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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
23rd August 1866.*

No. 613. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue :—
Recommending, for sanction, proposal of Collector
of Malabar to re-arrange establishment for five }
Amshoms on eastern confine of Palghat Talook, } (Here enter 14th August 1866, No. 5,681.)
and to reduce number of Amshoms to four.

No. 614. ORDER THEREON, 23rd August 1866, No. 2,193.

Miscellaneous.

Sanctioned.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Accountant General.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 14th August 1866.

Read the following letter from G. A. BALLARD, Esq., Collector of Malabar, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Calicut, 25th July 1866, No. 227:—

1. Kolangod.
2. Alampalam.
3. Kijakettara.

4. Padunyarattara.
5. Vadavanur.

1. On the eastern confines of the Taluk of Palghaut in this District, are the five Amshoms noted.

A great deal of trouble has been caused in the neighbourhood by the Malchers, a hill tribe who infest the jungles about, commit petty highway robberies, steal cattle, and give a great deal of trouble to the cultivators, who are gradually reclaiming the waste lands, and to travellers who pass in considerable numbers between Kolangod, Palghaut, &c., and Polachy in Coimbatore.

2. Cultivation is extending in the locality under notice. The soil is fertile, and offers considerable advantages. But there is a great deal of fever especially at certain seasons, and this, and the trouble above said, greatly retards progress. With better Police, and Amshom arrangements, however, the Malchers may be held in check; and as the country is opened, there is little doubt but that the extreme unhealthiness will disappear.

3. My Head Assistant, Mr. Logan, has spent some time about the place, and recommends that instead of the five assorted Amshoms now obtaining under a Melal, or headman, and four Adigaries, four Amshoms should be constituted with better paid servants for the Muthalamada Amshom. This arrangement, Mr. Logan thinks, will greatly assist both Revenue and Magisterial work, and the division will be much more equable than that now obtaining. The present and (by Mr. Logan) proposed establishments, are:—

Present Establishment.		Proposed Establishment.	
	rs.		rs.
Melal or Headman, at	11½	to be Adigari of Muthalamada, at...	12
2 Peons, at	2½ each	Peons " at...	3 each.
1 Adigari of Alampalam, at	5½	abolished	
1 Menon of " at	6	Menon " at...	8½
2 Peons of " at	2½ each	Peons " at...	3 each.
Total per mensem...	32½	Total per mensem...	32½

4. I quite agree with Mr. Logan's propositions in general, which are also approved by the Superintendent of Police; but I would certainly raise the pay of the Muthalamada Peons to Rupees 5 each. The Muthalamada Adigari and Peons will have the greatest responsibility, as it is in the Muthalamada Amshom principally that the Malcher robberies occur, and at places that this Adigari would often, in the course of his duties, have to visit, if not reside at, that fever is especially prevalent. My proposition would involve an increase of Rupees 8, as noted.

5. I am desirous of re-arranging the Amshoms in this particular case at once, and, therefore, beg sanction for the increased salaries at once, irrespective of the general question of increase, which has already been brought to the Board's notice, which I venture to solicit the earliest possible attention. It would be particularly grateful to the Amshom servants, especially the Amshom Peons, if their pay could be raised now, so that they might have the benefit of the increase during the prevailing scarcity.

P.S.—I enclose Mr. Logan's report and a sketch map, in original, and beg both may be returned with the Board's orders.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From W. LOGAN, Esq., Head Assistant Collector of Malabar, to the Collector of Malabar, dated Palghat, 9th July 1866, No. 242.

1. With reference to the latter portion of paragraph 4 of my letter, No. 147, dated 4th May 1866, I have now the honor to submit, for your consideration, my proposed re-arrangement of Amshoms in the neighbourhood of Kolangod, with a view mainly to prevent the recurrence of such outrages as are alluded to in my letter above quoted, and to protect the people who are taking up waste lands in that quarter.

2. A plan of the country showing how the present Amshoms are situated is enclosed.

3. The present Amshoms are five in number, viz.:— 1, Kolangod; 2, Alampalam; 3, Kijakettara; 4, Padunyarattara; 5, Vadavanur. Of these, Nos. 2, 3, 4, and 5 have the usual complement of Adigaries, Menons, and Peons, at the usual salaries. In the year 1850, Mr. W. Robinson, then Head Assistant Collector, transferred the Revenue duties of Kolangod Amshom to the officers of Alampalam Amshom, and the Police duties to the Adigaries of Padunyarattara and Kijakettara Amshoms, and by means of the salaries thus set free appointed a so-called Melal, and two Peons; the former on the doubled-up salaries of the Adigari and Menon, and the latter on the usual salaries, for the especial purpose of superintending the cultivation of the jungle lands at Muthalamada, and, I presume, the prevention of outrages by the Malchers, though that is not specially alluded to in the order. This man at present resides in Kolangod, which is six miles from Muthalamada, and looking on himself as a sort of Revenue Peshkar does nothing towards the prevention of such acts, as I have alluded to in my former letter.

4. My recent visit to the place in company with Captain Davies has only confirmed me in my opinion that there is a very large amount of truth in what the people say about the trouble and loss caused by the Jungle Malchers, and that one of the most likely things to put a stop to it in future is the establishment of a new Amshom and of a Police sub-station at Muthalamada. I am, therefore, of opinion that the present Melal should be in future styled the Adigari of Muthalamada Amshom, and be resident there during part of the year at least. No other arrangements can give him any regular Magisterial power.

* Marked C. C.

† The portion marked A.

‡ The portion marked B.

5. What I therefore propose is to absorb the present Kolangod Amshom in that of Kijakettara* and that of Alampalam, partly in Vadavanur† and partly in Padunyarattara‡ Amshoms and to form a new Amshom of Muthalamada from parts of Vadavanur, Padunyarattara, and Kijakettara Amshoms.

6. In a Revenue point of view this is highly desirable, as the Vadavanur Amshom is at present too large, while those of Kolangod and Alampalam are insignificantly small, as will be seen from the following statement of the revenue derived from each:—

	RS.	A.	P.
1. Kolangod ..	57	14	6
2. Alampalam ..	41	5	5
3. Kijakettara ..	7,819	13	7
4. Padunyarattara ..	7,135	4	3
5. Vadavanur ..	13,830	7	0

7. It is proposed by the Tahsildar, to form the new Amshom from the portions of Vadavanur, Kijakettara, and Padunyarattara, lying to the east of the dotted line drawn through Anammarry, where the road first crosses the river to the east of Kolangod. This will be as good an arrangement as can be made, as the following rough calculation of the revenues will show:—

	RS.	A.	P.
1. Kijakettara ..	7,283	12	10
2. Padunyarattara ..	6,841	4	3
3. Vadavanur ..	8,646	6	7
4. Muthalamada ..	6,113	5	10

8. By this arrangement it will be observed that the entire salaries of two Amshom establishments will be available in defraying the expenses of the new one, and I propose to make use of them in the following manner by giving increased salaries to the officers of Muthalamada Amshom, to induce them to stay in such a feverish locality, and by adding two peons to the number usually attached to an Amshom.

Present Establishment.

Proposed.

	RS.		RS.
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9. The change will necessitate the removal only of the Alampalam Adigari, whose duties at present are very limited.

10. With such an establishment as this, and a Police sub-station at Muthalamada, there should be no difficulty in keeping down the crime, which has been so rife there of late, and the more secure the people feel themselves, the more will the country be opened out, and the sickness diminish. I do not propose at first to keep the Adigari at Muthalamada longer than during the cultivation season.

11. I may add that Captain Davies promised to the people to open a sub-station at Muthalamada, provided the people built suitable buildings for the Adigari and the Police; and this is in a fair way of being accomplished, as the Kolangod Nambudi has taken the matter in hand. Two good deep wells near the Amshom Cutcherry should also be dug, as good water is of the first importance in a sanitary point of view.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.—Sketch.

1. Recommended as proposed by the Collector, for the sanction of Government.
2. The charge will be met from the Local Village Service Fund.

(True Copies and Extract.)

[Signature]

Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with sketch.

Copy to the Collector of Malabar,
with original letter returned.

Exd. T. Cartledge.

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No. 2614.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated 14th August 1866.

By Mr. J. P. S. -
Secretary to the Board.

No. 5,681.

Recommendation for sanction proposal of Col-
lector of Malabar to re-arrange establishment
for five Amshions on eastern confine of Pat-
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