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[Despatch Abstract.]

Recording a question asked at the Legislative Council meeting of the 9th March 1899: the divisional charges in Bangalore and the answer thereto.

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Question proposed to be asked
by the Honble P. Rathasabha
para Pillai at the meeting
of the Legislative Council
to be held on the 9th March 99
whether it is not better
to be based on the
in the new proposed
division of the district

VIII. (a) Will Government be pleased to state the reasons which influenced it in converting Negapatam, which had been for a long series of years the headquarters of a Sub-Collector, into a Head Assistant's division?

(b) Whether, in view of the importance of the varied interests of the Negapatam division, such as Sea-customs, Port, Marine, Shipping, Trade, Emigration, Land-customs, and of the circumstance that the place is the seat of a growing Railway workshops, and of a large European community which renders the presence of a Justice of the Peace necessary, Government will be pleased to revert to the old arrangements, and make it a Sub-Collectorate?

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In G.O. No. 32 dated
the 5th Jan'y 1860, Rev. the
Govt. sanctioned the re-
distribution into nine taluks
of the Bangalore district, which
had previously been composed
of sixteen taluks. The
nine newly formed taluks
were in 1862 constituted
under the orders of the Board
of Revenue into four

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divisional charges, the taluks of Mayaveram, Shigali and Kumbakonam being placed under the Sub Collector, and the Head Assistant Collector taking charge of the Negapatam and Nannilam taluks and of the Sea and Land Customs Departments. In G.O. No. 159 dated 26-1-63 the Govt. directed the move of the Sub Collector's headquarters from Mayaveram to Kumbakonam. In view of the reasons urged by the then Collector of Tanjore, the Govt. in G.O. No. 1862 dated the 10th October 1863 sanctioned a redistribution of the charges in the district, by which the Sub Collector was put in charge of the Negapatam and Nannilam taluks and of the Sea and Land Customs Departments with his headquarters at Negapatam, and the Head Assistant Collector in charge of the Mayaveram and

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of 10.10.63 to 18.2.64
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p. 3 of G.O. 10330-27-9-82

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Shigali taluks with his headquarters at Mayaveram. Under G.O. No. 299 dated 29.1.76, the taluks were again redistributed, and the Head Assistant Collector was given the charge of the Kumbakonam and Tanjore taluks with his headquarters at Kumbakonam, while the Sub Collector continued in charge of the Negapatam and Nannilam taluks with his headquarters at Negapatam. Negapatam continued to be the headquarters of the Sub Collector till 1882, in which year a strong representation was made to the Board and the Govt. that the Head Assistant's charge was heavier than he could manage, and that he was in urgent need of relief. In submitting the matter for the orders of Govt. the Board observed as follows: - "The Board are well aware that the

"establishment of the Tanjore
"Head Assistant Collector
"is altogether inadequate,
"but they are unable to
"propose any restriction
"on charges which
"while affording relief
"would be otherwise de-
"sirable. They consider
"that the proper remedy
"would be to substitute
"for the Head Assistant an
"additional Sub-Collector
"with headquarters at Kum-
"bakonam, a town which,
"in consideration of its
"importance, ought to be
"under the immediate
"charge of a senior officer."
Mr. Whitehead, then Acting
Second Member of the Board
of Revenue, in communicat-
ing his views to Govt.
de mi-officially, observed
as follows:—"In my remarks
"on the draft Resolution,
"I suggested that the old
"arrangement of divisions
"that was in force when

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"I was Head Assistant there
"in 1858-59 night, in a
"great measure, he reverted
"to, and I still think so.
"Now that such radical
"changes in the Customs
"Department have been
"made, I really fail to see
"why the Sub-Collector
"should be retained any
"longer at Negapatam."
Mr. Whitehead proposed a
redistribution of the charges
the main features of which
were that the Sub-Collector
was to have the charge of
the Shigah, Mayaveram and
Kumbakonam taluks and
with his headquarters at
Kumbakonam, and the
Head Assistant Collector
the charge of Hannuam and
Negapatam taluks and of
the Sea and Land Customs
Departments, with his
headquarters at Negapa-
tam. The Govt. was
unable to ~~see~~ entertain
the Board's proposal to

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Substitute for the Head Assis-
tant an additional Sub-
Collector, but was satis-
fied that a redistribution
of the divisional charges
was necessary in order to
ensure effective adminis-
tration, and accepted
Mr. Whiteside's proposals for
redistribution. The re-arrange-
ment of the divisional charges
sanctioned in 1882 has
continued to this day. The
Revenue Indexes from 1882
forwards have been carefully
examined, but it does not
appear that representations
were ever made to Govt.
urging the move of the
Sub-Collector's headquarters
to Negapatam.

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reply suggested below on
the supposition that
Mr. G. M. is no
disposition to order
an enquiry into the
matter. No cause for such
enquiry is apparent.

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Reply

The last redistribution
of divisional charges
in the District of Tanjore
took place in 1882.

By it Negapatam was
made the head quarters
of the Head Assistant
Collector.

The fact ^{was no} ~~is not~~
sufficient reason to
change of any circumstances
that call for a re-
consideration ^{at present} ~~there~~
the status of the Negapatam
an arrangement that
divisional charges
has been in force
for over sixteen years.

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Its object was to
more equally
apportion the work
of the District among
the dist. officers as
far as possible

I would say:—

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made in the charges
of the Sub-Collector &
Head Assistant Col^r of
Tanjore for upwards
of 16 years—

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the Sub-Collectorate were,
and still are, one of the
heaviest divisional charges
in the Presidency—
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under a misapprehension in
supposing that a Head Asst
Col^r can not be a
Justice of the Peace—

Legislative Council.
Question and Answer.

The Hon'ble M.R. Ry. P. RATNASABHAPATI PILLAI Avargal—

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The Hon'ble Mr.

VII VIII. (a) and (b) The last redistribution of divisional charges in the district of Tanjore took place in 1882. Its object was to apportion more equally the work of the divisional officers. By it Negapatam was made the head-quarters of the Head Assistant Collector.

No change has been made in the charges of the Sub-Collector and Head Assistant Collector of Tanjore for upwards of 16 years. The three taluks comprising the Sub-Collectorate were, and still are, one of the heaviest divisional charges in the Presidency. The Hon'ble Member is under a misapprehension in supposing that a Head Assistant Collector cannot be a Justice of the Peace. The Government sees no sufficient reason to reconsider at present the status of the Negapatam divisional charge.

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