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No. 3. Read the following letter from L. C. INNES, Esquire, Civil Judge of Nundial; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Kurnool, 5th March 1859, No. 130.

SIR,

1. On the 27th December 1858, I accompanied Mr. Rohde to Nundial, and we fixed upon 2 spots which appeared to us suitable for the site of the Jail and Court-house in case the original intention of the Government be not departed from of making Nundial the Zillah station.

2. There seemed to be three points to which Mr. Rohde thought that further consideration should be given, viz :

Whether Nundial was better suited for a Jail than parts of Kurnool in point of healthiness of situation.

Whether it was more convenient in point of centrality than Kurnool.

Whether the desirability of concentrating the Government Offices in an important town like Kurnool, so as to render the Jail and Court Offices capable of being defended, ought not to outweigh the consideration of the trifling advantage Nundial has over Kurnool in point of centrality.

3. This third point is a matter exclusively for the consideration of the Government.

4. With regard to the first point, as neither place has exhibited any marked unhealthiness, I presume that their comparative merits can only be tested by future experience.

5. In point of centrality very little would be gained by having the station at Nundial instead of Kurnool of the ghauts were properly opened and the communications between the ghauts and Kurnool completed. At the present rate however years must elapse before this is done, and the only practicable ghaut at present for suitors, witnesses, &c., from Cumbum and Doopaud is the Nundicanama and that is more than 30 miles long and in very bad repair.

6. Even after in the course of years the communications between Kurnool, Cumbum and Doopaud may have been put in thorough order, I do not think that if the Zillah station be at Nundial the eastern will enjoy any unfair advantage over the western talooks, as though the distance from the extreme parts of the latter will then be somewhat greater than that from the former, yet the absence to the west of Nundial of the difficulties from want of water and danger from thieves (which in crossing the hills between Cumbum and Nundial must always to a certain extent present themslves) will it seems to me tend to balance the advantage which the eastern talooks will enjoy in point of distance.

7. I am desirous of being informed whether Mr. Rohde has, as he proposed, communicated with the Government on the subject and whether any definite determination has been come to, eight months having already elapsed since the Court was opened and the question being one of much importance to those who have recourse to it.

No. 4. ORDER THEREON, No. 348; dated 16th March 1859.

Ordered to be referred to the Inspector General of Jails, in continuation of Extract Minutes Consultation, dated 16th November 1858, No. 1629. That Officer will perceive that pending his report, which was called for, Government have been precluded from taking measures for fixing a site for the Zillah station of Nundial.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Engd. F. Cartledge.

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