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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 1513 Press Mis.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 6th October 1870.

Read the following:—

No. 23. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 4th December 1869, No. 8,933.

Read the following letter from the Officiating Collector of Malabar, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Calicut, 17th November 1869, No. 325.

With reference to the Board's Proceedings, covering Government Order in the Political Department, dated 8th July 1869, No. 226, I have the honour to report that the deshoms of Porkallum and Kottai were made over by the Deputy-Collector, Southern Division, to the Cochin Sirkar authorities on the 22nd September last.

2. His report was received by me only on the 9th instant, and is herewith submitted.

3. It will be seen that the Deputy-Collector thinks the transfer will entail hardship on the inhabitants of Porkallum and Kottai, but he has not given his reasons for the opinion. When the further report promised by him is received, it will be submitted to the Board. A draft notification, as directed by the Board, is herewith submitted.

Enclosure No. 1.

From the Deputy-Collector, Southern Division, to the Officiating Collector of Malabar, dated Ponany, 6th November 1869, No. 131.

Adverting to Government Order, dated the 19th July last, No. 2,108, received with your predecessor's docket of the 17th August, I have the honour to inform you that the deshoms of Porkallum and Kottai have been made over on the 22nd September last to Chittoor Tahsildar Kristna Variyer, deputed for the purpose by the Dewan of Cochin, and that due notice of the transfer was given to the villagers concerned.

2. It is discovered that the amount of revenue of the two deshoms in question, which the Tahsildar of Ponany intimated to the Huzoor direct, was inaccurate. The Tahsildar was therefore ordered to send a correct account thereof. He was also required to furnish a statement showing the names, measurements, and revenue of all the lands in the two deshoms, so as to be recordable in the Huzoor office, as also in the office of the Resident, etc.; and another statement showing the proposals for joining the remaining deshoms to any other adjoining village, and abolishing the village establishment of Porkallum Amshom.

3. I awaited the said statements from the Tahsildar for the submission of my detailed report. The Tahsildar was interrogated on the 2nd instant for the requisite statements, but very little action seems to have been taken in their preparation. He is again urged to expedite their preparation; when they are received, I shall submit a full report on the subject.

4. The transfer in question is a matter of complaint, and I shall dwell upon it in my next report.

Enclosure No. 2.—Draft Notification.

Submitted for the orders of Government.

2. The further report promised will be forwarded when received.

Draft Notice.

WHEREAS the Governments of Fort Saint George and Cochin having mutually agreed to transfer to the other the outlying portions of their respective territories noted in the margin, it is hereby notified that the deshom of Tekamangalam will henceforth be considered as an integral portion of the British possessions in India, and will form part of the amshom of Perur in the taluq of Walluvanad and district of Malabar, and that the deshoms of Porkallum and Kottai, at present in the Ponany Taluq of the Malabar District, will be included in the territory of the Cochin Sirkar. The Cochin Sirkar have agreed not to raise the assessment on the cultivated lands in the last-mentioned deshoms, without the special sanction of the Government of Madras. Waste lands will, however, be assessed as they are brought under cultivation, and lands in process of reclamation will be assessed according to the terms of the Cowle-deeds granted by the British Government.

1 Tekamangalum, belonging to Cochin Sirkar.
2 Porkallam, } Belonging to British Government.
3 Kottai, }

The transfer will date from the 22nd September 1869.

CALICUT,
17*th November* 1869.

(Signed) A. Mc. CWEBSTER,
Acting Collector.

No. 24. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 18th June 1870, No. 4,233.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Malabar, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Calicut, 5th May 1870, No. 158.

ADVERTING to the subject of my predecessor's letter of the 17th November 1869, I have the honour to forward copy of a letter* from the Acting Deputy-Collector in charge of Southern Division.

Vide Board's Proceedings, dated 4th December 1869, No. 8,933.
* Dated 29th April 1870, No. 58.

2. It will be observed that the error alluded† to as having been made by the Tahsildar of Ponany as to the revenue of the deshoms is very slight, and has been rectified, with the exception of a trifling sum of Rupees 1-2-0.

† *Vide* paragraph 2 of the Deputy-Collector's letter, dated 6th November 1869, No. 131, recorded in the above Proceedings.

3. The Resident has already been furnished with copies of the Pymash Accounts.

4. As regards the question of re-distributing the remaining deshoms, I agree with the Deputy-Collector in considering that it will be necessary to retain the amshom, as the size of the two adjoining amshoms renders it inexpedient to increase them; on the contrary, it appears that certain deshoms may be advantageously transferred from one of them to the Porkallum Amshom.

5. In providing for the administration of the Tekamangalam Amshom, no additional amshom establishment will be necessary, so that there will be neither increase nor decrease caused by the exchange of territory.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From the Acting Deputy-Collector, to the Collector of Malabar, dated Ponany, 29th April 1870, No. 58.

WITH reference to my predecessor's letter, dated 17th December last, No. 149, I have the honour to forward three detailed Statements as noted in the margin, connected with the transfer of two deshoms of Porkallum Amshom to Cochin Sirkar, as also an abstract Statement connected with it.

No. 1.—Showing the names, extent, and assessment of the fields and gardens in the deshoms of Porkallum and Kottai made over to the Cochin Sirkar.
Nos. 2 and 3.— Do. do. of Odelur and Kokur, respectively, being the remaining deshoms of Porkallum Amshom.

2. A difference of Rupees 5-2-0 in excess of the original Jummahbundy Accounts of the Amshom has been observed during the revision of the accounts, which the Tahsildar, after carefully scrutinizing the accounts, explains to be thus :—"An excess of Rupees 5-2-0 is observed over the "demand for Fasli 1278. This was apparently owing to the omission of 100 Annas in reckoning "the revenue on account of the newly assessed fields in Fasli 1271; and then the deficit of "Rupees 1-2-0 has to be accounted for. This is being carefully scrutinized, and when discovered "the result will be communicated." Strict orders have been issued to the Tahsildar to make further inquiry to find out by whose neglect the error crept in, but this would not prevent the disposal of the subject.

	Extent. Square-miles.	Population.	Assessment. Rs.
1. Odelur	1¾	957	1,434
2. Kokur	¾	997	830

3. There remain two deshoms of the Porkallum Amshom, viz., (1) Odelur and (2) Kokur; their approximate extent, population, and assessment, are noted.

4. It is a question to be decided whether these deshoms are to be incorporated with the neighbouring amshoms, or (2) to maintain them as a separate amshom by adding a certain portion of the neighbouring amshom to them.

5. With reference to the first question—Cheyanur Amshom is immediately adjoining to the Odelur Deshom (No. 1) and Kappur Amshom to the Kokur Deshom (No. 2).

6. If the Deshom No. 1 (Odelur) is added to the Amshom No. 3 (Cheyanur), its contents would be as noted; and No. 2 (Kokur) to No. 4 (Kappur), its contents would also be as noted in the margin. By this arrangement it would appear that Cheyanur Amshom (No. 3) will be overwhelmed with its contents, as in its present state it is one of the largest amshoms in the taluq: and if it is still to be extended, I fear that its affairs cannot be managed efficiently. Although Kappur Amshom (No. 4) appears to be smaller, its relative position with Odelur (No. 1) would not allow its amalgamation with the latter.

	Extent. Square-miles.	Population.	Assessment. Rs.
1. Odelur	1¾	957	1,434
2. Cheyanur Amshom.	20	6,154	6,279
Total...	21¾	7,111	7,713
3. Kokur	¾	997	830
4. Kappur	7¼	3,348	5,060
Total...	8¼	4,345	5,890

7. With reference to the second question, viz., to add a portion of the neighbouring amshom to the remaining two deshoms of Porkallum Amshom, Cheyanur, and Kirukorra Deshoms in Cheyanur Amshom would be preferable. They are situated adjacent to the two deshoms in question, and can be conveniently amalgamated, forming a separate amshom; if this is done, its contents would be thus :—

	Extent.	Population.	Assessment.
			Rs.
1. Odelur Deshom	1 7/16	957	1,434
2. Kokur do.	3/4	997	830
5. Cheyanur do.	1 1/2	884	1,150
6. Kirukorra do.	9/16	143	200
Total...	4 11/16	2,981	3,614

and would, in my opinion, compose a proper amshom under the designation of Odelur Amshom; this will, moreover, relieve the Cheyanur Amshom of its present state of encumbrance.

8. It is true that by incorporating the two deshoms in question with other amshom, there would be a saving of the cost of the establishment, but the inconvenience to the public, and the

difficulty of discharging the duties connected with it would be great. I would therefore venture to suggest the adoption of the second course above indicated.

9. With regard to the concluding part of my predecessor's letter, dated 6th November 1869, No. 133, viz., that the transfer of the two deshoms in question is a matter of complaint, I can find nothing on the record of this Office, nor has any complaint been made to me on the subject.

10. The records* connected with this subject are enclosed.

* Ponany Tahsildar's reports, Nos. 42, 62, and 280

SUBMITTED to Government, in continuation of Board's Proceedings, dated 4th December 1869, No. 8,933.

2. There seems to be no reason for the fear that the transfer of Porkallum and Kottai to Cochin would inflict hardship on the people.

3. The Deputy-Collector's proposal to retain the two untransferred deshoms of the Porkallum Amshom as an amshom and add to them Cheyanur and Kirukorra seems to be unobjectionable, and is accordingly approved.

No. 25.

ORDER THEREON, 6th October 1870, No. 1,513.

Miscellaneous.

ORDERED accordingly that the Notification, submitted by the Board of Revenue with their Proceedings, dated 4th December 1869, No. 8,933, be published in the *Fort Saint George Gazette.*

(True Extract.)

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Political Department.
,, the Superintendent of the Government Press.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

No. 4,481.

From J. GROSE, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue,
To the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

SIR,

I AM directed by the Board of Revenue to submit herewith, for despatch to England, overland, their printed Proceedings for the month of May 1870.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant.

Acting Secretary.

REVENUE BOARD OFFICE,
Madras,
28th June 1870.

To the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with Proceedings.

Exd. T. Cartledge.

Govt. of 1870 Madras

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated October, 6th.

Recd.

G. O., 6th October 1870, No. 1,513.

OCTOBER.
Nos. 23—25.

Certain Deshoms in Malabar District.—Notification regarding their transfer to the Cochin Sirkar, ordered to be published in the *Fort Saint George Gazette.*

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No 1573.

Proceedings of the Madras Govt
under date the 6th Oct 70
Read the fol-
lowing Bo of the Board
of Revenue -

Submitting letter
from Coll of Malabar, Re-
porting transfer of the
Sheriffs of Porkallam &
Kottai to Cochin Sirkars
authorities as carried
out by Coll Southern
on the 22nd Sept 18 71
forwarding that officers
Report on the subject to-
gether with draft notifi-
cation of transfer -

(H.E: 4th Dec
1869 No 8933

Submitting letter
from Coll of Malabar, for-
warding copy of one from
Coll regarding transfer
of Sheriffs of Porkallam
& Kottai to Cochin Sirkar,
Yea -

(H.E: 18th June 1870,
No 4233 -

J. D.L.

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I see no
objection to the
Subject

Ordered ac-
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cation submitted by
the Board of Revenue
with

Rec'd 29 Oct 1870

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Board of Revenue,

MADRAS.

FROM THE AG. SECY. TO THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

TO THE ACTING SECRETARY TO GOVT., R. D.

Dated 28th June 1870.
Received 28 June 70.

Encl.

JUNE.

No. 4,481.

Board's printed Proceedings—for May 18
submitted to Government for despatch to Ireland.

Rec'd 6 Oct 1870

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