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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department, 23rd August 1860.

No. 170. Read the following Proceedings of Government, in the Revenue Department, dated 18th August 1860, No. 1,383.

Communicating the Order passed on a letter from C. Pelly, Esq., reporting his opinion as to the best localities for the Kasbá Towns of the Gurramkonda and Chitwail Táluqs in Cuddapah and for the Head Quarters of the Sub Collector of that District.

(Vide Proceedings, Revenue Department, dated 18th August 1860, Nos. 208 and 209.)

No. 171. ORDER THEREON, 23rd August 1860, No. 1,069.

To be recorded.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from C. PELLY, Esq., Member of the Board of Revenue, to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, dated 13th July 1860, No. 377:—

1. The question as to the best locality for the Kasbá town of the Gurramkonda Táluq in the Cuddapah District, and also the question of the future Head Quarters of the Sub-Collector, have for some time been before the Board of Revenue, and have been postponed lately, pending the final re-arrangement of the Táluqs, which has now been definitely settled.

Dated 26th May 1860.

2. In the accompanying letter from the Acting Collector, Mr. Wedderburn, both points are fully considered.

3. It has been finally determined that the boundaries of the Táluq of Gurramkonda should remain as they are; and the argument for retaining its present Kasbá at Váilpád, as a central spot, (had part of the adjoining Táluq of Madanapalli been added to Gurramkonda), is therefore not now applicable. Váilpád is in a corner, the Táluq Kacherí is in ruins, and except that it is the largest place, and has been the Kasbá of the Táluq, and that some Sugar Merchants reside there, there seems no other reason for retaining it as the future Kasbá; and as a new Kacherí must be built, it will be proper to select the most convenient locality for the future Kasbá.

	Population.	*Revenue.*
1.....	2,185	3,359
2.....	1,269	2,048
3.....	1,241	1,508

See letter from Collector, 8th Nov. 1858.

4. Three towns have been proposed, viz., Gúndlúr, Surakáyalpet and Píléru. Mr. Murray (the Collector now absent on leave) gave a decided preference to the first which indeed has the largest population and revenue, but Mr. Wedderburn, the present Acting Collector, Mr. Molony, the Acting Sub-Collector, and two District Engineers, Captains Stewart and Hemery, all give the preference to the last named town Píléru, which from its position, situated as it is on the most important thoroughfare in the District, will, it is said, rise to become a place of traffic and importance, and the Merchants now at Váilpád will probably settle there if it is made the Head Quarters of the Táluq. The principal inhabitants of the Táluq* also consider Píléru the best locality for the new Kasbá.

* *See letter from Officiating Collector, No. 8, dated 3rd July* 1860, *para.* 1.

5. There is little to choose between the three places as respects centrality merely, all are nearly equally central; Gundlúr being the largest place, and situated in a more highly cultivated part of the District, has certainly the advantage in these respects over Píléru, but it is two miles off the main line of traffic, to which the gentlemen in favor of Píléru, seem to look as giving that station a decided preference; the opinion of the people, best qualified to judge, is in favor of Píléru, and the Revenue authorities generally give the preference to Píléru over the other two places. I have therefore the honor to recommend that Píléru be the Kasbá of this Táluq.

6. Mr. Wedderburn proposes that the present name of the Táluq should not be changed, but I see no good reason in this case for not changing the name of the Táluq from Gurramkonda to Píléru, if Píléru is to be the Kasbá.

Letter from Acting Collector, Cuddapah, dated 29th May 1860.

7. The Táluqs of Chennúr and Kamalápúr have been amalgamated, and the united Táluq should now take the name of Cuddapah, the chief town of the District, situated in the former, as suggested in the Acting Collector's letter of 29th May.

8. In this letter also Mr. Wedderburn strongly urges the propriety of changing the Kasbá of the Chitwail Táluq from the town of that name to Rájámpet or Pallampet. These places are situated in the main line of the North-west Railway, and on the present Madras Road. Chitwail is in an out of the way corner of the District, and very inconvenient for public business, it is also very unhealthy, the Kacherí is quite unfit for its purpose of a Táhsíldar's Office. Rájámpet is not so central as Pallampet, but it is a large and important town with a revenue of 11,000 Rupees, whereas Pallampet has a revenue of only 2,600 Rupees, and Chitwail 2,500 Rupees. The proposition to change the Kasbá to Rájámpet seems to me to be proper, and

See letter, dated 8th June.

I beg to recommed it accordingly. And I do not, in this instance either, see sufficient grounds for retaining the old name of the Táluq, Chitwail, in preference to adopting the name of the new Kasbá, which principle has in all the changes been followed with few exceptions.

9. The Táluqs of the Cuddapah Districts should I propose in future be as follows :—

	New Táluq.	*Old Táluq.*	*Kasbás.*
1	Cuddapah	{Chennúr / Kamalápúr}	Cuddapah
2	Dúvúr	Dúvúr	Dúvúr
3	Jammalmadgu	Jammalmadgu	Jammalmadgu
4	Pulivendla	Pulivendla	Pulivendla
5	Khadri	Khadri	Khadri
6	Madanapalli	Madanapalli	Madanapalli
7	Píléru	Gurramkonda	Píléru (now Váilpád)
8	Ráyachóti	Ráyachóti	Ráyachóti
9	Badwail	Badwail	Badwail
10	Sidhout	Sidhout	Sidhout
11	Rájámpet	Chitwail	Rájámpet (now Chitwail).

10. With respect to the Head Quarters of the Sub-Collector I am of opinion, and the Board concur with me, that Madanapalli, the station now temporarily fixed for that Office, should be permanently sanctioned. The situation is not a central position for the Táluqs under the Sub-Collectors charge, which are Madanapalli, Gurramkonda, Ráyachóti and Khadri, but Mr. Wedderburn has fairly shown, I think, that it is under all circumstances the most convenient and appropriate locality for the Sub-Collector, and I would recommend its being fixed accordingly.

Letter, 26th May, paras. 10 *to* 16.

11. The Board also agree with me in opinion that the Táluqs of Dúvúr and Badwail may be assigned to the Head Assistant; and Pulivendla and Jammalmadgu with his Head Quarters at Chintaguntah may form the charge of the Deputy Collector as recommended by Mr. Wedderburn.

ORDER THEREON, 18th August 1860, No. 1,383.

1. In this letter, Mr. Pelly reports his opinion as to the best localities for the Kasbá towns of the Gurramkonda and Chitwail Táluqs in Cuddapah, and for the Head Quarters of the Sub-Collector of that District. He also refers to certain other points connected with the District.

2. With respect to the Kasbá of the Gurramkonda Táluq, Mr. Pelly notices that three towns have been proposed, viz., Gundlúr, Surakayalpet and Píléru. He prefers Píléru; and the Acting Collector, the Acting Sub-Collector, the two District Engineers Captains Stewart and Hemery, and the principal inhabitants of the Táluq are also in favor of that town.

3. The Táluq is thinly peopled, and there is no town well suited to be the Kasbá, or even any place possessing marked superiority over others for that object; and it is necessary therefore to select that place which on the whole appears the best. Of those named, Píléru is preferred because it is on a high road; but it has no other advantage. It is a small place, and it is situated in a wild and barren and thinly-peopled part of the Táluq; and it has the great inconvenience of being almost in the most remote part of it from Cuddapah, the capital of the District. Thus all persons going to the Kasbá from the northern parts of the Táluq, and having then to proceed to Cuddapah, as would often happen both in Revenue and Police matters, would have to go over the ground twice. It is to avoid this inconvenience, and to abridge as much as possible the communication between the District capital and the Táluq Kasbás, that one object steadily kept in view in fixing the Kasbás of the new Táluqs in all Districts has been to select a place near the District capital in preference to one remote from it.

4. Both the other places mentioned for the Kasbá of Gurramkonda are objectionable on other grounds, especially as being away from any high road; but it appears to Government that there is another, which unites the advantages of the several places named, with the additional one of being near the town Cuddapah. This is Kalkadda. It is on the high road from Chittoor to Cuddapah, and is a halting place for travellers; one of the few Travellers' Bungalows on the road is there. The Revenue is 3,000 Rupees a year, being more than that of any of the places named except Gundlúr. It is true that it is just on the border of the Táluq; but it is notwithstanding, less remote from the most distant parts than Píléru is; and all the journey to Kalkadda from the distant parts of the Táluq is in the direction of Cuddapah, while in the case of Píléru it is in the opposite direction. The Government resolve therefore to ask the opinion of the Collector through Mr. Pelly as to the expediency of making Kalkadda the Kasbá. *Primá facie* that place seems on the whole the best; but there may be local reasons against it.

5. The other proposals made by Mr. Pelly are the following: to give the name of Cuddapah to the united Táluq of Chennúr and Kamalápúr; to change the Kasbá of the Chitwail Táluq to Rájámpet, and to call the Táluq by that name; to fix the Head Quarters of the Sub-Collector at Madanapalli; to assign the Dúvúr and Badwail Táluqs to the Head Assistant, and those of Pulivendla and Jammalmadgu to the Deputy Collector, the Head Quarters of the latter being fixed at Chintagunta. These propositions are approved.

6. The name of the present Gurramkonda Táluq will depend on the place finally determined for the Kasbá.

7. It is observed that under the arrangement noticed in the closing paragraph of Mr. Pelly's letter, the Head Assistant and the Deputy Collector will have only two Táluqs each, while five will remain under the immediate management of the Collector. It appears to Government that it might be expedient to relieve the latter still further of detail work, by giving a third Táluq to the Head Assistant, and probably also to the Deputy Collector.

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To C. Pelly, Esq.
To the Board of Revenue.
" Inám Commissioner.
" Inspector General of Police.
" Chief Engineer.
" Judicial Department.

Exd. Wm. Thomas.

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