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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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3rd July 1863.*

Read the following :—

No. 72. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 8th May 1868, No. 3,434A.
Read the following letter from the Collector of Tanjore, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Vallam, Tanjore Talook, 27th March 1868, No. 74.

1. I have the honor to submit the following report to the Board of Revenue, and to solicit their orders thereon.
2. There are in the Tanjore District, as the Board are doubtless aware, five Municipalities, viz., at Tanjore, Negapatam, Combaconum, Mannargudi, and Mayaveram.
3. These five towns are all of more or less importance; but the first three, viz., Tanjore, Negapatam, and Combaconum, certainly require the constant presence of a Revenue Officer of standing and experience both for Revenue and Magisterial work, as well as the efficient supervision of Municipal duties.
4. The head-quarters and charges of the Covenanted Officers and Deputy Collectors in this district are as follow :—

<i>Officer.</i>	<i>Head-Quarters.</i>	<i>Charge.</i>
Collector	Tanjore and Vallam.	Revenue charge of the Combaconum Talook.
Sub-Collector	Negapatam	Revenue and Magisterial charge of the Negapatam and Nannilam Talooks, and of the Land and Sea Custom Departments.
Head Assistant Collector.	Mayaveram	Revenue charge of the Mayaveram and Sheally Talooks, and Magisterial charge of the Mayaveram, Sheally, and Combaconum Talooks.
Assistant Collector	Combaconum	No separate charge as yet, not having passed the 1st standard.
Salt Deputy Collector	Negapatam	General charge of the Salt Department.
Treasury Deputy Collector.	Tanjore	General charge of the Treasury.
Tanjore Deputy Collector.	Do.	Revenue and Magisterial charge of the Tanjore and Puttukotta Talooks.
Mannargudi Deputy Collector.	Mannargudi	Revenue and Magisterial charge of the Mannargudi and Tritrapundi Talooks.

5. If the Board will kindly look over the above statement, they will perceive that Tanjore and Negapatam are the head-quarters of three and two officers respectively, whilst Combaconum is left with an Assistant.

6. Now I am sure that I am only stating the truth when I say that Combaconum requires the constant presence of a European Revenue Officer of some standing and entrusted with full Magisterial powers, quite as much as, if not more than, either Tanjore or Negapatam, for it contains 33,765 inhabitants, is peopled largely by the most intriguing and litigious Brahmins to be met with in the south of India,

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and is a hot bed of debauchery and crime of all kinds. It is, moreover, not a place that I would ever recommend a Native Deputy Collector should be stationed in, since he would be certain in a few months (no matter how good his character might be) to be the centre of numerous cabals and intrigues.

7. I beg, therefore, to propose the following changes in the head-quarters and charges of the Revenue Officers in this district, for the sanction of the Board:—

The Sub-Collector and Salt Deputy Collector to continue as at present.

The Head Assistant Collector to be located at Combaconum, and to have Revenue and Magisterial charge of the Combaconum and Tanjore Talooks.

The Tanjore Deputy Collector to be stationed at Mayaveram, and to have Revenue and Magisterial charges of the Mayaveram and Sheally Talooks.

The Mannargudi Deputy Collector to continue to be stationed at Mannargudi, and to have Magisterial charge of the Puttukotta Talook, in addition to the Revenue and Magisterial charges of the Mannargudi and Tritrapundi Talooks.

The Assistant Collector to be stationed at Tanjore.

The Collector to have Revenue charge of the Talook of Puttukotta instead of Combaconum as at present.

8. The following are some of the advantages which I think will be gained by the above proposal being sanctioned:—

Firstly.—The large and important town of Combaconum will have a Revenue and Magisterial Officer with full powers permanently stationed in it.

Secondly.—The Head Assistant Magistrate will have charge of only two talooks, and not of three as at present, which is almost more than he can get through.

Thirdly.—The services of a Deputy Collector will be really of use in Mayaveram where he will be Vice-President of the Municipal Commission. At present, his services as such are not made use of, since I have the Zillah Surgeon, as well as my Treasury Deputy Collector, available as Municipal Commissioners in Tanjore.

Fourthly.—The Magisterial charge of the Puttukotta Talook will be looked after by an Officer who will have time to do so, and whose head-quarters, namely, Mannargudi, are nearer to Puttukotta than Tanjore.

Fifthly.—The Assistant Collector will be stationed at Tanjore, and thus the

Order of Government, as per margin, which I have found it impossible hitherto to obey, will be strictly adhered to.

21st June 1866, No. 1,519.

Before submitting the Collector's proposals to Government, the Board desire to be informed whether or not a Government building is available as a Cutcherry for the Head Assistant proposed to be stationed at Combaconum.

No. 73. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 20th June 1868, No. 4,580. Read again letter from the Collector of Tanjore, dated 27th March 1868, No. 74, recorded in Board's Proceedings, dated 8th May 1868, No. 3,434A.

Read also the following letter from the Collector of Tanjore, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Chetubava, Puttukotta Talook, 11th May 1868, No. 111:—

1. With reference to the Proceedings of the Board, dated 8th May 1868, I have the honor to state that there is no Government building available as a Cutcherry for the Head Assistant proposed to be stationed at Combaconum.

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2. I must, however, add that neither is there any Government building available at Mayaveram, where he is now located, and that if Government do not wish to continue paying the Head Assistant extra tentage all the year round, they must build a Cutcherry for him whether he continues at Mayaveram or is changed to Combaconum.

1. Resolved that the foregoing correspondence be submitted for the consideration and orders of Government.

2. In his letter, dated 27th March, the Collector proposes certain changes in the head-quarters and charges of the Revenue Officers of the district.

The accompanying Statement shews the present arrangement and that now proposed.

3. It will appear that the principal advantages to be derived from the change will be,

First.—The appointment of a Magistrate with full powers to the town of Combaconum, where it appears such an Officer is greatly required.

Second.—The relief of the Head Assistant from the charge of one of his present three talooks, which are more than he can well manage.

Third.—The transfer of the Deputy Collector to Mayaveram (where he will be Vice-President of the Municipal Commission) from Tanjore, where his services as Municipal Commissioner are not required.

Fourth.—The presence of a Covenanted Officer at Tanjore, who can, during the Collector's absence, take charge of the keys of the Treasury, as sanctioned in Government Order, dated 21st June 1866, No. 1,519.

4. The Board approve of the changes proposed by Mr. Morris, and beg to recommend that the sanction of Government be accorded to them, and also to the erection of Cutcheries at Combaconum and Mayaveram, at neither of which places Government buildings are available.

No. 74. ORDER THEREON, 3rd July 1868, No. 1,861.

Miscellaneous.

1. The Government are averse to the proposal to leave the north-east corner of the district in the hands of a Deputy Collector where there has hitherto, for very many years past, been always a European Magistrate.

2. They admit the importance of having a European Magistrate with full powers stationed at Combaconum, but they trust that the results of the last Examination of Assistants will enable them to give Mr. Morris this assistance without changing the general distribution of charges.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Statement showing the present distribution of the Revenue Officers of the Tanjore District, and that proposed by the Collector.

Statement showing the present distribution of the revenue.			
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lector.			

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Statement showing
the present distribution
of the Revenue Officers
of the Tongare District,
and that proposed by
the Collector.

Sept 1882 3 July

No. 4,780.

Dated 20th June 1868.
 Signed 24th
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

No. 2218.

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Pro of Court for duty

but I see great objection to leaving the N. West
portion of the District. (Shelly & Hyamman) in charge
of a Native Deputy Collector. We shall have plenty
of European assistant Magistrates but not
in the class Magistrate power after the exam'n
which takes place tomorrow. I can then
without difficulty strengthen Mr Morris' hands
by sending him another assistant who should
be fixed at Jombacomm. - Looking back
30 years back as far as the time when Sir
Henry Montgomery was Sub Collector & Lord
residence Shelly & Hyamman being without
an European Magistrate. - Also if Mr
Morris cannot find sufficient employment
for the two Deputy Collectors at Rajah, why should
not he be knocked off his feet & sent to a District
where he is wanted? W.D.

No. 4,580.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 29th June 1868.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

Shamshur
Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

with copy of Board's Proceedings, dated 8th May 1868,

No. 3,434A, and Statement

Copy to the Collector of Tanjore.

Ed. T. Cartledge.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 3^d July/68

Read the following
Pro. of the Board
of Revenue.

Approving & recommending
for sanction the changes
proposed by the Coll. of
Tanjore in the head quarters
& changes of the Rev. Officers
of the Dist. in the erection
of Cutcheries at Combaconum
& Mayaveram
where no Govt. buildings
are available -

Resolved 20th June 1868
No. 4580

The Govt. are
averse to the proposal
to leave the North
East-Corner of the
District in the hands
of a D. J. Colly. where
there has hitherto
for very many years
past

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part been always a
European Magistrate.

They admit the
importance of having
a European Magistrate
with full powers
stationed at Loubaconum,
but they trust that
the results of the last
examination of
the accounts will enable
them to give. W.
Morris this assistance
without changing
the general distribu-
tion of charges -

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of 13th July 1868

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