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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
2nd August 1865.*

No. 38. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Revenue Department:—

Sanctioning the alteration of the name of the
Calcudda Taluq, Cuddapah District, to that of } (Here enter 27th July 1865, No. 1,746.)
Voilpad, and the retention of the latter as the }
Taluq Kusbah.

No. 39. ORDER THEREON, 2nd August 1865, No. 2,206.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 3.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer of the 3rd Division.

(True Extract)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer of the 3rd Division.
,, Controller of Public Works Accounts.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
27th July 1865.*

No. 492. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 17th July 1865, No. 4,096.

Read the following letter from H. G. SMITH, Esq., Collector of Cuddapah, to R. A. DALYELL, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Muddenpully, 9th June 1865, No. 72:—

SIR,

1. On arriving in the District two years ago, I was much struck at Calcudda being fixed on as the Kasbah of the old Gurramcondah Talook under the new arrangement of Talooks, because it was on the high road from Chittoor to Cuddapah, and is a halting place for travellers, and on account of the revenue being more than other places mentioned. The places, however, with which it was compared are nothing but small petty villages where the traffic is but small, and of no importance. These places are also much disliked by the inhabitants of the Talook, as at neither place have they any mercantile business, and they are both little known to them generally. Voilpaul, the largest and richest place in the old Talook, seems to have been entirely overlooked with the exception that it was in a corner, and the Cutcherry in ruins, and that only some sugar merchants reside there. The probability of the merchants settling at Calcudda is quite erroneous, for were the Kasbah removed to Calcudda they would open large shops at Muddenpully already over-crowded. Voilpaul has for years been the principal town of the Talook, and is looked upon as the emporium for its products, it is also easy of access now there is a made road from Muddenpully through it to Peelair. It is also the principal place on all festive occasions, and is looked up to by all the Talook residents, (who surely are the people whose convenience should be consulted, and not that of travellers from other Districts,) as the principal place of resort. They have an old affection for the place, and would, I find, after an inquiry for the last two years prefer it to any other place for the Kasbah, and Mr. Horsley and Major Palmer, both acquiesce with me in thinking that it is the most preferable place for the Kasbah station; and, therefore, I have the honor to suggest that the new Cutcherry be built at Voilpaul. Should the Board and Government sanction the arrangement, a merchant has agreed to give a most suitable site for nothing, which I have inspected.

2. I take this opportunity to bring to the notice of the Board that having inspected the building where the Cutcherry is held, I found it to be a most inconvenient one, totally unfit in every way for a Cutcherry, (it was an old Moonsiff's Court,) and unless a new building of some sort is erected, I cannot see how the records are to be preserved, or the business carried on efficiently.

1. In this letter Mr. Smith recommends that Voilpaul be retained as the Kasbah of the old Gurramcondah (now the Calcudda) Talook. Voilpaul is the old Kasbah of the Talook, but is inconveniently situated at one corner of this extensive Talook. The question of its removal had for some years been agitated, and three

- * 1. Gundlur.
- 2. Surakayalpet.
- 3. Peelair.

other villages, none of importance, had been recommended as more suitable localities than Voilpaul for the Headquarters of the Tahsildar, and the village Pileru was selected by the local authorities as the most suitable of the three places, and was accordingly recommended to Government as the future Kasbah of the Talook.

2. The Government, in reviewing the question, suggested another place, Calcudda, as preferable to any of the other three places, as combining the advantages of either of them and with the additional advantage of being nearer the District capital, an object steadily kept in view in fixing the Kasbahs of the new Talooks—see paragraphs 1 to 4 of Order of

See Mr. Pelly's letter to Government, dated 13th July 1860, No. 377, in Proceedings of Madras Government, 18th August 1860, No. 1,383.

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27th July 1865.*

Government, dated 18th August 1860, No. 1,383. The Collector, Mr. Wedderburn, cordially acquiesced in the suggestion of Government, as the best arrangement that could be made for the despatch of business and the convenience of the public, and accordingly the Government, in their Order of 25th September 1860, No. 1,705, directed that Calcudda be the Kasbah of the Talook.

3. The present Collector, Mr. Smith, now objects to Calcudda being made the Kasbah, preferring that Voilpud be retained. His reasons are that Voilpud is the largest and richest place in the Talook; that Calcudda and the other places are much disliked by the inhabitants of the Talook, they have no mercantile business at them, and that the probability of the merchants settling at Calcudda, as it was supposed they would, is quite erroneous, as they would open their shops at Muddenpully already over-crowded. That Voilpud has for years been the principal town of the Talook, and is looked upon as the emporium for its products, and is now easy of access, as there is a road made from Muddenpully through it to Peelair. Mr. Smith is also of opinion that the convenience of the residents of the Talooks will be best promoted by retaining Voilpud as the Kasbah. The present Sub-Collector, in whose Division the Talook is, and Major Palmer, the District Superintendent of Police, are also of opinion that Voilpud is the preferable station for the Tahsildar.

4. As the local authorities are now so much opposed to a change, and as no great advantage beyond a mere central spot for the whole Talook will be gained by the change, which must necessarily cause inconvenience to the merchants and others at and in the vicinity of Voilpud, the Board would request a re-consideration of the Orders of Government under date 25th September 1860, which it seems has not as yet been carried out. Should the Government direct that Voilpud be retained, the new Cutcherry which has to be built at Calcudda will of course be transferred to the place where a new building is equally necessary, when the Collector reports he can obtain a good site for the building.

5. The name of the Talook which was changed to, and is now Calcudda, will also have to be altered to Voilpud.

No. 492.

ORDER THEREON, 27th July 1865, No. 1,746.

Miscellaneous.

The retention of Voilpud as the Talook Kasbah and from which the Talook will take its name is sanctioned.

(True Extract.)

[Signature]
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Public Works Department.
„ the Honorable C. Pelly.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Division.

Frank St. George
2nd August 1865

To The Superintending Engineer
of the 3rd Division
Controller of P. & A. Accounts

[Signature]
Decd. 3rd August

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to that of Vilpadi,
and the retention ^{of the letter} as
the Taluk Kudiah.

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