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12th October 1874.

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No. 127. Order thereon, 12th October 1874, No. 1,306.

Miscellaneous.

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(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. H. [illegible]
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
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To the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Copy to the Collector of Chingleput.

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

Under date the 12th October 1874.

Read the following

Report and Proceedings noted in the Margin.

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By order of the Board,

(Sd.) [illegible]

Secretary.

Sd. C. Venkatesiah, Special Deputy Collector, &c.

Chingleput, 12th September 1874, No. 2577.

Sir,

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No. 2,577.

C. Venkatesiah, Special Deputy-Collector — of Chingleput District.—Report of Collector on progress made by — in connection with settlement of compensation for lands taken up for Carnatic Railway, etc., submitted to Government with Board's opinion in favor... appointment of a Deputy-Collector to district permanently.

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the Board as to the necessity of appointing a Deputy-Collector and Magistrate for permanent duty at Sydapett. 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.

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Memo. for Orders on No 3324

Pros Board of Revenue.

Submitting Collector's report on progress made by C. Venkatesiah, Special Dy. Collector of Chingleput Dt in connection with settlement of compensation for lands taken up for Carnatic Railway &c; with Board's opinion in favor of appt. of a Dy. Collector to the district permanently.

12 Sept. 1874, No 2577.

1. In these Proceedings the Board entirely concur with Mr. Barlow in his opinion that "there ought always to be at the Chingleput District an Assistant or Deputy Collector with full magisterial powers---. Experience shows that no 'full power' Assistant can be retained there long and the Board think it will be best on all accounts to attach a Deputy Collector "to the District permanently."

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

Deputy

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 Proc 11th 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 Zemindaries &c	6
		48.

4. The nine large districts were

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

Note. Kurnool and Trichinopoly were included among these "because though not very large "districts they have no Sub Collector"

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5. The five men for special duty were for

1 Nellore, Venkatagiri
1 North Arcot, Kalastry & Karvetnagger.
1 Madura, Ramnad & Sheevgunga.
1 Salem, Sheevaroys
2 Malabar, Wynad.
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6. Since then the following alterations have taken place.

(1) A General Deputy has been appointed to the Kistna District (G. O. 15 Jany 1861, No 99). As Salem has no Deputy on the Sheevaroys 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 rearrangement of salaries increased the total number of Deputies to 52.

(4) The four men thus rendered available

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

1 Madras Town
2 Tinnevelly
3 Tanjore
4 Coimbatore
} G. O. 27 June 1862, No 1368.

(5) A Special Deputy was appointed to Kurnool in 1860 originally for Irrigation and Canal Conservation 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 General duty. The special work of the Irrigation Company takes up part of the time of one of these officers.

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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

6. The result of these changes is exhibited in

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the following Statement which also shows the existing distribution.

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
Trichinopoly	1	0	1	2
Madura	1	1	1	3
Tinnevelly	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 × 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 additional hybrid on two special grounds.

Memo for Orders

Deputy Collector for Chingleput & District

In decision come to upon this matter in Council on the 2nd October 1874 was that one of the Sheristadars or Collectors in Tanjore should be transferred to Chingleput at the end of the year in order that both these Districts may remain under the sanction already in force as to Additional Deputy Collectors

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2/10/74

For the Hon'ble the Minister.

C 2nd Oct/74 R 5/10/74