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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
12th October 1874.*

No. 126. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 12th September 1874, No. 2,577 :—

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however able, with more magisterial work than he has already, as doing so must prejudice his revenue duties, and I should hesitate doing it as regards the troublesome taluq of Trivellore; Ponneri has already a 2nd-class Magistrate in charge of it. As regards Sydapet especially, I may remark that the mass of villages lying on its eastern border is nothing but a part of Madras, and the Tahsildar's revenue and miscellaneous work is very heavy in consequence, and the number of petty magisterial cases enormous; the charge of this taluq is, speaking from my own experience, heavier than that of any two ordinary up-country taluqs.

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No. 127.

ORDER THEREON, 12th October 1874, No. 1,306.

Miscellaneous.

DEPUTY-COLLECTOR C. Venkatesiah will revert to his permanent appointment in Coimbatore from the commencement of

1875. The Government are glad to receive favorable testimony to his exertions in Chingleput.

2. The Governor in Council concurs with the Board as to the necessity of appointing a Deputy-Collector and Magistrate for permanent duty at Sydapet. This will be arranged by the transfer of one of the two Deputy-Collectors employed on General duty in the Tanjore District. On a review of the circumstances of each district, it appears that Tanjore is best capable of a reduction in the sanctioned strength.

3. The transfer will take effect from the 1st January 1875.

(True Extract.)

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
" the Accountant-General.

Exd. W. H. French.

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THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated October 12th.

Head.

G. O., 12th October 1874, No. 1508.

OCTOBER.

Nov. 12th 1874.

Deputy-Collector of the Chingleput District, C. Venkatesiah, Special Deputy-Collector, to report to his permanent appointment in the Chingleput District from the commencement of 1875; making the favorable testimony of his exertions in Chingleput; suggesting the Board as to the necessity of appointing Deputy-Collector permanent in the Chingleput District; and transmitting to the Board the District with effect from 1st January 1875.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

Secretary.

To the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
Copy to the Collector of Chingleput.

Exd. W. H. French.

1306/5 Revenue Department.
No. 1306.

Proceedings of the Madras Government.
Under date the 12th October 1874.
Read the following
Proc. of the B^d of Rev.

Subj. Collr's Report on
progress made by C. Venkatesiah,
Special Dy. Collr. of Chingleput
Dist. in connection with settle-
ment of compensation for
lands taken up for Carnatic
Railway &c. with B^d's opinion
in favor of appt. of a Dy. Collr.
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H.C. 12th Sept. 1874. No. 2577

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SEPTEMBER.
No. 2,577.

C. Venkatesiah, Special Deputy-Collector — of
Chingleput District. — Report of Collector on
progress made by — in connection with settle-
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Carnatic Railway, etc., submitted to Govern-
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14 To the Board of Revenue
6. The Accountant General

Memo. for Orders on No. 3324

Pro. Board of Revenue

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12 Sept. 1874, No. 2577.

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2. The difficulty is how to arrange for the transfer of such an officer. An additional

Deputy

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Deputy Collector is now doing the work but if the orders of the Supreme Govt are not modified his services must be dispensed with at the end of this year.

3. In 1860 (Govt Procl 11 April 1860, No 556) it was determined that 48 Deputy Collectors would be sufficient for all purposes and these were to be distributed as follows.

20 District Treasuries	20
13 Salt Districts	13
9 Large Districts for } General Duty }	9
6 for special duties in } Zemindari &c }	6
	48.

4. The nine large districts were

- 1 Coimbatore
- 2 Bellary
- 3 Chidambaram
- 4 Kurnool
- 5 South Arcot
- 6 Tanjore
- 7 Trichinopoly
- 8 Coimbatore
- 9 Salem

Note. Kurnool and Trichinopoly were included among these nine "because though not very large districts they have no sub-collectors"

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5. The five men for special duty were for

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- 1 Nellore, Kankatagiri
- 1 North Arcot, Kalastriy + Karoet nazfer
- 1 Madurai, Ramnad & Shevaroy
- 1 Salem, Shevaroy
- 2 Malabar, Wynad

6. Since then the following alterations have taken place.

(1) A General Deputy has been appointed to the Kistna District (G. O. 15 Jan'y 1861, No 99). As Salem has no Deputy on the Shevaroy the transfer must have been from Salem.

(2) North Canara having been transferred to Bombay one Treasury and one Salt Deputy were set at liberty.

(3) A re-arrangement of salaries increased the total number of Deputies to 53.

(4) The four men thus rendered available

(48-2 (Canara) = 46 + 4
= 50) were attached to

- 1 Madras Town
 - 2 Tinnevely
 - 3 Tanjore
 - 4 Coimbatore
- G. O.
21 June 1862,
No 1368.

(5) A Special Deputy was appointed to Kurnool in 1860 originally for Irrigation and Canal Com-
-pensation & duty. The Govt of India objected and the result was that Malabar was shorn of one Deputy (Salt) who was attached to Kurnool which now has two men on Gen-
-eral duty. The special work of the Irrigation Company takes up part of the time of one of these officers.

The result of these changes is exhibited in the

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G.O. 11 January 1865 No 12
27 November 1865 No 2918
10 August 1866 No 2028
10 December 1866 No 3316
11 January 1867 No 94
25 July 1867 No 1693
14 August 1867 No 1886

the following statement which also shows the existing distribu-
-tion.

Districts.	Treasury	Salt.	General and special duty	Total
Ganjam	1	1	0	2
Vizagapatam	1	1	0	2
Godavery	1	1	1	3
Kistna	1	1	1	3
Nellore	1	1	1	3
Cuddapah	1	0	1+	2
Bellary	1	0	1+	2
Kurnool	1	0	2+	3
Madras	0	0	1	1
Chingleput	1	1	0	2
N. Arcot	1	0	1	2
S. Arcot	1	1	1+	3
Tanjore	1	1	2	4
Tiruchinopoly	1	0	1	2
Madurai	1	1	1	3
Tinnevely	1	1	1	3
Coimbatore	1	0	2	3
Salem	1	0	1	2
S. Canara	1	1	0	2
Malabar	1	0	2+	3
	19	11	20	50.

8. In addition to the above the 6 Districts marked x have an additional Deputy Collector doing general duty till the end

end of the year.

9. It appears on the whole
that Kurnool is exceptionally
favored and that if a
transfer is to be made it
should be from this District.
There may be grounds for
asking for an additional
man for Kurnool on account
of the Irrigation work but
this should be an addition
of special grounds.

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Memorandum for Orders

Deputy Collector for
Chingleput District

The decision come to upon
this matter in Council
on the 2nd October 1874
was that one of the
General Deputy Col-
lectors in Bangalore
should be transferred
to Chingleput at
the end of the year
up to which time
he may remain
under the sanction
already in force as
to Additional Deputy
Collectors

Q. M.
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For the Honble. Secy.

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