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Read the following:—

No. 343. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 29th June 1875, No. 1,790.

From H. S. THOMAS, Esq., Collector of Tanjore, to H. E. STOKES, Esq.,
Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Tritrapundi Taluq, 4th June
1875, No. 202.

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lector at Tanjore so long as there is one with full Magisterial powers, and when there
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exceptional district in which the work is so heavy that the staff cannot afford to be weakened by redistribution for the special end in view.

3. In order to sketch my view of the position, the following officers may be struck out of the district staff as not affecting the consideration of redistribution:—

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There remain—

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4. Of these, the Sub-Collector is presumedly the officer of most experience and reliability, and as such cannot be moved from his present post, which, as already shown, involves a charge as heavy as the whole of the Trichinopoly District, besides all the ports with the trade and shipping interests and community and difficulties involved therein. On this last ground alone an experienced officer and a European is required at Negapatam.

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Assistant Collector or Deputy Collector would be necessary for Combaconum. In that stronghold of caste a European Covenanted Officer would be preferable.

9. If any change is to be made in the distribution of the district staff, this is the slight strengthening that it should have. But if it cannot be thus strengthened, I submit that it would be highly inadvisable to weaken it by redistribution and that it is imperative that Tanjore should be considered an exceptional district which it is not practicable at present to bring into conformity with the general rule laid down for other districts, that to do so would be to sacrifice the general administration of the province to the single end in view.

10. In brief, then, my proposal is that whenever Government is in a position to add a young Assistant to the district staff, the Tanjore Deputy Collector should be relieved for so long of the Pattukottai part of his onerous charge, by its being assigned to the young Assistant, who could then live at Tanjore and do the desired Treasury work, and that whenever Government is not in a position to post such a junior officer to the district, the now-existing arrangements should stand. We should then have no confusion in the absence of a Junior Assistant, and none again on the promotion of the Assistant at Combaconum, for we should have on the spot a young officer more or less trained and ready to take his place by dropping the Pattukottai Taluq, and it should be remembered that the Combaconum Taluq is too heavy to throw a young officer into as his first charge.

11. These then are my proposals, and I am emboldened to submit them not only by the strong necessity of the case, but also by observing that Government itself seems to contemplate that the rule which it has laid down is only a general one, which may have to give place to exceptional circumstances like the above. If, however, the Board and Government should be of opinion that sufficient cause for exceptional treatment has not been shown, then I have only reluctantly to submit for choice the three following arrangements, of which the first is in my view the least objectionable and the last the most so, and made only in deference to the demands of Government, as but a little more undesirable than the one already negatived.

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The Sub-Collector—Combaconum.

Mayaveram.

Sheally, residing at Mayaveram and having the new rail running right through his three taluqs.

The Head Assistant—Negapatam.

Nannilam.

Sea Customs, residing at Negapatam.

The Assistant Collector—Pattukottai, residing at Tanjore and doing Treasury work.

The Deputy Collector—Tanjore.

The recommendation for this arrangement is that the officer in the district who can least afford to have more work thrown on him is the Collector. The ones that can best afford it are the Sub and Head Assistant Collectors, who have also the strongest offices. The Assistant is not unfrequently a junior requiring a light charge, and Pattukottai is near to Tanjore with its Treasury. When disengaged he can help the Collector. When sick or absent the Tanjore Deputy Collector can do his work in addition to his own.

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The Collector—Pattukottai.

The Sub-Collector—Negapatam.

Nannilam.

Sea Customs, as now.

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Sheally, as now.

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Redistribution Arrangement No. 3.

The one submitted by Mr. Cameron in his letter, No. 4,611, dated 1st October 1875, from this office.

G. O., 16th Dec. 1874, No. 1,572.

" 22nd June 1875, " 946.

Board's Procs., 29th June 1875, No. 1,790.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government with reference to the correspondence noted in the margin.

2. In 1868 the Collector, Mr. Morris, proposed certain changes in the divisional charges of the district in view chiefly to a European officer of standing and experience being stationed at Combaconum where he proposed to place the Head Assistant Collector and station a Deputy Collector at Mayaveram. Government declined to sanction the proposal as it involved the placing of the north-east corner of the district in charge of a Deputy Collector where for many years there had always been a European officer. G. O., 3rd July 1868, No. 1,861.

3. In 1875 Mr. Thomas again submitted the matter for consideration, pointing out, in advertence to the grounds on which Government had declined to sanction the proposal, that the extension of the Railway had altered circumstances, and suggesting that Mr. Morris' proposal slightly modified should be adopted. Government refused to sanction the arrangement, as it did not comply with the rule that the Magistrate of the district shall invariably retain the superior charge of the taluq in which the chief town is situate. The Collector was accordingly required to submit a revised scheme. G. O., dated 22nd June 1875, No. 946.

4. Meanwhile in reference to G. O., dated 16th December 1874, No. 1,572, he submitted another scheme which, though open to the same objection, the Board approved and recommended for adoption. Board's Proceedings, dated 29th June 1875, No. 1,790.

5. In reply to a further call of the Board, with reference to G. O., dated 22nd June 1875, No. 946, Mr. Cameron, who was then in charge of the district, submitted a scheme providing for the retention by the Collector of the Magisterial charge of the Tanjore Taluq, but in other respects identical with the one recommended in Board's Proceedings, dated 29th June 1875. The matter was allowed to lie over until the return of Mr. Thomas.

6. In his letter above recorded, Mr. Thomas points out that as the staff is small compared with the heavy work of the district, it is difficult to effect a satisfactory

redistribution of divisional charges, and remarks that to require the Collector to undertake the charge of the Tanjore Taluq is to throw on him an extra amount of work heavier than the whole charge of the Head Assistant Collector in addition to duties which are more onerous than those of any other Collector. He also observes that with one temporary exception none of his predecessors ever held the extra charge of a taluq. He therefore proposes that when Government are able to add a young Assistant Collector to the staff of the district, the Tanjore Deputy Collector should for the time be relieved of the Pattukottai Taluq which should be assigned to the Assistant, and that when no Junior Assistant is available for the district, existing arrangements should be allowed to stand. He submits that circumstances are such as to require that in respect of the Tanjore District an exception should be made to the rule requiring the Collector to retain charge of a taluq, but in case it is finally decided otherwise, he reluctantly submits three alternative proposals for the redistribution of divisional charges.

7. The Board observe that of the various schemes proposed that submitted by Mr. Cameron is the only one that meets the views of Government. They are of opinion, however, that for the reasons stated by the Collector, an exception to the rule which requires the Collector to retain the exclusive charge of a taluq should be made as regards the Tanjore District. They accordingly suggest that the scheme recommended in their Proceedings, dated 29th June 1875, No. 1,796, be sanctioned.

The arrangement will then be as follows:—

Sub-Collector—Negapatam and Nannilam Taluqs, residing at Negapatam.

Head Assistant Collector—Tanjore and Combaconum Taluqs, residing at Combaconum.

Assistant Collector—Pattukottai Taluq, residing at Tanjore.

One Deputy Collector—Mayaveram and Sheally Taluqs, residing at Mayaveram.

Another Deputy Collector—Mannargudi and Tritrapundi Taluqs, residing at Mannargudi.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

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

No. 345.

ORDER THEREON, 29th February 1876, No. 299.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government consider that the Collector of Tanjore should be relieved of the immediate charge of the Tanjore

Taluq as an exceptional case, and sanction the Board's proposals for the re-distribution of the divisional charges.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue,
,, the Accountant General.

Exd. W. J. Lewis.

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G.O. 29th February 1876, No. 299.

REVENUE
FEBRUARY.
Nos. 343-345.

Divisional changes of Tanjore District.—Considering that the Collector should be relieved of the immediate charge of the Tanjore Taluq as an exceptional case, and sanctioning the proposals of the Board of Revenue for the re-distribution of the

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H. E. Stokes
Acting Secretary.

To the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with two enclosures, to be returned.
Copy to the Collector of Tanjore.

Exd. T. O'Connot.

No. 2,934.

THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 22nd October 1875.

Letter from J. CAMERON, Esq., Sub-Collector, in charge of the
Tanjore, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the
Board, dated 1st October 1875, No. 4,611:—

In the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 7th September
1875, the honor to submit the following revised scheme regarding
the division charges of this district in obedience to G.O., dated
22nd October 1875, No. 4,611:—

The scheme proposed in Mr. Thomas' scheme is that the magisterial
charge be retained by the Collector in order that the require-
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await Mr. Thomas' remarks on these proposals.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

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BOARD of REVENUE,
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PROCEEDINGS, 29th JUNE 1875, No. 1,790.

24th July 1875

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JUNE.
No. 1,790.

Revenue Divisions of Tanjore District.—
Letter from Collector making certain proposals
in connection with the re-distribution of—
submitted to Government with remark, that
these proposals commend themselves to Board.

10th June 1875

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 2632 & 740.

From

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Dated 29 June 1876.

FOR ORDERS.

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 Charge of the Tanjore District,
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Board of Revenue,
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PROCEEDINGS, 22ND OCTOBER 1875, No. 2,934.

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OCTOBER.
 No. 2,934.

Divisional Charges--of Tanjore District.--
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FOR ORDERS.

*Divisional charge
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For redistribution of —

2029-4 February 1876

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The Tanjore Deputy Collector—Combaconum.

The reason for this arrangement, that if the Collector must have a taluq he should at least have a light one as near as possible to his head-quarters. In other taluqs the charges stand as at present with the one exception of the Tanjore Deputy Collector and Assistant Collector being interchanged so as to bring the latter into Treasury work.

Redistribution Arrangement No. 3.

The one submitted by Mr. Cameron in his letter, No. 4,611, dated 1st October 1875, from this office.

G. O., 16th December 1874, No. 1,572.

" 22nd June 1875, 946.

Board's Proc., 29th June 1875, No. 1,790.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government, with reference to the correspondence noted in the margin.

2. In 1868 the Collector, Mr. Morris, proposed certain changes in the divisional charges of the district in view chiefly to a European officer of standing and experience being stationed at Combaconum where he proposed to place the Head Assistant Collector and station a Deputy Collector at Mayaveram. Government declined to sanction the proposal as it involved the placing of the north-east corner of the district in charge of a Deputy Collector where for many years there had always been a European officer. G. O., 3rd July 1868, No. 1,861.

8. In 1875 Mr. Thomas again submitted the matter for consideration, pointing out, in advertence to the grounds on which Government had declined to sanction the proposal, that the extension of the Railway had altered circumstances, and suggesting that Mr. Morris' proposal slightly modified should be adopted. Government refused to sanction the arrangement, as it did not comply with the rule that the Magistrate of the district shall invariably retain the superior charge of the taluq in which the chief town is situate. The Collector was accordingly required to submit a revised scheme. G. O., dated 22nd June 1875, No. 946.

4. Meanwhile in reference to G. O., dated 16th December 1874, No. 1,572, he submitted another scheme which, though open to the same objection, the Board approved and recommended for adoption. Board's Proceedings, dated 29th June 1875, No. 1,790.

5. In reply to a further call of the Board, with reference to G. O., dated 22nd June 1875, No. 946, Mr. Cameron, who was then in charge of the district, submitted a scheme providing for the retention by the Collector of the Magisterial charge of the Tanjore Taluq, but in other respects identical with the one recommended in Board's Proceedings, dated 29th June 1875. The matter was allowed to lie over until the return of Mr. Thomas.

6. In his letter above recorded, Mr. Thomas points out that as the staff is small compared with the heavy work of the district, it is difficult to effect a satisfactory redistribution of divisional charges, and remarks that to require the Collector to undertake the charge of the Tanjore Taluq is to throw on him an extra amount of work heavier than the whole charge of the Head Assistant Collector in addition to duties which are more onerous than those of any other Collector. He also observes that with one temporary exception none of his predecessors ever held the extra charge of a taluq. He therefore proposes that when Government are able to add a young Assistant Collector to the staff of the district, the Tanjore Deputy Collector should for the time be relieved of the Pattukotai Taluq which should be assigned to the Assistant, and that when no Junior Assistant is available for the district, existing arrangements should be allowed to stand. He submits that circumstances are such as to require that in respect of the Tanjore District an exception should be made to the rule requiring the Collector to retain charge of a taluq, but in case it is finally decided otherwise, he reluctantly submits three alternative proposals for the redistribution of divisional charges.

7. The Board observe that of the various schemes proposed that submitted by Mr. Cameron is the only one that meets the views of Government. They are of opinion, however, that for the reasons stated by the Collector, an exception to the rule which requires the Collector to retain the exclusive charge of a taluq should be made as regards the Tanjore District. They accordingly suggest that the scheme recommended in their Proceedings, dated 29th June 1875, No. 1,790, be sanctioned.

The arrangement will then be as follows:—

Sub-Collector—Negapatam and Nannilam Taluqs, residing at Negapatam.

Head Assistant Collector—Tanjore and Combaconum Taluqs, residing at Combaconum.

Assistant Collector—Pattukotai Taluq, residing at Tanjore.

One Deputy Collector—Mayaveram and Sheally Taluqs, residing at Mayaveram.

Another Deputy Collector—Manargudi and Tritrapundi Taluqs, residing at Manargudi.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,

with copy of Board's Proceedings, dated 22nd October 1875, No. 2,934.

Copy to the Collector of Tanjore.

Ed. W. J. Lewis.

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Wm. Baker