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No. 98. Read the following Proceedings of the Board Revenue, dated 18th September 1874, No. 2,675:—

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Sub-Taluq Magistrate (Annamalai)	...	143

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

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From *Pro. P. 2 of Rev.* Dated *18th Sept* 1874.

FOR ORDERS.

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THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

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Dated October 9th.

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G. O., 9th October 1874, No. 1,296.

OCTOBER.
No. 98-99.

Deputy Tahsildar and Sub-Magistrate stationed
at Annamalai, Coimbatore District. — Transferring
the — to Perambalur.



FOR ORDERS.

No. 2,075.

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3. These circumstances, will make it evident that a Deputy Tahsildar is more a necessity at Perandoray than at Annamalay; and if an additional Deputy Tahsildar cannot be provided, the transfer of the Annamalay establishment is highly desirable.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Statement.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

2. The Collector of Coimbatore proposes that the Deputy Tahsildar and Sub-Magistrate now stationed at Annamalay should be transferred to Perandoray.

3. In favour of keeping the Sub-Magistrate at Annamalay there is the one argument that it is a populous neighbourhood in which crime is or was rife.

4. Against it there are an overwhelming number of arguments. Annamalay is only eight miles from Pollachy, the cusbah of the taluq. It is eighteen miles from the Coffee plantations, and the powers of the Sub-Magistrate are too limited to deal with many of the cases preferred by the Deputy Conservator and Planters. The office building is an old native chuttruy, utterly unfit for the purpose, and a new one has been sanctioned, and will have to be built at a cost of Rupees 6,700 if the Sub-Magistrate is kept at Annamalay. Statistics show that crime is not exceptionally rife in the neighbourhood. The new Erode Taluq which includes Perandoray is more important than Pollachy and is in far greater need of a Deputy Tahsildar and Sub-Magistrate. The cusbah is thirty miles from the villages on the western part of the taluq. The taluq establishment is over-worked. There is a commodious Cutcherry at Perandoray.

5. The Board think the transfer should be allowed.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

Secretary.

To the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,

with one original statement, Board's Proceedings, dated 22nd March 1869,

No. 1,960, copies of the Collector's letters, 3rd May 1872, No. 67, para-

graphs 7 and 11, 8th October 1873, No. 225, and 27th June 1873, No. 132,

(Board's Proceedings, 14th October 1873, No. 2,103, are disposed of in

G. O., 25th November 1873, No. 1,294) and Board's Proceedings, dated

9th July 1874, No. 1,740.

To the Collector of Coimbatore.

Exd. G. A. Turton.

*The Govt agree with the Bd
and sanction the proposed transfer
List from order in the Board of Coimbatore
to the Govt*

Deputy Tahsildar and Sub-Magistrate
of Annamalay, in Coimbatore District.—Prop-
osal of Collector for transfer of — to Perandoray
submitted for orders of Government, with
Board's opinion in favour of transfer.

SEPTEMBER.
No. 2,675.

Received 30th Sept 74

20th Sept 74

PROCEEDINGS, 18th SEPTEMBER 1874, No. 2,675.

MADRAS.

BOARD OF REVENUE

1874. 20th

20th Sept 74

From A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 8th October 1873, No. 225.

In reply to paragraph 4, Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 157, of 5th February 1873, requesting certain information concerning Taluq Establishments, a detailed statement is appended, giving the information required by the Board. No change being proposed, there is no scheme of revision to submit.

2. Personal inspection has shown the good effect of pressure in making up for past neglect of the taluq records, which are now, for the most part, arranged, and current records disposed of. No system that can be contrived will ever continue efficient without frequent visits by division officers to the taluq head-quarters and insisting on order and neatness; where neglects are noticed, the taluq officials find it less trouble to obey orders than to neglect them. The custom of preserving every scrap of paper that obtains in this country swells the records to an undue bulk. I hope to reduce the English records to half their present dimensions. A file of the District Gazette might serve as the record of every important order of a general nature in the taluqs.

If Magisterial Proceedings are considered useless lumber after a certain interval, so might voluminous accounts for a temporary purpose and Revenue Proceedings, copies being given to any that wished or were concerned in them.

3. The only additional establishment required in this district is that of a Deputy-Tahsildar and office at Perindoray, the late cusbah of the taluq, now called Erode. I already addressed the Board on this subject in my letters, No. 39, of 23rd February 1869, and No. 67 of 3rd May 1872, paragraphs 7, 8, and 14, on which no orders were passed. I have also brought this to the notice of Government in a letter,* of which a copy is herewith enclosed. The ryots are loud

in their prayer for a Sub-Magistrate at Perindoray.

* No. 46 of 16th September 1873.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.
COIMBATORE DISTRICT.
Statement showing the Particulars regarding the Taluq Establishments and the Increase necessary, called for in Revenue Board's Proceedings, No. 157, of 5th February 1873.

Taluq	Number of Villages	Number of Ryots	Revenue	Population	Amount of Correspondence in a year (1872)	AS NOW STANDING.			AS PROPOSED.		
						Clerks and Accountants	Salary.	Duties performed	Clerks and Accountants.	Salary.	Duties to be performed.
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Coimbatore	253	32,281	3,72,612	2,42,498	33,931	Head Gunastah.....	20	Jamabandi accounts and other miscel- laneous accounts.....			
						2nd do.....	20	Treasury accounts.....			
						3rd do.....	15	Assisting in the preparation of Jama- bandi accounts, preparing colliva- tion accounts, Vaccination returns, election accounts, and other miscel- laneous accounts.....			
						4th do.....	15	Magisterial correspondence.....			
						5th do.....	15	do.....			
						6th do.....	15	Income transfer register, collection and other accounts, Local Fund and Dunkhast Register, Register of transfer of putas, duties connected with So- dramanials or relinquishments of lands.....			
						7th do.....	15	Registering reports from villages, general register, examining mortuary registers, assisting in the Revenue correspondence, Postal work.....			
						8th do.....	15	Income-tax accounts and Pay Abstract.			
						9th do.....	15				
Errode	216	76,756	4,16,105	2,32,950	27,119		145				
Sattiamangalam	23	65,768	3,59,240	1,67,432	26,573		145				
Duarpuram	82	43,893	3,42,752	2,16,953	13,865		145				
Caroor	91	55,728	2,82,233	1,76,109	16,297		145				
Pollachy	164	85,656	2,40,519	1,67,868	26,383		145				
Oodumalpottah	94	31,061	2,12,830	1,32,352	21,753		145				
Palladam	194	92,332	3,94,787	2,36,300	12,412	But one Gunastah on 15 Rs. is doing duty under the Sub-Ma- gistrate of Avemashy.	145				
Collegal	149	31,409	1,02,176	91,899	15,316		130				
Bhovanay	69	35,107	1,35,265	1,04,009	14,158		150				

COIMBATORE,
8th October 1873.

(Signed) A. WEDDERBURN,
Collector.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

From A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON,
Chief Secretary to Government, dated 16th September 1873, No. 46.

- 1 Extract of a letter to the Revenue Board, No. 67, of 3rd May 1873.
- 1 Copy of Sub-Collector's letter, No. 271, of 17th December 1873.
- 1 Copy of letter to the District Engineer, No. 220, of 23rd December 1873.
- 1 Copy of letter to the do., No. 191, of 16th September 1873.
- 1 Translation of a petition from the ryots of the villages of Perindoray Taluq, dated 4th July 1873.

THE District Engineer has submitted for my approval his Provincial Budget for 1874-75. I annex copy of my letter to him on the subject, and request the early attention of Government to the questions mooted before irrevocable expense is incurred.

2. I believe the highest authorities in the Department Public Works will agree with me that it was a pity that so low and unhealthy a station as Errode was selected for the junction of Great Southern of India Railway with the South-West Line.

3. Having been so, the establishment of a Municipality followed and taluq head-quarters; but, as there seems inadequate reason why the Sub-Collector should inhabit a low, hot, and unhealthy town, while there is a higher and healthier station within ten miles by rail or road, and only four miles by a good road from a railway station of its own, it ought to be considered whether Perindoray should not be the Sub-Collector's head-quarters.

4. I think it is good policy to provide a healthy station for European officers who are generally married; if the head-quarters be unhealthy, the appointment is shunned instead of being desired, and escaped from when an opportunity offers, leading to frequent changes and consequent obvious disadvantages of administration.

5. When we cannot help, then there is nothing but to put up with drawbacks. Cuddapah town is a case in point.

6. Mr. D. Buick, late Acting Sub-Collector, when I desired him to select a site for his office at Errode, entered at some length on this subject, * which I forwarded, with remarks,† to the District Engineer for submittal to Government. Should the arguments adduced not prevail, then the best site at Errode has been selected.

7. Many years ago I pointed out the need of a Deputy-Tahsildar to the large and important taluq of Perindoray, now Errode. Its revenue, population, revenue-business, and criminal file, etc., were all dwelt upon.

8. If an additional Deputy-Tahsildar could not be afforded, I pointed out that the officer in the small and easily managed taluq of Pollachy, now Deputy-Tahsildar of Anamallay, might be transferred.

9. It was objected by the Revenue Board that former experienced officers had dwelt on the extensive crime prevalent at Anamallay, but the Police returns quite negative this; a Revenue Inspector stationed at Anamallay might do all the necessary work.

10. It is true Anamallay, originally a small village, by the addition of other villages new, or enlarged by the increase of cultivation, is populous, but Pollachy Cusbah, where a fine new cutcherry is built, is only eight miles distant.

11. Before building a new cutcherry, which, if Anamallay is to be a Deputy-Tahsildar's station, is certainly required, and for which I have selected a high and healthy site, it might be worthwhile to make the temporary experiment of a change; there is the Perindoray cutcherry just vacated, and houses for the officials. If found not to answer by the requirements of Anamallay, then there is the simple return of the Anamallay officer to his former station, and, in that case, there would be the strong reason for the increased establishment of the new Deputy-Tahsildar for Errode Taluq.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) A. WEDDERBURN,
Collector.

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From A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 27th June 1873, No. 132.

My attention has been called by a reminder to Proceedings Board of Revenue, No. 157, dated 5th February 1873, to a request to report on Revenue Inspectors. The ablest Tahsildars in this District, Caroor, Bhowany, Collegal, Coimbatore, Sattimungalum and Pollachy ask for no addition (but for the six marginal taluqs the Division Officers request an extra hand); several advocate an increase of pay; all suggest an additional Peon to each Inspector in which my Huzoor Sheristadar concurs. One Tahsildar Pulladum, asks for six Inspectors at rates from Rupees 35 to 20, and from three to two Peons each, so also do some others.

1 Statement.

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| 1. Dharsapuram. | 4. Pulladum. |
| 2. Oodoomulpettah. | 5. Perindoray. |
| 3. Coimbatore. | 6. Sattimungalum. |

2. I notice that any change in the duties of Inspectors is not contemplated, and I presume that the subject of the numerical strength of establishment and area of charge was duly considered by Mr. Pelly in the not unrecent revision of Taluq establishments. That the subject seems to have met with attention is shown by the distribution of work. When there is a comparatively small area (irrigated) there is a large revenue and *vice versa*. There is always more work and trouble in irrigated than in dry divisions.

3. The chief duty of the Inspectors is to inspect revenue, *i. e.*, the sources of it, the land, and preserve the interests of Government from loss by illicit and unregistered cultivation. They cannot perform this unless there is an account to compare with the cultivation, and how much they can compare the reality with the account of cultivation may be guessed, when it seems to have been the custom for the Curnams to write their cultivation accounts at the Jamabundy, which, if late, is often when the time of cultivation is over. At the same time, though an inspection of accounts at the settlement of several taluqs has shown work in abeyance or perfunctory performed, it does not follow that the services of the Revenue Inspectors can be dispensed with, as the Tahsildar with his other duties would be simply unable to inspect villages and irrigation works to a sufficient extent, and these duties must be delegated to his own Revenue Inspectors or Assistants. I directed that these Revenue Inspectors were to keep diaries of their employment, and that the Tahsildars were to duly inspect such diaries monthly and report to Division Officers where short-comings were notable. The Division Officers were themselves to demand diaries of work from Tahsildars, and also to inspect occasionally those of the Revenue Inspectors. The object I try to attain is to give as little work as possible, and to insist on that being done. The old accounts required of Curnams were very much curtailed by Jeyaram Chetty under Mr. Bourdillon's supervision seventeen years ago, but they are still in excess of what should be demanded, and might fitly be revised.

4. From my personal observation in this district I am inclined to think that the object to be pursued is not so much an increase of establishment as the better working of the present.

5. The so-called Revenue inspection, owing to absence of supervision by Tahsildars, has been in many cases a delusion. I have no taluq under my direct charge, but inquiry during the settlement of several taluqs revealed an almost negation of the primary duty of inspection. In one case a large extent of reclaimed land had never been inspected at all, and a ryot's cultivation extended over 160 acres more than appeared in his putta. This was in dry assessed land, and the old excuse was put forward that the Inspector was going to inspect. In another case wet land was returned as waste when it had been cultivated, and inspection did not seem to have occurred to any one.

6. To increase an establishment of inefficients seems to me to be uncalled for. But the chief defect of the present system is that, to officials who prefer a sedentary to an active profession, the latter entailing both expense and exposure the salary is inadequate.

7. A Revenue Inspector should be the next in grade to the Taluq Sheristadar, and have not less than Rupees 30 to 50 per mensem. There might be three grades, Rupees 30, Rupees 40, and Rupees 50; generally there are three Inspectors to a taluq; there might be one first class, one second, and one-third, more as a stimulus to exertion than from a diversity of duty.

8. With the information which the Revenue survey will place in the hands of the Revenue authorities there will be less for the Inspectors to do, and less reason to increase their number, but it is needless to expect to get good men on salaries which do not enable them to pay their expenses, to which must be added the keep of a pony. Better salaries will attract better men and lessen the temptations to which this class of official is exposed. I do not, however, see that they need have more than one Peon; of course every official cries out for an increase of establishment.

9. With better pay a higher test of qualification might be required, say a knowledge of surveying. The revision of salaries I would advocate is therefore as detailed below:—

Taluqs.	Present.			Proposed		
	Number.	Grades.	Pay.	Number.	Grades.	Pay.
			RS.			RS.
Coimbatore	1	1st Grade.	30	1	1st Grade.	50
	1	2nd do.	25	1	2nd do.	40
	2	3rd do.	40	2	3rd do.	60
Perindoray	1	1st do.	30	As above.		
	1	2nd do.	25			
	2	3rd do.	40			
Pulladum	1	1st do.	30	Do.		
	1	2nd do.	25			
	2	3rd do.	40			
Sattimungalum	1	1st do.	30	Do.		
	1	2nd do.	25			
	2	3rd do.	40			
Caroor	1	1st do.	30	1	1st Grade.	50
	1	2nd do.	25	1	2nd do.	40
	1	3rd do.	20	1	3rd do.	30
Dharapuram	As above.		75	As above.		120
Oodamulpettah	Do.		75	Do.		120
Pollachy	Do.		75	Do.		120
Collegal	Do.		75	Do.		120
Bhowany	Do.		75	Do.		120
Total cost...			830			1,320
Net increase...			...			490

ENCLOSURE No 1.

Statement showing the number of Revenue Inspectors, the extent of their Ranges, etc., in the District of Coimbatore as at present existing.

Taluq and Head Quarter of each Inspector.	Class of Inspectors.	Pay.	Number and Pay of Peons.	Number of Villages.	Greatest length in miles.	Greatest breadth in miles.	Area of each Range in square miles.	CULTIVATION.		Revenue.	Number of Ryots in each Range.	Remarks as to duties of Inspectors.
			No. and Pay.					Dry.	Wet.	Rs. A. P.		
Dharapuram Vellacovil Moolanoor Kasighiem Aronashy	1st Class	30	6	28	15	17	293	109601 38	5122 61	1,30,809 4 10	65,197	Making inquiries into complaints referred by Tahsildars; new-surveying disputed lands; inspecting monthly cultivation and sending returns; receiving Rs. 2000000 and accepting of transfers; inquiring into cases on death of Putadars inspecting repair of roads, public buildings, public wells, tanks and channels, cattle pounds, topes, avenues, Trigonometrical stations, etc.; sanitary arrangements, and removing prickly-pears; attaching and selling the property of Revenue defaulters; preparing accounts during Jamabundy inspection; enquiring into and failure of crops on wet lands; and attending to other orders given by Tahsildars.
	2nd do.	25	1	17	11	16	175	76059 4		52,846 9 9	49,475	
	3rd do.	20	1	18	18	9	203	98812 49	1633 2	84,508 9 1	50,237	
	Deputy Tahsildar of Kasighiem.	70	3	19	11	15	174	76989 59	197 54	52,957 2 10	52,924	
	Total...	145	6	83	...	...	775	35547 90	6958 17	3,20,821 13 6	2,16,933	
Malapollien Tirupoor Sooloor Aronashy	1st Class	30	6	40	12	20	174	87830 83		73,618 13 4	45,400	Making inquiries into complaints referred by Tahsildars; new-surveying disputed lands; inspecting monthly cultivation and sending returns; receiving Rs. 2000000 and accepting of transfers; inquiring into cases on death of Putadars inspecting repair of roads, public buildings, public wells, tanks and channels, cattle pounds, topes, avenues, Trigonometrical stations, etc.; sanitary arrangements, and removing prickly-pears; attaching and selling the property of Revenue defaulters; preparing accounts during Jamabundy inspection; enquiring into and failure of crops on wet lands; and attending to other orders given by Tahsildars.
	2nd do.	25	1	45	15	16	218	105555 61	986 51	92,786 1 10	73,253	
	3rd do.	20	1	42	10	20	189	92939 93	2946 60	1,10,487 4 2	63,157	
	4th do.	30	1	67	18	12	139	78820 83	970 22	86,735 0 4	51,490	
	Total...	95	4	194	...	...	740	364246 95	4897 53	3,63,637 3 8	2,36,300	
Bhowany Neruppetti Andiyoer	1st Class	30	6	32	12	10	93	44741 74	420 21	42,981 7 3	39,697	Making inquiries into complaints referred by Tahsildars; new-surveying disputed lands; inspecting monthly cultivation and sending returns; receiving Rs. 2000000 and accepting of transfers; inquiring into cases on death of Putadars inspecting repair of roads, public buildings, public wells, tanks and channels, cattle pounds, topes, avenues, Trigonometrical stations, etc.; sanitary arrangements, and removing prickly-pears; attaching and selling the property of Revenue defaulters; preparing accounts during Jamabundy inspection; enquiring into and failure of crops on wet lands; and attending to other orders given by Tahsildars.
	2nd do.	25	1	25	60	45	315	38844 4	133 92	26,151 2 4	25,887	
	3rd do.	20	1	21	15	15	170	46727 54	713 49	59,461 3 9	36,035	
	Total...	75	8	69	...	...	578	136813 63	1967 63	1,08,611 13 4	1,04,669	
	1st Class	30	6	76	45	24	479	26899 87	186 73	32,389 5 0	21,529	
Hancoor Collegal Gungaray Hamillet d Mo. daily.	2nd do.	25	1	30	13	7	60	18147 20	4155 44	37,661 7 3	20,091	Making inquiries into complaints referred by Tahsildars; new-surveying disputed lands; inspecting monthly cultivation and sending returns; receiving Rs. 2000000 and accepting of transfers; inquiring into cases on death of Putadars inspecting repair of roads, public buildings, public wells, tanks and channels, cattle pounds, topes, avenues, Trigonometrical stations, etc.; sanitary arrangements, and removing prickly-pears; attaching and selling the property of Revenue defaulters; preparing accounts during Jamabundy inspection; enquiring into and failure of crops on wet lands; and attending to other orders given by Tahsildars.
	3rd do.	20	1	43	25	17	199	20337 30	1280 13	23,961 3 8	22,916	
	Total...	75	3	119	...	...	738	65284 37	5622 50	83,961 15 11	73,556	
	1st Class	30	6	30	15	16	153	61872 23	7775 80	80,831 12 1	57,746	
	2nd do.	25	1	17	14	8	76	31830 57	4115 43	53,683 14 6	35,797	
Vallanad Nanjapalloor Paramatty Aravacoorhy	3rd do.	20	1	15	17	13	116	55741 53		43,287 10 1	29,280	Making inquiries into complaints referred by Tahsildars; new-surveying disputed lands; inspecting monthly cultivation and sending returns; receiving Rs. 2000000 and accepting of transfers; inquiring into cases on death of Putadars inspecting repair of roads, public buildings, public wells, tanks and channels, cattle pounds, topes, avenues, Trigonometrical stations, etc.; sanitary arrangements, and removing prickly-pears; attaching and selling the property of Revenue defaulters; preparing accounts during Jamabundy inspection; enquiring into and failure of crops on wet lands; and attending to other orders given by Tahsildars.
	Deputy Tahsildar.	70	1	28	21	14	216	79135 12	2479	70,087 14 10	50,286	
	Total...	145	4	90	...	...	561	23579 45	14870 23	2,56,811 3 0	1,76,109	
	1st Class	30	6	30	15	16	153	61872 23	7775 80	80,831 12 1	57,746	
	2nd do.	25	1	17	14	8	76	31830 57	4115 43	53,683 14 6	35,797	

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Statement showing the number of Revenue Inspectors, etc.—(Concluded.)

Taluk and Head Quarter of each Inspector.	Class of Inspectors	Pay.	Number and Pay of Peons		Number of Villages.	Greatest length in miles.	Greatest breadth in miles.	Area of each Range in square miles.	CULTIVATION.			Number of Ryots in each Range.	Remarks as to duties of Inspectors.
			No.	AMT.					Dry.	Wet.	Revenue.		
Coimbatore.	Poroor	30	1	6	77	16	17	175	58863.15	5546.63	Rs. 75,102 3 3	52,880	
	Agshara	25	1	6	81	9	18	109	77201.82	650.03	78,536 3 9	51,343	
	Samacolum	20	1	6	51	14	21	184	4850.4	8423.36	81,437 9 10	95,093	
	Coimbatore	20	1	6	79	16	20	147	44093.46	1394.97	46,701 11 7	43,632	
Satmunga- lum.	Total...	95	4	24	388	...	...	625	229805.47	13016.89	282,784 11 5	342,498	
	Satmunga-lum.	30	1	6	50	28	30	311	43358.88	3962.64	61,112 3 0	38,020	
	Badapelly	25	1	6	93	50	25	370	17503.22	624.03	18,638 1 3	14,703	
	Kurmande	20	1	6	55	25	18	177	85803.89	2818.98	1,06,242 3 9	65,472	
Pollachy.	Gopichettipalli	20	1	6	26	10	8	108	47800.93	11205.13	1,32,655 8 6	49,228	
	Total...	95	4	24	234	...	...	963	191555.02	18711.33	3,20,655 0 6	187,422	
	Anamallay	30	1	6	43	20	15	146	70097.	4775.	71,369 6 2	60,062	
	Kanathakadavoo	25	1	6	57	29	13	153	63304.	174.	64,354 3 7	52,993	
Oodumalpetta.	Pollachy	20	1	6	68	23	15	130	50000.	208.	57,538 1 6	54,813	
	Total...	75	3	18	163	...	...	429	190330.	5157.	1,93,192 8 3	187,868	
	Oodumalpetta.	30	1	6	31	14	34	176	58065.06	5672.51	86,303 12 1	60,532	
	Papancolum	25	1	6	27	18	14	119	63334.9	...	63,340 14 4	34,337	
Perindoray.	Valavady	20	1	6	31	14	28	69	33389.30	2190.36	41,062 9 4	27,653	
	Total...	75	3	18	89	...	...	364	155190.25	7862.77	1,90,707 3 9	122,552	
	Errode	30	1	6	54	19	18	92	40904.46	2810.44	86,047 4 4	45,059	
	Oonjaloor	25	1	6	36	20	11	155	75885.56	4144.12	1,08,165 13 6	61,772	
Perindoray.	Vijayamangalam	20	1	6	77	29	11	154	76273.03	1063.46	81,596 12 7	57,926	
	Perindoray	20	1	6	43	20	14	193	35171.84	157.62	1,02,339 6 11	69,453	
	Total...	95	4	24	210	...	...	694	288233.89	9175.64	3,76,149 5 4	232,920	

COIMBATORE,
27th June 1873.(Signed) A. WEDDERBURN,
Collector.

No. 1,960.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 22nd March 1869.

Read the following letter from A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 23rd February 1869, No. 39:—

BEFORE Government incur the expense of erecting a new Cutcherry and Subsidiary Jail at Anamallay, I have the honor to bring to notice that Anamallay village is only eight miles from Pollachy, the Cusbah Station, and not on the line of, but eight miles off the road to, the Coffee Estates.

2. A Deputy Tahsildar and Sub-Magistrate on Rupees 70 a month is not usually a Magistrate of experience, or entrusted with 1st Class powers. The Deputy Conservator of Forests informs me that the cases which he prosecutes before the Magistracy, are usually beyond the jurisdiction of a Sub-Magistrate of the 2nd Class. A theft of a log of rosewood would be inadequately punished by one month's imprisonment. I believe the same objection to the limited jurisdiction of a Deputy Tahsildar and Sub-Magistrate is felt by the Anamallay Coffee planters.

3. The distance from the Coffee Plantations on the Anamallay lower range, *via Cotoor* to Pollachy is about 18 miles, while the distance round by Cotoor to Anamallay is about the same.

4. I doubt, therefore, the expediency of constructing a new Cutcherry and Jail at Anamallay.

5. While the services of the Anamallay Sub-Magistrate might be transferred with advantage to the most important Talook of Perindoray, which present Cusbah might remain a Sub-Talook Cusbah, when the Cusbah is removed to Errode.

6. The revenue of Perindoray, which has no Sub-division Deputy, is nearly four lacs, population 181,008, while that of Pollachy is about two lacs, and population 133,234; about half in importance as regards revenue, and 26 per cent. less in population.

7. The advantage of the Sub-Magistrate at Anamallay is imaginary, while his transfer to the heaviest talook, which has no Deputy, seems to be for the good of the service.

In this letter the Collector of Coimbatore expresses a doubt about erecting a new Sub-Magistrate's Office, etc., at Anamallay, and proposes to remove the Sub-Magistrate from that Station to Perindoray Talook, which is without a Deputy Tahsildar.

2. He compares the relative importance of the two talooks, and considers the latter about twice as important as the former.

3. The necessity of retaining a Sub-Magistrate and Deputy Tahsildar at Anamallay, a neighbourhood where crime of violence had long been rife, and the extension of cultivation is considerable, has been urged by the most experienced officers.

4. From paragraph 21 of the Sub-Jail Committee's report it appears that their recommendation and the decision of Government were taken on a full consideration of the proximity of Anamallay to Pollachy.

5. The abolition of the Anamallay Sub-Magistracy would be popular with the native service on account of the unhealthiness of the station of the Sub-Magistrate, but the Board do not consider that a case has been made out to justify it. Perindoray may need a Sub-Magistrate, but Anamallay cannot spare one for it: the proposed buildings should not therefore be postponed.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) A. MACGREGOR,
Acting Secretary.

To the Collector of Coimbatore.

Exd. T. Cartledge.

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No. 1,740.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 9th July 1874.

Read the following letter from A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 16th May 1874, No. 122 :—

THE Superintendent of Police has brought to my notice the inadequacy of the magisterial establishment for the amalgamated taluqs of Erode and Perindoray, and furnished the subjoined list showing the cases on the Sub-Magistrate's file for 1873, and 1st quarter of 1874.

2. But that the Sub-Magistrate of Erode is a man of exceptional ability and energy the magisterial work would long ere this have broken down; as it is, he has no time to attend to the general interests of his taluq, such as vaccination and other matters, almost as important to its welfare, as the disposal of criminal cases.

3. This subject has been brought by me to notice on four former occasions as per margin, when I recommended the transfer of the under-worked Deputy-Tahsildar and Sub-Magistrate from Anamallay which is only 8 miles from the Cusbah of Pollachy in which it is situated, and which single taluq is far inferior in importance, and in amount of work, to the amalgamated taluqs of Erode and Perindoray.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

Statement showing the cognizable and non-cognizable cases filed in the 2nd-Class Magistrate's Court, Erode Taluq, from January 1873, to March 1874.

Name of Taluq and Designation of the Officer.	Year.	CASES.		Total.	Con-victed.	Re-leased.	Re-marks.
		Police may arrest without warrant.	Police may not arrest without warrant.				
Second-Class Magistrate's Court, Erode Taluq. Sheristadar and 3rd Class Magistrate.	For the year 1873.	420	287	707	314	393	
	From January to March 1874...	100	74	174	97	77	
	For 1873 ...	134	9	143	113	30	
	From January to March 1874 ...	56	4	60	41	19	

(True Copy.)

COIMBATORE,
16th May 1874.

(Signed) A. WEDDERBURN,
Collector.

THE Erode Tahsildar is well off as regards magisterial work in comparison with many other officers in the Presidency. Thus in 1872, the Tahsildar of Tanjore had 1,625 magisterial cases, the Tahsildar of Combaconum 1,261, and the Tahsildar of Mayaveram 986.

1869.
Board of Revenue,
MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS 2ND MARCH 1869, No. 1,960.

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No. 1,960.

Transfer of Sub-Magistrate of Anamallay—to Perindoray Talook in Coimbatore District.—Collector informed, with reference to his proposal for, that sufficient grounds have not been shown for transfer, and that construction of new Cutcherry and Subsidiary Jail in former taluk, must not therefore be postponed.

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2. The Collector will submit a statement showing the number of the magisterial cases received in 1873-74 by the Deputy Magistrate of Erode, the Sub-Magistrate of Erode, and the Sub-Magistrate of Annamallay, the number struck off the files for default or other causes, and the number actually tried and resulting in a conviction, acquittal, or commitment.

3. Mr. Wedderburn will also report whether more would be gained by Erode than would be lost by Annamallay, if the proposed transfer were allowed. The fact that Annamallay is only 8 miles from Pollachy does not settle the question, *vide* Board's Proceedings, dated 22nd March 1869, No. 1,960, paragraph 4.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed)

J. GROSE,
Secretary.

To the Collector of Coimbatore.

Ed W. H. French.

1874.
Board of Revenue,
MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 9TH JULY 1874, No. 1,740.

Encl.

Received

Per *[Signature]*

JULY.

No. 1,740.

Deputy Tahsildar and Sub-Magistrate of Annamallay in Coimbatore District.—Further information requested from Collector with reference to proposed transfer of— to Erode Talug.

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Extract from a letter from the Collector of Coimbatore to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 3rd May 1872, p. 67.—

Paras 1 to 6. * * * * *

7. As regards additional Establishment, the Perundaray Talug requires a Deputy Tahsildar and Sub-Magistrate. It is the largest in the District as regards revenue, third as regards population, and, excluding the Killy Talugs, the third in area, traversed by a railway, and having the most important channel irrigation. 6 out of the 10 Talugs, most of them of less importance, are provided with Deputy Tahsildar, but Perundaray is not.

8. As regards Perundaray, Mr. A. M. Macgregor Deputy Collector writes "For most of the Talugs, a Deputy Tahsildar is provided, but there is none

"none for Perundoray, and were it not for
the Railway it would be simply impossible
for the Tahsildar to do his work.

"Most of the Tahsildar's time is taken
up by his Magisterial work, his file for
last year being 541 cases - these are exclusive
of the cases tried by the Sheristadar.

"That the Taluk Subordinate Establishment
is cruelly overworked there can be no
doubt, early and late they are at work
with rarely a moment's leisure.

"I pointed out the necessity for
appointing a Deputy Tahsildar with
of course his accompanying establish-

ment in my letter N^o 87 dated
28th July 1868, but apparently to no pur-
-pose.

"Nine Gunastahs only are allowed
for Perundoray Taluk and eight for Bhowany,
although there are 210 villages in the former
against

"See my letter to
Revenue Board
dated 23rd February
1869 N^o 39 printed
with Board's Pro-
ceedings N^o 1960 of
22nd March 1869.

"against by in the latter and the revenue
of the former is nearly 3 times as great as
that of the latter.

"These facts will, I think, suffice to
show the insufficiency of the establishment
for the requirements of the Perundoray Taluk
and when the Taluk Cutcherry is removed
to Erode, unless a Deputy Tahsildar
is appointed, great inconvenience will
be felt by those residing at the
western end of the Taluk. In addition to
the Tahsildar's legitimate Revenue
and Magisterial work, he has now
to try the Municipal cases at Erode."

Manuscript of letter N^o 87 of 20th July 1868.

"The Perundoray Taluk is however
very large, and I think therefore that
a Sub-Magistrate should be appointed
to reside in the western side of the
Taluk.

"The Eastern and Southern parts
of

"of this Talug require much supervision
"on account of the irrigation, besides
"which it will be most inconvenient
"to convey prisoners from one extremity
"of the Talug to the other. Chennimalai
"or a Station in that locality might be
"fixed on as the Sub Magistrate's Head
"Quarters."

"The work in this Talug is heavy and
"I feel sure that Erode will shortly be-
"come a place of importance."

"If my proposal in para 2 meets
"with your approval, I would recom-
"mend that the Talukdar be invested
"with first class powers and the Sub
"Magistrate with second class."

9. I quite agreed with Mr
MacGregor, but to avoid expense, I
suggested the transfer of the Anamallay
Sub Magistrate to Perundoray.

Pollachy

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10. Pollachy is a fourth rate Talug,
its revenue is not much more than half
of Perundoray, but it has a Deputy
Talukdar, stationed 8 miles from its cussah.
My opinion is that the Talukdar is quite
competent to manage his Talug, without
a Deputy, who apparently has very little
to do, the reason for retention was that
violent crime was prevalent at Anamallay
and cultivation had increased.

The former statement, however is
not borne out by the Police or Magisterial
Statistics.

Enclose a letter from the Superin-
-tendent of Police giving the criminal
details of Anamallay Division for
the past 5 years.

The office which the Anamallay
Sub Magistrate occupies is an old native
Chuttrum, most cramped and incon-
-venient, ill ventilated and lighted.

At

At 8 A.M. there was not light to read by.

A new cutcherry was urgently required and was estimated for, but funds have not yet been allotted, the transfer of the Deputy Tahsildar to Perundurai would save this outlay, viz Rs 6000.

I may here mention that Pollachi is now provided with a Taluk Cutcherry of the first class, costing upwards of Rs 25,000, far superior to any accommodation occupied by my European subordinates or myself.

11. As regards other subordinate agency, Mr. Best is of opinion that an additional clerk is required if the Taluk records are to be kept in order.

12 to 14. + + + + +

I have &c
(Signed) A. Middleburn
Collector.
(True Extract)

J. G. M.

Secretary
Board of Revenue

Ch. J. M.
Chief Magistrate

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Enclosure in Proceedings
of the Board of Revenue
to the H. Secretary to Govt.
Rev. Secy. H. dated 13th July
1872 No 2693.

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Copy of Memoirs of the
H. Collector of Circars
dated 3rd May 1872 No 69 and
subject of Memoirs of H. Secy.
to Govt. No 2693.

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