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No. 179. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd May 1875, No. 1,398:—

Read the following letter from H. S. THOMAS, Esq., Collector of Tanjore, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary, to the Board of Revenue, dated Vallam, 25th March 1875, No. 131.

I AM constrained to bring again under the consideration of the Board the proposals submitted by Mr. Morris in his letter of the 27th March 1868* for a redistribution of the charges of Divisional Officers in this district.

*In Board's Proceedings, dated 8th May 1868, No. 3,134-A.

2. As the Board are aware, the general administrative and supervisory duties of the Collector render it necessary that he should be away from headquarters during the greater part of the year, and, as there is no Covenanted Assistant to be left thereat, it is at present impossible to give effect to the rules contained in the Board's Standing Order No. 278-2 (Circular No. V. of 1875), with respect to the custody of the treasury keys (Rule II.), the transfer to the Collector's chest of all excess of cash over 10,000 Rupees (Rule I.), and the presence of the Collector or his Covenanted Assistant when cash or stamps are taken out of, or put into, the Collector's chest (Rule III.).

3. Mr. Morris' proposals, above referred to, were negatived (*vide* G.O., dated 3rd July 1868, No. 1,861), on the ground that they involved the leaving of the north-east corner of the district under a Deputy Collector; but this objection is, to a great extent, removed by the extension of the railway northwards now in progress, by which the taluqs of Mayaveram and Shiyali, which constitute the north-eastern section of the district, will be within three or four hours' journey from the head-quarters of the district. Further, I would take leave to submit that of those two taluqs Shiyali is the smallest and in every respect of the least importance of all the nine, while Mayaveram is far less troublesome than most, if not all, other taluqs. Indeed, the division consisting of these two taluqs is almost nothing compared with the one made up of the two taluqs of Tanjore and Combaconum, which Mr. Morris proposed to place under the Head Assistant Collector, and it may without exaggeration be said of these two taluqs that the amount of work is equal to that of a half average district.

4. Mr. Morris' plan, however, requires a slight modification under present circumstances. It did not provide any independent charge for the Assistant Collector whom he proposed to station at Tanjore, apparently because there was at that time no passed Assistant. He accordingly proposed, with respect to the Pattukottai Taluq, which, according to his plan, could not be included in a separate division, that its revenue charge should be retained by the Collector himself and the magisterial charge added to the Deputy Collector in charge of the Mannargudi Division. There is, however, no necessity now for this somewhat inconvenient arrangement. It is undesirable to add to the present magisterial work of the officer in charge of the

Mannargudi Division, which is about as much as a Deputy Collector can undertake, and it needs little argument to show that the Collector of Tanjore cannot undertake any detail work without prejudice to general supervision.

5. I would propose, therefore, that the Assistant Collector to be located at Tanjore be placed in both revenue and magisterial charge of the adjoining taluq of Pattukottai with magisterial charge alone of the Tanjore Taluq. As the Tahsildar and two of the three Deputy Tahsildars of this last-mentioned taluq have second class powers, the Divisional Magistrate has to deal with only first class cases, which, therefore, will not contribute to make the Assistant Collector's charge very heavy. On the other hand, after what I have said with regard to the work of a division formed of the two taluqs of Tanjore and Combaconum, it is hardly necessary to add that the taking away of the first class magisterial cases of the Tanjore Taluq would go but a very little way towards lightening the work of the Head Assistant Collector, who, with this exception, is to be the officer in charge of the division thus formed.

6. Redistributed as now proposed, the several divisional charges will stand thus—

Sub-Collector.—Negapatam and Nannilam Taluqs, with Sea and Land Customs Departments, and to reside at Negapatam (as at present).

Head Assistant Collector.—Tanjore and Combaconum Taluqs, with the exception of the magisterial charge of the Tanjore Taluq, and to reside at Combaconum.

Assistant Collector.—Magisterial charge of the Tanjore Taluq, with both revenue and magisterial charge of Pattukottai, and to reside at Tanjore.

One Deputy Collector.—Mayaveram and Shiyali Taluqs, and to reside at Mayaveram as the Head Assistant Collector now does.

Another Deputy Collector.—Mannargudi and Tritrapundi Taluqs, and to reside at Mannargudi (as at present).

THE Board approve the Collector's proposals, and request the sanction of Government to their being carried into effect, in anticipation of the general report on divisional charges which the Board have been ordered to submit (G.O., dated 16th December 1874, No. 1,372).

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Acting Secretary.

No. 180. ORDER thereon, 22nd June 1875, No. 946.

Miscellaneous.

THE re-arrangement of divisional charges in the Tanjore District herein proposed does not comply with the rule laid down in paragraph 3 of G. O., 2nd December 1874, No. 2,197, to the effect that the Magistrate of the district shall invariably retain the superior charge of one taluq (that in which the chief town is situate, as a general rule, in his own hands, except when he is on tour.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
22nd June 1875.

2. The Governor in Council is not prepared to sanction any arrangement involving departure from this rule, and the Board should, therefore, call on the Collector to submit through them a revised scheme.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) A. MACGREGOR,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Ed. A. S. Rotgers.

No. 1,393.

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The Board approve the Collector's proposals, and request the sanction of Government to their being carried into effect, in anticipation of the general report on divisional charges which the Board have been ordered to submit (G.O., dated 16th December 1874, No. 1572).

(A true Copy and Extract.)

Acting Secretary.

To the Officiating Chief Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Copy to the Collector of Tanjore.

Fwd. A. S. Bellgove.

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No. 216

1876: Dt. 13th. J. 22 & 25.

Tanjore is a district of special importance and no doubt the Collector has as much as he can do with general supervision. I would not subject to his direction himself of the revenue charges of the Taluq, but he should be required to try a sufficient number of magisterial cases to enable him to satisfy himself of the working of the Police in the Taluq, & direct the best he may make use of the Deputy Collectors.

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