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No. 47. Read the following letter from L. C. INNES, Esq., Civil Judge of Nundial, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Kurnool, 14th May 1860, No. 7.

Adverting to the Proceedings of Government, under date 23rd April 1860, I have the honor to request you will bring to the notice of the Government that the Inspector General of Hospitals when in Kurnool last year mentioned to me that the Collector Mr. Arbuthnott thought favorably of Yelgód as a site for the new Court, Jail, &c.

2. I immediately communicated with Mr. Arbuthnott on the subject and he told me that in some respects he thought the site a good one, but that there was a scarcity of water, and what water there was, was bad. I am informed that the locality is unhealthy, causing chronic fever and dropsical swellings.

3. The position is not central and the only point which appears to recommend it, is its assumed elevation, the correctness of which, as Yelgód is not far from the cutting now being undertaken by the Irrigation and Canal Company, and that cutting must be lower than Kurnool, I should very much question.

4. It also seems to be thought a point of importance that the station should be contiguous to the line of operations of the Irrigation and Canal Company.

5. This however would be no reason for a change of the site as the Canal is to run *through* Nundial. Moreover before the new station is built, the Irrigation Company will probably have advanced so far with their operations in the neighbourhood of Kurnool as to be able to commence another of their projects elsewhere. It is impossible to calculate what project they may next undertake, but should it be the construction of tanks about the base of the Nílگیرis, it would be giving the Company's Officers credit for unusual self-denial to suppose that they would retain their Head Quarters at the Nallamala Hills as at present proposed by them.

6. The continuance of their Head Quarters therefore near Kurnool cannot, I think, be depended on, nor is it likely that their operations will necessitate a great resort of their Officers to the Courts.

7. The site of the Court should undoubtedly be fixed with a view to the superior convenience it will afford to the great body of the people.

8. Nundial is the most central spot that can be selected in the district. Experience, a far better test than a mere comparison of soils, has proved it not unhealthy. It is a large town, is surrounded by villages and is contiguous to Coilagoontla, a Tálug which furnishes a considerable amount of litigation to the Courts. It will become of great importance as soon as the Canal is completed and I feel no doubt whatever that Moolaságaram the suburb of Nundial already selected is the proper site for the Court and Jail.

9. At present, cases may be and frequently are sent up to me from distances of 120 and 160 miles, involving a journey to the parties and witnesses of 240 and 320 miles to and fro and making it impossible in many cases for post mortem examinations to be held where such evidence would be all important.

10. I feel satisfied that the work of the Court as long as it remains at Kurnool will not be properly developed. I think it very probable that the immense distance of the Court from its Eastern extremities induces injured parties in many cases to suppress information of crime, and to forego their right of appeal.

11. I beg therefore earnestly to deprecate any longer hesitation in reference to the site; as it will only tend to defer unnecessarily the commencement of the Jail and Court buildings at Nundial.

12. I have ventured to trespass on the time of the Government in this letter, as the Acting Collector is about to leave and has not I believe yet addressed the Government on the subject.

POSTSCRIPT.—Since writing the above, I have been informed by Colonel Cotton who is at the head of the Irrigation Company that Yelgód is 40 feet lower instead of 1,000 feet higher than Kurnool. The Acting Collector in a Memorandum he has sent me, proposes Kálwa; but

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Memorandum on Government Order, dated 23rd April 1860, No. 497.

Kurnool is remote from the Eastern Taluqs and is about the hottest place in the district, it has been at times severely visited by cholera but is not in whole I believe unhealthy, it is the most important place in the district now by far and will become still more so should the Irrigation Company's project be fully carried out.

Nundial is the most central place in the district and the third in importance, it possesses no other advantage, is very low and deficient in good building sites, and I should say very likely to prove unhealthy.

Yelgód is less central than Nundial, it is a little higher than Nundial and more favorable for building, but the soil is the same. The Director General Medical Department must have been strangely misinformed when he wrote that it was 1,000 feet higher than Kurnool and on the new line of road from Bellary to Secunderabad. It is probably lower than Kurnool and has no road of any kind within 20 miles of it, nor has any road been projected near it; it is near the highest point of the Nulla Mulla Hills where the Irrigation Company propose to establish a Sanatorium.

I think Calwa worth thinking of as the Head Quarters if they are to be removed from Kurnool. It is 500 or 600 feet higher than Kurnool and consequently cooler, it is 20 miles nearer the centre of the district and is on the high road from Madras to Kurnool, it has abundant good building sites for all purposes and an unfailing supply of running water. There is also a hot spring, supposed by some to possess medicinal qualities. It is a Native town of some size, population 1,830.

KURNOL, COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,
12th May 1860.

(Signed) G. THORNHILL,
Acting Collector.

No. 48. ORDER THEREON, 29th May 1860, No. 660.

Communicated to the Inspector General of Jails.

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Inspector Genl. of Jails.
Civil Judge of Nundial.
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Dated 14th May 1860

Revised - 19th May 1860

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Sub- 1860-20th May 1860.
From the Civil Judge of Nundial.
To the Chief Secretary to Government.
For the Honble Secy.

Submitting a report regarding the site for the new Court, etc. etc. with reference to the site of Government under act of 23rd April 1860. On do.

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Your most obedient servant
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Tumool
Civil Court
Gilliam of Mundial
14 May 1860

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