580 and 5020 square miles respectively with revenues of 18½ and 26 lacs of Rupees have no more than 66 and 26 of these servants allotted to them. The same disproportion is observable in many other Districts also, and thus it seems evident that the number of each district was not originally fixed with reference to any definite principle.

5. None of the Collectors except those of Nellore, Kurnool and North Arcot are willing to reduce the number of Carkoons employed in their Districts for the purpose of their being transferred to Cuddapah, in which the want of them is represented to be much felt. Almost all of them attach much importance to the services of these officers; and declare that the number they have got is not more than what is absolutely required to meet the wants of their Districts.

6. Of those excepted, the Collector of Nellore says that if some of the present Divisions of his District are re-formed, 16 of the Carkoons can be reduced, and that that number may be made available for transfer to Cuddapah. The Officiating Agent of Kurnool was inclined to the opinion that this class of servants work more mischief than good; and suggested that if, as an assistance to both Revenue and Police Officers, they are to be continued, the number might be reduced after the Survey of the District and the pay of those kept on raised. The Collector of North Arcot considered that the services of Carkoons are of no value to his District, and that the office may be safely abolished.

7. On closely looking into the details of the present Revenue Establishment, it appears to the Board that not only a thorough reformation in the organization of all the minor Revenue Subordinate Establishments is necessary, but also a complete revision of the nomenclature of the servants generally in that Department, to bring it on a uniform footing. They do not however deem that the present is a fitting time to make an attempt of the kind, as the Talooks in the several Districts are about to undergo reformation, in order to effect a saving in the Revenue Establishment, for the purpose of introducing the enlarged system of Police throughout the Provinces; and the Board recommend that any changes be deferred till that measure shall have been completed, when the necessary alterations regarding Carkoons and other minor Revenue servants can again be brought under consideration.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Sub-Secretary.*

No. 14. ORDER THEREON, No. 393; dated 24th March 1859.

In this paper the Board of Revenue report on the subject of the classes of Revenue servants called by them Carkoons and Peshcars. The former class, though called Carkoons by the Board, bear various appellations in the different Districts, Carkoons, Peshcars, Tarafdars, Zillahdars, Summutdars, and in Canara Monigars. Servants of this class are usually in charge each of a sub-division of a Talook. Their duties are various. They are supposed to exercise a check over the Carnums by inspecting the cultivation; they assist in collecting the Revenue; they have various functions in connection with the Police, aiding in the discovery of crime and the execution of process, and holding inquests and enquiries and transmitting their proceedings to the Tahsildar; they had also much to do in the Maramut while that was under the Collector. Their pay ranges from 7 Rupees to 14, and their numbers in the several Districts vary still more as noticed in the Board's 4th para. In two Districts, Coimbatore and Malabar, there are none; in the others, the numbers range from eleven in Vizagapatam and 26 in North Arcot, to 107 in Guntoor, 108 in Bellary and 119 in Cuddapah. The opinions of the various Collectors differ not less remarkably as to the value of these servants. While most of them represent their services as useful and some even as indispensable, the Collector of North Arcot thinks that they may be safely abolished, and the late Officiating Agent in Kurnool was of opinion that they did more harm than good.

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3. As their judgment on the whole subject, the Board express the opinion that a thorough reformation is necessary in the organization of the subordinate Revenue Establishments, as well as a revision of the nomenclature; but they recommend that this work should be postponed till the changes consequent on the introduction of the new police arrangements shall have been completed, and that till that time no change shall be made in the Carkoons.

4. In considering the subject thus brought before them, the attention of the Government has been drawn to the state of the Village establishments. It appears to them that the duties of the Carkoons, as above described, are in great part such as properly belong to the village headman. The holding of inquests and the collection of the revenue certainly belong to that functionary; and where he does his duty there can be little further need for more than an occasional inspection of the cultivation. With respect to other parts of a Carkoon's duty, his concern with the Maramut has already ceased; and his share in the pursuit of crime and the issue or execution of process, as well as his employment in taking examinations in police and criminal cases to be sent to the Tahsildar, will all terminate wherever the new police system is introduced. Thus a part of the Carkoon's work, and in some Districts a large part, viz. the Maramut, has already been taken from him; a change now actually impending, and not likely to be deferred above a few years in any District, viz. the police reform, will withdraw a very large part of his remaining work; and that which will still be left belongs properly, as it seems to Government, to the Village headman, and may be very beneficially restored to him, if the Village establishments are made efficient.

5. The present inefficiency of those establishments has repeatedly been brought before the Government as well as before the Board. The causes of it are various; the usurpation of their authority by the Carkoons; the jealousy of the Tahsildars and other talook officers; the personal inconvenience and expense often caused by an efficient performance of their duty especially in Police matters; the want of consideration for them so frequently shewn by Judicial and even Revenue officers; and the readiness on the part of Collectors to receive complaints against them; all these operate, but no doubt the most powerful of all is the absence of suitable remuneration, in consequence of the practice which has been allowed to become so general, of permitting the emoluments attached to Village officers to be treated as ordinary property, and parcelled out among all the members of the family, instead of being wholly enjoyed by the office holder. Were this cause removed, the Government do not doubt that the office of Village headman in particular, would speedily recover its former respectability and usefulness. Both the Government and the Board of Revenue have long been aware of this evil, and have endeavoured to some degree to check it; but they have not acted decidedly, and nothing material has been effected, in consequence of the opposition of the local officers. The Government is of opinion that the fit time has now come, to put a stop to this resistance, and place the Village establishments on a really efficient footing, by applying the endowments of those offices to their legitimate object.

6. The Government have never recognized these endowments to be private property, and have uniformly treated their alienation from the office as an abuse, as well as the needless multiplication of office holders with the view of allowing a larger number to claim a share in the emoluments. One headman carefully selected and adequately paid is sufficient for the duties of any village, and no more should be allowed. In like manner there should be one Carnum responsible for the duty, with liberty to employ help when necessary, out of his own emoluments, and on his own sole responsibility. The practice of allowing Carnums to write the accounts in turns, destroys all real responsibility, gives rise to endless abuses, and should no longer be permitted. Where the office Inám is very large, as occurs especially in Bellary, and members of the office bearing-family have been long in the enjoyment of parts of it; they may be allowed a life interest in their shares, full provision being made for the remuneration of the selected office holder; but where the emoluments, are not exorbitant, the whole should be devoted to their proper object. The Government wish the Board of Revenue now to

take up this subject in earnest, in view to its early settlement in accordance with the general principles above set forth. If, to this end, the Board require to obtain information from the Collectors, they will make those officers understand that it is to be furnished promptly; and that delay such as that exhibited in the replies to the reference respecting Carcoons, and in other matters lately before Government, will by no means be allowed.

7. Simultaneously with this reform of the Village establishments it is the opinion of Government that the Carkoons may be wholly abolished. They consider further that the number of these servants may be greatly reduced, even in anticipation of that reform, wherever the new Police system is introduced. Thus, of the three Districts where that system is to be first adopted, there are at present 90 Carkoons in the little District of Chingleput, 66 in South Arcot, and 26 in North Arcot. The Collectors of the first mentioned two Districts deprecate any reduction in the number of the Carkoons, and the Collector of South Arcot wishes for more. A Collector's chief Revenue servants, on whose opinion he is apt mainly to rely in such matters, will rarely admit that the existing establishments can be reduced; but the Government can appeal to more general considerations, and can balance the opinions of different officers. If there are no Carkoons in Coimbatore or Malabar, and the Collectors state that none are wanted, and if 26 are sufficient for the large District of North Arcot, and the Collector thinks that even these might be dispensed with, it cannot be credited that 90 are really needed in Chingleput. The Government are of opinion that except so far as absolutely necessary, servants of this class are a great and positive evil. Independently of their agency in keeping down the village servants, their influence at the Talook Cutcherry gives them a power of exaction which their small pay leads them to use; and the Governor in Council believes that they are often convenient instruments of extortion to superior servants. The Board will immediately apply themselves in the spirit of these remarks to the consideration of the Carkoon establishments of the three Districts above named, and the Government hope to be in possession of their views on the subject at an early date.

8. With regard to the Peshcars, it is very doubtful to Government whether these also may not be wholly dispensed with, when the Police and the Village establishments shall be reformed. At present, however, no general change seems necessary as respects this class of servants.

9. The Governor in Council fully agrees with the Board that a thorough revision of the Revenue Establishments is very desirable; and he is not of opinion that there is any good reason why this revision should not be undertaken at once. He is informed that the late Accounts Commission had collected a large body of statistics in order to such a reform of the Revenue Establishments, and that these materials are still fully available. The object of the Commission is understood to have been to classify both the Districts and the Talooks, according to revenue, population, and extent, and to fix a certain scale of Establishment for each class, both of District and of Talook. This kind of graduated uniformity has already been introduced in the Judicial Department, as well as in that of Public Works; and it would be of great service in the Revenue Department. The Board advocate the postponement of this reform till the new Police system shall have been universally introduced, but the Government are not of opinion that such postponement is at all necessary. It is true, as the Board remark, that the size of talooks is likely to be enlarged in some cases on the introduction of the new Police; but such changes will not otherwise affect the proposed reform of Establishments than to place a talook in a higher class and so give it a larger Establishment, but still one known and determined. The Governor in Council is of opinion that the earlier this reform is completed the better, and he resolves to request the Board to take it in hand without delay.

10. In some Districts there is a class of servants styled Naut Curnums, who perform duties analogous to, if not identical with, some of those of Carkoons, with other duties more like those of talook Goomastahs; but who are not borne on the Government Establishment, but are paid in some manner more or less resembling that of Village Carnums. The Board will include these servants in their enquiries, in view to determining what duties they really perform, and whether they or any of them need be retained, especially under the new and simple system of Revenue accounts. If any such servants are retained, they should be brought on the regular Establishment. The Board will take measures to ascertain whether there are any other classes of servants of similar anomalous descriptions, and will deal with any such in the same manner.

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

in the several Districts of this Presidency

Total pay.	Peshcars. Number.	Maximum and Minimum pay.	Average pay per month.	Total pay.	Remarks.
13	14	15	16	17	18
Rs. A.			Rs. A.	Rs. A.	
240 ...	7	30 to 25	27 14	195 ...	The number here entered under the head of Carkoons are those who are generally employed in inspecting and examining the Cultivation and checking the accounts of the Curnums, many of them are also vested with the powers of a Sub. Officer of Police and perform those duties also. The returns received from many of the Collectors are neither comp'ete nor perfect and consequently the Civil Auditor's annual Moyenzabitah also has been made use of in many cases in filling up these particulars to render the Statement as complete and accurate as possible. These classes of servants are called by different names as follows; and perform more or less the same duties.
110 ...	4	20	20 ...	80 ...	
984 ...	19	35 to 15	25 4	480 ...	
618 ...	7	20 to 10	15 3	106 ...	
222 ...	9	20 to 15	17 4	155 ...	
278 ...	9	25 to 21	24 2	217 ...	
720 ...	2	21	21 ...	42 ...	Districts. Terms in use.
189 8	10	20 to 15	19 8	195 ...	Vizagapatam, Rajahmundry, Guntoor — Summutdars.
336 ..	2	24	24 ...	48 ...	Chingleput, Madura — Zillahdars.
720 ...	4	25	25 ...	100 ...	Cuddapah, Salem, Ganjam, Kurnool — Carkoons.
234 4	15	45 to 18	26 2	391 8	Tinnevelly, North Arcot — Tarufdars.
587 ...	5	40 to 21	30 6	152 ...	Nellore, Tanjore — Peshcars.
979 4	22	40 to 10½	27 12	610 8	South Arcot — Carkoons and Tarufdars.
118 ...	19	10 to 8¾	9 15	188 12	Masulipatam — Zillahdars and Summutdars.
460 ...	1	25	25 ...	25 ...	Bellary, Trichinopoly — Carkoons and Zillahdars, but in the Civil Auditors Moyenzabitah all are entered as Goomastahs for Bellary.
190 ...	11	30 to 21	22 10	249 ...	Canara — Monigars, 30 of these are paid from the funds allotted for the village establishment, none are entered in the Moyenzabitah.
... ...	18	24 to 17	18 7	332 8	Coimbatore, Malabar — None, but in these two districts there are 18 and 14 Peshcars respectively.
302 ...	...	.....	... ...	... ...	
.. ..	7	35 to 30	34 4	240 ...	The number of Peshcars here entered are taken from the Moyenzabitah for the sake of information.
... ...	14	17½ to 14	17 ...	238 ...	

Sub Secretary.

A.—List shewing the Number and Pay of Carkoo

Number.	Names of the Districts.	Number of Talooks.	Number of Villages.	Area in square miles.	Population as taken in Fusly 1266.	Beriz of Fusly 1266. Ryotwar including Extra Revenue and Interest.	Peshcush.	Total.	Carkoons. Number.	Maximum and Minimum pay.	Average pay per month.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
											Rs. A.
1	Ganjam	10	1,224	5,758	9,49,747	5,56,013	4,27,136	9,83,149	20	12	12 ...
2	Vizagapatam	2	142	4,690	12,84,243	2,95,361	9,76,021	12,71,382	11	10	10 ...
3	Rajahmundry	14	820	4,501	10,81,703	16,96,730	5,89,976	22,86,706	90	12 to 8	10 15
4	Masulipatam	12	652	4,711	6,23,803	8,93,327	2,84,633	11,77,960	73	10 to 7	8 7
5	Guntoor	14	874	4,752	5,93,213	16,93,529	.....	16,93,529	107	14 to 10	11 7
6	Nellore	17	689	7,959	9,52,032	14,85,656	4,17,815	19,03,471	119	14 to 10	10 12
7	Cuddapah	15	1,754	13,298	13,51,151	24,17,633	15,198	24,32,831	65	14 to 10	11 1
8	Bellary	17	2,646	12,101	11,81,087	23,29,743	.....	23,29,743	108	12 to 10½	11 ...
9	Kurnool	8	485	3,278	2,87,726	7,96,740	.....	7,96,740	28	12	12 ...
10	Chingleput	10	1,654	2,717	6,05,221	11,68,094	1,09,778	12,77,872	90	8	8 ...
11	North Arcot	11	2,837	6,580	15,18,104	18,62,809	5,07,186	23,69,995	26	9½ to 9¼	9 ...
12	South Arcot	13	3,132	5,020	11,35,961	26,06,626	8,636	26,15,262	66	12 to 5	8 14
13	Tanjore	9	1,818	3,781	16,57,285	44,76,886	31,434	45,08,320	81	14 to 6	12 ...
14	Trichinopoly	9	1,250	2,922	8,09,580	13,31,149	50,188	13,81,337	16	10 to 7	7 6
15	Madura	7	784	13,545	17,92,737	11,88,003	7,36,953	19,24,956	46	10	10 ...
16	Tinnevelly	13	1,262	5,482	13,39,374	22,03,207	3,18,738	25,21,945	70	7	7 ...
17	Coimbatore	15	1,533	8,151	11,76,831	22,71,228	28,019	22,99,247	...	.....	...
18	Salem	16	4,893	7,499	12,68,200	15,61,451	4,58,216	20,19,667	43	14	14 ...
19	Canara	12	2,267	7,152	11,26,938	21,04,590	.....	21,04,590	35	.....	...
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and 26 in North
arcot. The Collectors
of the first mentioned
two Districts de-
precate any reduction
in the number of the
carkoons, and the
Collector of South
arcot wishes for
more. A Collector's
chief Revenue Servants,
on whose opinion
he is apt mainly
to rely in
such

such matters, will rarely
admit that the existing
Establishments can be
reduced; but the Govern-
-ment can appeal to
more general considera-
-tions, and can balance
the opinions of different
officers. If there are
no carkoons in Coimba-
-tore or Malabar, and
the Collector state that
none are wanted,
and if 26 are sufficient
for the large District of
North Arcot, and the
Collector thinks that
even these might be
dispensed with, it cannot
be credited that 90 are
really needed in
Chingleput. The Govt
are of opinion that
except

except so far as absolutely necessary, servants of this class are a great and positive evil. Independently of their agency in keeping down the village servants, their influence at the Talook Cutcherry gives them a power of exaction which their small pay leads them to use; and the Governor in Council believes that they are often convenient instruments of extortion to superior servants.—

The Board will immediately apply themselves in the spirit of these remarks to the consideration of the Darkoon establishments of the three Districts above named

I presume this is the case but I know no actual knowledge yet

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named, and the Govt hope to be in possession of their views on the subject at an early date.

8. With regard to the Peishcars, it is very doubtful to Government whether these also may not be wholly dispensed with, when the Police and the Village Establishments shall be reformed. At present, however, no general change seems necessary as respects this class of servants.

9. The Governor in Council fully agrees with the Board that a Borough revision

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the size of Talooks is likely to be ~~broader~~ enlarged. ~~first~~ in some cases on the introduction of the new Police; but such changes will not otherwise affect the proposed reform of Establishments than to place a Talook in a ~~lower~~ higher class and so give it a ~~stipend~~ larger Establishment, but still one known and determined. The Governor in Council is of opinion that the earlier this reform is completed the better, and he resolves to request the Board to take it in hand without delay.

10. In some Districts there is a class of Servants styled Naick Curnums, who perform duties analogous to if not identical with some of those of Curkoons, with other duties more like those of Talooks Goomastahs; but who are not borne on the Government Establishments, but are paid in some manner more or less resembling that of village Curnums. The Board will include these Servants in their enquiries, in view to determining what duties they really perform, and whether they or any of them need be retained, especially under the new

of the Revenue Establishments is very desirable; and he is not of opinion that there is any good reason why this revision should not be undertaken at once. He is informed that the late accounts Commission had collected a large body of statistics in order to such a reform of the Revenue Establishments, and that these materials are still fully available. The object of the Commission is understood to have been to classify both the Districts and the Talooks, according to Revenue, population, and extent, and to fix a certain scale

scale of establishment for each class, both of District and of Talook. This kind of graduated uniformity has already been introduced in the Judicial Department, as well as in that of Public Works; and it would be of great service in the Revenue Dept. The Board advocate the postponement of this reform till the new Police System shall have been universally introduced, but the Government are not of opinion that such postponement is at all necessary. It is true, as the Board remark,

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new and simple
system of Revenue Accounts.
If any such servants
are retained, they should
be brought on the regular
Establishment. The
Board will take mea-
-sures to ascertain whether
there are any other
classes of servants of
similar anomalous
descriptions, and will
deal with any such
in the same manner.

J. Hopkins

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