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TALUK CUTCHERRY AT MANANTODDY.

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29TH AUGUST 1895, No. 592, REVENUE.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—again G.O., dated 4th February 1890, No. 106, Revenue.

ABSTRACT.—Expressing concurrence in the Board's opinion that it is best to retain Manantoddy as head-quarters of the Deputy Collector of Wynaad and that a new office should be built there for the Tahsildar; considering the design of the proposed building unsuited to the locality; and stating that the necessary orders for its revision will be issued in the Public Works Department.

READ—again G.O., dated 28th August 1893, No. 3160, Revenue.

ABSTRACT.—Sanctioning, subject to certain remarks, the estimates for constructing a new taluk cutcherry at Manantoddy in Wynaad.

READ—also the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), dated 11th July 1895, Mis. No. 3447 :—

Read—again the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), dated 23rd May 1895, Mis. No. 2625 :—

Read—the following letter from H. BRADLEY, Esq., Acting Collector of Malabar, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue, dated Calicut, 15th August 1894, No. 1247-P. Gl. :—

With reference to Board's Proceedings, dated 8th September 1893, No. 5196, Mis., I have the honour to forward herewith for sanction revised plans and estimates, as per enclosed list, for constructing a second-class taluk cutcherry at Manantoddy.

2. The amount sanctioned in G.O., dated 26th November 1891, No. 3164-W., Public Works, is Rs. 26,600, but the estimate now submitted is for Rs. 28,200. In the report accompanying the estimate, the Executive Engineer states that the increase is due to the rates provided in the estimate prepared by the Consulting Architect being inadequate, and that no further reduction is possible without impairing the stability of the building.

3. A copy of a letter, dated 13th July 1894, No. 286-M., from the Superintending Engineer is also enclosed.

4. I have not countersigned the estimates because I think the site selected not a suitable one. It is surrounded on all sides by other buildings, and there is hardly room for a taluk cutcherry upon it. When I was in Manantoddy in November last, I looked for a possible site and I found one which seemed to me suitable on a low hill, very near the present Deputy Collector's office. I spoke to Mr. J. M. Bell, the then Executive Engineer, on my return to Calicut about it, and I understood that he was then going to Manantoddy and would see about it. The present Executive Engineer can find no reference to the subject in his office, and the subordinate who accompanied Mr. Bell to the Wynaad is dead.

5. The site I refer to is said to be the property of Government, and its proximity to the Deputy Collector's office would facilitate public business considerably if the new building could be built there. An alternative suggestion which has been made to me is that the building now used as the Deputy Collector's office, which is larger than is necessary, should be converted into the taluk cutcherry and another smaller building erected for the Deputy Collector's office, or one of the neighbouring bungalows

acquired. I am informed that the proprietrix of a bungalow quite near the Deputy Collector's office would probably agree to sell it. I think these proposals may result in some saving.

6. I regret that the question of the change of site has not been settled by me in communication with the Executive Engineer; but I fully understood that Mr. Bell would consider it, and, not having heard from him, expected to find that my suggestion had been accepted.

Reference on the above, dated 28th August 1894.

With reference to the suggestion in paragraph 5 of his letter, the Collector is requested to forward a plan of the Deputy Collector's office showing the accommodation contained therein and to state the probable cost of converting it into a taluk cutcherry. Information should also be furnished as to the price of the bungalow proposed to be acquired for the Deputy Collector's cutcherry, a plan of the building being forwarded. The Collector should also state his opinion as to the suitability of the alternative proposals.

Read—also the following letter from H. MOBERLY, Esq., Acting Collector of Malabar, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue, dated Calicut, 25th February 1895, No. 358-Pub.:—

In its reference on General Register No. 1381 of 1894, dated 28th August 1894, the Board has called for—

- a plan of the Wynaad Deputy Collector's office showing the accommodation contained therein and the probable cost of converting it into a taluk cutcherry;
- information as to the price of the bungalow proposed to be acquired for the Deputy Collector's cutcherry; and
- opinion as to the suitability of the alternative proposal, i.e., the conversion of the present Deputy Collector's office into a taluk cutcherry and the acquisition of a neighbouring bungalow for the Deputy Collector's office.

2. With regard to (a), a plan of the Deputy Collector's office is herewith submitted. To adapt it into a taluk cutcherry, one of the existing rooms will have to be converted into a strong room to be used as the treasury, a separate block of buildings comprising the sub-jail wards and the police station will have to be constructed and a covered passage put up connecting it with the main building. The additions required are marked in the plan in yellow. The probable cost of the additions and alterations is roughly estimated at Rs. 6,390 as noted below:—

	RS.
Constructing sub-jail wards and police station together with a covered passage	5,890
Converting one of the rooms into a treasury room and for other repairs	500
Total	6,390

3. With regard to (b), one Mrs. Cream, the proprietrix of the bungalow, agrees to sell it and the land attached to it (viz., 50 acres) for Rs. 10,000. The land is said to be the janmam property of a gounden from whom Mrs. Cream holds it on a perpetual lease. She agrees, however, to purchase the land outright and to make it over with the bungalow for the above sum. The bungalow and its out-houses have been valued by the Public Works Department overseer at Rs. 7,202. The roof is considered to be very old and the cost of putting up a new roof is estimated at Rs. 4,470. The total cost of purchasing and repairing this bungalow will therefore be about Rs. 10,000 + 4,470 or Rs. 14,470.

4. I regret I cannot support either of these proposals. It seems to me that it would be preferable to transfer the Tahsildar to Vayitri and to locate the Deputy

Tahsildar of the latter station at Manantoddy with the Deputy Collector, whose present office, with slight alterations, will accommodate both officers and their establishments. The Deputy Collector at present occupies a portion of his office as a dwelling house. I can see no reason why the Deputy Collector should be provided with free quarters. The Deputy Tahsildar's cutcherry at Vayitri can, with a little outlay, be converted into an office suitable for the Tahsildar and his establishment. The total cost of these alterations cannot in my opinion exceed the amount of the estimate for constructing a new cutcherry for the Tahsildar.

5. My reasons for recommending the transfer of the taluk head-quarters are—

- The extent, population and land revenue of the amsoms under the jurisdiction of the Deputy Tahsildar stationed at Vayitri are much greater than those under the jurisdiction of the Tahsildar—vide accompanying statement.
- Manantoddy is by no means in the centre of the taluk, and the important villages of Sultan's Battery, Kalpetta, Meppadi can be reached more easily from Vayitri than from Manantoddy. Besides the southern portion of the taluk is of greater importance than the northern portion.
- The number of criminal cases on the file of the Second-class Magistrates in the Wynaad during 1893 and 1894 was as follows:—

	1893.	1894.
Vayitri Sub-Magistrate	433	424
Tahsildar-Magistrate, Wynaad	94	88
Sheristadar-Magistrate, Wynaad	101	152

By the proposed transfer of the Tahsildar, two Magistrates (Tahsildar-Magistrate and Sheristadar-Magistrate) will be stationed at Vayitri. The Sheristadar-Magistrate will always be available for the disposal of criminal work when the Tahsildar is in camp.

(d) The change is necessary in the interest of the planting industry of which Vayitri is decidedly the centre.

(e) There is no District Munsif at Manantoddy, whereas there is one at Vayitri. At present all civil court deposits have to be remitted to Manantoddy, a distance of 27 miles. In 1893 the deposits in the Munsif's court came to Rs. 3,21,371.

(f) An examination of the total receipts and disbursements at the Vayitri and Manantoddy sub-treasuries will show that, from a treasury point of view, Vayitri is far more important than Manantoddy. In the following table the treasury transactions at the two places during 1893 are compared:—

Items.	Vayitri	Manantoddy.
Receipts.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
Postal	15,847 15 9	16,110 11 5
Judicial deposits	3,21,371 7 9	49,824 5 8
Remittances	768 9 7	1,60,550 12 5
Stamps, &c.	8,292 5 0	3,402 4 0
Other items	23,765 15 1	41,078 10 2
Total	3,70,046 5 2	2,70,966 11 8
Disbursements.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
Postal	3,22,587 14 9	2,671 8 6
Deposits	65,760 0 1	1,55,288 10 7
Public Works Department cheques as per letters of credit.	31,197 3 5	29,247 2 9
Other items	21,812 3 0	34,158 1 10
Total	4,41,357 5 3	2,21,365 7 8

* As per cheques of District Forest-officer.

(g) There is a District Munsif, an Assistant Engineer, an Inspector of Police, a Sub-Registrar and a combined Post and Telegraph office at Vayitri and the location of the Tahsildar at Vayitri will be of benefit not only to them, but to the general public.

6. In Mr. Winterbotham's letter printed with G.O., dated 4th February 1890, No. 106, Revenue, after reviewing the arguments for and against the removal of the head-quarters of the Deputy Collector to Vayitri, he reported that, in his opinion, the balance of advantage was against moving the divisional officer's head-quarters from Manantoddy. There is no doubt that there is a great advantage in having the Divisional officer and Tahsildar at the same station, but it seems to me that such advantage should be given up if the public convenience demands it.

7. The arguments as put before me by the people of North Wynaad against the proposed change are —

(i) Manantoddy is so well situated on the bank of the Kabani river that through many a vicissitude of the Hindu, the Muhammadan and the English rule, it has been the seat of the Wynaad taluk cutcherry as also of the principal officers of State.

(ii) It is located sufficiently far away from the vicinity of the ghâts, that it has ever been the sanitarium of the taluk. The rainfall is comparatively light and only about half that at Vayitri.

(iii) It is nearer the centre of Wynaad than any other village of importance, while Vayitri is situated on the south-western corner and the top of the Tamracheri ghât.

(iv) It possesses in itself greater advantages of trade and commerce than other places in Wynaad.

(v) It has better accommodation than elsewhere for all castes and creed.

(vi) Vayitri possesses none of the advantages which Manantoddy does, and is fully 50 miles from the taluk boundary at Periah.

(vii) Coffee industry in Wynaad is not of a permanent character and lasts only until such time as the fertility of the soil is exhausted. Plantations in South Wynaad will, in a few years more, be abandoned as they were in North Wynaad.

(viii) The three amsoms of Puthadi, Porakkadi and Kurumbala should be taken from the jurisdiction of the Vayitri Sub-Magistrate and added to the jurisdiction of the Tahsildar-Magistrate of Wynaad.

8. It is unnecessary to discuss these arguments in detail as my proposal includes the transfer of the Deputy Tahsildar to Manantoddy and is calculated to promote the convenience of the public of North Wynaad as well as of South Wynaad. The Deputy Collector will of course be left where he is.

9. If the Board and Government sanction my proposal, some slight re-arrangement of the jurisdiction of the Tahsildar and Deputy Tahsildar-Magistrate may become necessary. It seems to me that in the event of the Deputy Tahsildar being moved to Manantoddy, it will be advisable to make him the Deputy Collector's Sheristadar with magisterial powers. This arrangement will be similar to that at Cochin. The establishments of the two officers may be amalgamated so that the Deputy Collector will have immediate control of the whole staff. The working of the Branch Treasury, which is now under the Deputy Tahsildar, will then be under the Deputy Collector, and whenever the Deputy Collector goes into camp, there will be, as at Vayitri, an officer on the spot to attend to emergent work, either revenue or magisterial.

To lighten the work of the Tahsildar, the collections of the amsoms in the northern portion of the taluk (at present in the Tahsildar's charge) should be received at Manantoddy.

10. At present the treasury work is heavier at Vayitri than at Manantoddy and remittances have constantly to be made from Calicut to Vayitri to enable the post office to pay money orders sent to planters. The cost of remitting the money is paid out of Land Revenue, whilst the post office makes Re. 1 on every 100 it disburses. If the Taluk Treasury were located at Vayitri and cashed the planters' cheques charging $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. discount, not only would the planters be benefited, but we should recoup ourselves for the expenses incurred in making remittances. Even if such a course is inadmissible, the location of the Taluk Treasury at Vayitri would undoubtedly lessen the number of remittances that have to be made at present.

STATEMENT showing Area, Population and Land Revenue demand for fasli 1303 of the different Amsoms of the Wynaad Taluk.

No.	Amsom.	Area in acres.	Population.	Total Land Revenue including land-cess.	Remarks.
		ACS.		RS. A. P.	
1	Vayittiri	30,720	3,280	9,430 0 0	Amsoms under the jurisdiction of the Deputy Tahsildar, Vayitri.
2	Kalpetta	65,000	4,781	8,497 13 4	
3	Kottapadi		3,677	10,724 15 6	
4	Muppainad	61,440	4,248	13,860 13 10	
5	Mathil		4,341	13,642 13 7	
6	Porakkadi	51,200	6,193	7,268 13 7	
7	Pudati		3,609	9,305 8 9	
8	Kurumbala	26,880	2,937	4,666 11 4	
9	Kottathara		2,349	4,007 7 8	
10	Kidanganad		3,540	10,019 15 10	
11	Nemmini	76,800	5,302	18,632 14 4	
12	Nulpoya		3,302	7,649 13 1	
Total ..		312,040	47,559	1,17,707 12 10	
13	Vemom	76,800	3,675	5,035 14 2	Amsoms under the jurisdiction of the Tahsildar at Manantoddy.
14	Thirunelli		3,309	9,552 0 2	
15	Nallurnad	11,520	3,528	4,995 14 11	
16	Anjukomam	41,000	1,935	4,127 1 5	
17	Kuppathod		3,009	5,360 7 8	
18	Periya	30,720	1,466	2,373 4 4	
19	Edavaka	57,600	3,282	7,040 4 10	
20	Thondernad	40,320	4,036	6,294 1 1	
21	Porannanur		2,660	4,977 4 9	
22	Vellamunda	42,240	2,303	3,494 13 9	
Total ..		300,200	29,203	53,251 3 1	
Grand Total ..		612,240	76,762	1,70,958 15 11	
Add Land Revenue Miscellaneous ..				4,258 6 10	
Land-cess on minor inams ..				16 9 6	
Total ..				1,75,234 0 3	

* Edavaka and Nallurnad have, with effect from fasli 1304, been sub-divided into Edavaka, Tavinhal and Nallurnad.

Read—Petition from Mr. W. C. Dawson and others, inhabitants of North Wynaad, Malabar district, dated 9th April 1895.

ABSTRACT.—Protesting against the proposed transfer of the head-quarters of the Taluk office from Manantoddy to Vayitri.

Resolution—dated 23rd May 1895, Mis. No. 2625.

The question whether Manantoddy or Vayitri should be the head-quarters of the Wynaad taluk was fully discussed in 1874 and again in 1885, and it was decided to locate the Tahsildar and Deputy Collector at the former place. The Board is not prepared to re-open the question at present. The Collector can give the Deputy Tahsildar sufficient relief by transferring some amsoms from his division to that of the Tahsildar.

2. The Board does not approve of the alternative scheme suggested by Mr. Bradley and would prefer a new building for the Taluk office. As the site already selected for it is considered objectionable, the Collector should report on the suitability of that chosen by Mr. Bradley.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) R. C. C. CARR,
Acting Secretary.

To the Collector of Malabar, with plans and estimate.
„ the Petitioners (paragraph 1).

Read—also the following letter from H. MOBERLY, Esq., Acting Collector of Malabar, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue, Madras, dated Calicut, 22nd June 1895, No. 1057-Pub.:—

With reference to paragraph 2 of Board's Proceedings, dated 23rd May 1895, Mis. No. 2625, I have the honour to state that the site chosen by Mr. Bradley for the construction of a cutcherry for the Wynaad Tahsildar is a suitable one. It belongs to Government and forms the northern portion of the hill on which the Deputy Collector's office stands.

2. The plans and estimates forwarded by the Superintending Engineer are submitted as per enclosed list. As Rs. 10,000 have been provided for the work in the budget for 1895-96, I request that the estimate may be sanctioned at an early date.

3. The Superintending Engineer informs me that, as the nature of soil of the old and present sites is the same, the estimate requires no alteration.

Resolution—dated 11th July 1895, Mis. No. 3147.

The revised plans and estimate for constructing a taluk cutcherry at Manantoddy are submitted for the sanction of Government with reference to G.O., dated 28th August 1893, No. 3160, Revenue. The Board considers that the cutcherry should be built on the site selected by Mr. Bradley, which is also reported by Mr. Moberly to be suitable.

2. The estimate now submitted provides for an expenditure of Rs. 28,200 which is Rs. 1,600 in excess of the amount sanctioned by Government on the Consulting Architect's estimate. It is stated by the Executive Engineer that the increase is due to the inadequacy of the rates on which Mr. Irwin's estimate was based and that no reduction is possible without impairing the stability of the building (paragraph 2 of the Collector's letter, dated 15th August 1894, No. 1247, disposed of in Board's Proceedings, dated 23rd May 1895, No. 2625).

3. The estimate includes a provision of Rs. 1,200 for constructing a latrine to be used by the sub-jail prisoners as well as by the public. The Collector's attention will be drawn to paragraph 10 of Mr. Winterbotham's letter, dated 18th November 1889, No. 3784-P., in which a public latrine was considered unnecessary at Manantoddy, and to G.O., dated 20th September 1882, No. 2440-W., regarding the inutility of sub-jail latrines. He will be requested to state whether the provision for a latrine should not, in these circumstances, be struck out of the estimate.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. C. C. CARR,
Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with four plans and estimate and G. R. No. 1381
of 1894, with its enclosure, and G. R. No. 112
of 1895, in original, and one enclosure; and letter from
the Collector of Malabar, dated 22nd June 1895,
No. 1057, and with copy of Board's Proceedings, dated 23rd May 1895, No. 2625.
,, the Collector of Malabar.

Read—also memorandum from the Public Works Department, dated Ootacamund, 18th July 1895, No. 590-D.

ABSTRACT.—Communicating telegram from the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, reporting the expenditure on the taluk cutcherry, Manantoddy.

Read—also Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), dated 1st August 1895, Mis. No. 3809.

ABSTRACT.—Submitting to Government in continuation of Board's Proceedings, dated 11th July 1895, No. 3447, letter from the Collector of Malabar stating that the provision of Rs. 1,200 for constructing a latrine in the new Taluk office at Manantoddy may be struck out.

ORDER—dated 29th August 1895, No. 592, Revenue.

Miscellaneous.

It is observed that in his letter, dated 25th February 1895, No. 358, Public, Mr. Moberly urges very strong reasons for the transfer of the head-quarters of the Wynaad taluk from Manantoddy to Vayitri. After carefully considering the altered conditions of the two localities, His Excellency the Governor in Council has come to the conclusion that the proposal to build a taluk cutcherry at Manantoddy must be abandoned. The plans and estimates submitted by the Board will be returned with the request that a scheme based on Mr. Moberly's proposals for locating the Tahsildar at Vayitri may be submitted at an early date.

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), with plans and estimates.
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