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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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30TH NOVEMBER 1887, No 1114, REVENUE.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), dated 12th October 1887, Mis. No. 3726 :—

H. S. THOMAS, Esq., F.L.S., F.Z.S.

Read—the following petition from C. W. WILKINS, Esq., Chairman of a Meeting held at Manantoddy, and 45 others, to the Collector of Malabar, dated Manantoddy, 14th September 1887; and endorsement thereon by the Collector of Malabar, dated Calicut, 19th September 1887, No. 4791 :—

That your petitioners having heard with extreme regret and no small degree of alarm that it is proposed to transfer the administration of this part of the district (Wynaad) to the Nilgiris, your petitioners most respectfully solicit positive information as to whether such a transfer is contemplated, and if any orders have been passed on the subject, beg to be furnished with a copy of such order, in view to further petitioning Government, and protesting in one voice against such a cruel transfer as that of a Malayalam-speaking population of 88,000 to the jurisdiction of a Tamil-speaking court as at the Nilgiris—independent of the ungenial climate of the Nilgiris to Natives, the majority of whom, in this case, can ill afford the expenses contingent to even an occasional visit to so cold a climate as the Nilgiris in cases of appeal from the lower courts.

2. Anxiously awaiting an early reply to this our prayer to allay the present excitement that is so disturbing the community at large, we subscribe ourselves, as in duty bound, and ever pray, &c., &c.

No. 4791.

True copy submitted to the Commissioners of Land Revenue for information.

(Signed) W. LOGAN,
Collector.

Resolution—dated 12th October 1887, Mis. No. 3726.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. The Board are not aware of any proposal such as that referred to having been made.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) M. HAMMICK,
Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with letter in original to be returned.

Copy to the Collector of Malabar.

ORDER—dated 30th November 1887, No. 1114, Revenue.

Miscellaneous.

The Board appear to have overlooked paragraph 8 of G.O., dated 26th November 1886, No. 1048, Revenue, in which, in connection with the scheme for the formation of new districts, it was stated that the amalgamation of the Malabar-Wynaad with the Nilgiris and the appointment of a Sub-Collector to the charge of the whole of the Wynaad were changes which seemed desirable.

2. This transfer would result in a considerable saving to the State as the cost of a Sub-Collector and his establishment is less than that of the present Head Assistant and Deputy Collector and their establishments. The change would also render possible the abolition of one of the two appointments of District Forest-officer in Malabar, as the forests of the North Wynaad would naturally be placed under the charge of the District Forest-officer of the Nilgiris. Lastly, it is believed that the Revenue administration of the Wynaad would be improved if it were entrusted to an officer of the standing of a Sub-Collector with his head-quarters at Manantoddy instead of as now to a Deputy Collector and a Head Assistant, who for want of accommodation within the limits of his division is obliged to reside at Ootacamund.

3. If the proposed transfer is made the official language of the whole of the Wynaad division would be Malayalam, so the fears of the petitioners on this point are groundless. The civil jurisdiction may perhaps be left as at present, so on this point also the objections put forward by the petitioners could be met without difficulty. It would, however, probably be necessary to place the whole of the proposed new sub-division under the Additional Sessions Judge and Collector of the Nilgiris; in criminal and revenue matters, therefore, the local court of highest jurisdiction (except in murder cases) would be at Ootacamund.

4. The local officers and the Board of Revenue have not yet had an opportunity of expressing their opinions upon this proposal and it will now be referred to them for report. It would be advantageous if the Collector of Malabar were to ascertain the general opinion in North Wynaad before submitting his own views on the matter.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Secretary to Government.

To the Commissioners of Land Revenue.
„ the Judicial Department.

Exd. W. H. French.

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G.O., 30th November 1887, No. 1114.

NOVEMBER.

Malabar-Wynaad.

Requesting the Board of Revenue to report on the proposal to amalgamate — with the Nilgiri district.



BOARD'S GEN. REG. NO. 2421 OF 1937
LAND REVENUE.

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W. Logan Esquire
Collector of Malabar
Calicut.

The humble Petition of the
Undersigned Inhabitants
of North Weymouth Manantoddy.

Most respectfully sheweth

That your Petitioners -
having heard with extreme regret and
no small degree of alarm that it is
proposed to transfer the administration
of this part of the District (Wynnad)
to the Nilgherries, your Petitioners
most respectfully solicit positive
information as to whether such a
transfer is contemplated, and if any
orders have been passed on the subject,
beg to be furnished with a copy of
such order, in view to further petitioning
Government, and protesting in one
voice, against such a cruel transfer
as that of a Malayalam speaking
population.

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population of 88,000 to the jurisdiction of a Tamil speaking Court as at the Nilghevies; independent of the un-familiar climate of the Nilghevies to Natives, the majority of whom, in this case, can ill-afford the expenses contingent to even an occasional visit to so cold a climate as the Nilghevies, in cases of appeal from the Lower Courts.

Anxiously awaiting an early reply to this our Prayer, to allay the present excitement that is so disturbing the community at large. We subscribe ourselves as in duty bound
Ever pray.

Manantoddy (signed) C. W. Wilkins
14th September 1887 Chairman of meeting
W. C. Dawson & 44 others.

No. 4791

True Copy submitted to the Commissioners of Land Revenue, for information.

Malabar Collectors office }
Calicut, 19 September 1887 }
K. H. }
Collector.



Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
(Land Revenue).

Dated 12th October 1887.

Item No. 3726, Miscellaneous

From H. S. Thomas Esquire J. L. S. J. L. S.

Read endorsement of the Collector of Malabar, dated 19th September 1887 No. 4791, on petition from the inhabitants of North Wynad of 14th September 1887.

Resolution.

Submitted for the information of Government.

The Board are not aware of any proposal such as that referred to having been made.

(True extract)

Secretary.

To The Secretary to Government P. O. with letter in origl. to be returned
Copy to Collector of Malabar.

Please see p. 26-11-86 to 1045 & 214 for 12-10-87

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Revenue 1886. *Dep't.*
Board of Revenue,
MADRAS.

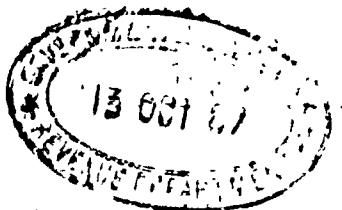
(Land Revenue)

To

No 8254

The Secretary to

Government of India



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Proceedings, dated 12 October 1887
No. 3726

Subject.

Subj: for the information
of Govt. of
the Inhabitants of
N. Wynaud protesting
against the proposed
transfer of North Wynaud
to the Nilgiris; received
from the collector of Malabar.

For orders

Submitted for orders.
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The papers touching the proposed
lands are submitted.
The objections of 45 people
out of 80000 appear to
be hardly entitled to consideration.

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The Board have overlooked
para 8 G.O. 26 Nov 86 to 1888
Rev - I don't know what
prospect there is of such a change
as there indicated being car-
ried out but as Minister of
Govt was passed in a meeting
with reference to the
statement it is seen right
that all interested official
non-official - all have an
opportunity of saying their
say showing cause for and
against the change as they
may see fit, no such oppor-
tunity having as yet been
afforded either to the State
or to the Board, or the
80000 represented by Mr
Harris of 82 ex-representatives
in the district. The cannot be
late in 85-86's vote but a
draft G.O. must be pre-

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read No. 8254.

Order No. 1114 of 30.11.87

The Board appear to have
overlooked para 8 of G.O. of
26th Nov. 1886 No 1048 Rev.
in connection with the scheme for the formation of new districts
in which it was stated that
the amalgamation of the
Malabar Wynaud with the
Nilgiris and the appointment
of a Sub Collector to the charge
of the whole of the Wynaud
were changes which, ^{as the}
opinion of the Government
was ^{deemably} very necessary.

2. This transfer would result
in a considerable saving to
the State as the cost of a
Sub Collector ^{and his establishment} is less than that
of the present 4th Asst. and
Deputy Collector and their
establishments. The change
would also ^{render possible} the
abolition of the one of the

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two
appointments of District
Forest Officer in Malabar,
as the forests of the N. Weissad
would naturally be placed
under the charge of the
D.F.O. of the Nilgiris.
Lastly, it is believed that
the revenue administration
of the Weissad would be
improved ^{it were entrusted to} if an officer of
the standing of a sub-collector
with his headquarters at
Manantoddy instead of as
now to a Deputy Collector
and a Head Asst., who for
want of accommodation within
the limits of his division is
obliged to reside at Ootaca-
mund.

3. If the proposed transfer
is made the official language
of the whole of the Weissad
Division would be Malayalam
so the fears of the petros on
this point are groundless.
N. Weissad, too, might still
be left within the jurisdiction

Note
I think it will be really part of the
Sessions Div. of Coimbatore but
the Addl. S.J. will do the work,
except murder cases.

Better not say this.

of the Dist. Court of Malabar.
The civil jurisdiction, too, might
perhaps be left as at present, so on
this point also the objection
put forward by the petros could
be met without difficulty.
It would, however, probably
be necessary to place the
whole ~~of~~ ^{Sub-division} of the proposed new
~~district of the Nilgiris~~ under
the jurisdiction of the Addl.
Sessions Judge ^{and Collector} of the Nilgiris,
as the ~~work~~ in criminal and revenue
matters, ~~the~~ ^{therefore,} ~~local~~ ^{Local} Court of highest jurisdiction
(except in murder cases)
would be at Ootacamund.

4. ~~The Court do not anticipate~~
that the changes thus briefly
indicated would meet with
~~any serious opposition, but~~
as the local officers and the
Board of Revenue have
not yet had an opportunity
of expressing their opinion
~~upon this proposal~~ ^{as it} the question will now be
referred to them for report.
It would be advantageous if
the Collector of Malabar were
to ascertain the general opinion

in R. W. Wood before sub-
mitting his own views on
the matter

has

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(from orders)

To the Comrs of Land & Survey
16. The Comrs of Land & Survey
5th Federal Dept.

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Hon. Mr. Meester
Hon. Mr. Hutchins.

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