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for the month of April 1860.*

No. 53. Read the following letter from C. PELLY, Esq., Member of the Board of Revenue, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, dated 11th March 1860, No. 196:—

From Collector, 12th August 1859, No. 12. I have the honor to submit my proposition
From do. 18th do. „ No. 13. for the re-arrangement of the Taluqs of the Madura
From do. 30th do. „ No. 32. Collectorate.

From do. 31st do. „ No. 36. 2. The Collector, Mr. Clarke, as will be
From Chief Engineer, 7th Feb. 1860, No. 281. seen by his reports, proposes to make a reduction
1 Map. of one Taluq only. There are now seven Govern-

From Madura, dated 18th November 1848, ment Taluqs, and in the Memorandum of the Revenue
No. 3,357, to Board. Secretary six were suggested. In this are not

included the two large Zamindaris of Ramnad and Shivaranga, the present Taluqs, including smaller Zamindaris, Paleyans, &c. have generally, large areas. But the Taluq of Madakulam has a small area of only 343 square miles, and Mr.

Clarke proposes to absorb this Taluq by dividing it between the Taluqs of Tirumangalam and Melur, making the River Vaigal, which bisects it, the boundary of the two Taluqs; and transfer-

ing one village of Tirumangalam to the Melur, and three villages of Melur to the former Taluq. The Kasba of the two Taluqs to be the towns of the same name, at which new Kachéris have lately been built. The Kasba of the absorbed Taluq of Madakulam is Madura, the chief town of the District, which would then cease to be the residence of a Tahsildar.

This plan has its disadvantages, as few would benefit by it. The people of Madakulam Taluq would be removed further from their Kasba, and that the chief town of the District, while at the same time the Taluq would be divided—a measure to be avoided, if possible.

4. But I do not see that it would be expedient to unite Madakulam bodily with either Melur or Tirumangalam. They are both rather large Taluqs. The union with Melur would increase the area to 942 miles, with a large population, and revenue of upwards of four lacs. If joined with Tirumangalam (including the portion lately

transferred* from Tinnevely District of 180 square miles), the size of the new Taluq would be 1,018 miles, with a revenue of more than four lacs; none

of these measures, therefore, entirely commend themselves to my judgment.

5. But there is another measure which appears to me preferable. In the sub-division, or the Dindigul District of the Province (as it seems to be called), is the Taluq of Nellakottai. Mr. Clarke proposes several alterations of boundaries of the Taluqs in this Division, which, however, it is not my intention to recommend, and amongst others, he proposes to transfer the Zamindaris of Kanniyadi, now situated in Nellakottai, to the Tadikombu Taluq; which transfer would reduce the former Taluq to an area of about 300 miles only, which also includes another Zamindari Poliput (Ammayanayakanur) of 146 miles; and it, therefore, occurs to me to suggest that the two Taluqs of Nellakottai and Tadikombu be united together entire; the area would be large, about 1,100 square miles, but this includes about 100 square miles of Zamindari Estates. The revenue will be under two and a half lacs, and on the whole, I think this arrangement is the best that can be made; and accordingly I beg to recommend it.

6. The several proposals connected with the question of enlarging the Nellakottai Taluq and keeping it as a separate Taluq, made by Mr. Clarke, need not now be noticed, as the union of that Taluq with Tadikombu disposes of the question.

7. Mr Clarke would transfer the Hill villages of Vilpatti in the Aiyempalli Taluq to the Taluq of Tenkaran, as it is more easily reached from Pariakulam. But this does not seem to be necessary, and was probably proposed in reference to other changes in that Taluq proposed by him with a view to enlarge the Taluq of Nellakottai.

Collector's letter, 12th August 1859, paras. 10 and 11.
See paragraphs 7 and 8.
Paragraph 11.

Paragraph 14.

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8. He also proposes to change the Kasba of Periakulam, situated in a most populous and important vicinity, to a place called Virapadi* about the centre of the Taluq—a locality containing comparatively speaking only a few villages on the banks of the rivers. This is a measure of doubtful advantage, for although it would place the Kasba between the Northern and Southern parts of the Taluq, which are the most important, it would remove it to a comparatively poor locality.
- Paragraph 15.
- * Not shown in the Map.
- Paragraph 16.
- Paragraph 8.

NOTE.—Mr. Parker, late Collector of Madura, described the centre of this Taluq as “occupied chiefly by a single of thorn trees.”

Letter 18th November 1843, paragraph 7.

9. Mr. Clarke proposes to transfer to Tadiakombu from Aiyempalli, the Zamindaris of Manapalai and Yediakottai, as they are much nearer to Tadiakombu, and now pay their peshkash into the Treasury of that Taluq. This arrangement is of doubtful necessity. Dindigal is the Kasba of Tadiakombu Taluq, and is only about a couple of miles nearer, as the crow flies, to the two Paliputs than Palni, the Kasba of Aiyempalli, though probably nearer by the road, and more accessible. But with regard to Zamindari Districts, the principle which I think should be observed, is to map them into distinct Taluqs or Divisions, where they are distinct, and to assign the Police or rather Magisterial jurisdiction to the Tahsildars of one or more adjacent Government Taluqs, or to provide separate Magisterial Officers for them, as may be found most convenient. There is no occasion to include the Zamindari itself in a Government Taluq as part of that Taluq, unless the villages are so intermingled as to make it impossible to do otherwise, and even then the Zamindari portions in the new Maps should be distinguished by a different color from the Government villages; and these Paliputs may as heretofore pay their peshkash into the Dindigal Treasury.
- Paragraph 18.

10. The village of Kurumbupatti situated only one mile from Dindigal should, as recommended, be transferred from Aiyempalli Taluq to the Tadiakombu (Dindigal) Taluq.
- Paragraph 18.

11. Mr. Clarke proposed to transfer the Taluq Kachari of Tadiakombu now at Dindigal, to a village called Vedasandur. But he did not then contemplate the union of Nellakottai and Tadiakombu Taluqs.
- Paragraph 19.

12. The combination of the two Taluqs of Tadiakombu and Nellakottai, as now recommended for the consideration of Government, is shown† in the accompanying sketch Map, which I have had prepared in the Chief Engineer's Office, on a reduced scale of four miles to the inch, from two separate Maps on a two-mile scale forwarded by the Collector. On it are marked the alterations proposed by Mr. Clarke in the existing Taluqs, as per reference in the margin of the Map; and full details of his scheme may be seen in Statement No. 1, which accompanied his letter of 12th August.
- † By a dark blue dotted o o o line.

13. I have altered the names of the Taluqs, which I propose should be as below:—

Statement of Taluqs for the Madura District as proposed by Mr. Pelly.

No.	Present name.	New name.	Area.	Population.	Revenue.
			Sq. Ms.	No.	Rupees.
1	Madakulam ...	Madura ...	343	1,78,044	1,86,958
2	Tirumangalam ...	Tirumangalam ...	675	1,60,385	2,60,703
3	Melur ...	Melur ...	597	1,48,723	2,38,126
4	Tadiakombu ...	Dindigal ...	1,101	2,38,652	2,47,587
	Nellakottai ...				
5	Tenkarai* ...	Periakulam ...	1,167	1,53,464	2,07,486
6	Aiyempalli ...	Palni ...	925	1,44,256	1,72,720
			4,465	10,23,524	13,13,580
	Ramnád Zamindari ...	...	2,351	3,96,898	3,31,566
	Shivaganga do. ...	...	1,557	3,70,924	2,62,502
			3,908	7,67,822	5,94,068
		Total ...	8,373	17,91,346	19,07,648

NOTE.—The area is that given by Chief Engineer, with the area of Dindigal corrected.

* If Periakulam is to give place to a more central place as Kasba, this name will have to be changed.

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No. 54.

ORDER THEREON, 25th April 1860, No. 631.

This paper contains Mr. Pelly's proposals for re-arranging the Taluqs of the Madura District.

2. The present number of Government Taluqs is seven, generally of large extent; and the only change proposed is to unite the two Taluqs of Tadiakombu and Nellakottai. Mr. Clarke the late Collector proposed a different plan, involving the partition of several Taluqs; but on personal conference, after his arrival at Madras, he concurred in the arrangement now proposed by Mr. Pelly. The new Taluq would have an area of about 700 square miles, besides 400 square miles of Zamindaris; the revenue, however, is only two and a half lacks. The Kasba, Dindigal, is in a very central position for the combined Taluq. The Government approve and confirm the arrangements; the name of the new Taluq will be Dindigal.

3. The village of Kurumbapatti now belonging to the Aiyempalli Taluq, though within one mile of Dindigal, will be transferred to the new Dindigal Taluq.
- Paragraph 10.

4. The Government agree with Mr. Pelly that Periakulam should continue to be the Kasba of the Tenkarai Taluq.

5. The names of the several Taluqs will be altered as proposed by Mr. Pelly in paragraph 13; and the new Taluqs and their Kasbas will be as follow:—

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6. Any special arrangements necessary for magisterial duties in Zamindaris, in this and other Districts, will be brought forward by Mr. Pelly at a future time.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,

Secretary to Government.

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Written date the 25 April 1860

Read the following
Letter from C. Pelly Esq
Member of the B. of A. C.

Submitting a scheme
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3	Melur	Melur	594	148,723	238,126
4	Adichombar	Adichombar	1101	238,652	247,587
5	Irunkulam	Irunkulam	1164	153,464	207,406
6	Hydrabad	Palani	925	141,256	172,724
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