Note by H.E. the Governor, dy 25th August 1857.

I do not propose to write any formal minute with respect to my late tour, but my Private Secretary has compiled some notes on the subject which I propose to keep for private & confidential use.

In addition to the above paper, I am anxious that certain subjects which attracted my attention at various places, should be brought to the notice of my honorable colleagues and shall be glad to have their remarks upon them.

The most important were –

(1) The prohibition of the use of salt earth or earth salt, and the alleged consequent deterioration of the cattle, and occurrence of actual disease, such as rinderpest,

(2) the alleged hardships consequent on the enforcement of the new Forest Act, and the rules under its 26th Section,

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(3) the need for the construction of irrigation works in Bellary and Anantapur,

(4) the early completion of the contemplated extension of the Bellary-Kistna & Cuddapah-Nellore State Railways,

(5) the construction of a tramway from Kurnool to Adone,

(6) the establishment of the Head Quarters of the Kurnool district at Gandgal.

On every occasion when the subjects (1) and (2) were mentioned, I assured the memorialists that it was the earnest desire of Government that these Acts should be worked with the minimum amount of hardship and inconvenience to the people, and that their enforcement would in all human probability be the cause of great ultimate advantage.

At the same time, I was much concerned to hear several, and those some of the most thoughtful and intelligent District officials I met, express their opinion that the Salt Laws as now worked are probably the cause of the prevalence of rinderpest, particularly in Anantapur. I am aware that experiments have been made for the purpose of making salt fit for use by cattle while still unfit for human consumption so as to allow of its sale free of duty. I should be glad, however, to have this very important subject looked into once again to see if by any chance anything can, even at this stage, be done.

With regard to the Forest Act and Rules, I understand that in connection with some forest papers relating to reserved lands in North Arcot or Coimbatore or both districts, it was agreed that the rules under Section 26 were probably productive of some avoidable hardships to the people, and in Kurnool at any rate this objection was urged, through the Forest Officer Mr. Horsley assured me that there was no ground for complaint, a statement in which Mr. Keough, the Collector, also concurred.

Turning to (3) I gave the memorialists in each case guarded, & to them, perhaps, unsatisfactory answers; but Colonel Heaton was with me, and after going through each request made with him, it was obvious that there was nothing new

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to consider and these projects may be left for consideration should they again come up before Government in a definite shape.

With regard to (4), nothing need be said here on a subject which engages the earnest attention of myself and my honorable Colleagues.

At Gooty, a request was made for a provincial grant for the repairs of the Ahmmo Chuttrum, and whatever may be the objections in principle to assisting Local Fund Institutions with provincial grants, I think that here an exception might be made, having regard to the historic associations of the Chuttrum and the place, the extensive use that is made of it, and the inability of local resources to repair it. It would not cost more than about Rs 3000.

A request made at Anantapur that that place might be constituted a centre for holding the matriculation Examination seemed to be prima facie reasonable, and I should be glad if the Educational Authorities would consider it,

as I promised the memorialists they should.

Of the many subjects dealt with in the address of the People's Association, Bellary, which is couched in a tone distinctly hostile to native officials, I think only one calls for notice; and acting on this opinion, I have desired that official steps be taken for bringing to the notice of the Bombay Government for such action as that Government may choose to take, the delay and hardship entailed on the commercial classes of Bellary by delays at Guntakal which result from a deficiency of rolling stock on the Southern Mahratta Railway.

The progress of "Local Self Government" was often referred to as being desirable or satisfactory, but the house can be imposed for the purpose of extending municipal or local management of affairs seems to be regarded in a different spirit, and from Gooty came a petition numerously signed, praying for the abolition of the Union ordered. This I have transferred to the Secretariat.

The complaint made at Bellary by the People's Association against the corruption of native

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officials was of a general character, that did not call for any specific action, but the names of a few officers having been actually mentioned, I desired Mr Winterbotham unofficially to bring the matter to the notice of Mr Goodrich on his return.

Two important subjects were mentioned by the Kurnool Municipality viz: the proposed tramway to Dhone and the water supply to the town. I said what I could to encourage the submission of definite proposals regarding the first, should capital be forthcoming, and went into the latter question for my own information with the help of Colonel Hastead and Dr King. But it rests with the Municipality to act or submit definite proposals to Government.

With regard to the transfer of the District Headquarters from Kurnool to Adoni, there must be, as I told the memorialists, a great deal to be said on both sides, and I only mention the matter here as it has, I know, previously been before Government.

Public Department

No 1325

Memorandum

The undersigned is directed to forward copies of a note by H.E. the Governor to the Secretaries to Government in the Revenue and Public Works Departments.

J.H. Stokes
Asst Secretary

Cotacamund
13th Sept. 1887

To
The Secretary to Government
Public Works Dept
with a copy of a note by H.E. the Governor.

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Communicated to the Chief Engr for Irrigation & the Consg. Engrs for Rys for information

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Enclosure 1.

A Project for the improvement of the water supply of Kurnool is understood to be under preparation by the Supdg Engr 3rd Circle.

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