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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 24th December 1860.

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4. The head quarters of the Head Assistant have been hitherto at Tuticorin as ordered by Government for special reasons, but when the Deputy Collector Mr. Wright was appointed in charge of Salt, the Collector, acting in accordance with the supposed intentions of Government, directed the Head Assistant to take charge of the northern Táluqs. With a Deputy Collector in charge of Salt and with an efficient Customs Superintendent at Tuticorin, the Board think the Head Assistant may, as recommended by the Collector, be with much advantage employed elsewhere. But should the Government deem it expedient that the Head Assistant should reside at Tuticorin he can have charge of the two eastern Táluqs of Tenkari and Oottapadarum leaving the other two to form part of the Collector's charge.

From Government, No. 427, 16th, in Cons. 30th April 1855, *No.* 1,012.

See Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, 9th July 1860, *No.* 3,159.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Acting Secretary.*

No. 434. ORDER THEREON, 24th December 1860, No. 2,502.

The Governor in Council prefers the arrangement first proposed by the Board and detailed in paragraph 1 of their Proceedings above recorded. The Public Bungalow at Strívilliputtúr is probably intended for the Head Assistant's Office, and for this purpose it may suffice though it would scarcely accommodate the larger establishment of the Sub-Collector. The Government are not in a position at present to incur any large outlay in Civil buildings, and as the Board's first proposition meets all present requirements sufficiently well, the Governor in Council desires that effect may be given to it accordingly.

(Signed) J. D. SIM

Acting Secretary to Government.

No. 3,159.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 9th July 1860.

Read the following letter from J. SILVER, Esq., Collector of Tinnevelly, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Fort Saint George; dated Strivilliputtur, 26th June 1860, No. 239:—

I have the honor to forward for the consideration and orders of the Board, copy of a letter from Mr. Garstin my Acting Head Assistant. The circumstances to which it refers, are as follow:—

2. When a change of the Deputy Collectors was made in this District, and one Deputy was appointed to the charge of the Treasury, and another Deputy to the charge of the Salt, as in all the Coast Districts, I had some correspondence demi-officially with the Secretary to Government in the Revenue Department, who wrote to me by desire of His Excellency the late Governor. It was settled that Mr. Wright should be appointed to the charge of the Salt, and I then informed Mr. Bourdillon, that Mr. Wright's station would necessarily be Tutacorin, and that I should place Mr. Garstin at Shevacausy, in charge of the two Northern Taluqs of Strivilliputtur and Sauttur, where it was highly desirable from their great distance from the Huzur station, that either a Deputy or Assistant to the Collector, should be located.

3. Strictly speaking I should have reported this arrangement to the Board, but I quite forgot it in the multitude of business that pressed on me. Had I been arranging a charge for a Sub-Collector or any Officer of standing or experience, it would no doubt have occurred to me to report to the Board, but Mr. Garstin being a very young Assistant of not even one year's experience in the provinces, and as nothing could be entrusted to him beyond the most ordinary details of business, till he acquired more experience, I did not think of it.

4. Shevacausy was selected by Mr. Levinge as the station for the Officer to be placed in charge of these Taluqs, being admirably adapted from its central position for that purpose. The Government Gin House has also been altered and repaired by the Public Works Department, at an outlay of nearly 400 Rupees, for the express purpose of converting it into a Kacheri, the repairs and alterations having been only completed last April, and there is no reason why it should not be made the Head Quarters of the Head Assistant Collector.

5. Mr. Garstin has made some strange mistakes about Shevacausy, a place he never even saw. In the first place, Mr. Levinge never reported Shevacausy as being unhealthy, his remarks contained in his letter of 20th September 1859, No. 364, applying to North Tinnevelly generally, and I do not agree with him. I had charge of the Northern Taluqs as an Assistant in this District, many years ago, and never found any cause of complaint. Mr. Garstin is quite misinformed in saying that two or three Missionaries had died at Shevacausy of fever. Not a single Missionary ever died of fever either at Shevacausy, or even in North Tinnevelly. Mr. Ragland died at Shevacausy from the rupture of a blood-vessel, and Messrs. Barrenbruck and Every died out in the Taluqs at about 20 miles distance, from cholera. These causes of death might have taken place in any part of the country, and are totally unconnected with locality. As regards Officers in the Engineer's Department, it would probably be found on inquiry, that their fever was more owing to shooting excursions among the Hills.

6. In directing Mr. Garstin to take up his new charge, I informed him that there would be no objection to his visiting both Courtallam and Palamcottah occasionally, for reasonable periods; so that all needful indulgence was extended to him. His prejudice against Shevacausy, a place he never saw, appears to be quite sudden, for in writing to me only a week previously on the 13th instant, he requested to know when he should proceed there. Strivilliputtur is 13 miles west of Shevacausy, and except that it is not so centrically situated, there is no other objection to its being made the Head Assistant's station. I beg to refer the Board to Mr. Levinge's letter of 20th September 1859, and request the Board will be pleased to decide on Mr. Garstin's appeal, which I do not consider valid.

7. Before concluding, I must briefly advert to the rather unbecoming manner in which Mr. Garstin addresses me, his immediate superior; inquiring if I have authority for the instructions I give him, and referring me to Circular Orders, &c., which style of correspondence does not come with a good grace from so young an Assistant.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

ABSTRACT.—Copy of Mr. Garstin's letter, dated 19th June 1860.

The Board consider that the Collector should not have removed the Head Assistant from Tutacorin without express permission, his residence at that place having been ordered by Government, under date 13th April 1855, No. 427, for special reasons.

In Cons., 30th April 1855, No. 1,012.

2. As the Salt Deputy is to make Tutacorin his Head Quarters, and an efficient Customs Superintendent will probably be appointed to that post, the Board think the Head Assistant may well be employed elsewhere. But before applying for the permission of Government to make this change, the Board wish the Collector to report how he proposes to allot the remodelled Taluqs among his subordinates. Mr. Silver will perceive from the Order of Government, dated 11th April 1860, that a Deputy Collector for general duties is not assigned to Tinnevelly District.

In Cons., 12th April 1860.

3. The Board consider the tone of Mr. Garstin's communication improper, but from his having made arrangements to proceed to Shevacausy at once, they are led to believe that no intentional offence was contemplated.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary.

To J. Silver, Esq., Collector of Tinnevelly.

Exd. J. Wright.

No. 4,620.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 9th October 1860.

Read letter from the Collector of Tinnevelly, dated 4th August 1860, No. 296.
(In Cons., 10th August 1860, No. 3,921.)

Read letter from the same Officer, dated 25th September 1860, No. 364.
(In Cons., 1st October 1860, No. 4,904.)

1. The Board are of opinion that the Sub-Collector should have three Taluqs, and would propose the following arrangement for the Collector's consideration:

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	1	Sevakasi.
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2. There is no objection, the Board think, to the Salt Department Collector exercising Magisterial functions in the Oottapadarum Taluq.

3. The Board will bring Mr. Silver's request for a Sub-Collector being sent to him, to the notice of Government.

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To J. Silver, Esq., Collector of Tinnevelly.

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In Con. 23rd October 1860, No. 5,388.

From J. SILVER, Esq., Collector of TINNEVELLY,
dated Tinnevelly, 16th October 1860, No. 393.

I have the honor to acknowledge the Proceedings of the Board, dated the 9th October, giving their opinion that the Sub-division should comprise three Taluqs, and proposing for my consideration to add the Taluq of Tencausy to the present Sub-division.

2. Since addressing the Board on this subject, I have had under consideration the advisability of making an entire re-arrangement of the district which, if the Board approve, could be well carried out just now, before a Sub-Collector arrives.

3. I would propose constituting the northern Taluqs of Tinnevelly into the Sub-division, which would then comprise the Taluqs of Sauttoor, Strivilliputtoor and Shenkerninarcoil, with the head quarters at Strivilliputtoor which would be perfectly centrical, the public bungalow there, which is large and commodious, being made over to the Sub-Collector for his cutcherry instead of being sold.

4. The Salt Deputy Collector, Mr. Wright, is to have Police charge in Ottapidarum, the Head Assistant would be located at Shermadavy in charge of the two southern Taluqs, Ambasamudrum and Nangunary, and with the Collector would remain the central Taluqs, viz., Revenue charge of Ottapidarum and the Thenkarai, Tinnevelly and Tencausy Taluqs. A reference to the map of the district will show the Board, that this arrangement would give perfectly compact charges to each officer.

5. Strivilliputtoor, which I propose to be the Sub-Collector's station, is 63 miles from the Huzur station, Tinnevelly, while Shermadavy is only 13 miles distant. It is in every way better, that an officer of the rank of Sub-Collector holding an independant charge, should manage the distant Taluqs, and in no other district that I am acquainted with is the Sub-Collector stationed so near the Collector. The only reason for Shermadavy having been made the Sub-Collector's station, I imagine was the management of the rich wet Taluqs of Shermadavy and Bremmadasem on the banks of the Tambrapoorney, now made into the combined Taluq of Ambasamudrum; but the introduction of the village Oloongoo rates as the standard commutation rate for the district, has to a great extent removed Tinnevelly from the list of unsettled to settled districts, and this division could now be well managed by a Head Assistant, under the supervision of the Collector.

6. Should the Board approve the arrangement of the district I have now proposed, I would beg to request their early sanction to the same.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

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In Con. 19th November 1860, No. 5,970.

From J. SILVER, Esq., Collector of TINNEVELLY,
dated Tinnevelly, 14th November 1860, No. 443.

As I observe that Mr. G. B. Tod has been appointed to act as Sub-Collector of this district, I have the honor to request the early decision of the Board on my proposition, that the three Northern Taluqs of Tinnevelly should be formed into the Sub-division, with the head quarters at Strivilliputtur, and the public bungalow at that place converted into a Cutcherry instead of being sold.

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To J. D. Sim, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, R. D.

Copy to J. Silver, Esq., Collector of Tinnevelly.

Note.

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Revenue Department

No 25022

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 21st December 1850

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between himself and his
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Revenue Department
No 1 to 3 April 1851 Nos 34-35.
Revenue Dept Fort St George 21st December 1850.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue -

Dated 30th November 1850.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Tinnevelly No 45 / 4th Novr 1850.

No 5997.

No 2502. 24th October

Reporting on the arrangements proposed by the Collector of Tinnevelly for the re-distribution of the Taluqs between himself and his subordinates.

I agree with the Board in thinking the arrangement proposed by the Collector of Tinnevelly for the re-distribution of the Taluqs between himself and his subordinates undesirable & impolitic as their duties which will interfere with their tours - Mr Wright he is, I suppose, trained by the Collr & superintend the Pearl Fishery in concert with the Master Attendant - The Bd point out that the Asst Collrs can have Taluqs adjoining both cases, & that there is no pressing need of a change.

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Pro: of the Madras Govt
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Tom B Cr 544/62

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