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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, for the month of January 1860.

No. 25. 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 26th December 1859, No. 142.

From Collector, dated 3rd December 1859, *No.* 193. 1 *Map.*

I have the honor to forward a sketch map of the Malabar district shewing the existing táluqs, 17 in number, (including the small Cochin táluq.) These I propose to reduce to 9 táluqs. In Mr. Bourdillon's memorandum 10 were suggested, and the Collector Mr. Grant would divide the district into 12 táluqs, though if Government deem a further amalgamation necessary, he would not object to reducing the number to 11 táluqs, by uniting Pálghát and Temelpuram together.

2. In Mr. Grant's scheme, new boundaries are proposed by subdividing táluqs to a far greater extent than is necessary, and I see no special reasons advanced in Mr. Grant's report for adopting this method. He says indeed (paragraph 6) that, "in defining them attention has been "paid to physical boundaries, but these have at times given way when dense population and "the castes and classes of which that population consisted had to be considered," so that his scheme has not the advantage of physical boundaries throughout.

3. I see no reason, therefore, to depart from the existing boundaries, and I think an arrangement of táluqs quite as good as that proposed by Mr. Grant and free from its disadvantages, may be made by combining entire táluqs together.

4. Two or three plans suggest themselves to me, but the scheme I would recommend is that shown on the sketch marked with black =0=0 lines. The sketch sent is on a scale of 8 miles to the inch, but the Collector sent also a much larger plan on 2 miles to the inch, which can, if necessary, be referred to. I propose 9 táluqs only, as follows.

	Táluqs.	Area.	Population.	Revenue.		
				Land.	Extra.	Total.
1	Kavái and Cherikal	651	1,71,162	1,90,855	1,35,140	3,25,995
2	Kôttiyam	487½	1,07,315	99,503	1,45,860	2,45,363
3	Kartenád	589½	2,53,944	2,11,263	34,599	2,45,962
	Kurúmbranád	1,160	50,765	30,613	6,514	37,127
4	Wynád	261½	1,23,129	1,12,799	2,53,344	3,66,143
5	Calicut	821½	2,01,206	1,97,962	31,092	2,29,054
6	Ernád					
	Chernád					
7	Vétutnád	431½	2,92,785	3,24,967	3,07,575	6,32,542
	Kutnád					
	Chávakád					
	Cochin					
8	Walawanád	1,161¼	2,17,713	2,54,283	27,137	2,81,420
	Nedunganád					
9	Pálghát	695	2,29,283	2,64,681	46,111	3,10,791
	Temelpuram					

5. In making the above arrangement I have adopted a suggestion of Mr. Grant to keep the divisions of North and South Malabar distinct. "The "Elatur river which forms the south boundary of the Ku- "rúmbranád táluq is also the south boundary of North Mala- "bar and if Malabar is ever to be subdivided into 2 districts, this boundary should be adopted "as it has an important bearing on the social customs of the inhabitants. No woman of North "Malabar will travel south of the Elatur river, if she does, she runs a chance of being repudiated "by her class. In North Malabar, marriage is honorable; in south, it is hardly observed."

Paragraph 12, *Mr. Grant's report.*

6. And for the reason Mr. Grant has proposed to restore to the táluq of Kurúmbranád 4 parishes which formerly belonged to it, but which are now in the Calicut táluq; if after the settlement of the question of the táluq boundaries now proposed, Mr. Grant sees reason to recommend the change, he can do so, reporting in full why the change was formerly made and what advantages would be derived from a re-transfer of these parishes.

7. Had it not been for this difficulty I should have proposed to unite Calicut with Kurúmbranád, and Kôttiyam with Kartenád which would have made 8 táluqs only. But small as Calicut will be in area (261 square miles) the revenue will be respectable, viz. 3,66,000 Rupees.

8. The kasbas are not all clearly shewn in the map, but when the question is disposed of, Mr. Grant will be requested to send in a list of existing kasbas and any new stations he would recommend, and with reference to that the names of the new táluqs will have to be settled

No. 26. ORDER THEREON, 23d January 1860, No. 112.

1. In this letter Mr. Pelly reports the alterations which he proposes in the táluqs of Malabar.

2. The present number of táluqs is sixteen, besides Cochin; the Collector proposes to reduce it to eleven, and Mr. Pelly to nine. Mr. Grant's plan involves the partition of many táluqs; and for that and other reasons the Government prefer Mr. Pelly's scheme.

3. If it were not for the keeping up of the distinction between North and South Malabar, the number of táluqs might well be eight; but in deference to Mr. Grant's opinion on that point, the Government consent to the small táluq of Calicut being still retained. Should Mr. Grant on further consideration be still of opinion that part of the táluq ought to be re-transferred to Kurúmbranád, for the sake of more exactly marking the boundary between the North and South Malabar, this change may be made.

4. The new táluqs will be as follows:

	Táluqs.	Area.	Population.	Revenue		
				Land.	Extra.	Total.
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3	Kartenád, Kurúmbranád	589½	2,53,944	2,11,263	34,599	2,45,962
4	Wynád	1,160	50,765	30,613	6,514	37,127
5	Calicut	261½	1,23,129	1,12,799	2,53,344	3,66,143
6	Ernád, Chernád	821½	2,01,206	1,97,962	31,092	2,29,054
7	Vétutnád, Kutnád, Chávakád, Cochin	431½	2,92,785	3,24,967	3,07,575	6,32,542
8	Walawanád, Nedunganád	1,161¼	2,17,713	2,54,283	27,137	2,81,420
9	Pálghát, Temelpuram	695	2,29,283	2,64,681	46,111	3,10,791

5. The new táluq of Ponáni, as it may be called, consisting of Chávakád and other táluqs will be of very moderate area though of great length. The inconvenience arising from the length will be much lessened, however, in practice, by the fact that there is water communication from the southern part to Ponáni the probable future kasba.

6. Cochin is set down as a part of the táluq, but it may be matter of consideration whether it is necessary or expedient to unite that place to any táluq. Mr. Pelly will report his opinion on this point, after communicating with the Collector.

7. Mr. Pelly will also communicate with the Collector respecting the most convenient place for the kasbas of the new táluqs, and report the result for the approval of Government.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

No. 112.

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Dated 23d January 1860.
Read the following letter

From C. Pelly Esqre. Member
of the Board of Revenue
Submitting his report on
the Rearrangement of the Taluqs
of the Malabar District.

Dated 27th December 1859
Recd 2/1/60

In this letter Mr. Pelly
reports the alterations which
he proposes in the Taluqs of
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of Taluqs is Sixteen besides
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Scheme

scheme.

3. If it were not for the keeping up of the distinction between North & South Malabar, the number of Talugs might well be eight; but in deference to Mr. Grant's opinion on that point, the Government consent to the small Talug of Calicut being still retained. Should Mr. Grant on further consideration be still of opinion that part of the Talug might be transferred to Kurumbranád, for the sake of more exactly marking the boundary between the North and South Malabar, this change may be made.

4. The New Talugs will be as follows.

	Talugs	Area	Population	Revenue Land	Extra	Total
1	Kavai & Cherikal	651	171,162	190,855	135,140	325,995
2	Kottayam	487½	107,375	99,503	145,860	245,363
3	Kottenad Kurumbranad	589½	253,944	211,263	34,699	245,962
4	Wynád	1160	80,765	30,613	6,514	37,127
5	Calicut	261½	123,129	112,799	253,344	366,143
6	Ernad Chernád Vettatnád Kutnád	821½	201,206	197,962	31,092	229,054
7	Chavakad Cochin	431½	292,785	324,967	307,575	632,542
8	Walanaad Nadunganad	1161½	217,713	254,283	27,137	281,420
9.	Palghat Ernelparam	690	229,283	264,681	46,111	310,791

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From Mr. Colly. dated 7th Augt. 60.
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From Chief Sy. C. No. 900
dated 19th April 1861.

Passing orders on the
re-arrangement of the
Talugs in Malabar.

No 25 & 26.