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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
13th February 1862.*

No. 281. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 4th January 1862,
No. 5:—

Read the following letter from W. FISHER, Esq., Collector of North Canara, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Chepauk, dated Beital, 10th December 1861, No. 168.

SIR,

1. With reference to my letter of the 2nd instant, No. 163, I have the honor to forward an Estimate* of cost of removing from Sircy to Honore, Cash, Press, and such records as are necessarily required with the Office.
* Amounting to Rupees 220.
2. Though no specific provision has been made for a charge of this description in the Civil Budget for 1861-62, it can be met, being small, from the item "Miscellaneous" Hire of carts for conveying Records, &c., &c.
3. I much regret the necessity of the return of the Establishment to the coast, but it is absolutely necessary in consequence of the continued and apparently increasing unhealthiness of the Balaghat Taluqs in general, and Sircy in particular.
4. Fever is just now so prevalent, that not only does the current work in the Balaghat Kacheris fall into arrears, but there is every probability of the annual settlement being delayed in consequence of the sickness of the Shanbagues and Taluq officials.
5. There is the greatest difficulty in obtaining substitutes for sick men, and in many instances the lower offices remain vacant during the illness of the incumbents, and hence the Tahsildars are deprived at times, in a great measure, of the services of those on whom they must in a great measure depend for the due conduct of the current work of their Taluqs.
6. I trust that this fever may run its course, and that the Balaghat may again become healthy before another monsoon sets in; and although it appears that this disease has spread, and gradually increased in intensity, during the last three years, the peculiar manner in which it has lately exhibited itself on the coast, as well as above the Ghats, on the setting in of the land winds, leads me to hope, that as improvement takes place here, it will also be visible above the Ghats.
7. A few days ago nearly all my Circuit office people were struck down, and both Natives and Europeans in Sedasheghur were suffering from fever.
8. Of late, as land winds have been less violent, and the sea breeze has set in regularly, a marked improvement has taken place in the health of the people in camp, though some public and private servants are still subject to fever, and much prostrated by the disease.
9. The Deputy Collector in charge of the Treasury has been able to resume his duties after some days confinement to his bed, and if he has no relapse, I trust that the accounts for November will be despatched with tolerable punctuality, though I have to regret that the ill health of the servants of the Account Department has caused business to fall much in arrear. The depression and weakness caused by constant attacks of fever, and the inconvenience and discomfort to which all are subjected by the illness and desertion of personal servants, make the removal of the office, *pro tempore* at any rate a necessity which cannot be avoided.
10. Having neither public buildings of any kind, or shelter for the Kacheri servants at any station whatever, Honore excepted, I have been obliged to direct Mr. Ball to return to that place; but should it be necessary to give up Sircy, the choice of a position for head quarters lies between Beital and Mirjan. The latter is undoubtedly the most central, and as it has the advantage of being on a road which connects the Arbye and Devamany Ghats, and will shortly be in direct communication with Beital *via* the Hyder Ghat, it doubtless possesses great advantages; but as an European Officer will be much required here, and all surplus revenue will find its way to this place, either for works in progress, or for commercial purposes, it may be deemed desirable that the Collector's head quarters should eventually be fixed at Beital, if the District is not transferred to Bombay.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
13th February 1862.*

1. The above letter will be submitted for the information of Government, but the Board do not at present deem it necessary to discuss the question of the future head quarters of North Canara.

2. The Collector will include the cost of removing to the Coast in his Contingent Bill.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

No. 282.

ORDER THEREON, 13th February 1862, No. 302.

Ordered to be recorded.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,

Deputy Secretary to Government.

No. 5.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 4th January 1862.

Read the following letter from W. FISHER, Esq., Collector of North Canara, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Chempauk, dated Beikol, 10th December 1861, No. 168:—

1. With reference to my letter of the 2nd instant, No. 165, I have the honor to forward an Estimate* of cost of removing from Sircy to Honore, Cash, Press, and such records as are necessarily required with the Office.
* Amounting to Rupees 230.

2. Though no specific provision has been made for a charge of this description in the Civil Budget for 1861-62, it can be met, being small, from the item "Miscellaneous" Hire of carts for conveying Records, &c. &c.

3. I much regret the necessity of the return of the Establishment to the Coast, but it is absolutely necessary in consequence of the continued and apparently increasing unhealthiness of the Balaghat Taluks in general, and Sircy in particular.

4. Fever is just now so prevalent, that not only does the current work in the Balaghat Cutcheries fall into arrears, but there is every probability of the annual settlement being delayed in consequence of the sickness of the Shanbagues and Taluk Officials.

5. There is the greatest difficulty in obtaining substitutes for sick men, and in many instances the lower offices remain vacant during the illness of the incumbents, and hence the Tahsildars are deprived at times, in a great measure, of the services of those on whom they must in a great measure depend for the due conduct of the current work of their Taluks.

6. I trust that this fever may run its course, and that the Balaghat may again become healthy before another monsoon sets in; and although it appears that this disease has spread, and gradually increased in intensity, during the last three years, the peculiar manner in which it has lately exhibited itself on the Coast, as well as above the Ghats, on the setting in of the land winds, leads me to hope, that as improvement takes place here, it will also be visible above the Ghats.

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10. Having neither public buildings of any kind, or shelter for the Cutcherry servants at any station whatever, Honore excepted, I have been obliged to direct Mr. Ball to return to that place; but should it be necessary to give up Sircy, the choice of a position for head quarters lies between Beikole and Mirjan. The latter is undoubtedly the most central, and as it has the advantage of being on a road which connects the Arbye and Devamany Ghats, and will shortly be in direct communication with Beikole *via* the Hyder Ghat, it doubtless possesses great advantages; but as an European Officer will be much required here, and all surplus revenue will find its way to this place, either for works in progress, or for commercial purposes, it may be deemed desirable that the Collector's head quarters should eventually be fixed at Beikol, if the District is not transferred to Bombay.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

ABSTRACT.—Estimate of the cost of conveying Coins from Sirey to Honore together with such portion of the records, &c., as is urgently required.

1. The above letter will be submitted for the information of Government, but the Board do not at present deem it necessary to discuss the question of the future Head Quarters of North Canara.
2. The Collector will include the cost of removing to the Coast in his Contingent Bill.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

Secretary.

To J. D. Sim, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D., with enclosure.
Copy to W. Fisher, Esq., Collector of North Canara.

Exd. J. Wright.

Submitting for information a letter from the Collector of North Canara forwarding an estimate of cost for removing from Sirey to Honore, Cash, Press, and certain Records required with the office.

No. 5.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

No. 148

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Secy of Govt for Secretary

Dated 4th January 1862.

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