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No. 305. Read the following letter from the Inspector General of Police, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 19th May 1866, No. 792.

General Department.

I have the honor to submit, for the favorable consideration of Government, the accompanying Report by Deputy Inspector General of Southern Range, with Memorandum by the Magistrate of District, recommending that the station of the Assistant Superintendent of Police in Tinnevelly be transferred from Sevagasy to Covilputty.

2. In the Revenue Department, arrangements have been made for the transfer of the Head Assistant's station to Tuticorin from Streveliputur.

3. The Deputy Collector's station has been fixed at Covilputty, the most central part of his Range. The Police of this Range is under the Assistant Superintendent of Police, whose station should likewise be changed.

4. It is unnecessary to repeat the good arguments which led to these changes. They apply with equal force to the change now urged.

5. The only difficulty is that there is no house for the Assistant or office. I recommend that the old gin house, now his residence and office, at Sevagasy, be sold. The proceeds would probably cover the whole cost, and rent might be paid for the part of the new building occupied as a private residence.

6. I would recommend that an estimate be called for, with a view to carrying out the arrangements proposed as expeditiously as possible.

From the Deputy Inspector General of Police, Southern Range, to the Inspector General of Police; dated Madura, 8th May 1866.

I have the honor to submit, for your consideration, the advisibility of changing the Head Quarters of the Assistant Superintendent of the Tinnevelly District from Sevagasy to Covilputty.

2. When Sevagasy was selected as the residence of the Assistant, the Head Assistant Magistrate was stationed at Streveliputur, and it was advisable that the Assistant should be near him.

3. The Head Assistant now resides at Tuticorin, and the Officer who relieved him, Mr. Underwood, lives at Covilputty.

4. The Assistant has at present charge of 28 stations in the Taluqs of Streveliputur, Satoor, Senkernacovil and the Northern part of Otapadarum. I would recommend that the six stations of the Southern part of Otapadarum Taluq, including Tuticorin, the Head Quarters of the Head Assistant, be added to the Assistant's charge, and that his Head Quarters be at Covilputty, the residence of the Deputy Magistrate, the most central station in his Range, and easily accessible to Tuticorin, the residence of his Head Assistant Magistrate.

5. If the gin house at Sevagasy, at present occupied by the Assistant, was sold, a house might be built with the proceeds at Covilputty, and no expense would be incurred by Government. An offer of Rupees 700 has been made, and I have no doubt but that Rupees 1000, ample to build a house at Covilputty, would be realized if the sale of the gin house was properly advertized.

6. I beg to forward a copy of a Memorandum on the subject by the Magistrate of the District, advocating the change.

No. 9.

OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM.

The Assistant Superintendent of Police having pointed out to the Magistrate the possible advantage of his Head Quarters being changed from Sevagasy to Covilputty, the Magistrate makes the following observations thereon :—

2. The present charge of the Assistant Superintendent of Police embraces, the Taluqs of Streveliputur, Satoor, Senkernacovil, and the northern moiety of the Otapadarum Taluq.

3. His present Head Quarters at Sevagasy, though central for the Taluqs of Streveliputur and Satoor, is less so for that of Senkernacovil, and very much less so than Covilputty for the northern part of Otapadarum. Were the present charge still continued, the change to Covilputty would be certainly to a more central spot.

4. A further consideration is that, were the whole of the Otapadarum Taluq placed in the Assistant Superintendent's charge, including the important Sea port of Tuticorin, it would be more accessible from Covilputty than from the Superintendent's Head Quarters at Palamcottah, as, in wet weather and during floods, the easiest, though longest route, from Palamcottah to Tuticorin is via Covilputty, with which it is connected by a good road. The gin house, now the office of the Assistant Superintendent of Police, might be sold, and would probably fetch a good price, as a store-house for merchants in the town ; and with the proceeds, a suitable building might be erected at Covilputty, for the Assistant Superintendent's Head Quarters, who would then be in the centre of his charge, and equi-distant from the two Officers, the Head Assistant and Deputy Magistrates, whose Range he would superintend.

TINNEVELLY,
6th January 1866.

(Signed) A. WEDDERBURN,
Magistrate.

To the Superintendent of Police, Tinnevelly, for information.

No. 306. ORDER THEREON, 30th May 1866, No. 842.

Under the circumstances stated, the Governor in Council approves of the proposition to remove the Head Quarters of the Assistant Superintendent of Police, Tinnevelly, from Sevagasy to Covilputty.

2. Orders will be issued in the Public Works Department regarding the disposal by auction of the old gin house at Sevagasy, and the construction of a new Police Office at Covilputty.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Inspector General of Police.
„ Public Works Department.
„ Accountant General.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

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30 May 1866 No 842.

Under the circumstances stated, the Governor in Council approves of the proposition to remove the Head Quarters of the Asst. Superintendent of Police, Tinnevelly, from Sevagasy to Covilputty.

2 Orders will be issued in the P. W. Department regarding the disposal by auction of the old gin house at Sevagasy and the construction of a new Police Office at Covilputty.

To the Inspr. Genl of Police
" Pblic Wks Dept
" Acct Genl

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