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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

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Resolution—dated 11th December 1884, No. 4254.

Submitted for the orders of Government.

2. The Board support the Collector's proposals in paragraph 8.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) G. MACKENZIE,
Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Copy to the Collector of Nilgiris.

ORDER—dated 16th January 1885, No. 71, Revenue.

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full-power European Magistrate there is not so great as in the Wynaad, parts of which are fifty miles away from Ootacamund, with bad roads and a severe ascent between.

3. The Deputy Tahsildar should, I think, be retained at Gúdálúr, which is the most important town in the division and is convenient of access from the Ouchterlony Valley. The building which was erected last year at Naduvatam will be available for his occupation during the fever season. I regret to say that I am thoroughly dissatisfied with the way in which the newly-appointed Deputy Tahsildar, C. Vasudeva Rao, has commenced work. I have directed the Head Assistant's attention to the state of the Deputy Tahsildar's office, and unless there is an improvement, it will be necessary to recommend the removal of C. Vasudeva Rao.

4. The inefficiency of the Gúdálúr Deputy Tahsildar's office, which appears to be chronic, is another reason why I cannot recommend the removal of the Head Assistant Collector from Devála.

5. Settlement operations are shortly about to commence, and as Mr. Wedderburn has been some years in the division, his local experience should be useful to the Settlement officer. But this is merely an accidental consideration.

6. Several of the planters in Ouchterlony Valley and South-East Wynaad have been made Special Magistrates, and Bench meetings are held fortnightly for the trial of cases referred to the Bench. If the Head Assistant is removed, this Bench should be abolished—a step in the wrong direction, and, in my opinion, very much to be avoided.

7. During the interregnum between the suspension of Chitambarasami Iyer and the appointment of C. Vasudeva Rao as Deputy Tahsildar, the Head Assistant Collector was performing the duties of District Munsif, and this he could do very well without detriment to his other duties and very much to the public advantage. But on the appointment of Vasudeva Rao being notified to the High Court, they invested him with District Munsif's powers in accordance with the former arrangement. Seeing the manner in which he has done his revenue work while he had that alone to do, I fear that the addition of Munsif's work will result in both the judicial and revenue work being badly done,—the latter even worse than at present.

8. I therefore recommend that the High Court may be moved by the Government to reinvest the Head Assistant Collector with District Munsif's powers, cancelling those of the Deputy Tahsildar, and that the Head Assistant be kept permanently at Devála, being allowed to come into Ootacamund or Naduvatam for three months from the commencement of the fever season.

9. If this course be adopted, a suitable building for the Head Assistant Collector's office could be purchased for, perhaps, two or three thousand rupees.

10. The gold industry is not quite extinct, and it is still possible that from this time it may begin to revive and grow into healthy life. The manufacture of fibre may become important. As the settlement develops, it may be found advisable to tack on a further portion of Malabar-Wynaad to this district. These are possibilities which appear to me to tell against the removal of the Head Assistant to Coonoor.

Resolution—dated 11th December 1884, No. 4254.

Submitted for the orders of Government.

2. The Board support the Collector's proposals in paragraph 8.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) G. MACKENZIE,
Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
Copy to the Collector of Nilgiris.

ORDER—dated 16th January 1885, No. 71, Revenue.

Miscellaneous.

The permanent location of the office of the Head Assistant Collector at Devála is approved and sanctioned.

2. The question of reinvesting him with District Munsif's powers and of cancelling those of the Deputy Tahsildar of Gúdálúr will be considered in the Judicial Department.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
" the Accountant-General.
" the Judicial Department.

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