

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
18th July 1871.*

No. 229. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 27th June 1871, No. 2,584:—

Read the following letter from J. A. C. BOSWELL, Esq., Officiating Collector of the Kistna District, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Kykalur, 4th February 1871, No. 340.

IN reply to the Board's Proceedings dated 5th November 1870, No. 6,518, requesting me to report on the feasibility of extending the ranges of the Deputy-Tahsildars, I have the honour to point out that the chief difficulty experienced is in the towns of Masulipatam and Guntoor, where the number of Municipal prosecutions is very large. As it is objectionable to appoint the Talook Sheristadars Town Sub-Magistrates, the Tahsildar Sub-Magistrates are overwhelmed with these petty cases, and, with all their other duties, they find it impossible to dispose of these cases promptly, as they should be disposed of, so that there is often great delay, and the number of cases waiting to be taken up is inordinately large. It is very objectionable that these petty cases of nuisance, breaches of bye-laws, etc., should lie over for weeks and months. As additional Sub-Magistrates cannot be appointed, I beg to suggest the removal of the Avanigudda Sub-Magistrate to Masulipatam, and the addition of the town to his present charge; and also the removal of the Manglagiri Sub-Magistrate to Guntoor, and the addition of Guntoor to his present charge. This arrangement will, I think, meet the difficulty, greatly relieving the Tahsildars, and not imposing upon the Sub-Magistrates more work than they can reasonably undertake. They may continue, I think, to be designated Sub-Magistrates of Avanigudda and Manglagiri, respectively, though their head-quarters are changed.

2. With regard to the revenue-duties of Deputy-Tahsildars generally, I think some new arrangements are desirable. Deputy-Tahsildars in Government talooks have at present no separate revenue-duties to discharge beyond inquiring into a few petitions referred to them by the Tahsildars. Thus the Deputy-Collector points out that a Deputy-Tahsildar does not afford as much relief to the Tahsildars as an additional Revenue Inspector would do.

3. I beg to suggest that the villages within the nominal revenue charge of a Deputy-Tahsildar be actually also under their (Tahsildar's) immediate superintendence in all respects. The remittances only be still made direct to the Talook Cutcherry. Let the Deputy-Tahsildar submit directly to the Collector all applications for leave, and recommend for appointments in the villages. Let all petitions relating to their villages be sent by the Tahsildar to the Deputy-Tahsildar for report, and let the Deputy-Tahsildar's Arzi be sent through the Tahsildar for his countersignature, or any remarks he may wish to offer. Let the Deputy-Tahsildar have the immediate supervision of the collections in each village, and be responsible for taking measures promptly for the recovery of arrears by distraint, attachment, etc., of property. An arrangement of this kind will very much relieve the Tahsildars.

4. The Deputy-Collector in charge of the western talooks urges very strongly the necessity of appointing two additional Revenue Inspectors for each of the talooks of Palnad and Narsarowpet and one additional Inspector for Vinukonda. There is no doubt that the present ranges of Revenue Inspectors are too large.

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I have recommended a considerable increase in the number of Inspectors in the delta talooks if unlimited option in taking or refusing water for irrigation be granted, and the Board, in their Proceedings dated 20th December 1870, No. 7,241, have admitted that "it is clear from the facts disclosed in my report that the greater portion, if not the whole, of the extra establishment is urgently required even now." Of this there can be no doubt.

This letter will be submitted for the orders of Government.

2. The first part of it contains a proposition to transfer the Sub-Magistrates of Avanigudda and Manglagiri to Masulipatam and Guntoor, respectively.

3. The second part contains a proposition to enlarge the duties of the Deputy-Tahsildars generally.

4. With regard to the first, the grounds on which the change of stations is proposed is the increasing quantity of magisterial work at the Cusba Towns of Masulipatam and Guntoor, which cannot be overtaken by the Tahsildars or taken up by Talook Sheristadars without the accounts being neglected.

5. The removal of the Sub-Magistrate from Avanigudda is open to objection on several grounds. Avanigudda was not long since the head-quarters of a separate talook with a revenue of close upon one lac of Rupees. Its insular position, its remoteness from Masulipatam (about 23 miles), its liability to extraordinary floods and breaches of the river-embankments and the tanks, renders the permanent residence of a Deputy-Tahsildar at Avanigudda, which is situated at the top of the talook in a commanding position, a matter of absolute necessity.

6. The revenue interests at stake in the Divi Talook cannot be permitted to be outweighed by the importance of disposing of cases of petty assaults and Municipal nuisances at Masulipatam.

7. If an extra Assistant be posted to the district and stationed at Masulipatam, the magisterial requirements will be fulfilled. If this cannot be done the treasury Deputy-Collector might, as an exceptional case, be allowed to exercise magisterial functions.

8. The proposed transfer of the Sub-Magistrate from Manglagiri to Guntoor seems less open to objection, though it is not desirable if it could be avoided. Manglagiri is a place of considerable population and trade, and has a famous pagoda to which a large concourse of pilgrims resorts periodically. It is about 13 miles from Guntoor and 6 or 7 from the bank of the Kistna, a distance of about 23 miles. It also was formerly the head-quarters of a separate talook.

9. If the services of a Sub-Magistrate at Guntoor are absolutely necessary, and the Board can only accept the Collector's dictum on this point, the best way will be to include the town within the jurisdiction of the Manglagiri Sub-Magistrate, and arrange for that officer to do magisterial work alternately at Guntoor and at his own Cusba during stated portions of a week or month. This plan would give partial relief to the Tahsildar Sub-Magistrate at Guntoor.

10. With regard to the proposed enlargement of the revenue-duties of Sub-Magistrates, the Board observe that there is nothing to prevent the Collector from entrusting to these officers such revenue-duties as may not interfere with the due

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discharge of their magisterial work. In fact, Mr. Boswell himself has reported on a former occasion* that Sub-Magistrates in their capacity of Deputy-Tahsildars perform all revenue-duties allotted to them by Tahsildars inquiring and reporting as directed, and that they assist the Tahsildars in the collection of revenue when necessary. The revenue-work which can be imposed on Deputy-Tahsildars is limited only by two considerations; first, the time taken up by their magisterial work; second, the capability of the very small establishments with which they have to work.

11. The proposition for two additional Inspectors for the western talooks of Palnad and Narsarowpet involves additional expenditure, and cannot be entertained unless the Collector can point out a saving which can be conveniently effected elsewhere.

No. 230. ORDER THEREON, 18th July 1871, No. 1,251.

Miscellaneous.

THE necessity for placing a separate Town Sub-Magistrate at Guntoor seems clearly shown from these papers and

from those recorded in G. O., 31st October last, No. 1,673.

2. It is observed that the abolition of the Sub-Magistracy of Chavacherry in the Malabar District, reported by the Board of Revenue, 6th March 1871, No. 975, leaves the Government at liberty to transfer the funds elsewhere. They amount to Rs. 89* a-month, and are hereby assigned to the purpose above mentioned.

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* Sub-Magistrate	50
Gumasta	15
Dufferbund... ..	7
Two peons, at Rs. 6 each	12
Massaltee	5
Total	89

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

W. H. Scott-Graham

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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18th July 1876

Pres. No. 130 Rev. No 2584

8/27th June/71

The necessity for placing a separate town Sub Magistrate at Quintana seems clearly shown from these papers & from those mounted in G.O. 31st October last, No 1678.

But not for this purpose. It is shown that the abolition of this in Vigaya of the Sub Magistracy of Chavacherry in the Malabar district, reported by the Pres. No. 6th March '71, No 975, leaves the Govt at liberty to transfer the funds elsewhere. They amount to Rs. 89th a month, and are hereby assigned to the purpose above mentioned.

G.O. 17th May '71
No 872.

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Massal per	5
Total	89/182

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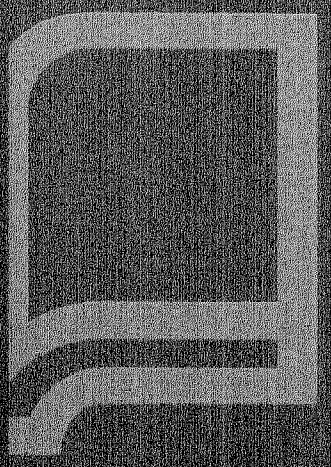
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