

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

READ—the following letter from W. J. H. LE FANU, Esq., Collector of Cuddapah, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cuddapah, 25th March 1886, No. 241:—

In view of the sanction accorded for building a new office for the Collector of Cuddapah, I wish to raise, as a last hope, the old question of the best head-quarters for this district once more.

2. I think that there can be no doubt that the district has suffered, and, if Cuddapah is retained as the head-quarter station, must continue to suffer for its great and well deserved unpopularity with both Europeans and Natives. The latter generally *hate* Cuddapah. There is no softer word for it. More than one, speaking of Cuddapah in the hot weather, has used to me the vulgar synonym for the infernal regions, and I should think that, for at least two months of the year, the epithet must be thoroughly deserved. That the place is persistently feverish, both in the cold and hot weather, is a fact which no generalizations from statistics can alter. A new district jail will have to be built soon. It might as well be built elsewhere, though there is no reason why, as at Vellore, the district jail should not be at a different place from the district head-quarters. That the Judge should be located at a different station from the Collector is not without precedent, *teste* Rajahmundry and Berhampore. The Judge too can escape part of the hot weather. The railway and the telegraph have revolutionized the conditions of mofussil work. The new railway from Tirupati to Madanapalle has imported a new factor which was not present when the suitability of Cuddapah as a head-quarter station was last discussed. Collectors tour so much now-a-days that the people can safely wait till he comes to them, instead of having to go to him, as in former days. Further, in his relations with the people, the Collector's work becomes yearly more and more administrative rather than executive. The new railway is likely to be made to Madanapalle as soon, or nearly as soon, as the new cutcherry can be built. For all these reasons I wish once more to raise the question whether, in the best interests of the district, Cuddapah might not advantageously be abandoned as the head-quarter station. While far from suggesting that Cuddapah is, or ever was, a penal settlement, it is a fact that it is widely unpopular. The first thought of those who come to it is how to get out of it, and I think that the district has suffered for its unpopularity and ill-repute. It would, I think, be better served—for we cannot expel nature with a fork—if officers and subordinates could more generally be brought to regard it as a privilege instead of a penalty to be sent here.

3. If the railway is to be made I do not see why the head-quarters should not be placed at Madanapalle, sending the Sub-Collector, who would not be likely to stay more than two or three years, which I take to be more than the average of a Sub-Collector's tenure of office at one station, to Cuddapah, giving him Cuddapah, Proddutur, Jammalamadugu and Pulivendla. The Head Assistant might have Ráyachóti, Kadiri and Madanapalle, and the Temporary Deputy, Váyalpád. If this was done, Cuddapah would be a prize Collectorate, to be dangled before the eyes of the best officers. Amongst our native subordinates, Cuddapah would be able to rank able souplicants from other districts, instead—as Mr. Wynne put it to me—of being a receptacle for “the scum of the Telugu districts.”

4. If, as nearer to Tirupati, and therefore at the fork of two railway systems, Pullampet should seem preferable, it is certainly a good 30 per cent. better than Cuddapah. It has a—comparatively—charming climate, a little drier than Madras, good water, a railway station handy and a good repute for healthiness.

5. If the Collector's cutcherry is once built at Cuddapah, the question will be finally settled, and I think that the district will always suffer in its best interests if this is done. While there is yet time I would once more plead for a reconsideration of the question "what is the best place to select as the head-quarters of the Cuddapah district?" Except a few persons who bought house property for a song, and have reaped a golden harvest for many years from it, I do not think there would be any to give their votes for Cuddapah. The question would have, of course, to be decided on the highest grounds, but even on these I think that the scale, with the new railway thrown in, would turn against Cuddapah.

RESOLUTION—dated 13th April 1886, No. 910.

Submitted for the orders of Government with the remark that, should the Government feel disposed to reconsider the decision conveyed in their Order, dated 30th January 1882, No. 145, Revenue, the head-quarters of the district could in the Board's opinion be transferred to Kamalapur with far less inconvenience than to any other station.

2. The town is healthy and airy owing to its situation on the banks of the Papaghni river, and it is far cooler than Cuddapah, while it is just as central owing to its being the second station west of the capital on the main line.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) C. F. MacCARTIE,
Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
Copy to the Collector of Cuddapah.

1886.

Board of Revenue,
MADRAS.

Printed April 24th.

Proceedings, 13th April 1886, No. 910.

Submitting to Government, with remarks,
letter from the Collector of Cuddapah on the
question of the best head-quarters for the
district.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

READ—the following letter from W. J. H. LE FANU, Esq., Collector of Cuddapah,
to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cuddapah, 25th April 1886,
No. 352 :—

Being in receipt of Board's Proceedings, No. 910, dated 13th April 1886, I
write in haste to submit—with respect—my personal experience of Kamalapuram.

2. On the map Kamalapuram may look well situated ; as a fact it is not so. It
is a considerable distance from the river which, during the hot weather, is a waste of
burning sand with a fiery wind blowing over it on Kamalapuram. The town is the
filthiest, most miserable-looking hole I have seen out of Egypt. Owing to the
channels from the Pápaghni the surroundings are a swamp, which exhales at nightfall
a thick heavy steam like the vapour of a Turkish bath, only worse, being charged
with the odour of manure. There is not a tree about the place, and in the wet
weather, owing to the numerous channels, it is almost inaccessible. The river would
add nothing to its airiness or coolness in the south-west monsoon, as the wind blows
the other way. The expense of a move there, too, would be considerable, for there are
no houses—as at Madanapalle—nor could officers live in tents as at Pullampet. If the
Board care to know more about this place, perhaps they would depute an officer to see
it. The Revenue Secretary to Government, however, knows it well.

3. I may mention here that the cutcherry of the deputy tahsildar is absolutely
unfit in every way for occupation and is partly in ruins. As I had already troubled
the Board about the cutcherries at Badvel and Pullampet, I thought it useless to
write about this as money cannot be forthcoming for years to meet all the wants of
this district.

RESOLUTION—dated 30th April 1886, No. 992.

Submitted to Government in continuation of Board's Proceedings, dated 13th
April 1886, No. 910.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) C. F. MacCARTIE,
Acting Secretary

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Copy to the Collector of Cuddapah.

„ to W. J. H. LeFanu, Esq., care of Messrs. Binny and Co., Madras.

Exd. J. Henricus.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

1886.

Board of Revenue,
MADRAS.

Printed May 6th.

Proceedings, 30th April 1886, No. 992.

Submitting to Government letter from the
Collector of Cuddapah reporting on the inad-
visability of the head-quarters of the district
being transferred to Kamalapuram.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read *The following.*

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Dated 13th April 1886, No. 910.

S. — S. dated 30th April 1886,

No. 992.

Order thereon, 7th June 1886, No. 433.

His Excellency the Governor in Council
sees no sufficient reason for alteration of the
decision already arrived at after prolonged dis-
cussion and consideration that Cuddapah must
remain the Head Quarter of the district.

2 Further discussion must therefore
definitely cease and the erection of a new office
for the Collector must be expedited.

/ True Extract/
Richardson
As Secy. to Govt.

To The Madras Government

B. No 1274 W 20.5.86
 " 928 W 5.6.86
 " 825 W 25.3.86
 " 467 W 19.2.86
 No 1971
 1972 C. 6.10.83

C. 1466. 20.6.87
 " 1410. 14.6.87
 Q. 1246 W 18.4.79
 No 1543 W 28.11.78
 " 4010 W 15.10.78
 Q. 6. 3679 W 18.9.78
 No 2992 W 26.7.78
 " 1718 W 5.4.78
 " 1004 W 28.2.78
 Q. 4. 12.76.

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Recd: 12.6.86



No. 1566 W. d/21 June 1886.

Communicated
 to the S.E. III Circle
 in continuation of
 G.O. No. 1274 W dated
 20th May 1886, the
 revised estimate
 called for in which
 should be expedited

Vide No. 485 W d/2.8.86

16/6/86
 14-6-86

S.E. III Circle
 S. E. III Circle
 22/6/86

No 186 Lg

Superintending Engineer's Office D. C. S.
 Bezavada 24th May 1886

From The Superintending Engineer
 2^d Circle

To The Chief Engineer,
 Public Works Department
 Madras

Sir

With reference to para 9 of G.O. No 2851 W
 of the 30th November 1885 requesting me to offer
 to Contractor Razim ali Sahib the sum of Rs -
 2528-6-2 which in the opinion of the Government
 Solicitor is due to him for the work done by him
 in the Sangam Project Division, I have the honor
 to inform you that I did so in my No 841 S.G. dated
 the 12th December 1885; but I have not as yet heard
 from him. In the meanwhile, I have to bring to
 your notice that the Executive Engineer Sangam
 Project Division requests me to obtain the orders of
 Government as to how he is to dispose of the amount
 still due to Contractor.

2 I request, therefore, you will be good enough
 to obtain the necessary orders of Government on the subject
 as I do not think, judging from the delay that has
 occurred, that the Contractor is inclined to reply

to my letter referred to above!

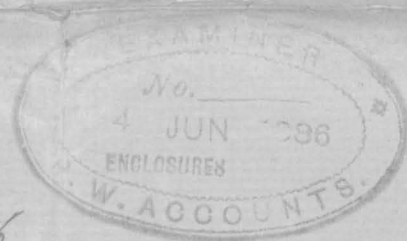
I have the honor to be
sir

Your most Obedt. Servant

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Offg. Superintending Engineer 2d Circle

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No 2028C of 2^d June 1886.

To

From

The Superintending Engineer
2^d Circle

For favor of opinion as to
how the amount due to the
Contractor should be
disposed of.

2/5/86
D. H.

To The Chief Engineer
P. W. D.
Madras

Dated 24th May 1886
Despatched 27th do
Recd 1/6/86

No 186 S.G.

Hazim Ali Nakvi Sahib -
contractor - amount due to -
Requests to obtain orders of Govt.
as regards the -

[C. No. 8.]

GOVT.
OF MADRAS.

1886.

P. W.
DEPT.

EXAMINER, P. W. ACCOUNTS.

Madras, 10 JUNE 1886.

OFFICE NOTE No. 197

To

W.

Despatch

YOUR O.N. NO. 2028 C. DATED 2ND.
JUNE 1886.

IF AS IT IS PRESUMED, THE
WORKS ON ACCOUNT OF WHICH THE
AMOUNTS ARE DUE, ARE COMPLETED, THE
WORKS MAY BE DEBITED AND 'DEPOSITS'
CREDITED, AND IF THE CONTRACTOR DOES
NOT WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME ACCEPT
PAYMENT OF THE AMOUNT, IT MAY BE
CREDITED TO THE PROJECT AS RECEIPTS
ON CAPITAL ACCOUNT OR TO THE WORKS
CONCERNED.

2. THERE IS NOW A SUM OF RS.
921-1-11 TO THE CONTRACTOR'S CREDIT
IN THE DEPOSIT ACCOUNT AND WHICH FORMS
A PORTION OF THE AMOUNT REFERRED TO
IN THE SURG. ENGINEER'S LETTER.

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C.

2/5/86

No 2028C. 2. 6. 86.

B. No 2851W. 30-11-83

G. 2340W. 22. 9. 84

" 1916W. 7. 8. 84

No 8208. 24. 10. 84

B. No 1863W. 31. 7. 84.

Miles 45055

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No. 1567W. d/ 22 June 1886.

No. 1567W.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

22nd June 1886.

Read the following

Letter from the Suptg.

Engineer II Circle

Office Note from the

Examiner P.W. Accounts

H.E. No. 186 S.G. d/ 24th May 1886.

H.E. No. 197 d/ 10th June 1886.

The different sums
which
aggregate Rs 2528 - 6 - 2
should be debited to
the respective works
on account of which they
are due, and "deposits"
credited.

2. If the Contractor
does not within a
reasonable time accept
payment, the amount
may be credited to the
project as receipts
on

on Capital account or to
the works concerned.

14/6/86

18.6.86

No. 1567 W.d/22 June 1886

22/6/86

To the Suptg. Engineer
J. D. W. 22/6/86
H. Birele
Gen. P. W. A.

22/6/86
20.16.6.86 21.6.86