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No. 63. 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 20th December 1859, No. 131.

I have the honor to submit for the orders of Government the plan, I would, after due consideration of the schemes suggested by the Sub-Collector Mr. Sullivan and the acting Collector Mr. Robinson, propose for the re-arrangement of the táluqs of the district of North Arcot.

From North Arcot, dated 29th October 1859, *No.* 111.
To do. dated 3rd November „ *No.* 70.
To do. dated 15th do. „ *No.* 85.
From do. dated 8th December „ *No.* 188.
To Chingleput, dated 15th November „ *No.* 88.
From do. dated 15th December „ *No.* 201.

2. There are at present 13 táluqs, which in your memorandum it was thought might be reduced to nine. Mr. Sullivan's plan would reduce the number to eight, but Mr. Robinson thinks there should be 10 táluqs.

3. Mr. Sullivan's proposition generally recommended itself to my mind, but Mr. Robinson is so very much opposed to it, that in deference to his views and opinion, I am disposed to submit a modified scheme for the orders of Government.

4. The táluqs at present are:

1. Chendragerri.
2. Chittúr.
3. Palmanair.
4. Polúr.
5. Trivatúr.
6. Vándivash.
7. Kaveripak.
8. Sholangar.
9. Trivallam.
10. Satgada.
11. Vellúr.
12. Arcot.
13. Sattívéd.
13. Táluqs.

There is no difficulty about the arrangement of the six first named táluqs, and as respects the last (Sattívéd) it is merely a question of retaining it as a separate táluq or transferring it to another district, Chingleput. But the chief difficulty is with regard to the two propositions for combining the six other táluqs.

1. *Kaveripak.*
2. *Sholangar.*
3. *Arcot.*
4. *Trivallam.*
5. *Vellúr.*
6. *Satgada.*

5. It was proposed to form these six táluqs into two new táluqs, viz.

1. Wallajahpettah, by uniting the Kaveripak, Sholangar, Arcot, and part of Trivallam táluq.

2. Palliconda táluq, by uniting Vellúr Satgada and part of Trivallam.

6. Mr. Robinson is greatly opposed to this arrangement. In the first place, he thinks the existing natural boundary of the river Palar, should not be disturbed; and secondly, that the charge will be far too great for a Tahsildar. He remarks with regard to the Wallajahpettah táluq, that "subdivided as it now is, the revenue administration "of this tract is more difficult and intricate than that of "any other part of the district, owing to the litigious "spirit, which the presence of large towns, dense rural "population, and the enhanced value of land consequent "on a developed system of irrigation have encouraged, for these reasons, I still" he says, "advocate "the retention of the river as the southern boundary of this táluq." The area of the new táluq would be 844 square miles, the revenue under 5 lacs, and the population about 2,65,000; as Mr. Robinson, who has had the propositions under his careful consideration, is so decidedly opposed to including the táluq of Arcot (which is south of the river), in the Wallajahpettah táluq, (though in situation to the Kasba this transfer seems desirable), I shall not urge it in opposition to the Collector's views, as the charge no doubt will be a heavy one; but adopt, for submission to Government, his recommendation that the Arcot táluq be enlarged by the addition of part of Trivatúr, instead of uniting that táluq entire with Vándivash.

Letter from acting Collector North Arcot, No. 290, *dated 8th December* 1859 *paragraph* 10.

7. To the proposed new táluq of Palliconda, to be formed by the union of the Vellúr táluq (on the south of the river) and the Satgada and most of Trivallam táluq (on the north

of the river), Mr. Robinson is also strongly opposed. His reasons appear to be "that the success "of the new Police system isgreatly dependant upon the territorial redistribution of the district, "that a táluq of the dimensions proposed is beyond the control of any single establishment, "however strong and efficient that might be. Traversed by a long line of railroad bringing "together gangs of labourers requiring close Police surveillance, and inhabited by a numerous "and excitable Lubbi population, this corner of the district should be narrowly watched and "firmly held." The only arrangement he thinks that would make the proposition feasible, would be to transfer the western end to Salem, which, however, he deprecates as it would cut off the remote appendage of the Kangoondi Zamíndári, and I do not propose any transfer to Salem. But Mr. Robinson adds that, "if the natural boundary of the river is to be over-stepped, and "both Satgada and the large portion of the Trivallam táluq absorbed, the only other arrange- "ment he has to suggest is that the south-western portion of the new táluq so composed be "formed into a Deputy Tahsildari with Petamaúr as its Kasba." But he prefers making two táluqs, viz. Vellúr on the south of river, and Satgada united to the whole of Trivallam, (except the small portion east of the Poiné river, which should properly be attached to the Wallajah-pettah táluq.)

9. The size of the new Palliconda táluq as proposed would be as follows, when combined with Satgada and part of Trivallam.

Area... ... ... 1,224 Square miles.
Revenue about ... ...3,80,000 Rupees.
Population about ... ... 2,54,000.

10. With the Collector so strongly opposed to the union of Vellúr, with Satgada, I am not prepared to recommend the measure; the expedient of a Deputy at Petamaúr would in some degree remedy the objections stated by the Collector to so large a táluq; but on the whole, it may be better to adopt Mr. Robinson's plan of having two separate táluqs, to be called Palliconda and Guriattam the present Kasbas of Vellúr and Satgada.

11. The disposal of the táluq of Sattívéd presents another difficulty. It is a small táluq situated at the extreme north-east end of the district and isolated by the large Zamíndáris in those parts, so that it cannot be united to any other taluq in the district. The area is entered at 300 square miles, with a revenue of about 56,000 Rupees only. In my opinion, this táluq which once belonged to Chingleput district, may be conveniently restored to that province and incorporated with the táluq of Pulicat. Mr. Shubrick the Collector of Chingleput, sees no objection to this, but Mr. Robinson opposes the measure, and suggests that part of the Chingleput district be added to the táluq to make it larger; but this would be confering no benefit to the Chingleput rayats but the contrary. The reasons assigned by Mr. Robinson do not appear to me of much weight, they are rather of a Police nature. I will give them in his own words. "I still" (Mr. Robinson writes) "think that the retention "of this small táluq is on political grounds indispensable. So "much importance indeed do I attach to this, that I proposed

See paragraph 5 of letter above.

"in my letter of the 17th October last to the Board, that Naglapuram its present Kasba should "be made if not the station of the Head Assistant, at least, that of one of the Deputy Collectors, "and am now having a road constructed out of the local fund which will connect it directly "with Chittúr. The Inspector General of Police who has travelled over the whole district and "is thoroughly acquainted with its requirements takes the same view, and was in fact the first to "suggest the expediency of locating one of my subordinates in that neighbourhood."

12. The táluq of Sattívéd belonged formerly to Chingleput and was transfered to North Arcot in 1808, on the recommendation of the Board of Revenue. But the grounds of that recommendation are not apparent unless it was because Sattívéd was a strip of the Arcot Soobah contiguous to Cálastrí which had been recently transferred to the jurisdiction of the Courts of Chittúr. On the Board's recommendation the change was ordered by Government, and the jurisdiction of the Zillah Court at Chittúr was extended to the district of Sattívéd also.

See letter from Board of Revenue to Government, 7th March 1808, *paragraphs* 11-12.

From Government to Board of Revenue, 26th March 1808, *paragraphs* 6-7.

13. Sattívéd is as near the District Court at Chingleput as it is to Chittúr, and is only half the distance from Madras that it is to Chittúr the head quarters of North Arcot, and I am not aware of any valid reasons for objecting to its being again given to the Chingleput Collectorate.

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14. I have now noticed the chief objections raised by Mr. Robinson to the scheme proposed to him, and will proceed at once to state the táluqs I would recommend for North Arcot in future.

	Area.	Population.	Revenue.	Remarks.
			Rs.	
1 Chendragerri.....	636	85,166	99,325	The boundaries of these two táluqs have been slightly altered, an improvement recommended by all.
1 Chittúr.....	540	1,03,920	1,42,433	
1 Palmanair.....	460	54,056	69,921	No change.
1 Wallajahpettah.....	563	1,71,370	3,31,827	Comprised of the táluqs of Kaveripak and Sholangar and part of Trivallam east of the Poiné river.
1 Guriattam.....	723	1,38,972	2,28,832	Satgada and west of Trivallam up to the Poiné river.
1 Palliconda.....	558	1,34,358	1,86,008	The present Vellúr táluq as it is.
1 Polúr.....	498½	87,007	1,47,980	The present táluq with the addition of a part of the Chaitpat táluq from South Arcot.
1 Vándivash.....	514½	93,539	1,90,608	The whole of present Vándivash, part of Trivatúr, and part of Chaitpat from South Arcot.
1 Arcot.....	524	1,25,656	2,53,785	Present Arcot táluq with part of Trivatúr.
9 Táluqs.				
1 Sattívéd.....	300	37,826	56,197	To be given to Chingleput.

15. It is proposed to take a part of Chaitpat, a táluq of South Arcot, and add it to the Polúr and Vándivash táluqs as recommended in my letter of 3rd instant, No. 108. The boundary between Chingleput and North Arcot has to be definitely fixed and may probably take the line marked on the map, giving part of the Wállajahpettah and Trivatúr (now to be Arcot) táluq to Chingleput; and the two Collectors will be desired to send in a list of villages affected by the change.

16. In the map that accompanies this, I have shown the táluqs as they now are in different colours and the changes proposed are marked in a dark black ink line thus =0=0=0; the blue lines showing changes suggested by Collector, and which have not been approved, are crossed over.

NOTE.—*The Zamíndáris are coloured yellow.*

No. 64. ORDER THEREON, 5th January 1860, No. 31.

Paragraph 1. In this letter, Mr. Pelly reports on the re-arrangement of the táluqs of the district of North Arcot.

2. The present number of táluqs in the district is thirteen; and Mr. Pelly proposes to reduce it to nine. He also proposes to transfer the small táluq of Sattívéd to the Chingleput district. The Sub-Collector Mr. Sullivan proposed to reduce the number to eight, while the acting Collector Mr. Robinson thought there should be ten táluqs including Sattívéd. Mr. Pelly was at first in favor of Mr. Sullivan's plan generally; but in deference to Mr. Robinson's views, he submits a modified scheme as above stated.

3. The proposed reduction is to be effected by dividing Trivatúr, between Vándivash and Arcot; uniting Kaveripak and Sholangar, and dividing Trivallam between this and other contiguous táluqs.

4. Two táluqs Chendragerri and Chittúr are to have their boundaries slightly altered, and two others Polúr and Vándivash are to be enlarged by the addition of portions of Chaitpat a táluq of South Arcot.

5. The Sattívéd táluq now proposed to be transferred to Chingleput, once belonged to that district, but was transferred to North Arcot in 1808; for what reason does not appear. It is of small extent situated at the extreme east of the district, and is isolated by the large, Zamíndáris of Cavétnagar and Cálastrí from the other Government táluqs of North Arcot. The Collector of Chingleput does not object to the transfer, but Mr. Robinson opposes it on

police considerations. Mr. Pelly however does not consider the reasons urged by the latter officer for retaining the táluq in the North Arcot district to be of much weight.

6. The Honorable the Governor in Council approves and sanctions the plan recommended by Mr. Pelly including the proposed transfer of Sattivéd to the Chingleput district. He does not perceive the force of the acting Collector's objections to the latter arrangement.

7. The new táluqs will be the following, each being named from its kasba.

	New táluqs.	Component parts.	Area.	Revenue.	Population.
			Sqr. Miles	Rs.	
1	Chendragerri. ...	Chendragerri	636	99,325	85,166
		Part of Chittúr			
2	Chittúr....	Chittúr	540	1,42,433	1,03,920
		Part of Chendragerri			
		do. of Guriattam			
		do. of Trivallam			
3	Palmanair... ...	Palmanair	460	69,921	54,056
4	Wallajahpettah .	Wallajapettah	563	3,31,827	1,71,370
		Sholangar			
		Part of Trivallam, east of the Poiné river			
5	Guriattam... ...	Guriattam	723	2,28,832	1,38,972
		West of Trivallam up to the Poiné river			
6	Palliconda.. ..	Palliconda	558	1,86,008	1,34,358
7	Polúr...	Polúr	498½	1,47,980	87,007
		Part of Chaitpat, a táluq of South Arcot			
8	Vándivash... ...	Vándivash	514½	1,90,608	93,539
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9	Arcot.	Arcot	524	2,53,785	1,25,656
		Part of Trivatúr			

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

No. 31

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under Date the 5 January 1860.

Read the following
Letter from C. Pelly Esqre
Member of the Board of Revr:

Submitting his report on
the re-arrangement of the
Talooks of the North Arcot District

(Vide order 20 Decr 1859 No 6)

Extract

Mr Pelly reports on the re-
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~~Acting Secretary in his~~
~~Minute of the 4 June last.~~
~~One other táluq he proposes~~
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	New Talugs	Component parts.	Area Sq. Miles	Revenue Rs	Population
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6	Palliconda	Palliconda	558	1,86,008	1,34,358
7	Polúr	Polúr Part of Chaitpat, a talug of South Arcot	195½	1,17,980	87,607
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9	Arcot	Arcot Part of Trivallur	521	2,53,785	1,25,656

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From Chief Engr. & Secy. to Govt. No. 1208.
Redistribution of P.W. Rangers in North Arcot.

From the Lt. Col. Dept. of 20th July 1860 No. 1507.

Passing orders on Mr. Pelly's Scheme for the re-arrangement of the Talugs in the North Arcot.

Nos 63 & 64.