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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

19th April 1877, No. 975.

Divisional Charges.

Read the following paper:—

No. 107. *Proceedings of Government in the Revenue Department, dated 1st February 1877, No. 483.*

Read the following papers:—

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 27th November 1876, No. 2972.

Read the following letters:—

From the Collector of Ganjam,		dated 27th July 1875, No. 634.	
"	of do.	" 4th Sept. "	1814.
"	of do.	" 6th Dec. "	2674.
"	of Godavery,	" 12th May "	188.
"	of do.	" 22nd " "	221.
"	of Kistna,	" 21st " "	693.
"	of do.	" 10th Nov. "	1564.
"	of Nellore,	" 10th July "	1874.
"	of Cuddapah,	" 8th May "	105.
"	of Kurnool,	" 23rd Sept. "	336.
"	of do.	" 22nd Oct. "	382.
"	of Madras,	" 14th May "	118.
"	of North Arcot,	" 19th March "	253.
"	of do.	" 15th Nov. "	612.
"	of South Arcot,	" 5th June "	248.
"	of do.	" 12th " "	252.
"	of Trichinopoly,	" 31st May "	149.
"	of Madura,	" 16th June "	254.
"	of Tinnevely,	" 9th " "	307.
"	of Salem,	" 5th Aug. "	226.
"	of do.	" 9th Dec. "	380.
"	of South Canara,	" 17th Sept. "	1815.
"	Commr. of Nilgiris,	" 5th Aug. "	80.
"	Collector of Chingleput,	" 14th June "	336.
"	of "	" 28th May "	285.
"	of "	" 18th June 1876, "	347.

With reference to G.O., dated 16th December 1874, No. 1572, the Collectors of the several districts were called upon to suggest such alterations in the existing divisional charges as might be necessary to distribute the divisions between the Covenanted Officers of the superior grades and the nineteen permanent General Duty Deputy Collectors. The replies received from the districts noted in the margin were separately disposed of, and those received from the other districts are recorded above.

2. No changes are proposed by the Collectors in the districts of North Arcot, Madras, Kurnool, Trichinopoly, Madura, Tinnevely, Salem, and Nilgiris, nor do the Board think that any are called for.

- *1. Ganjam.
- 2. Godavery.
- 3. Kistna.
- 4. Nellore.

- 5. Cuddapah.
- 6. Chingleput.
- 7. South Arcot.
- 8. South Canara.

3. The Board will notice the recommendation of the Collectors in the other districts.*

4. *Ganjam.*—The existing charges are as shown below. The only alteration proposed is the transfer of the magisterial charge of the Purushottapur Sub-Magistrate from the Senior Assistant to the Collector. The Board have no objection to this arrangement. A few slight alterations are also suggested in the jurisdictions of the Sub-Magistrates, which the Board approve:—

		Revenue.	Population.	Remarks.
Collector ...	Gumsoor ...	RS.	157,960	A portion of the magisterial charge under Gumsoor is under the Senior Assistant.
	Surada, Alligada, Palur, Humma, Beredi, and Kallakoti.	Zemindari.	153,028	
	Total ..	..	310,988	
Principal Assistant Collector.	Chinnole	2,48,698	200,655	
	Proprietary estates and Zemindaris, as per statement in G.O., dated 22nd Mar. 1876.	Zemindari.	420,689	
	Total ..	..	631,344	
Senior Assistant ..	Berhampore	3,19,322	243,685	The magisterial charge of a portion of Berhampore is under Collector.
	Zemindaris as per statement in Government Order above referred to.	..	278,338	
	Total ..	..	522,023	
Special do. ...	Maliahs	..	109,127	
	..	..	..	

5. *Godavery.*—The Collector makes two alternative proposals, one to be carried out in the event of the Government being prepared to build a house for a Covenanted

Officer at Ellore, and the other otherwise. In the former case the proposals are as follow:—

Officers.	PRESENT.			PROPOSED.		
	Taluqs.	Revenue.	Population.	Taluqs.	Revenue.	Population.
Collector ...	Peddapur ..	RS. 2,35,551	111,489	Ramachandrapur ..	RS. 8,34,312	203,583
	Pittapur ..	Zemindari. 79,306	..	Cocanada ..	Zemindari. 66,844	..
	Cocanada ..	Do. 66,944	..	Coringa ..	Do. 24,916	..
	Coringa ..	Do. 24,916	..			
	Tuni ..	Do. 50,201	..			
	Total ..	..	333,150	Total ..	..	295,443
Sub-Collector ..	Rajahmundry ..	1,57,303	128,901	Ellore ..	2,19,794	136,875
	Amalapur ..	5,79,741	206,885	Ernagudem ..	1,95,217	145,715
	Ramachandrapur ..	8,34,842	203,583	Tanuku ..	6,10,189	167,491
				Bhimavaram ..	4,36,216	92,457
	Total ..	15,71,886	539,369	Total ..	14,67,416	542,538
Head Assistant Collector.	Ellore ..	2,19,794	136,875	Rajahmundry ..	1,57,303	128,901
	Tanuku ..	6,10,189	167,491	Peddapur ..	2,35,551	111,489
	Ernagudem ..	1,95,217	145,715	Pittapur ..	Zemindari. 79,306	..
				Tuni ..	Do. 50,201	..
	Total ..	10,31,200	450,081	Total ..	8,92,854	370,197
Deputy Collector ..	Narsapur ..	5,74,821	177,876	Narsapur ..	5,74,821	177,876
	Bhimavaram ..	4,36,216	92,457	Amalapur ..	5,79,741	206,885
	Total ..	10,11,037	270,333	Total ..	11,54,562	384,761

6. If the Government are not prepared to sanction a building at Ellore the Collector would add Amalapur to the charge proposed for himself and place the Sub-Collector in charge of the division proposed for the Head Assistant Collector the Ernagudem Taluq in addition, Ellore and Tanuku being left for the Head Assistant Collector. Mr. Foster does not provide for the charge of the Bhadrachellum Taluq, but the Board think that it should be entrusted to the officer who has the steamer on the Godavery. Either of these proposals if carried out will reduce the Collector's magisterial work with which he is now much burdened, and of which much comes from the upland tracts in the north of the district, but the first proposal will effect most reduction in this direction and will place the most distant part of the district in charge of the officer next in rank to the Collector. The Board think that the first proposal is the better of the two, and that a house should be built at Ellore for the Sub-Collector. If, however, this cannot be done at present, the second plan may be carried out. The Board are not aware whether the construction of a Sub-Collector's office at Rajahmundry has been commenced or not, but the Collector states that even if it is built the accommodation will not be too much for the Head Assistant Collector. An office building at Ellore is necessary, whether for Sub-Collector or Head Assistant, as the present building appears to be altogether unsuited even for the Head Assistant Collector's establishment.

7. *Kistna.*—The Collector of Kistna does not propose any change except that the taluq of Repalli should be transferred from his own division to that of the Sub-Collector. The Collector has now under his charge the taluqs of Repalli, Gudivada, and Bandar, and is overburdened with routine work; and the Sub-Collector's charge

consists at present of only three taluqs, of which one only is largely irrigated. The Repalli lies south of the Kistna, and when the river is in flood communication is difficult. The Board support the Collector's proposal. The following statement shows the present and proposed distribution of charges:—

Officers.	PRESENT.			PROPOSED.		
	Taluqs.	Revenue.	Population.	Taluqs.	Revenue.	Population.
Collector ..	Repalli ..	RS. 6,45,838	169,912	Gudivada ..	RS. 4,49,608	87,138
	Gudivada ..	4,49,508	87,138		3,10,021	164,526
	Bandar ..	3,10,021	164,526			
	Total ..	14,05,367	421,576	Total ..	7,59,529	251,863
Sub-Collector ..	Bapatla ..	5,90,405	143,629	Bapatla ..	5,90,405	143,629
	Guntur ..	4,07,008	126,997		4,07,008	126,997
	Sattenapalli ..	3,69,704	101,728		6,45,838	169,912
	Total ..	13,67,117	372,354		3,69,704	101,728
Head Assistant Collector.	Nandigama ..	2,04,247	106,452	Nandigama ..	2,04,247	106,452
	Bezawada ..	1,57,092	83,081		1,57,092	83,081
	Nuzid ..	1,08,221	107,465		1,08,221	107,465
	Vissannapett ..	20,829	55,662		20,829	55,662
General Deputy Collector.	Nursarowpet ..	3,40,535	120,619	Nursarowpet ..	3,40,535	120,619
	Palnad ..	3,31,703	120,658		3,31,703	120,658
	Vinukonda ..	1,47,204	64,508		1,47,204	64,508
	Total ..	8,19,492	305,783		8,19,492	305,783

8. Nellore.—The present distribution of the taluqs is as shown below:—

Officers.	Taluqs.	Revenue.	Population.
Collector ..	Nellore ..	RS. 3,20,805	179,769
	Gudur* ..	3,23,604	147,141
	Atmakur ..	1,61,927	103,802
	Total ..	8,06,336	430,712
Sub-Collector ..	Ongole ..	3,27,151	195,068
	Kandukur ..	2,86,834	138,375
	Kanigiri ..	69,442	127,258
	Darsi Division ..	Zemindari.	73,139
Head Assistant Collector ..	Podile do. ..	Do.	62,934
	Total ..	6,83,427	596,774
General Deputy Collector ..	Kavali ..	1,72,639	81,336
	Udayagiri ..	67,196	100,985
	Total ..	2,39,835	182,321
General Deputy Collector ..	Rapur ..	1,32,003	63,885
	Venkatagiri ..	Zemindari.	52,258
	Palur Division ..	Do.	50,861
	Total ..		167,004

* Magisterial charge is under Deputy Collector.

9. The Collector considers that the Head Assistant's charge is too light and accordingly proposes to add to it the revenue and magisterial charge of Atmakur and the magisterial charge of Nellore, both of which are now under the Collector. Even with this addition he considers the Head Assistant will not be overworked, while the change will relieve the Collector, who will still have the revenue charge of Nellore and Gudur. He is averse to any magisterial charge being assigned to the Collector, but, with reference to the Orders of

G.O., dated 13th November 1874, No. 2113.
" " 2nd December " " 2197.

Government noted in the margin, proposes to take up the magisterial charge of Rapur,

of which the revenue charge should continue under the Deputy Collector. No further changes are recommended. The Board consider that instead of the magisterial charge of Gudur, the revenue of which is under the Collector, being given to the Deputy Collector, and that of the Rapur taken by the Collector, it would be preferable that the Collector should take up the magisterial as well as the revenue charge of Gudur. If that is considered too heavy, the only magisterial charges which can be assigned to him are the Rapur Taluq as proposed, or a portion of the Nellore Taluq, which is divided by the river Pennair. It is important that he should retain the revenue charge of Gudur, so that the whole of the ancient irrigation may be under his own management. The Board have no objection to the Collector's other proposals.

10. Cuddapah.—The Collector proposes, in view to reducing his own work and giving to Proddatur, which is next in importance to Cuddapah, a European resident Magistrate, to transfer the taluq of Pulivendala from his charge to that of the Head Assistant Collector, who should be stationed at Proddatur in charge of Pulivendala and of the taluqs* now under the Deputy Collector, transferring to the Deputy Collector the taluqs of Budwall, Sidhout, and Pullampet, now under the Head Assistant Collector. The Deputy Collector's office could be accommodated in the new Taluq Cutcherry under construction at Sidhout, but a house and office would have to be built for the Head Assistant at Proddatur. This officer is now supposed to be quartered at Wontimitta, where there is no office, and which is an insignificant place. The only objection to this arrangement is stated to be that the work in connection with the Irrigation Canal Company, a great deal of which is in vernacular, and which can consequently be more easily performed by a Native Deputy Collector, will fall on the Head Assistant Collector. The Board do not attach much importance to the objection, as the Head Assistant Collector has a suitable establishment, &c., and they support the Collector's recommendations.

* Proddatur.
Jammulamadugu.

11. The present and proposed changes are as shown below:—

Officers.	PRESENT.			PROPOSED.		
	Taluqs.	Revenue.	Population.	Taluqs.	Revenue.	Population.
Collector	Cuddapah..	RS.		Cuddapah..	RS.	
	Pulivendla ..	2,35,064	163,013		2,35,064	163,013
	Total ..	1,72,856	110,405			
Sub-Collector ..	Total ..	4,07,919	273,418			
	Royachota ..	1,59,013	129,163	Royachota ..	1,59,013	129,163
	Kadri ..	1,55,790	140,948	Kadri ..	1,55,790	140,948
	Voilpand ..	1,91,157	145,591	Voilpand ..	1,91,157	145,591
	Madanapalli ..	2,10,648	155,468	Madanapalli ..	2,10,648	155,468
Head Assistant Collector.	Total ..	7,16,578	550,169	Total ..	7,16,578	550,169
	Badwail ..	1,33,389	93,051	Jammulamadugu ..	2,03,116	109,966
	Sidhout ..	1,17,940	76,667	Proddatur ..	1,89,005	102,744
	Pullumpett ..	2,06,424	145,180	Pulivendla ..	1,72,856	110,405
	Total ..	4,52,753	314,898	Total ..	5,64,975	323,114
Deputy Collector ..	Jammulamadugu ..	2,03,116	109,966	Badwail ..	1,33,389	93,051
	Proddatur ..	1,89,005	102,744	Sidhout ..	1,17,940	76,667
	Total ..	3,92,121	212,709	Pullumpett ..	2,06,424	145,180
	Total ..	4,52,753	314,898	Total ..	4,52,753	314,898

12. *Chingleput*.—It is proposed that Sydapet and Ponneri, now under the Collector, be placed in charge of the Deputy Collector newly sanctioned, his headquarters being Sydapet. The Board have no objection to the arrangement. The Collector will retain charge of Trivellore.

13. *South Arcot*.—The Collector states that the Head Assistant Collector is now worked harder than the Sub-Collector, considering the establishments assigned to the two officers, and, in view to affording him relief and making the Deputy Collector's range more compact than at present, recommends the following arrangements:—

Officers.	PRESENT.			PROPOSED.		
	Taluqs.	Revenue.	Population.	Taluqs.	Revenue.	Population.
Collector	Cuddalore..	RS.		Cuddalore..	RS.	
	Virdachellum ..	4,04,793	284,849		4,04,793	284,849
	Chedambaram ..	3,37,577	178,604	Tirunamalai ..	2,98,648	164,657
Sub-Collector ..	Kallakurichi ..	6,70,712	239,133	Tindivanam ..	5,58,795	232,754
	Total ..	3,24,441	196,566	Villapuram ..	4,70,541	236,108
	Total ..	13,32,730	614,263	Total ..	13,22,987	630,519
Head Assistant Collector.	Tindivanam ..	5,58,795	232,754	Virdachellum ..	3,37,577	178,604
	Villapuram ..	4,70,541	236,108	Chedambaram ..	6,70,712	239,133
	Total ..	10,29,336	475,862	Total ..	10,08,289	417,637
Deputy Collector ..	Tricalore ..	4,02,020	216,246	Tricalore ..	4,02,020	216,246
	Tirunamalai ..	2,98,648	164,657	Kallakurichi ..	3,24,441	196,566
	Total ..	7,00,668	380,903	Total ..	7,26,461	412,812

14. The Sub-Collector's head-quarters would be at Tindivanam, which is now a Railway station, and the Head Assistant Collector's at Virdachellum. The arrangement, which is approved, does not involve the necessity of building any new offices.

15. *South Canara*.—The district has neither a Sub-Collector nor a Deputy Collector. Of the five taluqs in the district, two* are in the charge of the Head Assistant, two† under the Collector, and one‡ under the Assistant Collector. The Collector proposes to increase the Head Assistant Collector's division by the addition to it of the Mangalore Taluq, excluding the magisterial charge of the town of Mangalore. The Board support the Collector's recommendation. The Collector states that, although under the present orders Assistant Collectors are not to have separate divisions, still for the sake of convenience of business and supervision the notification of Government constituting the Kasserode Taluq the Assistant Magistrate's charge should be left uncanceled; and he hopes that the Government will always find it possible to maintain an Assistant Collector with full powers in the district, and also to attach a Junior Assistant, so that the latter may learn the peculiarities of the district and be able to take charge of the taluq when the Senior Assistant takes leave or goes on promotion. The Board think that South Canara is entitled to the services of a fully-qualified Assistant Collector permanently.

16. The area, population, and revenue of the taluqs in all the districts are shown in the statements submitted with Board's Proceedings, dated 3rd March 1876, No. 1928, printed in G.O., dated 22nd March 1876, No. 404. A revised statement showing the distribution of the divisional charges will be submitted on the receipt of the orders of Government on these proposals.

(True Extract.)

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

Official Memorandum from the Acting Sub-Secretary to the Board of Revenue, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Madras, 22nd December 1876, No. 2163.

With reference to official memorandum from the Revenue Secretary to Government, dated 15th December 1876, No. 209, the undersigned is directed to submit the following remarks on the several points noticed in the memorandum on Board's Proceedings, dated 27th November 1876, relative to the proposed redistribution of divisional charges which accompanied the communication under reply.

Madura.—The arrangement suggested by the Revenue Secretary to Government is open to the objection that the inhabitants of the Terumangalam Taluq will be put to great inconvenience if compelled to resort to a Divisional Officer stationed at Ramnad, distant some sixty miles from Terumangalam as the crow flies, especially as the state of the communications through the Ramnad Estate is believed to be unsatisfactory. The Head Assistant's station (Ramnad) would be at the extreme edge of the division. The Head Assistant's division is at present compact, and his station central, and it seems desirable that both the large Zemindaris should be under one officer. There are

large numbers of rent suits. The Collector's division can be rendered more compact by the following arrangement, which the Board prefer:—

	Area.	Population.	Land-revenue.
Collector { Melur	514	128,983	RS. 2,53,247
{ Madura	446	231,418	3,17,851
	960	360,401	5,71,098
Deputy Collector.. { Periacolam ..	1,200	217,418	2,65,063
{ Terumangalam..	618	241,215	3,69,192
Head-quarters, Periacolam. . .	1,818	458,633	6,34,255

Tinnevely.—Tuticorin is no doubt the proper place for the Sub-Collector, but the configuration of the district renders it most difficult to rearrange present charges. The Board understand that the present Acting Collector would like to see the Otapidaram Taluq amalgamated with that portion of Tenkarai north of the Tambrapurni River. This would solve the difficulty by furnishing the Deputy Collector with a sufficient range in Nanguneri and Tenkarai south of the river. The Sub-Collector could then be stationed at Tuticorin with the new taluq (Sattur) and Strivelliputtur, leaving Tenkasi and Ambasamudram for the Head Assistant, and Tinnevely and Sankaranainarkovil for the Collector.

Godavery.—Ellore was proposed as the head quarters of the Sub-Collector, because it is a populous town with a rather unruly set of inhabitants, requiring an officer of some standing to deal with them; more especially as it is remote from the district head-quarters at Cocanada. The Board are still of opinion that (putting Bhadrachallam and Rekapalli out of the question) the proposed change was expedient; but, if the Government see any valid objection to the removal of the Sub-Collector from Rajahmundry, the best redistribution of charges appears to be the following:—

Collector	...	...	...	Cocanada.
				Coringa.
				Pittapur.
				Ramachendrapur.
Sub-Collector	...	...	...	Rajahmundry.
				Bhadrachallam and Rekapalli.
				Peddapur.
				Tuni.
Head Assistant	...	...	...	Ellore.
				Yernagudem.
				Tanuku.
				Amalapur.
Deputy Collector	...	...	...	Bhecmaveram.
				Narsapur.

The new Bhadrachallam Taluq, in consideration of its remote position, should be made the charge of a separate Covenanted Officer with full magisterial powers, but, if this cannot be arranged, it must be added to the charge of the Sub-Collector.

Nellore.—Atmakur should be the head-quarters of the Head Assistant, instead of Udayagiri, as suggested.

Chingleput.—The Collector should retain charge of Sydapet instead of Trivellore. The work of the former taluq is heavy, but with the aid of a passed Assistant he could manage it.

(By order.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Acting Sub-Secretary.

The proposals made by the Board have been carefully considered together with their subsequent demi-official memorandum. It is observed that the divisional charges in five districts—Vizagapatam, Bellary, Tanjore, Coimbatore, Malabar—have been settled already; and the present revisions made in Ganjam, Kistna, Nellore, Cuddapah, and South Arcot are approved and sanctioned. Further, the Government agree with the Board that no change is required in North Arcot, Madras Town, Kurnool, Trichinopoly, Salem, and the Nilgiris.

2. Thus sixteen districts are disposed of: it remains to pass orders in the case of the remaining five.

(1.) *Madura.*—The Collector will have the Madura and Melur Taluqs; the Deputy Collector, Terumangalam and Periacolam; the Sub-Collector and Head Assistant will remain as they are.

(2.) *Tinnevely.*—The Tenkarai Taluq, so far as it lies north of the Tambrapurni River, will be added to the present Otapidaram Taluq. The reduced Tenkarai Taluq with Nanguneri will form the Deputy Collector's charge. The Sub-Collector will be moved from Shermadevi to the important town of Tuticorin, having for his charge the enlarged taluq of Otapidaram, (2) Sattur, (3) Strivelliputtur. The Head Assistant will have his head-quarters at Shermadevi with the Tenkasi and Ambasamudram Taluqs. The Collector of the district will retain the Tinnevely and Sankaranainarkovil Taluqs, as at present.

(3.) *Godavari.*—The Collector will have the Cocanada and Coringa Sub-division; Pittapur and the Ramachandrapur Taluq. Amalapur will be added to the Deputy Collector's present charge. There will be no exchange of head-quarters between the Sub-Collector now at Rajahmundry and the Head Assistant at Ellore. The Sub-Collector will have Rajahmundry, Peddapur, Tuni, and the two taluqs—Bhadrachallam and Rakapulli—recently transferred from the Central Provinces. The Head Assistant will have the Ellore, Tanuku, and Yernagudem Taluqs.

(4.) *Chingleput.*—The Collector will take Sydapet, the taluq in which he resides. The Deputy Collector will be quartered at Trivellore, with charge of the Trivellore and Ponneri Taluqs.

(5.) *South Canara.*—The Collector will keep in his own hands the taluq in which his head-quarter station, Mangalore, is situated.

3. The head-quarters of the Head Assistant, Nellore, should be fixed at Atmakur, where a house is sanctioned for him.

4. The Government wish to have maps lithographed showing the districts with their divisional charges as they will hereafter stand. The railways and chief roads

should be marked, together with the sea-ports, salt-stations, principal irrigation works, and considerable towns and marts; scale eight miles to an inch.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Secretary to Government.

No. 108.

ORDER THEREON, 19th April 1877, No. 975.

Communicated to the several District Magistrates with reference to Section 49 of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

2. If the changes approved in the Revenue Department involve magisterial changes which are beyond the competence of the District Magistrates under the above-mentioned section, the District Magistrates concerned will make the necessary application for the special orders of Government in the Judicial Department.

(True Extract.)

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