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8th July 1874.*

No. 44. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 2nd June 1874, No. 1,323.

Read the following letter from the Hon. D. ARBUTHNOTT, Collector of Tanjore, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Muttupettai, 10th April 1874, No. 94:—

With reference to the Proceedings of Government, dated 10th February 1874, No. 178, communicated in Board's Miscellaneous Proceedings, dated 20th idem, No. 1,136, I have the honor to state that I cannot, with any regard to the absolute wants of Tanjore, suggest a reduction in any part of its present revenue establishment, and that a retrenchment to cover the cost of the increased establishment for which I have asked, if at all deemed necessary, should take place elsewhere.

2. With regard to the actual amount of labor devolving upon the Tahsildar of Tanjore, I take leave to submit a few remarks. It is true that a large number of magisterial cases disposed of by this Tahsildar in the year 1872 consisted of municipal prosecutions and the like; but leaving out all such cases and taking the number of regular criminal cases alone into account, it must be considered what amount of labor they must have entailed upon the Tahsildar. The regular calendar cases after deducting all those falling under the head of "Nuisances" and "Municipal prosecutions" was 349; but to these must be added twenty cases committable to the Sessions Court, which undeniably constitute the most anxious as well as the most difficult part of a Magistrate's work, thus making in all 369 cases. To each of these a conscientious Magistrate must have assigned on an average at least three hours, including the taking down of the evidence and the writing of decisions with the Magistrate's own hand (which latter alone in difficult cases must take up more time), and this makes the number of hours occupied by regular magisterial cases during the year 1,107; then giving at the very lowest an hour for every five cases under the head of "Nuisances" and "Municipal prosecutions," of which there were 782, and in every one of which likewise the Magistrate must observe the strict form of a regular trial, the total amount of time which the Tahsildar had to devote to magisterial work comes to 1,263 hours, and these divided by 290, the number of working days in the year, allowing 75 days on account of Sundays and other holidays, give four hours and a half a day. If thus four hours and a half are taken up by magisterial work alone, what time has the Tahsildar left for the multifarious revenue work and inspections in a taluq of which the population is 343,791, the number of landed holdings 31,100, and the revenue Rupees 8,08,000.

3. In my report to the Board, I embodied the statistics of the year 1872; but I have since had before me those of 1873. The total number of magisterial

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cases disposed of by the Tahsildar and Sheristadar together in the year last mentioned were 2,046 thus:—

Sessions Cases in which preliminary inquiries were conducted...	13
Calendar Cases disposed of after regular trial	400
Municipal and other petty cases disposed of after trial	1,007
Cases in which complaints were dismissed for default or otherwise without trial	626
	<u>2,016</u>

In the year 1873, the Sheristadar for the first time to some extent took part in the Tahsildar's magisterial work; but, as I stated in my last letter, seeing that the work in the Account Department was suffering very seriously, I have since laid it down as a rule that the Sheristadar shall take up magisterial cases only when the Tahsildar happens to be sick or absent from the Cusbah, and when there is no Deputy Tahsildar at the Cusbah station. The number of cases however disposed by the Sheristadar was only 463, of which only 99 were regular calendar cases and none committable to the Sessions Court.

4. I see that, as observed in the Government Order, the Tahsildar sometimes disposed of twenty to thirty cases under the head of "Nuisances" and "Municipal prosecutions" in one day; but I submit this only shows how much his other work must have suffered, or if it did not suffer and the Tahsildar attended to it at the same time, how much he must have been overworked. As observed by Government the petty cases must necessarily have been troublesome and interfered with the revenue work of a large and important taluq. I see, however, that in the year 1872, there were on the whole only four days on which the Tahsildar decided more than twenty cases, and only twenty-one days on which he decided above ten to twenty cases in one day under the head above specified.

FURTHER reflection confirms the Board in their belief "that the interests of the State and the people cannot be properly attended to in the important taluqs of Tanjore and Combaconum unless the number of Sub-Magistrates and Deputy Tahsildars in those taluqs is increased."

2. The case of Tanjore is the worst and demands immediate relief. Government have permitted the Board to propose the necessary relief by a reduction of the taluq establishment in some other quarter with an equivalent transfer to the Tanjore Taluq. No such reduction seems to be possible in the Tanjore District, but there is a saving of Rupees 127 a-month in Malabar in consequence of the abolition of the Cannanore Treasury, and the Board resolve to recommend Government to transfer Rupees 89* of it to Tanjore, and authorize the appointment of a new Sub-Magistrate and Deputy Tahsildar drawing Rupees 50 a-month at Trivady, the present Trivady Sub-Magistrate being moved to Tanjore.

* Salary of the Sub-Magistrate	rs.	50
1 Gumastah	15	
1 Dufferbund	7	
2 Peons at Rs. 6 each	12	
1 Masalji	5	
Total	89	

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No. 45.

ORDER THEREON, 8th July 1874, No. 842.

Miscellaneous.

Sub-Magistrate and Deputy-Tahsildar ...	rs.	50
1 Gumastah	15	
1 Dufferbund	7	
2 Peons at 6 Rs. each	12	
1 Masalji	5	
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SANCTION is accordingly granted for the transfer of Rs. 89 per mensem from the saving caused by the abolition of the Cannanore Treasury in Malabar to Tanjore, and for the appropriation of that amount towards the appointment of a new Sub-Magistrate and Deputy-Tahsildar and office establishment in the latter district, as shown in the margin.

(Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Acting Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. W. H. French.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

J. Grode

Secretary.

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

Copy to the Collector of Malabar.

Exd. W. H. French.

Revenue Department.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

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No. 1868

From

Board of Revenue

Dated 2nd June 1874.

FOR ORDERS.

Yes. if it can be

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The increase is
unavoidable & it
is necessary to
increase the
number of Sub-Magistrates
and Deputy Tahsildars
can be found in the
1866. 9th

I agree
for

the appropriation of that
amount towards the appoint-
ment of a new Sub
Magistrate and Deputy
Tahsildar

Received by 1868-69-70
26-12-73

No. 407866.

Revenue 1874, Deputy.

Board of Revenue,

MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 2ND JUNE 1874, No. 1,326.

Disputed by 1874.

Encl.

Received P. L. 1874

JUNE.
No. 1,326.

Sub-Magistrates and Deputy Tahsildars
— in Tanjore and Combaconam Taluqs. — Col-
lector's letter, stating that proposed increase of
— cannot be met by a reduction of taluk estab-
lishment in some other quarter, submitted to
Government with recommendation that appoint-
ment of a new Sub-Magistrate and Deputy Tah-
sildar for Tanjore should be sanctioned from
savings effected by abolition of Cannanore
Treasury.

In orders

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Revenue Department.
No. 842.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 8th July 1874.

Read the following Proceedings of the
Board of Revenue

Subj. Mr. J. Lettis stating that proposed
increase of Sub Magistrates and Dy. Sub Mag.
in Tanjore & Combrum Taluqs cannot be met by
a reduction of taluk establishment in some other taluqs
and recommending that appointment of a Sub Mag.
& Dy. Sub Mag. for Tanjore should be sanctioned
from savings effected by abolition of Cannanore
Treasury

H. E. 2^d June 1874 No 1326.

Sanction is
accordingly granted for the
transfer of Rs 89 per mensem,
from the saving caused by the
abolition of the Cannanore
Treasury to Tanjore, and for
the appropriation of that
amount towards the appoint-
ment of a new Sub
Magistrate and Deputy
Sub Magistrate

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of Rs 89 per mensem from
the saving of the Cannanore
Treasury to Tanjore, and for
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ment of a new Sub
Magistrate and Deputy
Sub Magistrate

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Savings effected by abolition of Cannanore
Treasury.

In order

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11th June 1874 R 17th

Tahiti, and Office to tab-

ishment, in the latter District

as shown in the margin.

Subsidiary & By Tahitians	50
1 Gunboat	15
1 Drifter boat	7
2 Pans at 6 each	12
1 Masulji	5

Total 89

Off

Board of Revenue

Act General 17-7

Judicial Department

draft on the subject

to the effect that

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10/10/11

The Honble Mr. Robinson
 has on the 2 June
 No 1326 (Rev No 1866)
 considered it necessary
 that application should be
 made to the Govt of India
 for the transfer of funds
 from the subv. from the
 pencil with above it
 appears that such trans-
 fer can be made at
 once the amount must
 return being made to
 the Govt of India

As the Board in the
 proceedings now under con-
 sideration alluded to the
 fact that the amount

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 further reforement
 of the sub. from the
 may be for the
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1st of a new set of tables for Tanager
+ other birds etc

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