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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

28th April 1879, No. 928.

No. 392. READ THE FOLLOWING PAPER :—

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 31st March 1879, No. 833.

Read the following letter from A. McC. WEBSTER, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to J. STURROCK, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Coimbatore, 7th March 1879, No. 36 :—

WITH reference to Proceedings of Board, dated 20th January 1879, No. 164, I have the honor to forward a copy of a letter from the Sub-Collector with reference to my proposal to transfer the Bhavani Taluk to the Sub-Division. Mr. McWatters, the Board will notice, is in favor of the transfer.

2. Bhavani, the cusbah of the taluk, is only 8 miles from Erode, the head-quarters of the Sub-Collector. The Erode Taluk moreover extends to within a quarter of a mile of Bhavani from which it is only separated by the river. On the ground of accessibility from the Division Officer's head-quarters, the transfer of the taluk to the sub-division is advisable. Mr. McWatters states that he thought the transfer of the taluk to the Northern Division was only to be temporary during the famine, and he agreed to it because his then head-quarters (Kangayam) was at some distance, but that the case is now altered.

3. As regards the relative amount of work in the two divisions, Mr. Macgregor, the Deputy Collector of the Northern Division, in paragraph 8 of his letter to the Collector, dated 22nd January 1876, No. 5, (*vide* Board's Proceedings of 18th May 1876, No. 1,302), states that the Sub-Collector was overworked while he had only three hours' work a day. I think Mr. Macgregor must have been mistaken in his estimate of the amount of work in the sub-division. Mr. McWatters did not and does not now allude to it—and I have been Sub-Collector for some time; indeed when I was Sub-Collector I had charge of the Satyamangalam and Collegal Taluks in addition to the taluks of Karur, Dharapuram, and Udumalpetai which then formed the sub-division, and I was not oppressed with work. Moreover the Sub-Collector has a much larger office than a General Duty Deputy Collector. It does not however seem necessary to discuss this question further, as the Sub-Collector has not raised any objection to the transfer on that account. I only allude to it because it seems to have formed one of the grounds for attaching Bhavani to the Northern Division.

4. As regards the amount of work the Deputy Collector has, I have just completed the settlement of the Satyamangalam Taluk. Of Collegal I cannot speak from recent experience, but as regards Satyamangalam alone I should say there was enough work, if done thoroughly, to occupy the Division Officer for a considerably longer time than three hours he mentions.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From G. McWATTERS, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector of Coimbatore, to A. McC. WEBSTER, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, dated Erode, 28th January 1879, No. 29.

WITH reference to your endorsement No. 91, of 22nd instant, on the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 20th January 1879, No. 164, I have the honor to state that I think that the Bhavani Taluk should be added again to the sub-division, now that the Sub-Collector's head-quarters are at Erode.

I was under the impression that it was to be placed under the Sub-Collector on the termination of the famine; but I cannot find the Board's Proceedings on the subject.

With Kangayam as head-quarters the northern portion of Bhavani was out of the way and not likely to be visited often, and I agreed in consequence when asked by Mr. Macgregor in 1876 that the Bhavani Taluk should be made over to the Northern Division Deputy Collector.

The change in the head-quarters alters matters.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) A. McC. WEBSTER,
Collector.

SUBMITTED to Government in continuation of Board's Proceedings, No. 164, of the 20th January 1879. The Board support the Collector's proposal to transfer the Bhavani Taluk from the Deputy Collector's Division to that of the Sub-Collector.

2. Early orders are requested.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) J. STURROCK,
Acting Secretary.

No. 393.

ORDER THEREON, 28th April 1879, No. 928.

Miscellaneous.

THE retransfer of the Bhavani Taluk from the Deputy Collector's Division to that of the Sub-Collector is approved and sanctioned.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. H. GARSTIN,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Judicial Department.

Exd. A. F. Goodall.

No. 1,302.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 18th May 1876.

Read the following letter from A. M. MACGREGOR, Esq., Deputy Collector and Magistrate, Northern Division, to A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., Collector and Magistrate of Coimbatore, dated Gopichettypolliem, 22nd January 1876, No. 5 :—

I FIND the work in this division so slight, that I must beg your kind consideration and support for the following proposal to extend my division.

2. I propose that the Bhowany Taluq be given to me in addition to the two taluqs of Suttiamungalam and Collegal at present comprizing my division.

3. A glance at the map will, I think, show the advisability of my suggestion.

4. It borders through its entire length on the Suttiamungalam Taluq and the northern extremity adjoins Collegal.

5. Bhowany Taluq is, in fact, a long, narrow, triangular strip bounded on two sides by my division, and on the remaining side by the Cauvery river. I may, therefore, say that it runs into my division and directly away from the sub-division.

6. If I take a tour in Collegal, I must go through Bhowany Taluq to return to Suttiamungalam. It may be said that Bhowany is close to Erode, so the cusbah town is, but the map will show that Suttiamungalam, or as is now proposed for the taluq cusbah, Gopichettypolliem, is far nearer and more centrally situated for the division office than Erode. Roads have also been made running through and through Bhowany Taluq to Suttiamungalam and Gopichettypolliem.

7. According to the former arrangement when there were two Deputy Collectors for this district, the then division of taluqs was the only feasible one ; but now that one Deputy Collector has been taken away, the whole of the extra work has devolved on the Sub and Head Assistant Collectors.

8. Take, for instance, the Sub-Collector ; he has Dharapuram, Caroor, Erode, and Bhowany. The three former taluqs are large, important, and heavily worked, whereas Suttiamungalam and Collegal are three parts jungle, and on an average I have not more than three hours' work daily ; whereas the Sub-Collector is over-worked by the present arrangement, and I know, for he has given me permission to say so, that he considers that Bhowany, if only on account of its position, should be incorporated in my division, and I feel confident that, after considering the matter, you will agree with the Sub-Collector and myself on this subject.

9. I enclose statements showing the work, Revenue and Magisterial, in this division during the past year, and I think, if you will kindly compare my work with the Sub-Collector's and Head Assistant's, you will, after allowing for the greater importance of their positions, consider that I am not allowed a fair share of work.

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10. Perhaps, it may be said that a Deputy Collector cannot have charge of more than two taluqs, but this rule is not adhered to in other districts, notably Bellary; and as the number of officers in this district has now been reduced, and that reduction has had a trial during the last twelve months, I think the alteration proposed may be fairly conceded.

11. I may mention, with reference to the Magisterial work, that I transferred four cases from the Taluq Magistrate and disposed of them, besides committing three cases to the Sessions. It is impossible to take up cases from Collegal on account of the distance, besides which that Taluq Magistrate has little or nothing to do and the Suttiamungalam Taluq Magistrate has light work. I took up these cases therefore merely to give myself occupation.

12. My division extends over a considerable area, but it must be remembered that certainly half of it is jungle.

13. I am afraid I have written somewhat lengthily, but I thought it best to clearly state my reasons for asking for this change, and I trust I have satisfactorily shown you cause to support my proposal.

No. 86.

LETTER No. 5 of Deputy Collector, Northern Division, dated 22nd January 1876, forwarded for the consideration of the Board of Revenue.

2. There is no doubt that the part of the Coimbatore District, north of the Bhowany, is thinly peopled and forms a light charge.

3. The extent of the two taluqs now forming the northern division is—

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|---------------------|----------|
| Square Miles... | 2,400 |
| Population ... | 241,950 |
| Revenue, Rupees ... | 4,08,851 |

4. Should the taluq of Bhowany be added thereto which is in extent—

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|---------------------|----------|
| Square Miles .. | 800 |
| Population ... | 103,840 |
| Revenue, Rupees ... | 1,09,808 |

the total division would be—

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|----------------------------|----------|
| Extent in Square Miles ... | 3,200 |
| Population ... | 345,790 |
| Revenue, Rupees ... | 5,18,659 |

5. The cusbah town of Bhowany is situated at the southern end of the Bhowany Taluq.

6. As regards the division of official work, the taluq of Erode given to the Sub-Collector, vice Oodumulpettah transferred to the Head Assistant Collector, is a heavy taluq, and its importance was admitted by the transfer of a Deputy Tahsildar to Perunduray now incorporated with the Erode Taluq—vide G.O., No. 1,296, of 9th October 1874, Revenue Department, communicated with Board's Miscellaneous Proceedings, No. 7,516, of 28th October 1874.

7. In place of four taluqs, should Bhowany be transferred to the Northern Division, the Sub-Collector will have three all important ones with area, population, and revenue as noted below :—

| | Caroor. | Dhara-
puram. | Erode. | Total. |
|--------------------------|----------|------------------|----------|----------|
| Extent, square miles ... | 590 | 852 | 698 | 2,140 |
| Population ... | 176,109 | 216,933 | 232,920 | 625,962 |
| Revenue, Rupees ... | 2,65,097 | 3,36,122 | 3,95,510 | 9,96,729 |

8. The business of each taluq is also detailed hereunder :—
For 1875.

| Taluqs. | REVENUE. | | | MAGISTERIAL. | | | Total. |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|--------|
| | Correspondence, Petitions, &c. | Original Cases. | Appeal Cases. | Correspondence, Petitions, &c. | Original Cases. | Appeal Cases. | |
| Coimbatore ... | 2,360 | 29 | 7 | 1,112 | 18 | 12 | 3,538 |
| Suttiamungalam ... | 1,523 | 1 | ... | 378 | 6 | 6 | 1,914 |
| Collegal ... | 606 | ... | ... | 170 | 1 | 6 | 783 |
| Bhowany ... | 976 | ... | ... | 307 | 14 | 6 | 1,303 |
| | 3,105 | 1 | ... | 855 | 21 | 18 | 4,000 |
| Erode ... | 1,768 | 35 | ... | 645 | 39 | 14 | 2,501 |
| Caroor ... | 2,174 | 5 | ... | 578 | 17 | 10 | 2,784 |
| Dharapuram ... | 2,428 | 18 | ... | 723 | 39 | 18 | 3,226 |
| | 6,370 | 58 | ... | 1,946 | 95 | 42 | 8,511 |
| Pollachy ... | 654 | 1 | ... | 329 | 9 | 3 | 996 |
| Oodumulpettah ... | 1,202 | 3 | ... | 215 | 6 | 12 | 1,438 |
| Pulladum ... | 1,307 | 3 | 2 | 382 | 20 | 10 | 1,724 |
| | 3,163 | 7 | 2 | 926 | 35 | 25 | 4,158 |

COIMBATORE,
26th April 1876.

(Signed) G. McWAITERS,
for Collector.

BEFORE passing orders on the foregoing letter, the Board desire to be informed where it is proposed to fix the Head-Quarters of the Deputy Collector in the event of the Bhowany Taluq being added to his charge. It should be stated what accommodation is available for his office and residence at the proposed Head-Quarters.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

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

To the Collector of Coimbatore.

Exd. A. Grubert.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 31st March 1879.

Read the following letter from A. McC. WEBSTER, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to J. STURROCK, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Coimbatore, 7th March 1879, No. 36 :—

With reference to Proceedings of Board, dated 20th January 1879, No. 164, I have the honor to forward a copy of a letter from the Sub-Collector with reference to my proposal to transfer the Bhavani Taluk to the Sub-Division. Mr. McWatters, the Board will notice, is in favor of the transfer.

2. Bhavani, the cusbah of the taluk, is only 8 miles from Erode, the headquarters of the Sub-Collector. The Erode Taluk moreover extends to within a quarter of a mile of Bhavani from which it is only separated by the river. On the ground of accessibility from the Division Officer's head-quarters, the transfer of the taluk to the sub-division is advisable. Mr. McWatters states that he thought the transfer of the taluk to the Northern Division was only to be temporary during the famine, and he agreed to it because his then head-quarters (Kangayam) was at some distance, but that the case is now altered.

3. As regards the relative amount of work in the two divisions, Mr. Macgregor, the Deputy Collector of the Northern Division, in paragraph 8 of his letter to the Collector, dated 22nd January 1876, No. 5, (*vide* Board's Proceedings of 18th May 1876, No. 1,302), states that the Sub-Collector was overworked while he had only three hours' work a day. I think Mr. Macgregor must have been mistaken in his estimate of the amount of work in the sub-division. Mr. McWatters did not and does not now allude to it—and I have been Sub-Collector for some time; indeed when I was Sub-Collector I had charge of the Satyamangalam and Collegal Taluks in addition to the taluks of Karur, Dharapuram, and Udampalai which then formed the sub-division, and I was not oppressed with work. Moreover the Sub-Collector has a much larger office than a General Duty Deputy Collector. It does not however seem necessary to discuss this question further, as the Sub-Collector has not raised any objection to the transfer on that account. I only allude to it because it seems to have formed one of the grounds for attaching Bhavani to the Northern Division.

4. As regards the amount of work the Deputy Collector has, I have just completed the settlement of the Satyamangalam Taluk. Of Collegal I cannot speak from recent experience, but as regards Satyamangalam alone I should say there was enough work, if done thoroughly, to occupy the Division Officer for a considerably longer time than three hours he mentions.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From G. McWATTERS, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector of Coimbatore, to A. McC. WEBSTER, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, dated Erode, 28th January 1879, No. 29.

With reference to your endorsement No. 91, of 22nd instant, on the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 20th January 1879, No. 164, I have the honor to state that I think that the Bhavani Taluk should be added again to the sub-division, now that the Sub-Collector's head-quarters are at Erode.

I was under the impression that it was to be placed under the Sub-Collector on the termination of the famine; but I cannot find the Board's Proceedings on the subject.

With Kangayam as head-quarters the northern portion of Bhavani was out of the way and not likely to be visited often, and I agreed in consequence when asked by Mr. Macgregor in 1876 that the Bhavani Taluk should be made over to the Northern Division Deputy Collector.

The change in the head-quarters alters matters.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) A. McC. WEBSTER,
Collector.

SUBMITTED to Government in continuation of Board's Proceedings, No. 164, of the 20th January 1879. The Board support the Collector's proposal to transfer the Bhavani Taluk from the Deputy Collector's Division to that of the Sub-Collector.

2. Early orders are requested.

(True Copies and Extract.)

J. Sturrock
Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with copy of Board's Proceedings, dated 18th May 1876, No. 1,302.
Copy to the Collector of Coimbatore.

Exd. T. D. Ryan.

BOARD OF REVENUE,
MADRAS.

1876.

PROCEEDINGS, 18th MAY 1876, No. 1,302.

Received

MAY.
No. 1,302.

Deputy Collector—Northern Division, Coimbatore District.—Requesting Collector to state where it is proposed to fix Head-Quarters of—in the event of Bhavani Taluk being added to his charge, and what accommodation is available for his office and residence at the proposed Head-Quarters.

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BOARD OF REVENUE,
MADRAS.

To
THE SECY. TO GOVT.,
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

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PROCEEDINGS, 31st MARCH 1879, No. 833.

MARCH.
No. 833.

Blasani Thulu in Coimbatore District.—Sub-
mitting to Government Collector's proposal to
transfer the—from the Deputy Collector's
Division to that of the Sub-Collector.

On 928-289mc 1879

W. H. Baker

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The Manager of the Bhavanis Taluk from the
Deputy Collector's Division to that of the Sub-Collector
is approved and sanctioned.

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