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[Despatch Abstract.]

Approving with remark the
steps taken by the Colls. of the Vizianag.
grām zamindari for the better adminis-
tration of the grām zamindari.

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 The Ag. Collector & Guardian,
 Vizianagram Zamindari,
 Vizagapatam Dist.

The Collector's action of the M. of the No. 3
 is approved; but the officials
 appointed to the new duties

shd be styled Superintendents
 or Amildars, or be given some
 title which will not tend

The Collector of the Vizianagram
 Zamindari }
 to confound them with
 the Divisional officers of
 the Port. The style chosen
 shd be reported.

Shd be reported.

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SUBJECT.

Submitting for approval of
 Govt. steps taken by the Coll. at present
 for the better administration of the
 Vizianagram Zamindari.

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VIZIANAGRAM,

12th Sept 1898.

Enclosures

FROM

H. F. W. GILLMAN Esq.

Ag. Collector & Guardian

Vizianagram Laminari

To

The Honble Mr. S. Forbes, Secretary to Government

SIR,

I beg to inform Government of the steps which I am at present taking for the better administration of this Laminari and hope that they may be approved. And first, it is necessary for me to lightly sketch the defects of the present system as I observed them during my tenure of this appointment at the commencement of the year.

Excluding the Highness the Maharani's States, the Laminari is divided into 18 Tashah, each in charge of an Amin. The average Tashah contains about 60 villages and so is about half the size of an average Government Taluk. The Tashahs were grouped into 6 circles in 1896, the intention being to place a Supervisor, so called, in charge of each circle, but as a matter of fact only,

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only 5 such officers were appointed, and as one post has since been abolished there now remain only 4. The class of officers next inferior to the Amins are called Samudars, who do all the work of Revenue Inspectors, and more, for they attend to collection work also, which it has not been the custom to entrust to village officers.

3. The village officials in this Zamindari are in the last degree inefficient, not only on account of their independent position under the old regulations, but also by reason of the practice observed by the officials of granting a deceased Mirasidar's post or emoluments to all his heirs. As a consequence there are very many villages with several curmashs who perform the duty of the office by turns.

4. The Samudars who have to perform Revenue Inspectors as well as village officers duties are miserably paid, receiving on the average about Rs 10/- per month. They are mostly Brahmmins of a very inferior class and are consequently most corrupt. Misappropriation of the monies collected by them is of common occurrence and is looked upon by their superiors as a venial offence to be pardoned on payment of the

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the money embezzled, and a promise not to sin again. 5. This remark may give the Government an idea of the character of the Amins. They are generally corrupt, but not only this, for they are generally lazy and incompetent. The control possessed over them by the Shikar is weak, as no help is derived from the Supervisors who, with one exception, were drawn from the Amins, and as the Managers seldom toured in the Zamindari to see that their orders were enforced. When I was in charge before, I found it almost impossible to get an answer or explanation from an Amin which he did not wish to give.

6. Now as to the steps which I am taking to improve matters:-

It is hopeless to expect that the 4 Supervisors still remaining will have either the ability or inclination to deal with the very important questions which will come up for decision at the approaching survey. Three of them are old servants with little education and old fashioned ideas; the fourth was a vakil in the District Court and was taken into service only two years ago. They would be of no assistance in forwarding survey,

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Survey work, or inquiring into claims to land, mans, mulara Vasatis &c, that will come up in numbers for decision during the survey, or in assisting Govt. officers in the work of re-organising village establishments. It is necessary that the Collector and Guardian should have the assistance of capable experienced and honest men in working out these most important schemes. I have therefore, subject of course to approval by Government, abolished the grade of Supervisors, whose appointment was only sanctioned tentatively by the late Maharajah, and have instead created three new Divisional officers posts carrying a salary of Rs 200/- a month, and travelling allowance of Rs 3/- a day when on tour. I am glad to be able to inform Government that Her Highness the Maharanee has fully grasped the present necessities and thoroughly approves of this step, which was discussed at length with her before it was taken. I have already appointed one officer from among the Itzger Officials to the charge of the Central Division, and I propose asking Government in a short time for the loan of two officers serving in the Godavari,

Godavari and Krishna Districts to fill up the two other posts. I am in communication with the Collectors of Krishna and Godavari on the subject. I calculate that the extra cost to the State of these new appointments at the outset will not exceed Rs 300/- a month which will be more than recouped within the space of two years by the reductions that are contemplated in the number of Amias. 7. With the assistance of these three new officers I hope to push on rapidly preparations for survey, which will probably commence in a month or so, to hold an enquiry into grants of land of all kinds which will come up for settlement at survey and to commence the revision of the Zamindari establishments. In revising establishments I intend beginning at the bottom viz with the village officers. After this class has been dealt with under Act II of 1894, with the assistance of the District officials, it will be possible to reduce the number of Samudars, and by raising the pay to get more of the class of Government Revenue Inspectors. The revision of Tanahs will be carried out in the course of the survey.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst. in relation to the collection of the Virginia game tax. I am sorry to hear that you are unable to collect the same. I have no objection to your making a report to the collector and guardian of the game tax, but I think it would be better if you could collect the same. I am, Sir, your most obedient servant,

J. H. [Signature]

My collector and guardian of the game tax is [Name] and he is the only person who can collect the same. I am, Sir, your most obedient servant,

J. H. [Signature]

2.11.25

Sept

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Telegram (deferred)
 To the collector of
 the Virginia game tax
 Your letter
 no 3 (of) the twelfth
 September. action
 approved ~~subject~~
 to report ~~as to~~
~~designation (of)~~
~~officer~~ but designation
 (of) officers sh^d be amildar
 or superintendent or
 some style not liable
 to be confused with
 govt officials

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No.

From The Collector of the Vizianagaram Zamindari

No. 3 Dated 12.9.98 (C. no. 6476) -189-

FOR ORDERS.

To Secy.

The Vizianagaram Zamindari, consists of eighteen tannahs, each being on an average half the extent of a Govt taluk. An amim is in charge of each ~~tannah~~. The late Zamindar formed the tannahs into six circles and placed a "Supervisor" in charge of each. Four of these officers are now doing work; but the Collector considers them to be incompetent. His proposal is ^{therefore} to discontinue with their services and to appoint three Divisional Officers on Rs 200 a month, and with a travelling allowance of three rupees a day when on tour. His proposal has met with the Mahanadi's approval.

2. Please see draft below.

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H. M.

ed in Zamindaris. To
call them "Divisional
ices", as that has been the
chief title of a superior
class of Govt Officers.

I have made in-
quiries as to a suitable
~~the~~ native title, but
without success. A North
country Deputy Collector
has suggested Superintendents
& that seems as good
a designation as any.
or Amildar would be a
unsuitable alternative

The great thing is not
to give a name which
will confuse the official
with a govt executive officer
whose powers are derived
from legislation

Otherwise the proposals
for three officials may
be approved

S.R. 25/10/78

FOR ORDERS.

The proposals may
be approved. Tell the
Comr not to call them
Officers by a title used
by a higher official
in Govt service, but

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To Secretary.
For one
whether the draft
order on the dock
after the current
below may issue
It is not clear if
this means that
the officers should
be styled amildar
or Superintendent
and no other.

21/11/98
KO
21/11/98

Issue draft (which
you did not see)

S.R. 2/11/98

Some important
replies to
M. order. Better
S.R. 10/11/98
in order
21/11/98

To Secretary.
Please see
draft telegram below

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