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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
23rd April 1868.*

No. 397. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Revenue Department :—

Sanctioning a re-distribution of the Revenue } (Here enter 17th April 1868, No. 1,009.)
divisional charges in the Bellary District. }

No. 398. ORDER THEREON, 23rd April 1868, No. 1,232.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 43.

Communicated to the Superintend-
ing Engineer of the 3rd Division.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division.

Ed. S. T. Augustin.

Read the following :—

No. 353. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd January 1868,
No. 518.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Bellary, to the Secretary to the
Board of Revenue, dated 28th September 1867, No. 190.

1. With reference to the Order of the Madras Government, dated 10th September 1867, No. 2,127, and Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 20th September 1867, requesting that I will report on paragraph 3 of the said Order, I have the honor to observe that as new accommodation for the Sub-Collector's office will, under any circumstances, be requisite, it would be desirable to consider whether Dhurmaveram Cusbah would not be a more central head-quarters for the present sub-division than Anantapur. Dhurmaveram Cusbah, with a thirty to forty mile radius, is almost exactly central for the five talooks of Anantapur, Dhurmaveram, Penconda, Madacsera, and Hindupur, whereas Anantapur is eighteen miles from the northern and seventy miles from the southern extremity of the sub-division. This would obviate any change in the charge of the Sub-Collector.

2. An Assistant with full powers might be stationed at Gooty with charge of Gooty and Tadpatry Talooks ; and

3. The Deputy Collector might remain as at present at Adoni, with charge of it and of Alur ; and

4. The Head Assistant's charge might be Hurpunhully, Kudlighi, and Huvinhudgali, with head-quarters at Hurpunhully ;

5. Or, another arrangement might be to place the Head Assistant in charge of the four talooks of Adoni, Alur, Gooty, and Tadpatry, with head-quarters at Gooty. The Deputy Collector at Hurpunhully with three talooks. The advantage of this arrangement is, that it would insure an officer of full powers and Justice of the Peace at Gooty, and would not be disarranged by the departure from the district of the Assistants on promotion.

6. Although Hurpunhully is not exactly central, yet it is on an important road. It is an open healthy place ; it is a better head-quarters than Hospett, for the western talooks. There is no sufficiently large central town more suitable for the three talooks of Kudlighi, Huvinhudgali, and Hurpunhully.

7. Bellary, Hospett, and Raidrug would be the Collector's charge.

8. As I think it will be admitted that, under any arrangement, there should be a European Officer with full powers stationed at Gooty, the question of providing accommodation for his office will fall to be considered. Pending the erection of which I beg that the Board will sanction extra tent allowance being drawn by the Assistant stationed there.

9. If Hurpunhully is sanctioned as the head-quarters of the Western Division, an office would require to be built there, and the Hospett office might be sold if a suitable purchaser offered, or retained until a proper offer be made.

10. The subject of the Anantapur Catcherry remains for consideration. It is not now, nor has been, for long, used by the Sub-Collectors, as the accommodation

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in it is altogether inadequate. There is the chance of the reversion of the Travellers' Bungalow when the road is no longer used by travellers; but in regard to size and accommodation it would be more suitable to the Munsiff than to the Sub-Collector; but Government may consider the centrality of the station of the Sub-Collector as of chief importance in deciding his head-quarters. If Government decide on making Dhurmavaram the head-quarters of the sub-division, a Cutcherry would require to be built in that place.

11. If the arrangements I have proposed are sanctioned, no one will have to go a further distance than from twenty to forty miles to an officer possessing full powers of a Magistrate, or Appellate Revenue jurisdiction.

1. Resolved that the foregoing letter be submitted to Government for their consideration and orders, with reference to paragraph 3 of their Order, dated 10th September 1867, No. 2,127.

2. With their Proceedings, dated 20th July 1867, No. 4,594, the Board submitted to Government proposals for the re-distribution of the district charges in Bellary and for the appointment of an additional Special Assistant, and in their Order quoted above Government observed that sufficient cause had not been shown for an application to the Supreme Government to create a new appointment in Bellary, and that the arrangement contemplated by Government would not admit of the transfer of the Special Assistant in Coimbatore to that district, this course having been proposed by the Board as an alternative measure.

3. The Board were invited to suggest any other scheme for the re-distribution of the district charges, which would not involve the appointment of an additional Covenanted Officer, and the question was referred by them to the Collector of Bellary for report.

4. The letter recorded at the head of these Proceedings is his reply.

5. The Board would recommend that the arrangement, as detailed in paragraphs 5, 6, and 7 of the Collector's letter, be carried out, and that the various incidental expenses which will have to be incurred, should this plan meet with the approval of Government, be sanctioned.

6. The following statement shows, as correctly as can be ascertained from the papers before the Board, the present arrangement of the district charges, and that now proposed, with the area, revenue, and population of each charge:—

Present Arrangement.

	Talooks.	Area in square miles.	Revenue.	Population.
Collector...	Bellary, Raidrug...			
Sub-Collector...	Anantapur, Dhurmavaram, Pen- conda, Madacera, Hindupur ...	1,880	3,18,844	191,428
Head Assistant ...	Hospett, Kudlighi, Huvinhudgali, Hurpunhully ...	3,589	6,74,391	381,297
Deputy Collector ...	Adoni, Alur, Gooty, Tadpatry..	2,619 2,668	5,16,387 11,57,784	272,975 431,943

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Proposed Arrangement.

	Talooks.	Area.	Revenue.	Population.
Collector...	Bellary, Hospett, Raidrug ...	2,420	4,95,500	270,000
Sub-Collector...	As at present...	3,589	6,74,391	381,297
Head Assistant ...	Gooty, Adoni, Alur, Tadpatry ...	2,668	11,57,784	431,943
Deputy Collector ...	Hurpunhully, Kudlighi, Huvinhudgali ...	2,079	3,39,731	194,403

7. The Board take the present opportunity of suggesting that re-definition of the boundary with Mysore is very desirable.

No. 354. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 25th March 1868, No. 2,146.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Bellary, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 29th January 1868, No. 20.

1. In reply to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd October 1867, No. 6,874, I have the honor to state that the building I recommended as suitable for a Subsidiary Jail is the detached block marked I. I. I. in the Map herewith returned.

2. It is the best building in the whole structure, and was doubtless a place for records when the head-quarters of the Ceded Districts was at Anantapur.

3. As the late Inspector General objects to its use being transferred from the Police, and points out that if this were done an expensive office would have to be built, some other arrangement would be requisite if a Subsidiary Jail be retained at Anantapur.

4. I recently inspected the building, and the present long narrow cells G. G. have been partially ventilated by windows in the wall marked W. W.; yet such cells are not adapted for the confinement of human beings.

5. With reference to the Board's remarks in paragraph 7, Proceedings 20th July 1867, No. 4,594, I think that the present accommodation in Anantapur Cutcherry is only sufficient for the Tahsildar, District Munsiff, and Police.

I concur in the Board's recommendation that the prison cells G. G. be thrown into one, and used for records. The Tahsildar should have the Sheristadar's open hall II. as his Cutcherry. The Treasury is in a dark unventilated room. Perhaps something might be made of D. with a barred opening in the wall; but the further re-arrangement of this ill-contrived building will be difficult. At present the Police are the only parties who are well accommodated in it.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Plan.

1. Submitted for the orders of Government.

2. In his report* on the Anantapur Cutcherry building, made under the Orders of Government, dated 4th April 1867, No. 789, the Collector stated that the building was insufficient for the purposes to which it was applied, viz., for the Police Station house, Tahsildar's Cutcherry, Post Office, and Sub-Collector's Cutcherry, part of the latter being

* Dated 6th May 1867, No. 73, in Board's Proceedings, 20th July 1867, No. 4,594.

occupied by the District Munsiff, and only an open room or hall and two record-rooms being left for the Sub-Collector, which were unsuitable and insufficient for his requirements.

3. Mr. Wedderburn carefully examined the whole building, (*vide* plan herewith submitted,) and was of opinion that, if in the re-distribution of the district charges, which was then and is still under consideration, Anantapur continued to be the head-quarters of the Sub-Collector, a new building should be provided for him, or the Travellers' Bungalow, which would probably not be required for its present purpose on the opening of the Railway from Cuddapah to Gooty, appropriated for his office. This would set free the space now occupied by that Officer's establishment, and it could be given either to the Tahsildar for his Cutcherry, or to the Police who at present occupy the detached block marked I. I. I. in the plan. In the latter case, however, the Collector proposed appropriating the block, which the Police would vacate, as a Subsidiary Jail which is stated to be urgently required at the station.

4. Nothing could be worse, the Collector remarked, than the narrow, dark, and unventilated cells marked E. G. G., behind the Sheristadar's Cutcherry marked H. used as a prison, and he informed the Assistant Superintendent of Police that the cell marked A. behind the Police station-house was unfit for the confinement of a human being, and it should not be used for that purpose.

5. The above report was submitted to Government, together with other papers relating to the re-distribution of the Revenue and Magisterial charges of the district, in the Board's Proceedings, dated 20th July 1867, No. 4,594; and as the Collector's proposal to make Gooty the head-quarters of the Sub-Collector, and to place the General Deputy Collector at Anantapur, was at the time acquiesced in by the Board, they had no occasion to provide for the Sub-Collector's office at Anantapur, and accordingly proposed the following allotment of the Cutcherry building, subject to the concurrence of the Police:—A. A. A. to be given to the Police for a school; B. for Stores; C. for Inspector; D. for Superintendent; E. to the Munsiff; F. for Tahsildar's records; G. G. to be thrown into one and used as at present for a Jail; H. H. H. for the Tahsildar; I. I. I. to be used as a Subsidiary Jail. The Board further remarked that there would be plenty of room for the General Deputy Collector whose Cutcherry, when the Railway would be completed to Gooty, might be transferred, if necessary, to the Travellers' Bungalow.

6. The re-distribution of the charges of the district is still undecided, but the Board in their Proceedings, dated 22nd January 1868, have recommended that the Sub-Collector's charge should remain as at present, that he should continue to reside at Anantapur as his head-quarters, and have charge of that talook and the talooks of Dhurmaveram, Penconda, Madacsera, and Hindupur; and should Government approve of this arrangement it will be desirable to appropriate the Travellers' Bungalow, so soon as it becomes available, for the Sub-Collector's office.

7. The late Inspector General of Police has addressed* the Board on the proposed conversion of the block marked I. I. I. on the plan above referred to into a Subsidiary Jail. Mr. Robinson states that grave objections exist to the appropriation, in the manner proposed, of the building

now occupied, as the Office of the Assistant Superintendent of Police, and as the Town station-house; without it, the Police would have no suitable accommodation whatever, and an expensive office would have to be built. It is also stated that an arrangement has been made to vacate two places hitherto used by the Police, both of which might suit the Magistrate.

8. The Collector, to whom Mr. Robinson's letter was communicated, states, in his reply above recorded, that under the representation of the late Inspector General some other arrangement must be effected if a Subsidiary Jail is to be retained at the station, but that the cells marked G. G., although recently partially ventilated by two windows, are not suited for prisons, and should be converted into one room and used for records. Adverting to the other arrangements proposed by the Board, and specified in paragraph 4 above, Mr. Wedderburn is of opinion that there is only sufficient room in the building for the suitable accommodation of the Tahsildar's and District Munsiff's Cutcheries and the Police. That the latter are well accommodated in it, but that the Tahsildar should have the open hall marked H. for his Cutcherry. The Treasury marked T. is represented to be in a dark unventilated room, and is apparently proposed to be removed into the apartment marked D., which is at present occupied by the Post Office, and of which Mr. Wedderburn remarks "something may be done by a barred opening in the wall."

9. The Board observe that the adoption of the Collector's suggestions and the eventual removal of the Cutcherry of the Sub-Collector or the General Deputy (whichever of these officers may ultimately be located at this station) to the Travellers' Bungalow, as above proposed, would leave ample room for the requirements of a Subsidiary Jail; and they accordingly suggest that the Superintending Engineer of the Division be required to submit a plan, with estimate, of the alterations he would recommend, under the arrangements detailed in paragraph 8 above, for providing a suitable Subsidiary Jail, in the Cutcherry building. Should Government, however, consider that the subject has been already sufficiently discussed, the Board do not see that any better arrangements than those shown in the plan can be effected. The cells marked G. G., now forming the greater part of the Subsidiary Jail, might also be thrown into one, as already suggested in paragraph 7 of the Board's Proceedings, dated 20th July 1867, No. 4,594, for the better accommodation of prisoners.

No. 355. ORDER THEREON, 17th April 1868, No. 1,009.

Miscellaneous.

1. The Government approve and sanction the re-distribution of the divisional charges in the Bellary District

proposed by the Collector in paragraphs 5, 6, and 7 of his letter of 28th September 1867, and advocated by the Board, the result being as follows:—

		Talooks.				Head-quarters.	
Collector	...	Bellary	...	...	...	}	Bellary.
		Hospett	...	...	...		
		Raidroog	...	...	...		
Sub-Collector, as at present.	...	Adoni	...	...	...	}	Gooty.
		Alur	...	...	...		
		Gooty	...	...	...		
Head Assistant	...	Tadpatri	...	...	...		

Deputy Collector. { Hurpunhally } Hurpunhully.
 { Kudlighi... .. }
 { Huvinhudgali... .. }

2. The Board expressly state in their Proceedings of 25th March, that their intention in proposing in their Proceedings of 22nd January to maintain existing arrangements for the Sub-Collector was to retain Anantapore as the head-quarters of the sub-division as well as to maintain its present composition. The Government have little doubt that this is the preferable arrangement. Dhurmavaram may be more central, but the abandonment in its favor of Anantapore, which was for many years the Collector's head-quarters, and has since then been that of the Sub-Collector would probably carry with it much serious inconvenience and damage to numerous interests, both public and private, while no complaint has reached Government against the existing arrangement, and no balance of comparative advantages has been attempted by Mr. Wedderburn. So important a subject should not have been submitted in so crude a form.

3. There seems to be no objection to assigning the public bungalow to the Sub-Collector for his Cutcherry, when the extension of the Railway to Gooty shall have diverted traffic from Anantapore; but the Government desire to see a plan of the building before coming to a decision on the subject. If the proposal be adopted, the existing Cutcherry building would appear to afford ample space if re-distributed judiciously for the departments that would be left in it, and in planning for its improvement the removal of the Sub-Collector's Cutcherry may be assumed as determined. If the public bungalow is not approved for his office, arrangements should be made for erecting a new one.

4. The Collector will at once take steps for the early submission to Government of a plan and estimate for the Head Assistant's Office at Gooty. The Government attach much importance to this part of the arrangement, and desire that it may be carried out with as little delay as possible. The plan and estimates will be accompanied by a sketch of the town, showing the position of the principal buildings and main roads and line of rail and the proposed site for the office, which the Collector will determine after personal inspection.

5. If an Assistant, with full powers, can hereafter be associated with the Head Assistant in this charge, it will add to the advantages.

6. The Collector will also call on the Superintending Engineer for a plan and estimate for an office for the Deputy Collector at Hurpunhally for which also the site should be carefully selected.

7. If the Head Assistant's office at Hospett cannot be turned to any useful public purpose, it may be sold by public auction if a reasonable price is offered for it; but the Collector will report further on this point before committing himself to an actual sale of the building.

8. The Government presume that when the Board suggest the re-definition of the boundary between Mysore and Bellary they contemplate its rectification by some transfer of territory, so as to get rid of the present interlacing of villages and consequent inconveniences.

9. No doubt some such arrangement would be very desirable, and it has been suggested that an equivalent for villages relinquished by Mysore on the Bellary frontier might, with mutual advantage, be found in a transfer of the Collegal Talook from Coimbatore to Mysore, but the present position of affairs in Mysore necessitates the postponement of any measure of the kind to a distant period.

(True Extract.)

[Signature]
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Accountant General.
„ the Public Works Department.
„ the Collector of Bellary.

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