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No. 50. 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 29th December 1859, No. 144.

I have the honor to submit for the consideration and orders of Government, a plan for reducing the number of táluqs in the Karnúl district. This district, which was lately made a new Collectorate, consists of 13 táluqs, (including the town of Karnúl entered as a separate táluq,) 3 of which formerly belonged to Kadapa and 1 to Ballárí district. In Mr. Arbuthnott the Collector's original proposition,* he recommended that there should be nine táluqs, but he subsequently acquiesces partly in certain suggestions made by me to reduce his number to eight táluqs. The proposition which I have the honor to submit for consideration, will divide the district into this number of táluqs.

From	*Collector,*	*dated*	25*th August*	1859,	*No.*	31.
To	*do.*	„	6*th September*	„	„	18.
From	*do.*	„	16*th* „	„	„	57.
To	*do.*	„	4*th October*	„	„	39.
To	*do.*	„	20*th* „	„	„	52.
To	*do.*	„	10*th September*	„	„	20.
From	*do.*	„	1*st November*	„	„	124.
From	*do.*	„	2*nd* „	„	„	131.
To	*do.*	„	15*th* „	„	„	89.
From	*do.*	„	2*nd December*	„	„	187.
From	*do.*	„	9*th* „	„	„	198.

* *See 2 maps accompanying this report, A and B.*

2. Taking the táluqs in the order observed in Mr. Arbuthnott's statements, the alterations proposed by him are as follows:

1. CHAGALMARRI, } To be united, and some villages from other táluqs to be given also.
2. SIRWELL. }

3. NANDIAL.—The whole with about half of Pániem.

4. PANIEM.—To be divided between Nandiál Ravalkóta aud Nandikótúr.

5. DHONI, } To be united and to form the new táluq of Ravalkóta, to which are to be added
6. GUDUR. } eight villages from Pániem and the town (táluq) of Karnúl.

7. NANDIKOTUR.—The whole with 13 villages from Pániem.

8. ATKUR.—The whole táluq as it is.

9. KAMBAM.—The whole táluq with 96 villages belonging to Dúpád which are situated to the east of Kambam and scattered among the villages belonging to the Vencatagherri Rajah in the Nellúr district.

10. DUPAD.—The táluq less the 96 villages above to be transferred to Kambam and 65 villages proposed to be transferred to the Guntúr district. The remaining revenue would be only about Rupees 57,000.

11. KOVILAGUNTLA.—The present táluq with the addition of seven villages from Sirwell and some from the Jummulmadugu táluq of Kadapa district.

12. PANCHAPALAYAM.—To remain as it is with the addition of seven villages from Gúdúr táluq and 10 from the Adóni táluq in the Ballárí district.

13. KARNUL.—The town of Karnúl to be incorporated in the táluq of Ravalkóta.

3. This was Mr. Arbuthnott's scheme for nine táluqs. In a memorandum sent for his consideration, I suggested certain alterations which if fully carried out would have reduced the number of táluqs to six. The chief features of this suggestion were, 1st, the uniting Atkúr and Nandikótúr together; 2ndly, the entire absorption of the Dúpád táluq; 3rdly, uniting the three táluqs of Sirwell, Chágalmarri and Kóvilaguntla into one táluq instead of making two as proposed by Mr. Arbuthnott. To the first suggestion, *viz.*, the union of Atkúr and Nandikótúr, Mr. Arbuthnott is not opposed, but to the others he is.

4. Having given the subject due consideration, I shall proceed to state the plan I would now recommend for adoption following the map.

	New Táluqs.	Old Táluqs.	Area.	Revenue.
1	Pattikonda	Panchapálayam	1,068	1,95,000
2	Ravalkóta	Dhoni, Gúdúr, Pániem (part), Karnúl	1,168	3,22,000
3	Nandikótúr	Atkúr, Nandikótúr	1,322	2,11,000
4	Nandiál	Nandiál, Pániem (most)	728	2,17,000
5	Kóvilaguntla	Kovilaguntla	558	2,27,000
6	Sirwell	Sirwell, Chágalmarri	498	1,96,000
7	Kambam	Kambam	1,048	1,69,000
8	Dúpád	Dúpád	1,594	1,19,000

NOTE.—The Banganapalli táluq shewn on the map is a jághír.

5. Pattikonda táluq should I propose remain as it is, and I would rather transfer the eight or nine Ballárí villages which are to be given to Karnúl to the Ravalkóta táluq than to the Pattikonda táluq; Mr. Arbuthnott thinks these villages, as well as 7 villages now belonging to the Gúdúr táluq, should be transferred to the Pattikonda táluq, as he proposes to locate a Deputy Tahsíldár at Codamur in that táluq. But the necessity of a Deputy Tahsíldár in that táluq is not apparent; and in anticipation of this measure, to dismember unnecessarily a táluq of any of its villages seems inexpedient, as those villages will be as conveniently situated to their own kasba at Ravalkóta as to Pattikonda; and, therefore, they should be retained in that táluq, and the adjoining Ballárí villages made over also to it. There is one village, however, Gólkonda, which certainly should belong to Pattikonda, if it has not already been placed under the jurisdiction of the Tahsíldár of that táluq.

6. In Ravalkóta will be included the entire táluqs of Gúdúr, Dhoni and Karnúl; and it might be convenient, as proposed by Mr. Arbuthnott, to include the south-west end of Pániem also, as it is closer to Ravalkóta than to Nandiál, but there is no necessity for doing this, and I have not recommended it.

7. I have proposed the junction of the two táluqs of Atkúr and Nandikótúr entire. It is true the area is large, 1,400 square miles, but most the of eastern parts are uninhabited, as Mr. Arbuthnott observes, and the population of the present táluq of Atkúr is under 30,000 inhabitants, with a revenue of only 87,000 Rupees; so that the two táluqs may be very well combined. Mr. Arbuthnott remarks, however, that the revenue of the new táluq will be greatly increased by the new canal and irrigation works, but they are not yet commenced, and our arrangements are made on existing not prospective circumstances. The Collector will have to report what place (Atkúr or Nandikótur will be the best for kasba and from it the new táluq should take its name.

8. Mr. Arbuthnott has objected to the union of Kóvilaguntla with Sirwell and Chágalmarri; as the táluq stands, he says it is one that requires a hard working man to manage, the people being litigious to a degree, and as it is by itself a fair táluq both in size and revenue, I have not recommended any change, beyond that of the addition of the seven villages of Sirwell which Mr. Arbuthnott says lie in the heart of that táluq. I will presently refer to the villages proposed to be transferred from Kadapa.

9. Sirwell táluq is formed by the amalgamation of Sirwell and Chágalmarri with such alterations as the boundary line between the Karnúl and Kadapa districts, when finally settled, may produce. It will be a táluq of moderate size, but the revenue is fair.

10. Kambam and Dúpád táluqs I propose to leave as they are, pending the orders of Government. They are both very extensive táluqs, 1,000 and 1,600 square miles respectively, though the revenue is not very large in comparison, *viz.*, only 1,83,000 and 1,19,000 Rupees.

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11. On the east of the town of Kambam, are situated, (scattered among the villages of the Vencatagherri Zamíndári) 96 villages of the Dúpád táluq. These Mr. Arbuthnott proposed, to transfer to Kambam and it had before been proposed to transfer the north-eastern part of Dúpád to the Guntúr district. These changes would reduce Dúpád very much, leaving a beriz of only 57,000 Rupees. Taking this into consideration, and observing the relative position of the kasba towns of the two táluqs, Kambam and Mareapore, it occurred to me that Dúpád might be absorbed entire, and united with Kambam: but the area would be so large (nearly 2,300 square miles) as to make the measure unadvisable, and the táluq would be too large even were the villages at the east transferred to the Nellúr district as once ordered and on re-consideration Mr. Arbuthnott recommends that the táluq of Dúpád be retained entire.

12. I will here observe that in 1856 the eastern villages (96 or 97) of Dúpád which Mr. Arbuthnott proposes to transfer to Kambam, were ordered by Government to be given to the Nellúr district. But I have ascertained that the transfer of these villages was never actually made, owing apparently to the difficulty of attaching them to any táluq in the Nellúr district, they, therefore, remained attached to Kadapa district, and when the Dúpád táluq was given to Karnúl they went with it, and still form part of that táluq: until the scheme for remodelling the táluq of Nellúr district is before me, I cannot recommend the course to be pursued with respect to these villages, but unless it is shown that a positive benefit will accrue by transferring them now, as Dúpád is but a small táluq in its revenue, it might seem better to retain in it these villages, and also the north-east portion of the táluq proposed to be transferred to Guntúr, especially since Guntúr district has lately been enlarged, and, as Mr Arbuthnott observes, there is and will probably always be an European officer at Kambam which is far more accessible to the people than either Nellúr or Guntúr. The orders of Government are required on this point. I would, in passing, observe that part of the Vencatagherri Zamíndárs' peskash is paid into the Kambam treasury, but the villages are under the jurisdiction of the Nellúr district.

Minutes Consultation, No. 482, 10*th May* 1856.

See Proceedings Board of Revenue, No. 1269, *dated 9th April* 1859, *and correspondence referred to there, and letter from the Acting Collector of Nellúr, dated* 1*st December* 1859, *paras.* 2 *&* 3.

Collectors letter, 2nd November 1859, *paragraph* 9.

13. The boundary between the two districts of Karnúl and Kadapa has also to be disposed of. It will be seen that the táluq of Chágalmarri juts into the Kadapa district and is nearer to the town of Kadapa than to Karnúl the respective head quarters of the two districts. For this reason it has been suggested that a better boundary line should be made. But the two Collectors have not come to a decision as to line of division that would be the best. Mr. Arbuthnott in his letter of 16th September proposes a line about midway between the line proposed by the Collector of Kadapa, and that proposed originally by himself, as may be seen in the sketch in that letter. But this line would make mutual transfers of considerable extent from either district which I think unnecessary. The people of the Kadapa portion would not benefit by being transferred to Karnúl, though the Karnúl people by being placed nearer the head quarters of this new district might derive some benefit. It appears to me that if any change is to be made, it should be confined to a transfer of a part only of Chágalmarri to Dovúr táluq in Kadapa, and I would propose the line marked by a——a——a on the map sent up with this letter. But it is questionable whether any change is really expedient. The new combined táluq of Sirwell and Chágalmarri will without any deduction be of a very moderate size, and on that account it may not be desirable to transfer any portion. Mr. Arbuthnott has also pointed out the very inconvenient position of Karnúl as the head quarters of the district; should a change be ordered, the inconvenience of distance from the Huzúr would no longer be an argument for transferring Chágalmarri to Kadapa and these is, therefore, the further objection of breaking

Order of Government, dated 11*th March* 1858.

From Collector, Karnúl 25*th August* 1859.

up a táluq without sufficient cause, and I am disposed to think the táluq boundaries may without inconvenience remain undisturbed; it will also be desirable to ascertain the wishes of the people on this proposition.

Letter from Collector, dated 2nd November 1859, paragraph 5.

14. The subject relating to the clubbing of villages together referred to by the Collector will be taken up separately.

15. The disposal of the táluq Kach'haris no longer required can be considered hereafter.

16. The Collector anticipates that some Deputy Tahsíldárs will be required, but this is very doubtful, and the question need not be here discussed.

No. 51. ORDER THEREON, 25th January 1860, No. 124.

Karnúl is a new Collectorate, consisting of 13 táluqs, (including the town of Karnúl, entered as a separate táluq) three of which formerly belonged to Kadapa, and one to Ballárí. The Collector recommends that these should be formed into nine táluqs, but Mr. Pelly proposes eight, and the Government agree with him.

2. The new táluqs will be as follows:

	Old Táluqs.	New Táluqs.	Area.	Population.	Revenue.
1	Panchapálayam.....	Pattikonda...	1,068	1,05,343	1,95,000
2	Dhoni.....	2 Ravalkóta...	1,168	.....	3,22,000
3	Gúdúr.....				
4	Pániem (part).....				
5	Karnúl.....				
6	Atkúr.....	3 Nandikótúr...	1,322	62,316	2,11,000
7	Nandikótúr...				
8	Nandiál...	4 Nandiál...	728	.....	2,17,000
	Pániem (most)....				
9	Kóvilaguntla.....	5 Kóvilaguntla... ...	558	81,160	2,27,000
10	Sirwell.....	6 Sirwell.....	498	53,255	1,96,000
11	Chágalmarri...				
12	Kambam.....	7 Kambam.....	1,048	98,599	1,69,000
13	Dúpád.....	8 Dúpád.....	1,594	1,10,839	1,19,000

N. B.—The Banganapalli táluq is a jághír.

3. In the statement given by Mr. Pelly at paragraph 4 of his letter, part of the old táluq of Pániem is included with three other táluqs of Dhoni, Gúdúr, and Karnúl in forming the new táluqs of Ravalkóta; paragraph 6 of his letter however contradicts this seemingly Mr. Pelly will be good enough to state which course he proposes.

4. The village of Gólkonda should be attached to Pattikonda táluq and the seven villages, at present belonging to Sirwell, but lying in the heart of Kóvilaguntla
Paragraph 5. should be given to the latter táluq as proposed by Mr. Pelly. The ex-
Paragraph 8. tent of the Sirwell táluq must remain uncertain till the boundary line
Paragraph 9. between the Karnúl and Kadapa districts is finally settled.

5. The old táluqs of Dúpád and Kambam will remain as they are until Mr. Pelly submits his proposals for the districts of Nellúr and Guntúr when the question of the partition of the former táluq will be settled.

6. Paragraph 13 of Mr. Pelly's letter will be furnished to the Collectors of Kadapa and Karnúl, with directions to submit reports through that officer, after communication with one another, on the points at issue. They should take measures to ascertain the wishes of the people on the subject.

7. Mr. Pelly will arrange in communication with the Collectors and report the results for approval.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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Proceedings of the Madras Govern.t

Under date the 25th January 1860.

Read the following

letter from C. Pelly Esq.re

Member of the Board of Revenue.

Submitting a report on the re arrangement of the Taluqs of the Karnúl Dist.t (Here under 29th Dec.r 59 N.o 149)

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Old Talugs	New Talugs	area	Population	Revenue
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2 Dhoni —	2 Rayalkotta	1,168	×	322,000
3 Gudur —				
4 Pamidem (part)				
5 Karnul —				
6 Atkur —	3 Nandikandur	1,322	62,316	211,000
7 Nandikandur				
8 Nandial —	4 Nandial	728	×	217,000
Pamidem (most)				
9 Koilkuntla	5 Koilkuntla	558	81,160	227,000
10 Sirwell —	6 Sirwell	498	53,255	196,000
11 Chagalmarri				
12 Kambam —	7 Kambam	1,045	98,599	169,000
13 Dupad —	8 Dupad	1,594	110,839	119,000

N.B. The Banganapalli Talug is a Jagheer

3 In the statement given by Mr Pelly at para 4 of his letter, part of the old Talugs of Pamidem is included with the other three Talugs of Dhoni, Gudur & Karnul in forming the new Talug of Rayalkotta, para 6 of his letter however contradicts

contradicts this seemingly. Mr Pelly will be good enough to state which course he proposes.

4 The village of Goltkonda should be attached to Pattikonda Talug & the seven villages at present belonging to Sirwell, but lying in the heart of Koilkuntla, should be given to the latter Talug as proposed by Mr Pelly. The extent of the Sirwell Talug must remain uncertain till the boundary line between the Karnul and Kadapah Districts is finally settled.

Para 5

Para 8.

Para 9.

5 The old Talugs of Dupad and Kambam will remain as they are until Mr Pelly submits his proposals for the Districts of Nellore and Gundur when the question of the partition of

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