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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 975	Press / Mis.
Dated 22nd July 1859.	

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In Con. 2*d August* 1858, *No.* 3326.

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(Signed) J. D. SIM, *Secretary.*

No. 63. ORDER THEREON, 21st July 1859, No. 975.

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

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From W. ROBINSON, Esq., Chief Commissioner of M. Police,

dated Chittoor, 11th June 1859.

I have the honor, in reply to your letter, No. 2169 of the 9th instant, to state that I think the consideration of the division of the Wynaad talook might very well lie over till the separation of Police and Revenue Establishments has been decided upon, and that if a Deputy Collector and Magistrate is to be stationed in Wynaad the division will scarcely be required.

2. The want of Police General as well as Village has been the grievance most urged by the planters and others; to supply these arrangements will be made and then I think that Magistrial and Revenue Establishments would suffice.

3. I consider that the saving from the salary of the fiscal of Cochin ought to go towards the coast of the new Police.

IN CON. 31ST MARCH 1859, No. 1403.

From P. GRANT, Esq., Acting Collector of Malabar,
dated Pyolly, 8th March 1859, No. 38 A.

In reply to Proceedings Board of Revenue dated 10th November 1858, No. 4178, I have the honor to inform you that I have just returned from Wynaad Talook, where I have been for the last fortnight engaged in its annual settlement.

2. After all due enquiry into the present state of the Talook, and into the condition of its various Umshoms as regards population, cultivation, &c., I have come to the conclusion, as I believe any one else with the same opportunities of enquiry would do, that the division of the Talook into Eastern and Western Wynaad as proposed by Mr. Robinson is the only one that can be adopted at present.

3. The plan of Wynaad returned with the Board's Proceedings under reply as well as a new plan exhibiting the various Umshoms are forwarded.

4. The Cusbah of West Wynaad will be Manantoddy, the Cusbah of the present Talook, and Gunnapathy Vattom or Sultan's Battery the Cusbah of East Wynaad.

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The following Umshoms compose the Talooks :—

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	Population.
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2. Elorenaad....	5,015
3. Nalloornaad....	1,885
4. Edavaca....	2,174
5. Poroor, sub-division of No. 4.	1,064
6. Thondornaad	3,198
7. Periah sub-division of No. 6.	978
8. Pooroonanoor	3,253
9. Cooroombala.	2,553
10. Edanadasoor....	4,442
Total.....	27,205
Area of West Wynaad	520

Eastern.

	Population.
1. Poothady	4,588
2. Moopainaad	2,994
3. Ganapathy Vattom	8,978
4. Moonanaad	1,487
5. Cherangode, sub-division of No. 4. ...	1,697
6. Nambalacode	3,816
Total.....	23,560
Area of East Wynaad	640

6. The Northern parts of Poothady and Ganapathy Vattom Umshoms are nearly uninhabited and consist of teak forest. Moonanaad and Nambalacode also have very few inhabitants on their Northern boundaries which are jungly, and the Eastern and South Eastern parts of Nambalacode are very thinly peopled.

7. In Western Wynaad Talook, the Northern portion of Eloornaad and the Southern part of Edanadasoor, are jungly and possess few inhabitants.

8. The most populous parts of the Talooks as above stated are about Manantoddy and Ganapathy Vattom or Sultan's Battery. People are fast beginning to settle along the chief lines of road which lead from Mysore to Manantoddy and Sultan's Battery and thence through the country down the Periah, Cootiaddy and Tambercherry Passes.

9. Tamilians from Madura, Trichinopoly and in fact the whole East Coast—Canarese from Mysore and Coorg and Mussulmen from all quarters have settled down at Manantoddy and Sultan's Battery—at this latter station especially which promises to become large and the great grain mart of that part of the country.

10. The principal lines of road through Wynaad are marked in red, and it is along these for some time that population will flow and take up land, as is now being done in every direction. A Coffee mania is beginning to take possession of the population.

11. You will observe that each of the proposed Talooks has a fair share of the roads, so that the distribution of work will be as equally proportioned as can be expected for the present.

12. The only division of the Talook which could be adopted in accordance with the Board's views would be by dividing Poothady and Edanadasoor Umshoms by a line running from North East to South West into two Umshoms each to be called East and West Poothady and East and West Edanadasoor—the Western Umshoms to be attached to West and the Eastern Umshoms to East Wynaad. I do not think that any good end would be attained by this division. Many of the properties are very extensive and embrace miles of country, and the proposed boundary line, would probably run directly through them, placing the Jemnies under the jurisdiction of the Tahsildars of the two Talooks. That such would be the case in Poothady Umshom I can state from personal knowledge acquired when riding from Sultan's Battery to Manantoddy, the step would grate on the feelings of the people, and for the mere sake of uniformity I do not think it advisable under present circumstances. Once the Northern parts of Poothady and the Eastern extremity of Nambalacode become populous, a re-arrangement of the Umshoms may be requisite, on account of the great distance between those parts of the country, but it will be time enough to consider this point, I think when the necessity arises and this is not likely to happen for some years to come.

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Copies to Collector of Malabar and Chief Commissioner of Mofussil Police.

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No 975. 21st July 1859.

With an Order

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Fort St. Geo.
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