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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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4th January 1861.*

No. 18. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 17th December 1860, No. 5,911:—

Read the following letter from J. D. ROBINSON, Esq., Acting Collector of North Arcot, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Fort Saint George, dated Chittoor, 7th December 1860, No. 297.

SIR,

1. I have the honor with reference to the Extract appended to the Board's Proceedings, dated 30th October 1860, No. 4,988, to enclose copy of a letter to my address from the Sub-Collector, touching on the points on which additional information has been required. The records of my own Office do nothing more than bear out Mr. Blairs' account of the matter; and the only additional fact which I have been able to glean from them is, that Cusbah Pallikonda and its environs were overrun and plundered in 1804 by the Kangundi and Yethurkonda Paliagars; from which I am led to surmise that the original plan of making Virinjipuram the head quarters of the Táluq was abandoned in its favor, as being a point from which these robber chiefs could be more effectually checked and overawed. The tract south of the Pálár formed at that time, as the Board are aware, part of the Province of South Arcot, and it is therefore highly probable that a reference to the records of that District would afford some explanation of the reasons which decided the selection of Pallikonda as the Cusbah of its Táluq.

2. As Mr. Blair rightly observes, the only town westward of Pallikonda of any importance is Pét Ámúr, but as the rail road passes close by it, it is almost immaterial to the inhabitants whether the head quarters of their Táluq be at Pallikonda or Vellore. With this exception, the villages on that side of the Táluq are small and scattered, and the country too wild and mountainous to admit of much agricultural developement. On the ground therefore that the wealth and enterprise of the Táluq are for the most part concentrated on the other side, and that under present arrangements the location of the Treasury at a distance of 14 miles from Vellore is productive of the utmost inconvenience and delay, I beg to renew my recommendation that the buildings in the Vellore Fort be inspected and reported on by the District Engineer in view to the transfer being carried out at an early date.

3. It occurs to me, however, to suggest that a reference be made in the first instance to the Military Department, for the purpose of ascertaining whether there is any probability that the Fort will be hereafter taken up for the use of European troops, as in that case it might not be desirable to occupy it in the manner proposed, and the transfer could not then be effected without incurring a large expenditure in the erection of a new Kacheri in some other quarter of the town.

1. Ordered that the above letter with copy of the Collector's former letter, dated 16th October 1860, and of the Board's Proceedings thereon, be submitted to Government with reference to their Proceedings, dated 11th July 1860, No. 1,141, Revenue Department, on the proposed transfer of the Táluq Treasury from Pallikonda to Vellore.

2. Both the Collector and the Acting Sub-Collector are in favor of the change proposed by the Acting Accountant General, and the only difficulty arises from the necessity of providing proper accommodation for the Táluq Kacheri and Treasury.

3. There is no building outside the Fort suitable and available for the purpose.

4. Within the Fort there are buildings well adapted to the purpose, of which the Armoury inside the Arsenal is specially mentioned for preference, but there are at present a few Military Stores in the building and in the Arsenal, and Military guards over the entrance to the Arsenal and to the Fort, all of which must be removed if the building be transferred for the above purpose. The Stores could, it seems, be lodged elsewhere in good quarters within the outer wall of the Arsenal, and the guard could be so placed as to command both the Storehouse and the building proposed for the Treasury.

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5. The decision of the question must apparently depend on Military considerations, unless Government is able to allot funds for providing accommodation outside the Fort for the Treasury and Kacheri.

6. If it is not in contemplation again to station European troops at Vellore, the buildings named may perhaps be made at once available without any inconvenience.

7. The Board are of opinion that the transfer of the Cusbah as proposed is very desirable, and they observe that no reason can be traced for its having been fixed at such a site as that of Pallikonda.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Acting Secretary.*

No. 19.

ORDER THEREON, 4th January 1861, No. 10.

Referred to the Military Department that the views of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief may be obtained in respect of the transfer of the buildings referred to, for Civil purposes.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Acting Secretary to Government.

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Submitting with the
statements a letter from the
Young Collector of the
District on the proposed
transfer of the Taluk
Shewary from Pallemandak
to Bellare.

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Refused to the

the City of Bellare that
the views of the Executive, the
Commissioner of the District may be
obtained in respect of the transfer
of the Bellare, referred to, for
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