

Revenue Department
 Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
 dated 16th February 1871

No. 280. Read the following
 From, J. A. C. Boswell Esq^r,
 Off^r Collector,
 Kistna District.
 To, J. Grose Esq^r,
 Secretary, Board of Revenue,
 Madras.
 Sir,

With reference to para 12 of the Board's
 Proceedings dated 4th January 1871, No. 11, I
 have the honor to report that the Kistna
 District - as it is at present - is quite large
 enough and the transfer to it of the Chann
 pur Taluk from Kurnool District as proposed
 by Mr. Chase, would increase the present
 length of the District so much as to render it
 beyond the power of the Collector to super-
 vise that Taluk efficiently. I, therefore,
 do not think it advisable to entertain the
 proposal of Mr. Chase as far as it affects
 this District which already contains the whole
 of the late Guntur District and a consi-
 derable portion of Channulipatnam. If any
 addition is to be made to this District, it
 would be much better to transfer to it

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Board of Revenue,
 MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 16TH FEBRUARY 1871, NO. 738.

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FEBRUARY.
 No. 738.

Markapur Talook - Letter from Collector of
 Kistna District, objecting to proposed transfer of,
 from Kurnool to his District, submitted to Go-
 vernment.

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the Taluk of Ellore or Atkivid from the
Godavari; but I consider the present charge
is quite large enough.

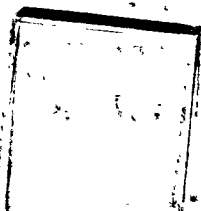
Prisma District } Have seen
Collector's Circuit Thacher }
Gudavada in Gudavada }
Juling 28th January 1871 } (Signed) J. A. C. Boswell
Offg. Collector

Submitted to Government in
Continuation of Board's Proceedings
dated 4th January 1871, No. 11.

True Copy & Extract
J. Groe
Acting Secretary

To,
The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department

C. H. Hughes



Memo. for Orders
on Nos. 541 & 136.

The objections which
Mr. Chase raises to the exist-
ing state of things, all exist-
ed in at least equal if not
greater force at the time that
state of things was deliberately
created, and were not con-
sidered sufficient to counter-
balance the advantages
secured by arranging the
District of Columbia as it
at present stands.

2. Territorial changes.

I would have much rather
as they are. ^{yes if} are always to be avoided.
if

Chas. Chase

Revenue 1871, 1872
No. 541.

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Board of Revenue

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Submitting report
to the Board of Revenue
the District of Columbia
the Board of Revenue
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if possible, for they entail
very great inconveniences
under the most favourable

circumstances (not the
least of which is the con-
founding of recorded statisti-
cal information) and Mr.

Chase's proposal would affect
four Districts, without bene-
fitting any except his own,
so far as I can see.

3. The need for re-
moving Lumbum from Jui-
dapa (to which Mr Chase
could re-attach it) was
strongly felt when the

Kurnool

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Kurnool District was con-
-stituted. The Collectors of
Kistna District and the Board
both object to any additions
being made to that district
which is already so much
as the Collector can manage.

4. A glance at the
Map will show how serious
the inconvenience would be
of attaching Lumbum
and Markapur to the

Nellore District, from the
custody of which they
are very distant.

5. Mr Chase's re-

-arrangement

re-arrangement of Bellary
would leave that district in
most inconvenient form, such
as would doubtless before
long lead to further pro-
posals for re-adjustment.
I think his proposals are
not such as should be en-
tertained.

6. I have a very decided
opinion myself that on the
whole our Presidency is not
sufficiently supervised by Super-
intending Officers, & that if we
were dealing with a clear
field we might effect im-
provements by reducing the
size of Districts & increasing
their number, but we cannot
deal with the Presidency as a
whole; & such patch work as
Mr. Fraser proposes will only shift
objections from one District to another.

7. The one measure that seems
to

Yes. But it would only
cut down the trees - for in that
case they spring from the stock
and make a worse jungle than
before. The trees must be cut
and effectually exterminated
by burning or in some other
way. N.

Yr A. A.

to me decidedly necessary
is the improvement of the
means of communication
by the "Nandikavani"
and "Mantralakshana"
routes, and to improve
the tigers off the face of
the earth, or at least
to drive them away
from the roads. The
Board's proposal
to grant a strip of
land along the sides
of the paths rent free
for 30 years, or per-
ever, on the sole condi-
tion that it is cleared
of jungle at a specified
rate of progress, might
be adopted. It is
only

only what was done
in Canara & I believe
Malabar some years
ago under similar cir-
cumstances, and the
periodical notifications
of the special reward
for killing tigers in
the neighbourhoods
concerned, might be
ordered.

L.R.

S. P. M. S.

Memo
 Transfer of Mar-
 Kapur Taluk
 from Kurnool
 to Krishna Distt

Revenue Department.

No. 625

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 11th of March 1871.

Read the following letter Pro^d of
the Board of Revenue.

Subj: for orders proposals
 of Coll^r of Kurnool for transfer of
 Talooks of Markapur & Cumlum from
 his Distt to Krishna & Cuddapah respectively
 and for addition to Kurnool of Talooks of
 Aoni Allur & Gooty in Bellary Distt.

(H.E. 4th January 1871. No. 11)

Subj: report of Coll^r of
 Krishna Distt on proposed transfer
 of Markapur Taluk from Kurnool
 to Krishna.

(H.E. 16th Febry. 1871. No. 2)

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 A.A.

The Board considered
 that there are many serious
 objections to Mr. Chase's proposal
 and are not disposed to entertain
 it.

2. They concur in opinion
 with the Board that what
 is chiefly required is to improve

as far as possible the means
of communication between the
Eastern Taluks of Kurnool and
the Nushah. via the Amudikamma
and Oruntalakanama ghats.
and no effort should be spared
to effect this. The Government
authorise the Board to sanction
grants of waste land free of
assessment ~~for ever~~ along the
sides of the ghats in a belt
of 1100 yards width from either
side of the road, on the condition
that the grantees shall effectually
clear and keep down the
jungle by burning or otherwise
at a specified rate of progress
to be decided by the Board on
the Collector's report.

3. Should the Board
deem more than this necessary
in this direction they can address
Govt.

Govt. on the Subject.

4. The repairs and
maintenance of the roadway
should be deemed a matter of
primary importance by the
Collector. He will inform the
Supg. Engr. that the Govt. are
anxious to receive the estimates
for the completion of the roads
with the least possible delay. (15.)

5. He will also take
into consideration and report on
the Board's suggestion for the
improvement of the water supply
on the ghats. (15.)

6. The periodical re-
-publication of the special scale
of rewards for killing tigers in
the locality is approved. (15.)

14. To the M. P. B. Govt.
24. — — — — —
16. — — — — —

Govt.

Ms. A. 12. 44. 5.

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Transcript of
of Mark Russell
of the
Kennebec Co. Me.
Dist.

Copy
of
Deposits

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
4th April 1871.

Read the following:—

No. 42. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 4th January 1871, No. 11.
Read the following letter from T. A. N. CHASE, Esq., Collector of Kurnool, to
the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 19th October 1870,
No. 348.

I HAVE the honour to submit the following proposition for the consideration
of the Board of Revenue.

2. The taluqs of Cumbum and Markapur, which formerly formed a portion
of the Cuddapah District, were attached
Notification of *Fort Saint George Gazette*,
dated 25th June 1858, page 1,197.
Government Order, No. 799, dated 10th June
1858.

3. *Cumbum*.—The Cusbah of the
Cumbum Taluq is 104 miles distant from
Kurnool, and a portion of the road to it from Gazulapalli, 56th mile, to Krishnam-
settipalli, 79th mile, a distance of 23 miles, lies through dense jungle infested with
tigers, and over a very steep ghaut, the Nandikanama.

4. *Markapur*.—The Cusbah, for the present, of the Markapur Taluq can be
approached through Cumbum, from which it is 15 miles distant, and from
Kurnool 119 miles, and also through the Mantralakanama ghaut, now, as I have
lately been informed, inaccessible to bandies owing to damages during the late
monsoon. There is a greater distance of jungle through this ghaut than through
the Nandikanama ghaut, almost from Ponnapuram in Nandikotkur to Dornal in
the Markapur Taluq, but the ascent of the ghaut is not so steep.

5. These taluqs are by the Nallamalla Hills geographically separated from
the remainder of this district; their chief rain is during the north-east monsoon,
while the remaining taluqs of this district receive their supply of water from the
south-west monsoon.

6. The two taluqs form the charge of the Head Assistant Collector, who
resides at Cumbum.

I wish to bring to the notice of the Board that, being so distant from Kurnool,
and separated as I have described, it is next to impossible for me to have any
control over him, to supervise his work, or, at any time, to call him into Kurnool
to assist me in other work—an inconvenience which has frequently been felt, and
which I have occasionally brought to the notice of the Board. I make a point of
going at least once yearly to Cumbum and Markapur, but that is not sufficient for
me to have such control over those taluqs as I, as chief executive officer in the
district, feel I should have.

7. The dreary distance to Kurnool, the travelling through 23 miles of
jungle, infested with tigers, deters many from bringing complaints to Kurnool,
who prefer bearing their grievances with patience to putting themselves to the
risk of a journey to the Collector's head-quarters.

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THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

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Dated April 4th.

Recd.

And.

G. O., 4th April 1871, No. 625.

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from Revenue

APRIL.
Nos. 42-44.

Markapur and Cumbum Taluqs in Kurnool
District.—Proposal of the Collector for their
transfer to the Krishna District, negatived.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
4th April 1871.

8. The same as regards criminal justice ; a person will not accuse another of a crime which involves the necessity of committal for trial before the Session Court at Kurnool.
9. The Civil Court would also show in civil cases very few appeals from the decision of the Moonsiff at Cumbum, not because this Moonsiff is superior to other Moonsiffs, but because an appeal might involve a journey, so much of which lies through the Nallamalla Hills.
10. I propose, therefore, that these taluqs be separated entirely from this district, and that the Nallamalla Hills be, as they are naturally, the eastern boundary of this district.
11. Then the question arises as to what should be done with those taluqs, and to which district or districts should they be attached.
12. Cumbum should, in my opinion, be attached again to the Cuddapah District.
- It is exactly similar in all its natural features to the Budwail Taluq, and is approachable from it and Cuddapah without involving the necessity of passing through any tiger-infested jungles or steep mountain-passes.
- Markapur should be attached to the Kistna District; it has the same features as the Vinukonda Taluq, and is also approachable from it, Guntur, and Masulipatam without having to cross ghauts and jungles.
13. The only possible objection I can conceive to this arrangement is that the maps of these districts would have to be altered, and the shapes of the districts would not look well on paper. This objection is but trivial when compared to the great objections founded on experience to these taluqs being attached to this district.
14. The next question is what should be added to this district to make up for the two taluqs which I recommend should be separated.
15. The Bellary District is the largest in the Presidency; it has fifteen taluqs; if, therefore, two taluqs are taken away from the east of the Kurnool District, some taluqs from the east of Bellary might be added to the west of Kurnool. The adjacent taluqs are Adoni, Allur, and Ghooty. If those taluqs were added to this district in place of Cumbum and Markapur, the size of this district would be increased, and the Bellary District to its advantage decreased.
16. These taluqs are all easily accessible from Kurnool, and the Head Assistant, who should be located at Ghooty, Aspery, or Allur, could be easily visited by myself, and I could, when necessary, call him in to Kurnool and there would be no natural features to act as a hindrance, as at present, to the administration of criminal and civil justice.
17. I append a statement No. 1 showing the present state of the district, which will be affected by the change I propose, and a statement No. 3 showing the effect as regard area, population, and revenue, which will be produced upon them by the alterations I recommend. No. 2 is a statement of the area, population, and revenue of the taluqs to be taken from, and of those to be added to, Kurnool.
18. Should the Board agree with this suggestion, I trust they will forward it on for the early approval of Government.

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4th April 1871.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.
Districts as they stand at present.

	Area.	Population.	Land-revenue.	Taluqs.
			RS.	
Kistna	7,227	12,96,652	36,45,823	11 Exclusive of Zemindars.
Bellary	11,496	13,04,998	26,13,438	15
Cuddapah	9,177	11,44,759	20,50,188	11
Kurnool	7,470	7,70,857	14,72,979	8

KURNOOL,
9th October 1870. (Signed) T. A. N. CHASE,
Collector.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.
Taluqs to be taken from the Kurnool District.

	Area.	Population.	Land-revenue.
			RS.
Markapur to be added to the Kistna District...	1,248	78,266	85,114
Cumbum Taluq to be added to Cuddapah District	1,018	88,827	1,55,593
Total...	2,296	1,67,093	2,40,707

Taluqs to be added to the Kurnool District and taken from Bellary.

	Area.	Population.	Land-revenue.
			RS.
Adony	805	1,39,629	2,48,244
Allur	677	73,886	2,99,779
Ghooty	1,014	1,03,121	2,26,644
Total....	2,496	3,16,636	7,74,667

KURNOOL,
19th October 1870. (Signed) T. A. N. CHASE,
Collector.

ENCLOSURE No. 3.
Districts as they will stand if the proposal now made is carried out.

	Area.	Population.	Land-revenue.	Taluqs.
			RS.	
Kistna, with Markapur Taluq added ...	8,475	13,74,918	37,30,937	12
Bellary, with Adoni, Allur, and Ghooty taken off	9,000	9,88,362	18,38,771	12
Cuddapah, with Cumbum Taluq	10,225	12,33,586	22,05,781	12
Kurnool, with Adoni, Allur, and Ghooty and without Cumbum and Markapur Taluqs	7,770	9,20,400	20,06,939	9

KURNOOL,
19th October 1870. (Signed) T. A. N. CHASE,
Collector.

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4th April 1871.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

2. The Collector proposes that the Taluq of Markapur should be transferred to the Kistna District and Cumbum to Cuddapah, and that in their stead the Bellary Taluqs of Adoni, Allur, and Ghooty, should be added to Kurnool.

3. The reasons he gives for this proposal are very strong. Cumbum and Markapur do not resemble the rest of Kurnool, and they are so separated from it by a high range of hills and broad tracts of forest infested by tigers that it is difficult for the Collector to exercise a proper supervision over them.

4. The Board doubt, however, whether the new evils caused by these transfers would not be greater than the evil which they are intended to remedy. It would be almost, if not quite, as difficult to supervise Markapur from Masulipatam as from Kurnool, and the Kistna District, with its delta and anicut, is quite as much as one Collector can manage. Cuddapah, with Cumbum added to it, would be smaller than Bellary is now, but the district is a difficult one, and the Board doubt whether Cumbum would be as well off as it is under present circumstances with a Head Assistant at the Cusbah. Bellary would be made smaller but scarcely less unwieldy.

5. Great administrative inconveniences would attend a change in the territorial limits of four districts, and the Board do not think the necessity for incurring them is proved.

6. The chief thing to be done, if the district remains as it is, is to improve the communication between the Collector's head-quarters and the eastern taluqs.

7. The road between Kurnool and Cumbum is an imperial line passing over the Nandikanama ghaut. It is made throughout, but the ghaut is said to be steep, and the improvement of it is a subject which merits the attention of Government. The chief difficulty, however, is caused by the tigers which infest a belt of jungle 23 miles broad through which the road passes. Great efforts have been made of late years to exterminate the tigers and protect travellers from their attacks. A choultry and three fenced enclosures have been erected. A large sum has been spent in clearing away the jungle, and an annual grant is made from Local Funds for the same purpose. A reward of Rs. 300 is paid for each tiger killed in the neighbourhood, and money has been granted for making tiger-traps. Nevertheless the road is still very dangerous, and the Board resolve to request the Collector to give his best attention to the subject. Any proposals he may submit for clearing away the jungle or freeing it from tigers will be favourably received. In such a case as this, expense is a secondary consideration.

8. As one means of removing the above difficulty, the Board suggest, for the consideration of Government, the expediency of offering land free of assessment (either for thirty years or altogether) for three miles on each side of the summit of the ghaut, on the sole condition that the occupants shall, among them, clear a fifth part of the jungle annually.

9. The Board think also that if the fact that a reward of 300 Rs. is granted for each tiger killed near the Nandikanama ghaut were brought to the notice of the public frequently, it would often tempt sportsmen to make up parties for tiger-shooting in the hot weather. As the want of water is much felt on the ghaut, the Collector might consider, in communication with the Superintending Engineer, if tanks could be formed.

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4th April 1871.

10. During the rains, copious streams of water run through the gorges, and it would probably be a matter of no great difficulty to find sites on the hills for reservoirs on a large scale which would improve the supply of the Irrigation Company's canal.

11. The road from Kurnool to Markapur is still incomplete. The first portion from Kurnool to Nandicotcoor is finished, and the next portion from Nandicotcoor to Bairlooty is almost completed, and will be finished early next year. A maintenance allowance of Rs. 1,000 is granted for the Mantralakanama ghaut (twelve miles long), and the Collector states that it is not so steep as the Nandikanama ghaut, but that recent rains have made it impassable. The necessary repairs should be undertaken immediately, and the possibility of the recurrence of similar disaster prevented. The next portions of the road from the ghaut to Dupad and from Dupad to Markapur are entered in the Budget, and estimates are promised. The Collector will endeavour to expedite this work by all the means in his power, and will communicate with the Superintending Engineer on the subject. The jungle is said to be broader on this line than on that passing through the Nandikanama ghaut, but the Board presume, in the absence of complaints, that it is not infested with tigers.

12. The Board do not support the Collector's proposal with regard to Markapur and Cumbum, but if Government decide to entertain it, it will be necessary to consider the comparative advantages of transferring Markapur to Kistna or Nellore. The Board, as at present informed, are of opinion that the latter arrangement would be the better of the two. It will be desirable also to consult the Collectors of all the districts which are affected by the proposal.

No. 43. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 16th February 1871.

Read the following letter from the Officiating Collector of the Kistna District, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Madras, dated Gudivada, 28th January 1871, No. 280.

WITH reference to paragraph 12 of the Board's Proceedings, dated 4th January 1871, No. 11, I have the honour to report that the Kistna District, as it is at present, is quite large enough, and the transfer to it of the Markapur Taluq from Kurnool District, as proposed by Mr. Chase, would increase the present length of the district so much as to render it beyond the power of the Collector to superintend the district efficiently. I therefore do not think it advisable to entertain the proposal of Mr. Chase as far as it affects this district, which already contains the whole of the late Gunderloor District and a considerable portion of Masulipatam. If any addition is to be made to this district, it would be much better to transfer to it either the taluq of Ellore or Akivid from the Godavery, but I consider the present charge is quite large enough.

Submitted to Government in continuation of Board's Proceedings, dated 4th January 1871, No. 11.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
4th April 1871.*

No. 44.

ORDER THEREON, 4th April 1871, No. 625.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government consider that there are many serious objections to Mr. Chase's proposal, and are not disposed to entertain it.

2. They concur in opinion with the Board that what is chiefly required is to improve as far as possible the means of communication between the eastern taluqs of Kurnool and the Cusbah *via* the Nandikanama and Mantralakanama ghauts, and no effort should be spared to effect this. The Government authorize the Board to sanction grants of waste land free of assessment along the sides of the ghauts in a belt of 400 yards width from either side of the road, on the condition that the grantees shall effectually clear and keep down the jungle by burning or otherwise at a specified rate of progress, to be decided by the Board on the Collector's report.

3. Should the Board deem more than this necessary in this direction, they can address Government on the subject.

4. The repairs and maintenance of the roadway should be deemed a matter of primary importance by the Collector. He will inform the Superintending Engineer that the Government are anxious to receive the estimates for the completion of the roads with the least possible delay.

5. He will also take into consideration and report on the Board's suggestion for the improvement of the water-supply on the ghauts.

6. The periodical republication of the special scale of rewards for killing tigers in the locality is approved.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

W. HUDLESTON,

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Public Works Department.
,, the Accountant-General.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.