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No. 36. Read the following letter from J. ROHDE, Esq., Inspector General of Jails, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Ootacmund, 10th April 1860, No. 147.

*Ex. Min. Cons., 16th Nov. 1858, No. 1629.
" " " 16th March 1859, " 348.
" " " 19th April " 538.
O. G. 22nd December 1859, No. 1703.*

Referring to the Orders marginally noted, I beg to submit a letter received from the Director General, Medical Department, relative to the selection of Yelligode in preference to Nundiall as the Zila Station of the Kurnool District.

2. I certainly was disappointed in Nundiall, but it seems to me that before abandoning one place of comparative salubrity, it would be desirable that the local Officers should ascertain, with certainty, that that now proposed is preferable in many respects.

3. My own inclination was for the high ground a few miles from Kurnool on the Madras road, from its vicinity to Kurnool, but I know nothing of the District but from enquiry and my observation as a traveller along the high road; I purposely travelled by day.

4. The question involves so many considerations unconnected with my Department that I would beg the Government to give orders on the subject. Whatever place may be finally decided on, I shall be happy to visit the spot before the Jail is commenced.

5. I may suggest that I doubt the salubrity of the lime-stone tracts and I think experience will bear me out in saying that countries, like the Pulnaud of Guntoor, which much of Kurnool resembles, are unhealthy, the elevated range of trap I should think preferable—the high road to Kurnool, and an excellent road it is, runs through it.

Inspector of Jails' letter, 19th March 1859, para. 11.

6. In any point of view the Kurnool District is an awkward one to select a central and convenient station for.

Inspector of Jails' letter, 19th March 1859, para. 8.

7. I know not where this Director General's letter has been mislaid or detained or where I opened it to account for the delay.

From GEO. PEARSE, Esq., M. D., Director General, Medical Department, to the Inspector General of Jails, dated 31st December 1859, No. 2400.

I have the honor to transmit herewith extracts from a report* on the Ceded Districts by the Inspector General of Hospitals, for your consideration, in which that Officer points out, for reasons explained in his report, that Yelligode would be preferable as a locality for the erection of a Court House and Jail to Nundiall, which has been selected for these establishments.

2. Yelligode is stated to be about 30 miles north of Nundiall, and the Collector Mr. Arbuthnot it appears, concurs with Dr. MacPherson in considering it a better position.

Extract from a Report by the Inspector General of Hospitals with remarks of the Director General annexed.

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5. "Nundiall has been selected as the position for the Court House, Jail and residence for the Sadr Judge on account of its central position in the District, Kurnool being at one extremity. It is a singular circumstance that the extensive bed of lime-stone before adverted to, which is to be found for 30 to 40 miles on every side from Kurnool, disappears at Nundiall, for miles around this Village at the greatest depth yet attained in sinking wells there is nothing but the rich Régur* soil. It is asserted that it is from this cause that the water in the tanks in this neighbourhood so speedily percolates into the soil beneath, which is always humid. From this fact and also from the low nature of the country around Nundiall, I have not formed a favorable

**Hardly Régur, it is rather what in Guntoor would be called Ndlla Maska.*

J. R.

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opinion of the locality in a sanitary point of view. I am inclined to give the preference to *This would not be so convenient by the Nundi* Yelligode or its neighbourhood, which is about 30 miles north of Nundiall. Mr. Arbuthnot the Collector, and others who are familiar with this locality, are also of opinion that it is the most favorable spot in the District of Kurnool for a station. From here the water shed of the District flows, it is in proximity to an elevated range of hills, the salubrity of which has already been proved, it is close to the great line of operations projected by the Irrigation Company about to connect Madras with the Kistna river, and I believe it is also on the new line of road from Bellary to Secunderabad; sanitarily considered therefore, Yelligode, or that neighbourhood appears to me to be the best position for a station Civil or Military or both. Its elevation above the sea is about 1,000 feet higher than Kurnool.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) W. R. CORNISH,
Officiating Secretary to the
Director General, Medical Dept.

(True Copies.)

(Signed) J. ROHDE,
Inspector General of Jails.

No. 37.

ORDER THEREON, 23rd April 1860, No. 497.

Referred for the report of the Collector of Kurnool in communication with the Civil and Session Judge of Nundial.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge

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The Collector of Kurnool.
& Civil & Session Judge
of Nundial. } *Dispt. 20th*
" Inspector General of Jails.

To the
Honorable
The
Clerk

Respectfully
Yours
[Signature]