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Revenue. DEPARTMENT

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Dated 9-10-1874 ~~196~~

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| | Erode. | Pollachy. |
|---|---|---|
| The average number of Magisterial cases received for the past three calendar years, 1871 to 1873, was ... | 816 | 570 |
| Struck off the file ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 341 | 232 |
| Tried and disposed of ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 475 | 338 |
| Of which by Taluq Magistrate ... ... ... ... ... | 380 | 177 |
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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

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From [illegible]

Dated [illegible] 187[illegible].

FOR ORDERS.

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Govt. of [1874] Madras.

# REVENUE.

*To*

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

&c., &c., &c.

*Dated October 9th.*

*Read.* *Encl.*

*G. O., 9th October 1874, No. 1,236.*

## OCTOBER.

Nos. 98-99.

*Deputy Tahsildar and Sub-Magistrate stationed at Annamalay, Coimbatore District.* — Transferred the — to Perandoray.

FOR ORDERS.

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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 chuttrum, 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 Anamalay. 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, paragraphs 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. 1,749.

To the Collector of Coimbatore.

Exd. G. A. Turton.

No 1296.

The Govt agree with the Bd and sanction the proposed transfer

List from order in the Board's Proceedings

Received 30th Sept 1874 Encl

Board of Revenue, MADRAS.

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

SEPTEMBER. No. 2,675.

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

No 1296 dated 9th October 1874

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 Errode. 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 Number of Ryots | Revenue | Population | Amount of Correspondence in a year (1872) | As now Standing. | | | As proposed. | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | Clerks and Accountants. | Duties performed. | Salary. | 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 | 2,43,498 | 33,931 | Head Gumastah | Jamabandi accounts and other miscellaneous accounts | 20 | | | |
| | | | | | | 2nd do. | Treasury accounts | 20 | | | |
| | | | | | | 3rd do. | Assisting in the preparation of Jamabandi accounts, preparing cultivation accounts, Vaccination returns, auction accounts, and other miscellaneous accounts | 15 | | | |
| | | | | | | 4th do. | Magisterial correspondence | 15 | | | |
| | | | | | | 5th do. | Revenue do | 15 | | | |
| | | | | | | 6th do. | Inam transfer register, collection and contingent accounts, Local Fund and other accounts | 15 | | | |
| | | | | | | 7th do | Darkhast Register, Register of transfer of pattas, duties connected with Nadirsnamahs or relinquishments of lands | 15 | | | |
| | | | | | | 8th do. | Registering reports from villages, general register, examining mortuary registers, assisting in the Revenue correspondence, Postal work | 15 | | | |
| | | | | | | 9th do. | Income-tax accounts and Pay Abstract. | 15 | | | |
| | | | | | | | | 145 | | | |
| Errode | 210 | 76,756 | 4,16,105 | 2,32,920 | 27,112 | do. | | 145 | | | |
| Suttiamangalam | 233 | 66,768 | 3,59,210 | 1,67,423 | 26,573 | do. | | 145 | | | |
| Dharapuram | 52 | 42,838 | 3,43,752 | 2,16,993 | 13,865 | do. | | 145 | | | |
| Caroor | 91 | 55,723 | 2,82,231 | 1,76,100 | 16,297 | do. | | 145 | | | |
| Pollachy | 164 | 85,656 | 2,40,519 | 1,67,909 | 26,348 | do. | | 145 | | | |
| Oodumalpettah | 94 | 81,061 | 2,12,830 | 1,32,552 | 21,753 | do. | | 145 | | | |
| | | | | | | 9 | Duties assigned more or less as above. The charge of records is assigned to one of the Clerks in addition to other ordinary duties. | | | | |
| Palladam | 194 | 92,333 | 3,91,787 | 2,36,300 | 12,418 | But one Gumastah on 15 Rs. is doing duty under the Sub-Magistrate of Avenashy. | | | | | |
| | | | | | | 8 | do. | 130 | | | |
| Collegal | 149 | 31,409 | 1,03,176 | 91,899 | 15,316 | 8 | do. | 130 | | | |
| Bhowany | 69 | 35,107 | 1,25,265 | 1,04,669 | 14,158 | do | do. | 130 | No change is proposed. | | |

(Signed) A. WEDDERBURN,
Collector.

COIMBATORE,
8th October 1873.

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 1872.
1 Copy of Sub-Collector's letter, No. 271, of 17th December 1872.
1 Copy of letter to the District Engineer, No. 220, of 23rd December 1872.
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 selectede

* Mr. Buick's letter, No 271, of 17th December 1872.
† Letter, No. 230, of 23rd December 1872.

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.

Revenue Board's Proceedings, No. 1,960, of 22nd March 1869, and letter to Revenue Board, No. 67, of 3rd May 1872

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.

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.

1. Dharapuram.
2. Oodoomulpettah.
3. Coimbatore.
4. Pulladum.
5. Perindoray.
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 perfunctoriy 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. | | 150 |
| | 1 | 2nd do. | 25 | | | |
| | 2 | 3rd do. | 40 | | | |
| Pulladum... ... ... ... | 1 | 1st do. | 30 | Do. | | 150 |
| | 1 | 2nd do. | 25 | | | |
| | 2 | 3rd do. | 40 | | | |
| Sattimungalum.. ... ... | 1 | 1st do. | 30 | Do. | | 150 |
| | 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 |
| Oddoomulpettah... ... ... | 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. Dry. | Cultivation. Wet. | Revenue. | Number of Ryots in each Range. | Remarks as to duties of Inspectors. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | No. | Amt. | | | | | | | Rs. a. p. | | |
| Dharapuram ... | 1st Class ... ... | 30 | 1 | 6 | 28 | 15 | 17 | 223 | 109691 98 | 6122 61 | 1,30,869 4 10 | 65,197 | Making inquiries into complaints referred by Tahsildars; measuring disputed lands; inspecting monthly cultivation and sending cultivation returns; receiving Register of transfers and application for remissions; Inquiring into cases on death of Puttadars inspecting repair of roads, public chatrums, public wells, tanks and channels, cattle pounds, topes, avenues, Trigonometrical stations, etc.; sanitary arrangements, and removing prickly-pear; attaching and selling the property of Revenue defaulters; preparing accounts during Jamabundy; inspecting crops on wet lands; and attending to other orders given by Tahsildars. |
| Vellacovil ... ... | 2nd do ... ... | 25 | 1 | 6 | 17 | 11 | 16 | 175 | 76058·4 | ..... | 52,846 9 9 | 49,475 | |
| Moolanoor ... ... | 3rd do. ... ... | 20 | 1 | 6 | 18 | 18 | 9 | 203 | 95812·09 | 1633 2 | 84,208 9 1 | 50,237 | |
| Kanghiem ... | Deputy Tahsildar of Kanghiem. | 70 | 3 | 18 | 19 | 11 | 15 | 174 | 76969·89 | 197·64 | 52,957 3 10 | 52,024 | |
| | Total... | 145 | 6 | 36 | 82 | ... | ... | 775 | 358547 90 | 6958 17 | 3,20,821 13 6 | 2,16,933 | |
| Malapollien ... | 1st Class ... ... | 30 | 1 | 6 | 40 | 13 | 20 | 174 | 87830·83 | ..... | 73,618 13 4 | 45,400 | |
| Tirupoor ... ... | 2nd do. ... ... | 25 | 1 | 6 | 45 | 15 | 16 | 218 | 105555 61 | 980·51 | 92,788 1 10 | 73,263 | |
| Sonloor ... ... | 3rd do. ... ... | 20 | 1 | 6 | 42 | 10 | 20 | 189 | 92039 23 | 2946·80 | 1,10,435 4 9 | 63,157 | |
| Avenashy ... | 4th do. ... ... | 20 | 1 | 6 | 67 | 18 | 13 | 159 | 78820·63 | 970 23 | 86,795 0 4 | 54,490 | |
| | Total... | 95 | 4 | 24 | 194 | ... | ... | 740 | 364246·25 | 4997·53 | 3,63,637 3 8 | 2,36,310 | |
| Bhowany ... ... | 1st Class ... ... | 30 | 1 | 6 | 22 | 18 | 10 | 93 | 44741·74 | 420·21 | 42,961 7 3 | 29,697 | |
| Nerinjipett ... ... | 2nd do. ... ... | 25 | 1 | 6 | 25 | 20 | 45 | 315 | 38844·4 | 133 93 | 26,151 3 4 | 28,857 | |
| Andiyoor ... ... | 3rd do. ... ... | 20 | 1 | 6 | 21 | 15 | 15 | 170 | 46727·84 | 713·49 | 29,461 3 9 | 26,985 | |
| | Total... | 75 | 3 | 18 | 68 | ... | ... | 578 | 130313·63 | 1267 69 | 1,08,611 13 4 | 1,04,669 | |
| Hanoor ... ... | 1st Class ... ... | 30 | 1 | 6 | 76 | 45 | 24 | 479 | 26899 87 | 186 73 | 22,339 5 0 | 21,529 | |
| Collegal ... ... | 2nd do. ... ... | 25 | 1 | 6 | 30 | 18 | 7 | 60 | 19147 20 | 415·64 | 27,661 7 3 | 29,091 | |
| Camgarayr ... | 3rd do. ... ... | 20 | 1 | 6 | 43 | 25 | 17 | 199 | 20317·30 | 1280·13 | 23,964 3 8 | 22,918 | |
| Hamlet of Modally. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Total... | 73 | 3 | 18 | 149 | ... | ... | 738 | 66384·37 | 5622 50 | 83,964 15 11 | 73,536 | |
| Vallianal ... ... | 1st Class ... ... | 30 | 1 | 6 | 30 | 15 | 15 | 153 | 6187·2 23 | 7775·80 | 89,831 12 1 | 57,746 | |
| Nanja Pagaloor.. | 2nd do. ... ... | 25 | 1 | 6 | 17 | 14 | 8 | 76 | 31830 57 | 4115 43 | 53,183 14 0 | 33,797 | |
| Paramaty ... | 3rd do ... ... | 20 | 1 | 6 | 15 | 17 | 13 | 116 | 5574188 | ..... | 43,237 10 1 | 29,280 | |
| Aravacoorchy ... | Deputy Tahsildar. | 70 | 1 | 6 | 23 | 21 | 14 | 216 | 79135 13 | 2479· | 70,087 14 10 | 50,286 | |
| | Total... | 145 | 4 | 24 | 90 | ... | ... | 561 | 228579·45 | 14370·23 | 2,56,811 3 0 | 1,70,109 | |

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

| Taluq and Head Quarter of each Inspector. | Class of Inspectors | Pay. | Number and Pay of Peons. No. | Number and Pay of Peons. Amt. | Number of Villages. | Greatest length in miles. | Greatest breadth in miles | Area of each Range in square miles. | Cultivation. Dry. | Cultivation. Wet. | Revenue. Rs. A. P. | Number of Ryots in each Range. | Remarks as to duties of Inspectors. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Coimbatore.** | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Porour ... | 1st Class ... ... | 30 | 1 | 6 | 77 | 16 | 17 | 175 | 58863·15 | 5546·63 | 76,109 3 3 | 52,380 | |
| Agrahara ... | 2nd do. ... ... | 25 | 1 | 6 | 81 | 9 | 18 | 109 | 7720·82 | 650·03 | 78,586 2 9 | 51,313 | |
| Samacolum ... | 3rd do. ... ... | 20 | 1 | 6 | 51 | 14 | 21 | 134 | 49650 4 | 5423 26 | 81,437 9 10 | 95,093 | |
| Coimbatore ... | 4th do ... ... | 20 | 1 | 6 | 79 | 16 | 20 | 147 | 44093·46 | 1394·57 | 46,101 11 7 | 43,632 | |
| Karamadai ... | Total... | 95 | 4 | 24 | 288 | ... | ... | 625 | 229308 47 | 13016 39 | 282,784 11 5 | 242,498 | |
| **Sattimungalam.** | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sattimungalam... | 1st Class ... ... | 30 | 1 | 6 | 50 | 28 | 30 | 811 | 43358·38 | 3962 64 | 61,115 3 0 | 88,020 | |
| Badapully ... | 2nd do. ... ... | 25 | 1 | 6 | 93 | 50 | 25 | 870 | 17502 23 | 624 63 | 18,638 1 3 | 14,703 | |
| Kurumandur ... | 3rd do. ... ... | 20 | 1 | 6 | 55 | 25 | 16 | 177 | 86802.89 | 2818 98 | 1,06,242 3 9 | 65,472 | |
| Gopichettipalli-em ... ... ... | 4th do. ... ... | 20 | 1 | 6 | 86 | 10 | 8 | 108 | 47890·93 | 11305·13 | 1,32,655 8 6 | 49,228 | |
| | Total ... | 95 | 4 | 24 | 284 | ... | ... | 966 | 191555·02 | 18711·33 | 3,20,655 0 6 | 167,422 | |
| **Pollachy.** | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Anamallay ... | 1st Class ... ... | 30 | 1 | 6 | 43 | 20 | 15 | 146 | 70027· | 4775· | 71,369 6 2 | 60,062 | |
| Kanathakadroo | 2nd do. ... ... | 25 | 1 | 6 | 57 | 29 | 13 | 153 | 69501· | 174· | 64,294 3 7 | 52,993 | |
| Pollachy ... | 3rd do. ... ... | 20 | 1 | 6 | 68 | 23 | 15 | 130 | 50999 | 209· | 57,538 14 6 | 54,813 | |
| | Total... | 75 | 3 | 18 | 168 | ... | ... | 429· | 190530· | 5157· | 1,93,192 8 3 | 167,868 | |
| **Odumulpetta.** | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Odumulpetta, or Papancolum | 1st Class ... ... | 30 | 1 | 6 | 81 | 14 | 34 | 176 | 58966 96 | 5672·51 | 86,303 12 1 | 60,532 | |
| Goodimungalam. | 2nd do. ... ... | 25 | 1 | 6 | 27 | 18 | 14 | 119 | 62934·9 | ..... | 63,340 14 4 | 84,337 | |
| Valavady ... ... | 3rd do. ... ... | 20 | 1 | 6 | 31 | 14 | 23 | 69 | 38289·20 | 2190 26 | 41,062 9 4 | 27,683 | |
| | Total... | 75 | 3 | 18 | 89 | ... | ... | 364 | 155190·25 | 7862 77 | 1,90,707 8 9 | 123,552 | |
| **Perindorey.** | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Errode ... ... | 1st Class ... ... | 30 | 1 | 6 | 54 | 19 | 12 | 92 | 40904·46 | 8310·44 | 86,047 4 4 | 45,069 | |
| Oonjeloor ... ... | 2nd do. ... ... | 25 | 1 | 6 | 86 | 20 | 11 | 153 | 75885 56 | 4144 12 | 1,08,165 13 6 | 61,772 | |
| Vijiamungalam... | 3rd do. ... ... | 20 | 1 | 6 | 77 | 20 | 11 | 154 | 76472 08 | 1063·46 | 81,546 12 7 | 57,026 | |
| Perindorey ... | 4th do. ... ... | 20 | 1 | 6 | 43 | 20 | 14 | 193 | 95171·84 | 157·62 | 1,02,349 6 11 | 69,053 | |
| | Total... | 95 | 4 | 24 | 210 | ... | ... | 594 | 288233 69 | 9175·64 | 3,78,149 5 4 | 232,920 | |

(Signed) A. WEDDERBURN,
Collector.

COIMBATORE,
27th June 1873.

Rd. 3447/73.

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.

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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.

| | Revenue. | Population. |
|---|---|---|
| Pollachy..... | 2,00,000 | 133,234 |
| Perindoray... ..... | 4,00,000 | 181,003 |

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.

1869.
Board of Revenue,
MADRAS.

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

Encl.

*Received*

MARCH

No. 1,960.

*Transfer of Sub-Magistrate of Anamallay*—to Perindoray Taluk 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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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.

Letter printed with Revenue Board's Proceedings, No. 1,960, of 22nd March 1869.
Letter to Revenue Board, No. 67, of 3rd May 1872.
Do. No. 225, of 8th October 1873.
Letter in Board's Proceedings, No. 2,103, of 14th October 1873.

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. | Convicted. | Released. | Remarks. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | 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.

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. 1,950, paragraph 4.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Secretary.

To the Collector of Coimbatore.

Ead W. H. French.

1874.

Board of Revenue

MADRAS.

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

*Encl.*

*Received* [illegible]

JULY.

No. 1,740.

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

Ans B. No 99.

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*Extract from a letter from the Collector of Coimbatore to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 3rd May 1873 No. 67.—*

*Paras 1 to 6.* × × × × ×

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

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

"home for Perundoray, and moreover 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 511 cases – these are exclusive
"of the cases tried by the Sheristadar.

"That the Taluq Subordinate Establishment
"is cruelly overworked there can be no
"doubt, early and late they are at work
"with parely a moments leisure.

"I pointed out the necessity for
"appointing a Deputy Tahsildar with-
"of course his accompanying Establish-
"ment in my letter No 89 dated
"28th July 1868, but apparently to no pur-
"pose.

"Nine Gumastahs only are allowed
"for Perundoray Taluq and eight for Bhowany
"although there are 210 villages in the former
"against

*Vide my letter to Revenue Board dated 23rd February 1869 No 39 printed with Board's Proceedings No 1960 of 22nd March 1869.*

"gainst 69 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 Taluq,
"and unless the Taluq Cutcherry is removed
"to Errode, unless a Deputy Tahsildar
"is appointed, great inconvenience will
"be felt by those residing at the
"western end of the Taluq. In addition to
"the Tahsildar's legitimate Revenue
"and Magisterial work he has now
"to try the Municipal cases at Errode."

Transcript of letter No 87 of 20th July 1868.

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

"The Eastern and Southern parts
of

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

"The work in this Taluq 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 Tahsildar be invested
"with first class powers and the Sub
"Magistrate with Second class."

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

Pollachy

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10. Pollachy is a fourth rate Taluq,
its revenue is not much more than half
of Perundorai, but it has a Deputy
Tahsildar, stationed 8 miles from its cutcherry.
My opinion is that the Tahsildar is quite
competent to manage his Taluq 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.

I 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 Perundoray would save this outlay, viz Rs. 6700.

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

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

12 to 14. × × × × ×

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

(True Extract)

J. Gross
Secretary
Board of Revenue

Chief Secretary

Enclosure viii Proceedings
of the Board of Revenue
to the Sy. Secretary to Govt.
Rev: Deptt. dated 18th September
1874 No: 2675.

Rev 3447/74

Copy of paras 7 to 11 of letter
from Collector of Coimbatore
dated 3rd May 1872 No: 67 on
subject of transfers of Dy. Talrs
& Sub Magte of Annamallay &
Perundorey.

O&W 1296 / October / 74
In B No: 98.