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No. 310. Read the following letter from the Honorable C. PELLY, Member of the Board of Revenue, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 16th December 1863, No. 1,656:—

SIR,

Proceedings Board of Revenue, No. 4,616, dated 24th July 1863.
From Collector of Malabar, dated 23rd September 1863, No. 2,640.
To do. dated 6th Nov. 1863, No. 1,635.
From do. 27th November 1863, No. 2,713.

1. The Collector of Malabar was instructed to report to the Board the arrangements necessary for the re-establishment of the Civil Treasury at Tellicherry, in accordance with the Order of Government under date the 7th July 1863, No. 1,217, and to address me regarding the Establishment required for the Treasury in question.

2. This requisition has led the Collector to recommend certain alterations in the Talook of Cherikal, which will affect the question of the locality of the Treasury, which he recommends should not be re-established at Tellicherry, but near Cannanore.

3. It had been determined, should the Deputy Paymastership at Cannanore be abolished, to open a Civil Treasury at that Military town. And an Establishment costing Rupees 216 monthly had been sanctioned by Government for that purpose. But as the Deputy Paymastership it seems is not to be abolished, the necessity for having the Civil Treasury in that town is not so great as it would otherwise have been. But whether the Paymastership is abolished or not, if a Civil Treasury is re-established in the northern Talooks, Mr. Ballard advocates its being located at, or close to Cannanore. He notices that almost all the revenues of the northern Talooks are taken up for public payments, so that the mercantile community at Tellicherry would benefit little or not at all by the re-establishment of the Treasury at that place. On the other hand, heavy public payments are made at Cannanore, and that town or its vicinity is the most convenient locality for the Treasury.

G. O. dated 24th June 1862, No. 1,662.

4. On this point I agree with the Collector, and the collective Board are of the same opinion. It is evidently desirable to have the Treasury at or near Cannanore, rather than at Tellicherry, which is thirteen miles distant from the Military station of Cannanore.

5. The Collector proposes that the Treasury should be located at Pullikannu, which is situated about two miles only from Cannanore. Pullikannu, before the amalgamation of the Cherikal and Kavai Talooks, was the Kasba station of the first named Talook. After these two Talooks were united, Talliparamba, at the recommendation of the late Collector, was fixed on as the Kasba of the united Talook. Talliparamba is situated to the north-east of Cannanore and about twelve miles distant from it, and is a central position in the Talooks. It is now proposed by Mr. Ballard to move the Kasba from Talliparamba to Pullikannu, and to place the Treasury in the Talook Cutcherry under charge of the Tahsildar.

6. The question of the Kasba of the Cherikal Talook is really a distinct question of itself, without reference to the Treasury, for even should it be deemed desirable to change the Kasba it would still be a question whether the Treasury should be located at Pullikannu, or at Cannanore. I purpose therefore laying the two questions before Government separately for their consideration and orders.

7. As regards the proposition to remove the Kasba from Talliparamba to Pullikannu, it is observed by Mr. Ballard, that the want of a Magisterial Officer (Sub-Magistrate) is much felt at Cannanore. Until lately the Cantonment Joint Magistrate had charge of the whole town; but his jurisdiction is now limited to the Cantonment, and the charge of the town devolves on the Talook Sub-Magistrate (the Tahsildar), who being situated twelve miles distant cannot pay much attention to Cannanore.

8. It is also observed, that although Talliparamba, the present Kasba of the Talook, geographically may appear centrally situated, yet for the transaction of business, it is not so. The communications about it are not good; the general tendency of transactions in the vicinity is coastwise; it is a hardship to most parties to have to leave the busy bazars of the coast and attend

an inland station ; it is seldom so much so for people to come coastwards when houses are numerous, bazars well supplied, and probably no pressing business left behind, and so for practical purposes Pullikannu is more generally central than Talliparamba. It is two miles from Cannanore, and about the same from the important town of Billiapatam, where two considerable lines of water communication, one from the Canara frontier to the north, and one from Erakur forty or fifty miles due east meet. There is also a commodious Cutcherry in good order and in a fine situation at Pullikannu.

9. The foregoing are the arguments adduced by the Collector for removing the Kasba to Pullikannu, and they carry much weight ; and special consideration should be given to Mr. Ballard's argument that the change will confer a benefit to the people generally by the greater convenience it will give them in transacting their business.

10. But the transfer of the Tahsildar from Talliparamba will necessitate the locating of a Sub-Magistrate at that station, to have Magisterial superintendence of the northern part of the Talook ; for it will be seen by a reference to the map that Pullikannu and Cannanore are far to the south of the greater part of the Talook. Mr. Ballard was in hopes that he might have taken one of the Kottayem Sub-Magistrates for this station, but he finds he cannot do so, and that it would be very injudicious to remove any from their present stations. He estimates this extra cost* at Rupees 71 per month.

	Rs.
* 1 Sub-Magistrate	35
1 Gumastah	12
1 Dufterbund	7
2 Peons at 6 Rupees	12
1 Massaljee	5
	71

11. But I consider that another Sub-Magistrate must be given to this Talook either at Talliparamba, if the Tahsildar is sent to Pullikannu, or at Cannanore if the Tahsildar is not removed from the present Kasba, for the town of Cannanore should not be left, as it now is, without Magisterial supervision nearer than twelve miles. The Military *Cantonment* is provided with a Magistrate ; but by late orders of Government his duties are confined within the limits of the Cantonment, and do not extend to the rest of the town. So that this extra expense must, I think, be incurred under any arrangements.

12. But I am much of opinion that in a town like Cannanore, there should be a Sub-Magistrate specially for the town distinct from the Tahsildar, whose other duties leave him but little leisure to attend to the numerous Police cases always occurring in a town ; and his frequent absence on duty from the Kasba further prevent his devoting much attention to the Town Police cases, which will then fall on the Sherishtadar of the Talook, whose proper duties are not Magisterial, but Revenue and Account business.

13. As the Cantonment Joint Magistrate has now no connection with the Magisterial duties of the rest of the town, I would rather recommend the appointment of a separate Sub-Magistrate for the town of Cannanore.

14. This measure would render the removal of the Tahsildar less necessary ; but should it still be deemed expedient to change his Kasba from Talliparamba, there should in that case be a Sub-Magistrate appointed also for Talliparamba, and this arrangement would (Mr. Ballard says in a later letter) be the most complete arrangement.

Dated 27th November, paragraph 4.

15. The question of removing the Tahsildar from Talliparamba to Pullikannu, in connection with Mr. Ballard's proposition of giving him charge of the general Treasury will now be considered.

16. The Tahsildar would be the Officer in charge and responsible for the Treasury. There would be a floating balance in his charge amounting frequently to upwards of a lac of Rupees ; the collections of four Talooks would be sent to him, and he would be generally responsible for the accounts being correctly kept.

Order of Government, dated 24th June 1862, No. 1,382, paragraph 3.

17. The ordinary Talook Establishment would not suffice for the work of the general Treasury. There would be frequent demands upon the Cash-keeper for cashing the cheques of the Military Paymaster and the Revenue Officers ; cash in lump sums would not, as formerly, be sent to the Military Paymaster, who will now issue his cheques in favor of persons connected with the Military Department. To attend to this business and in fact to have the immediate charge of the cash chest, there must be a responsible and adequately paid Treasurer or Shroff. Mr. Ballard has proposed in place of the two present Talook Treasury Shroffs, on 15 Rupees and 10 Rupees, the Establishment costing Rupees 95, noted in the margin, involving an increase of 70 Rupees. But I think that in addition to the two Shroffs now attached to the Talook, one more on a salary of 50 Rupees a month should be allowed with an Accountant on Rupees 35, and two Peons on 6 Rupees each. The amount required for the additional Establishment will thus be 97 Rupees.

Proposed by Mr. Ballard.	Rs.
1 Head Shroff	35
1 Shroff	15
1 Accountant	35
1 Golla	10
	95

18. The possible objections to having the Treasury under charge of the Tahsildar are, first, generally that the Tahsildar with his other multifarious duties has not the power of giving proper attention to the duties connected with the Treasury, and must necessarily depute them to a subordinate. And, second, specially as respects the proposed locality of the Talook Cutcherry at Pullikannu, that it will be two or more miles distant from the Cantonment and so in a measure inconvenint to those who will have to use it most ; and that the Cutcherry at Pullikannu is isolated and so more exposed to open robbery, but the Collector considers that with a suitable guard and proper cash chests it is a perfectly safe place. He admits however, that a separate Treasury at Cannanore would have the advantage of being more immediately at hand for Military payments, and more immediately under the safeguard of a neighbouring Military force, but he is of opinion that these advantages are not counterbalancing.

Letter dated 27th November 1863, paragraph 3.

19 It was suggested to the Collector that it would be the best plan to have the Talook Cutcherry in the town of Cannanore instead of at Pullikannu. But Mr. Ballard objects to this on the following grounds :—

(1.) Because there is now a commodious Cutcherry in an excellent situation at Pullikannu, and he knows of no site to compare with this situation in Cannanore, and a Cutcherry would have to be built.

(2.) The higher castes of North Malabar have a great objection to coming into towns, and will not eat or sleep in them.

(3.) To a very large majority of the most respectable people who may have occasion to attend the Tahsildar's Cutcherry, as well as to the Talook and village servants, Pullikannu would be far the most agreeable locality, and though a Town may be the best place for a Town Magistrate's Office or a Police station, a healthy open suburb is more eligible for a Tahsildar's Cutcherry, and for these reasons Mr. Ballard is decidedly in favor of Pullikannu in preference to Cannanore for the Kasba.

20. Bearing in mind the expediency of changing the Kasba to Pullikannu, four plans present themselves for consideration :—

First.—The most complete arrangement attended with the greatest convenience in all respects would be to have the Treasury with its Establishment in the town of Cannanore ; to have a Sub-Magistrate for the town located in Cannanore ; to remove the Tahsildar's Cutcherry from Talliparamba to Pullikannu, and to locate a Sub-Magistrate at Talliparamba. The extra cost of this plan (including the sum of Rupees 216 sanctioned by Government for the Treasury), as per Memorandum A, in the annexed table will be .... Rupees. 473

Order of Government, dated 24th June 1862, No. 1,382.

Second.—To place the Treasury in charge of the Tahsildar, and to give a Sub-Magistrate to Cannanore and another to Talliparamba, the extra cost for this is estimated, as per Memorandum B, at ... ... ,, 354

Third.—Another plan is to place the Treasury at Cannanore under charge of the Sub-Magistrate at that place. The extra cost, as per Memorandum C, is estimated at ... ... Rupees 359

Fourth.—If the Collector's original plan, of having the Treasury at Pullikannu under the Tahsildar, and only one extra Sub-Magistrate at Talliparamba, is adopted, the extra cost as per Memorandum D, would be ... ... ,, 203

21. The plans 1 and 3, A and C, necessitate the providing accommodation for the Treasury and Sub-Magistrate at Cannanore. Plan 2, B, will require that an Office be provided for the Sub-Magistrate at Cannanore, and alteration in the Cutcherry at Pullikannu. Plan 4, D, requires only that some alteration be made in the building at Pullikannu for the Treasury.

22. After the first plan, the second plan seems to me on the whole the most desirable arrangement. The chief objection to it is that it places an important Treasury at a distance of two miles from the Military station.

23. The Collector has not addressed the Board separately on the subject of the proposed change, but I have laid before my colleagues the whole subject discussed in this letter, and they concur in the arrangements proposed by me, and which I have the honor now to submit for the consideration of Government.

No. 311. ORDER THEREON, 29th January 1864, No. 159.

1. His Excellency the Governor in Council having carefully considered the circumstances explained in this letter sanctions the third plan proposed by Honorable Mr. Pelly, as it is very desirable that the Treasury should be at Cannanore for its safety and for the convenience of the Military Department. The Sub-Magistrate at Cannanore who is to have charge of the Treasury under this plan should, however, be allowed a good Cash-keeper, competent to keep accounts, on a salary of 70 Rupees per mensem. The total additional cost now authorized will be Rupees 419 as shown in the margin, and this sum Mr. Pelly will include in the general Statements to be submitted by him to Government. The submission of these Statements should not be longer delayed.

	Talliparamba. Rs.	Cannanore. Rs.
Sub-Magistrate	70	100
Gumastah	0	15
Do.	12	12
Dufterbund	7	7
Massaljee and Sweeper	5	5
2 Peons 6 Rupees each	12	12
	106	151
Total...		257

TREASURY ESTABLISHMENT AT CANNANORE.

	Rs.
Cash-keeper and Accountant	70
Shroff...	25
Do.	15
1 Accountant	25
1 Do.	15
2 Peons at 6 Rupees each	12
	162
	419

2. The plan now authorized admits of the transfer of the Tahsildar's Cutcherry from Talliparamba to Pullikannu as a Sub-Magistrate will be employed at the former place, and this is sanctioned agreeably to the recommendation of the Collector.

3. The Collector should be instructed to adopt steps for providing accommodation for the Treasury and Sub-Magistrate at Cannanore.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Honorable C. Pelly.
,, Board of Revenue.
,, Accountant General.
,, Civil Paymaster.
,, Military Department.
,, Judicial Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

9th May/62 N 200-21.
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For Orders.

I think it the Treasury should be at Cannanore for safety & the convenience of the Military.

I do not see why the Sect: Marine Board should have charge of the Treasury - a good Cash Keeper - competent to keep account being allowed or Rs 70 or there abouts. This in fact is the 3d plan proposed by Mr Pelly. plus 70 Rs.

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From,

The Honble Mr Pelly
Member of the Board
of Revenue

To J. D. Sim Esqre
Secretary to Govt
Rev: Dept

Dated 16th December 1863
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Reporting his views for the arrangements necessary for the re-establishment of the Civil Treasury at Tellicherry

Yes - as the question of removing the Tellicherry cutcherry from Tellicherry to Pallikonda came under consideration I do not see how it can be separated from the question of the necessary - I think it would be best for Mr Sim to report on the whole question

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Revenue Department

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Proposal of Mr.
Selby to re establish
the Civil Treasury
at Cannanore under
the charge of a Sub
Magistrate sanctioned.

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