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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 4th November 1861.

No. 50. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd August 1861, No. 4,591 :—

In Cons., 27th March 1861, No. 1,941.

Read the following Replies to the Board's Proceedings, No. 1,743, dated 5th April 1861, forwarding to certain Collectors the Order of Government, Revenue Department, No. 709, dated 26th March 1861 communicating for report a letter from the Secretary to the Government of India, calling for a return showing the total cost in every branch of the service of the Hill stations and Sanataria under the Madras Government, including the cost of public buildings and of roads both in, and leading to the stations, as well as the charges for any local Establishments maintained at the cost of the State for Police and Municipal purposes; and also the extent to which each Sanatarium is self-supporting, and how far it is available and has been actually used for invalid Soldiers and their families.

From Collector of Vizagapatam, No. 320, dated 20th, in Cons. 26th April 1861, No. 2,612.
" " of Bellary, " 89, " 8th, " 13th May " " 2,941.
" " of Madura, " 162, " 4th, " 10th July " " 4,273.
" " of Salem, " 61, " 19th, " 22nd April " " 2,483.
" " of do. " 116, " 1st, " 3rd July " " 4,062.
" " of Coimbatore, " 166, " 30th July, in Cons. 3rd August 1861, No, 4,853.

1. Resolved that the foregoing letters, with their enclosures, be submitted to Government with reference to their Order specified above.

VIZAGAPATAM. GALIKONDAH.

2. There is no established Sanatarium in Vizagapatam, but, in one of the valleys of the Galikondah mountain range, a few temporary buildings for European Soldiers and two Officers were built at the Government expense last year, the approaches to which, consisting of 15 miles of ghât road, were made with funds entirely supplied by the Rájáh of Vizianagrum.

BELLARY. RAMANDROOG.

3. The only Sanatarium in Bellary is Ramandroog belonging to the Sundur Jaghírdár. This station is partly maintained by Government for the benefit of sick Soldiers from Bellary and Hyderabad of whom 90 individuals were there in the three months (February, March and April) preceding the date of the Collector's report. A few European Officers also resort to it for short periods during the hot season. The roads at the station are kept in repair at the cost of the European gentlemen who resort thither, but those which lead to it, and which are necessary to the comfort of the sick Soldiers who travel over them, as well as for obtaining the supplies required from the country below, have been constructed and maintained in repair by Government.

		RS.	A.	P.
* Post Office collections		507	0	0
Sale of postage stamps		913	4	0
Cattle pound fines		53	12	0
Magisterial do.		13	4	0
		1,487	4	0
† Police Amín's Establishment	Per annum	858	0	0
District Post Gumáshta		96	0	0
The regular Postal Establishment		348	0	0
		1,302	0	0
‡ Land Revenue		51	12	0
Quit-rent		104	14	0
Abkári		600	0	0
		756	10	0

4. The revenue directly derived by Government from Ramandroog is Rupees 1,487¼, * as shown in the margin, and the charges amount to Rupees 1,302† on account of the Postal Department and the Police Amín's Establishment. The revenue of Rupees 756-10-0‡ per annum, shown in the margin, belongs to the Sundur Jaghírdár.

MADURA. PALNI HILLS.

5. In Madura, the Kodikanel settlement on the Palni Hills is composed of ten Bungalows without any bazar or native village, and is occupied by Missionaries in the hot weather, and occasionally by the Civil Servants of the District, and by families from Trichinopoly when accommodation can be had. An Establishment, costing 784 Rupees per annum, is maintained by Government for keeping in repair nine miles (the only portion yet completed) of the ghât road between the hill villages, including the above settlement, and the low country, which was constructed for the benefit and convenience of

the hill villages; the expenditure cannot, therefore, be reckoned as exclusively connected with the settlement.

SALEM. SHERVAROY HILLS.

6. The Shervaroy Hills are the only range in the Salem District occupied by Europeans, but they have never been used by Government as a Sanatarium for any class of their servants, and no regular expenditure is incurred there by the State for the benefit of any class of invalids. The special outlay already incurred, in connection with the Hills, is, however, given by the Collector. The settlement is about 840 square miles in extent, and contains 1,420* houses but no Government buildings, and the total population, according to the Census of 1856-57, was 5,106,† including all classes. The annual revenue derived from Coffee, and other cultivation, amounts to Rupees 7,705,‡ and the cost of collection to Rupees 498. A Deputy Collector, in addition to his general duties in the plains, visits the Hills in question once a fortnight, in the double capacity of District Munsiff and Deputy Magistrate, for the purpose of disposing of Civil and Criminal cases.

* Terraced .. 15
Tiled .. 17
Thatched .. 1,388

† Europeans .. 55
East Indians .. 24
Natives .. 5,027

‡

	RS.	A.	P.
Coffee cultivation ..	4,739	3	1
Malayalu do. ..	2,965	5	7
	7,704	8	8

7. There are two roads of seven and eighteen miles in length respectively between Yerkad the hill station, and Salem and Mullapuram in the low country, which have been constructed by Government during the past five years, and have cost, together with the repairs they have undergone, Rupees 31,864.§ An annual allowance of Rupees 1,370|| has been sanctioned for keeping them in repair for the future. A donation of Rupees 3,500 has also been granted by Government towards the cost of a dwelling house for the clergyman maintained on the Hills by the Additional Clergy Society aided by local subscriptions.

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	RS.	A.	P.
Road from Yerkad to Salem	422	3	11
Repairs	2,175	12	9
	2,598	0	4
Do. from do. to Mullapuram.	28,527	3	4
Repairs	738	9	0
	29,265	12	4

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For the Salem road ...	420	0	0
„ „ Mullapuram road	950	0	0
	1,370	0	0

COIMBATORE. NEILGHERRY HILLS.

8. The revenue derived from Quit-rent on building sites and compounds and assessment on the Coffee plantations at the four European Hill stations of Ootacamund, Coonoor, Kotagherri, and Wellington on the Neilgherry range, in the Coimbatore District, appears to have been, Rupees 6,699 in 1860-61, and that of the whole Neilgherry Táluq, from the above as well as all other sources, Rupees 83,985, including Rupees 12,700 of Income Tax.

Quit-rent on building sites and compounds.

	RS.	A.	P.
Ootacamund ...	3,105	7	0
Coonoor ...	642	15	10
Kotagherri ...	275	2	11
Wellington ...	261	2	9
	4,284	12	6
Quit-rent, commutation and sales of land under Freehold rules	135	9	2
Coffee and other plantations held by Europeans, East Indians, &c.	2,278	13	4
Total...	6,699	3	0

	RS.	A.	P.
Sale proceeds of land without upset price ...	7	0	0
Ryotwar Burgher cultivation ...	8,919	7	4
Ábkári ...	34,400	0	0
Muhturfa ...	1,775	13	10
Stamp ...	5,826	0	0
Extra ...	1,030	14	1
Forest ...	12,626	1	6
Income Tax on private individuals ...	12,700	13	0
Total...	77,286	1	9
Grand total...	83,985	4	9

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 4th November 1861.

The Revenue and Magisterial charges for the same period amounted to Rupees 27,347, inclusive of the pay and allowances of the Assistant Collector and of his office at Ootacamund.

	Per annum. RS.	A.	P.
Assistant Collector and his Establishment	8,749	8	8
Táluq and village do.	6,514	3	6
Ootacamund Sub-Magistrate's do.	732	0	0
Coonoor do. do. do.	984	0	0
Assistant Collector Income Tax do.	420	0	0
Miscellaneous charges	784	0	0
Total...	18,183	12	2
Pay of Joint Magistrate of Ootacamund charged to the Civil Department	8,358	12	0
Military Joint Magistrate's office at Wellington	804	0	0
Grand total...	27,346	8	2

10. The charges do not include those of the Forest Conservancy Department, or the salaries of the Chaplains and Medical Officers attached to the stations, and the Collector's report is silent as to the roads and public buildings in the stations which, however, will doubtless form the subject of report in the Military and Public Works Departments, to which also the above Order of Government has been communicated.

11. There would thus appear to be little or no expenditure incurred in the Revenue Department, in connection with any of these settlements, which can be saved to the State, or which can be viewed as incurred for other than strictly public purposes.

12. The Neilgherries are the only range on which European settlers are established in any numbers, but then the revenue far more than meets all the charges connected with the stations, very few of which can be deemed special in their nature; and in connection with them it must be borne in mind that a European Regiment is stationed on the Hills, and that a central gaol for Europeans is about to be established, and it may be doubted whether in any case the charges now borne by Government could to any extent be transferred to the resident community.

13. The only suggestion that has been made regarding the formation of local funds for special purposes is by the Collector of Coimbatore, who proposes that the quit-rent on the sites occupied in the stations, and the proceeds of their sale on first application be placed at the disposal of the Collector and District Engineer for the improvement and maintenance of the roads leading to the stations.

14. The amount is under Rupees 5,000 per annum according to the above statement, and the Board think that it might without objection be applied in the manner proposed.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

No. 51. ORDER THEREON, 4th November 1861, No. 2,111.

Ordered that these papers, together with a Statement prepared from them, be referred to the Public Department, with reference to the Order in that Department, dated 21st March 1861, No. 415.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

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Assistant Collector and his Establishment	8,749	8	8
Taluk and village do.	6,514	3	6
Utakamund Sub Magistrate's do.	732	0	0
Kunur do. do. do.	984	0	0
Assistant Collector Income tax do.	420	0	0
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(A true Extract.)

Secretary.

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

Copy to E. G. R. Fane, Esq., Collector of Vizagapatam.
" A. Hathaway, Esq., Collector of Bellary.
" V. H. Levinge, Esq., Collector of Madura.
" H. A. Brett, Esq., Collector of Salem.
" E. B. Thomas, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore.

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PROCEEDINGS of the BOARD of REVENUE,

Dated 22nd *August* 1861.
Despatched.
Received.

No. 4,591.

Submitting with remarks letters from certain Collectors reporting on the cost of the Hill stations and sanitaria under the Madras Government.

Exd. J. Wright.