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Government of Madras.

Revenue : DEPARTMENT.

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Dated 11th March 1869.

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No. 279. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 26th January 1869, No. 498 :—

Read the following letter from the Collector of Coimbatore, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 11th December 1868, No. 325.

I have the honor to bring to the notice of the Board, the small Establishment allowed to the Sub-Magistrate of Avenashy, in this district. His division consists of 105 villages, comprising the former entire talook of Cheyoor, since amalgamated with Pulladom Talook under Mr. Pelly's scheme. His work is consequently heavy, to carry on which he is allowed one Gumastah on 15 Rupees, one Dufterbund on 7 Rupees, two Peons on 6 Rupees each, and one Lamp-lighter on 5 Rupees; while the Sub-Magistrates of the Coimbatore Town, Annamallai, Aravacoorchy, and Kongiem, whose respective divisions are smaller, are allowed one extra Gumastah on 15 Rupees. The Sub-Magistrate now requests, (and his request is endorsed by Mr. Galton, the Officer in charge of the division,) that another Gumastah and Peon may be allowed to his Office. The reasons for this increase of establishment are fully given in the subjoined extract from the above Officer's letter :—

"I am of opinion that the Sub-Magistrate's request is very reasonable. I "find that the Sub-Magistrate of Annamallai, Aravacoorchy, Kongiem, and Coim- "batore Town, are allowed two Gumastahs, and I doubt whether the work of any "of them is equal to that of the Sub-Magistrate of Avenashy. The Magisterial "work is heavy, the people in that part of the Pulladom Talook being very litigi- "ous; and his revenue charge comprises 105 villages.

"The appointment of an extra Peon also appears to me reasonable, as one of "the Peons attached to the Office must remain at the Head-quarters in charge of "the Lock-up. One Peon is not sufficient to summon parties in Revenue cases, and "perform all the duties required of him."

2. When the Office of the Sub-Magistrate of Avenashy was originally constituted, under the sanction of Government, dated 17th December 1860, No. 2,427, it was intended that the jurisdiction of the Sub-Magistrate should be limited to thirty-four villages, with a population of 30,393 persons—vide enclosures to Mr. Thomas' letters to Mr. Pelly, dated 4th June and 22nd October 1860, forwarded by him to Government, with his letter of 1st December 1860, No. 648; but actually sixty villages were allotted to the Sub-Magistrate. Again in 1865, at the suggestion of the then Acting Head Assistant Collector, Mr. Foster, and the Deputy Inspector General of Police, Captain Drever, my predecessor made a division of the Magisterial charge of the Pulladom Talook by extending the jurisdiction of the Avenashy Sub-Magistrate over the whole of the old Cheyoor Talook, consisting of 105 villages, with a population of 82,000 persons. An extract of Mr. Foster's letter is enclosed for the Board's information.

3. When two talooks, Cheyoor and Pulladom, have been amalgamated into one, it is desirable that the establishment should not be reduced below what is elsewhere considered necessary for efficiency: the only question is, whether the object of relief may be attained by a redistribution of officials from a less onerous charge. I doubt, however, whether it is practicable to make such transfer. The margin shews the comparative state of Magisterial business in the four Talook Division Sub-Magistrates, and supports Mr. Galton's recommendation in which I join.

	Villages.	Population.	Cases tried in 1867.	Cases in which Preliminary inquiries were made.
Avenashy ...	105	82,465	306	7
Kongiem ...	33	75,406	223	4
Aravacoorchy.	36	53,666	119	8
Annamallai.	26	35,775	178	2

Enclosure No. 1.

Extract from a letter from the Acting Head Assistant Magistrate of Coimbatore, to the Magistrate of Coimbatore, dated 24th January 1865, No. 10.

1. The Deputy Inspector General of Mofussil Police has pointed out to me the inconvenience of the present magisterial division of Pulladom Talook between the Sub-Magistrates of Pulladom and Avenashy. According to the present division, parties in Magisterial cases before the Pulladom Sub-Magistrates have actually, in many instances, to pass through Avenashy.

2. I have inquired into the matter with Captain Drever, the two Sub-Magistrates, and the Inspector of the Talook.

3. They all agree in thinking that the Avenashy Sub-Magistrate should have the charge of the old Cheyoor Talook. I think certainly this is how the Talook should be divided.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) A. WEDDERBURN,
Collector.

In the foregoing letter, Mr. Wedderburn brings to notice, the small establishment allowed to the Avenashy Sub-Magistrate, and requests that an additional Gumastah and Peon may be sanctioned in consequence of his charge, which originally consisted of only thirty-four villages, being now extended to 105 villages, under the orders of the late Collector, upon the recommendation of his Head Assistant and Deputy Inspector General of Police.

2. The Avenashy Sub-Magistracy is, in fact, a full Tahsildary less the Treasury, &c.; and the convenience of the people required that, if possible, the present arrangement come to, after careful inquiry by experienced officers and endorsed by Mr. Grant, should stand.

3. The Board are under the impression that the orders of Government are required to make the alteration of a Magisterial jurisdiction legal. If so, the rearrangement now reported should be ratified by Government Order.

4. The only Sub-Magistrate's establishment, which could be reduced to meet the cost of the increased establishment now asked, is Annamallai; but the Board consider that this cannot be done, as it is an important and rising place and unhealthy, and has jurisdiction over the Coffee growing slopes of the Annamallai Hills.

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5. Under the foregoing circumstances, the Board request that the sanction of Government may be granted for the entertainment of a Gumastah on 15 Rupees, and a Peon on 6 Rupees per mensem, under the Avenashy Sub-Magistrate.

No. 280. ORDER THEREON, 11th March 1869, No. 652.

Miscellaneous.

1. The Government are unwilling to entertain proposals for additional servants in the Revenue and Magisterial Departments of the Presidency so soon after the careful revision of the Establishments by Mr. Pelly, except in very special cases. The present is not a case entitled to consideration on special grounds, but the Government will be prepared to sanction any modified recommendation of the Board of Revenue not entailing any additional cost on the State. The jurisdiction of the Avenashy Sub-Magistrate was extended by the transfer of several villages which formed the Magisterial charge of the Tahsildar of the Pulladum Talook, and the Government request the Board to consider, whether a part of the establishment attached to that Talook ought not to be transferred to the Avenashy Sub-Magistrate.

2. Should this subject be again submitted, it will be convenient to lay before Government a Statement of work disposed of in the last twelve months by the several Sub-Magistrates to whom reference has been made.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. G. A. Turton.

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Revenue Department

No 652.

Proceedings of the Madras Government
dated the 11th ~~February~~ March 1869.

Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Requesting sanction for entertaining an additional Immediate Petition on the Establishment of the Aranmoly Sub Magistrate in the Coimbatore District

Here entered 26th January 1869 No 798

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Assembly Establishment
Proposal to create an additional Gumasta and Peon, disallowed.

of Verdict not retaining any additional cost on the Rate. The jurisdiction of the Presiding Sub-Magistrate was extended by the transfer of several villages which formed the Magisterial charges of the Tahsildar of the Pattadum Taluq, and the Government request the Board to consider whether a part of the Establishment attached to that Taluq might not to be transferred to the Presidency Sub-Magistrate.

Many of the 105 villages may be very small, & not much more than mere hamlets? I would add to the draft:-

"Should this subject be as now submitted, it will be convenient to lay before it a statement of work disposed of in the last 12 months by the several Submagistrates & how more expense has been incurred."

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