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(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) H. A. SIM,
Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with four enclosures.

Copy to the Collector of the Kistna District.

Order—dated 14th May 1888, No. 336, Revenue.

Miscellaneous.

The Government agree with the Board of Revenue that the removal of the head-quarters of the Sattenapalle taluk from Krósúr to Sattenapalle, which was ordered in G.O., dated 16th April 1869, No. 1054, should be given effect to at as early a date as possible. Orders will accordingly issue in the Public Works Department for the preparation of a plan and estimate for the construction of a taluk cutcherry at the latter station and for the provision of funds for carrying out the work in the manner suggested by the Collector.

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3. With reference to the Collector's request that the Public Works Department may be asked to place a sum of Rs. 300 at his disposal for payment of compensation for the land to be taken up for the cutcherry, it is observed that due provision will be made therefor in the estimate prepared by the Public Works Department. When the land is acquired under the Act, payment can be made by the Collector in the usual course, the charge being debited to the work.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Secretary to Government.

To the Commissioners of Land Revenue,
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,, the Public Works Department.
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Passing orders on Board's Proceedings relative to the construction of a new — at Sattenapalle, Kistna district.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

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W. Wilson, Esq., m.a.

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I have the honor to state that having received a letter from the Superintending Engineer forwarding estimates, &c., for constructing a sub-jail attached to the taluk cutcherry at Krósúr, the cusba of the Sattenapalle taluk, G.O., No. 1054 of the 16th April 1869, sanctioning the transfer of the taluk head-quarters to Sattenapalle was brought to my notice.

2. I have consulted the Tahsildar of the taluk and the Acting Sub-Collector, and I find that both are of opinion that the head-quarters should be retained at Krósúr, as it is central, is not feverish, and has a good water-supply, and as the road, soon to be made to it from Sattenapalle, will remove the objection of its difficulty of access.

The water at Sattenapalle is brackish and bad for drinking, while Krósúr has a good supply owing to its large tank.

The population of Krósúr (1,912) is little below that of Sattenapalle (2,225).

Krósúr used to be feverish, but is no longer so, probably owing to the extension of cultivation about it.

3. The other large towns in the taluk are—

(1) Amarávati and Daranikota, population 3,046 ;
(2) Peddakurapad, population 2,801 ;
(3) Firangipuram, population 2,710 ; and
(4) Chamarru (with its hamlet of Achammapet), population 2,084.

All of these are in corners except Peddakurapad, and it is not so central as Krósúr.

4. I enclose a sketch-map showing the positions of these places.

5. All things considered, I think that Krósúr should be retained as the head-quarters of the taluk.

6. I agree with the opinions expressed in the letters quoted in the Government Order under reference that it is hopeless to try and improve the present cutcherry, and I consider that no time should be lost in building a new cutcherry on the high ground near the old travellers' bungalow now used as the Police Inspector's office, and I am proposing to utilize this old travellers' bungalow as a sub-jail for the present till the new cutcherry is built.

Enclosure No. 1.—Sketch.

Reference on the above, dated 3rd May 1886.

In G.O., dated 16th April 1869, No. 1054, Government, on the recommendation of the local officers, sanctioned the transfer of the head-quarters of the Krósúr taluk to Sattenapalle. Since then nothing has apparently been done and the taluk cutcherry is still held in the old building at Krósúr. It is now reported that the station is no longer feverish and unhealthy, that it is more central and has a better supply of drinking water than Sattenapalle, where the water is said to be brackish. The present Sub-Collector and Collector are therefore both in favor of retaining the taluk head-quarters at Krósúr.

2. Before submitting the matter for the orders of Government, the Board request the Collector to submit a statement showing the deaths from various causes for the past 15 or 20 years both at Krósúr and at Sattenapalle, and to obtain and forward the opinion of the District Medical officer after personal inspection as to the relative advantages of the two stations from a sanitary point of view.

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

To the Collector of the Kistna District.

Read—the following letter from M. R. WELD, Esq., Acting Collector of the Kistna District, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Masulipatam, 3rd August 1886, No. 2843:—

With reference to General Register No. 607 of 1886, paragraph 2, I have the honor to submit a statement showing the deaths from various causes for the years 1874 to 1879, 1881 and 1883 to 1885 at Krósúr and Sattenapalle. No figures for years prior to 1874 or for the years 1880 and 1882 are forthcoming. I submit also copy of a letter, No. 572, dated the 21st instant, from Assistant Surgeon A. Gurusing, the Officiating District Surgeon.

2. It will be seen that the figures as given in the enclosure as well as Mr. Gurusing's opinion are in favor of Sattenapalle as the more healthy station.

3. At Sattenapalle, however, a taluk cutcherry has to be built and good drinkable water is scarce. At Krósúr a Government cutcherry building of the old type exists, and water, as has already been reported, is plentiful.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Statement.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

From Assistant Surgeon A. GURUSING, Officiating District Medical and Sanitary officer, Kistna, to the Collector of the Kistna District, dated Masulipatam, 21st July 1886, No. 572.

[*Reference*—Your docket No. 1714, dated 20th May 1886, and letter No. 2299, dated 1st July 1886.]

I have the honor to inform you from the inspection of two places, Sattenapalle and Krósúr, I find the former surrounded by open plains, its inhabitants enjoying the more healthy and fine breeze than those of the latter. The roads of the former are more cleanly and articles of diet more accessible and provided for for the people than at Krósúr. Though the quality of water at Krósúr for drinking and purposes of ablution is somewhat superior to that at Sattenapalle, yet its being situated at the foot of a hill and surrounded by marshy places, subjecting its inhabitants to the evil effects of the paludal miasma and other sanitary considerations, besides the above ones mentioned, lead me to the conclusion, so far as my power of judgment goes, Sattenapalle is superior to Krósúr from a sanitary point of view.

Reference on the above, dated 7th October 1886.

The Collector is requested to examine into the question of the water-supply at Sattenapalle and to submit a full report upon the subject, stating if the supply cannot be improved by a moderate expenditure on wells. The Collector should also state his own views clearly on the matter, which Mr. Weld refrained from doing.

(Signed) M. HAMMICK,
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2. Krósúr is a village with a population of 1,900. It is ten miles north of Sattenapalle, whence a road is about to be made to it. It lies below a large tank which irrigates over 200 acres of land. The tank bank is in two sections parted by a rocky hill that adjoins the village-site. Many of the houses lie low and this probably is the cause of fever. There is open ground on a higher level available for the extension of the village-site if necessary.

3. The taluk cutcherry, a square building open in the middle, is one of the smallest and worst I have seen. The treasury is a den without window, 11 feet long by 7 feet wide, the record-room is only a trifle bigger, the Tahsildar has no room, much less raised bench, and there is only a single ward 20 feet by 11 feet for all prisoners. A building some way off, once the travellers' bungalow, is used by the police and has two bath-rooms with barred doors which serve as lock-ups in case of need. If the taluk head-quarters were retained at Krósúr, the cutcherry building might with alteration make a decent sub-jail and police station, but nothing more. A new taluk cutcherry would have to be built.

4. Sattenapalle lies on the main road from Guntúr to Dáchepalle. It is 21 miles from Guntúr and about 10 from the nearest railway station. The population is 2,200 and it is well laid out as to its chief thoroughfares. I have examined the water-supply. There is a large irrigation tank north of the village and a considerable pool used for cattle, &c., on the south. The latter does not run dry in the hot weather and might be greatly improved at moderate expense. There are many wells; the water of some is brackish, but of others excellent. On the whole I should say that the water-supply is exceptionally good for a village or town that has not received any special attention in that line. Medical attendance is given by a Hospital Assistant who was transferred to Sattenapalle from Krósúr some time ago. The Taluk Board is about to build a hospital.

5. As regards central situation and geographical convenience for the whole taluk, the balance is somewhat in favor of Krósúr on account of a long tongue of hill and jungle skirted by the river Kistna at the north end of the taluk. As, however, the bulk of this is about to be turned into a reserved forest, it might be excluded from consideration. Including this tongue of land however in the comparison, I find that Sattenapalle is more centrally situated than Dáchepalle in Palnád or Bezváda and Répalle in the taluks of the same name, while it is about as central as Masulipatam, Bápatla, Gudiváda and Vinukonda. Excluding the tongue of reserved forests, &c., Sattenapalle is more centrally situated than almost any other taluk head-quarters.

6. For the foregoing reasons I have no hesitation at all in recommending that the decision given by Government in G.O., No. 1054, dated 16th April 1869, should be maintained and the head-quarters of the taluk transferred to Sattenapalle.

7. Considering the character of the present accommodation at Krósúr, and in particular of the sub-jail with its single ward for all classes of prisoners, I would urge that funds be provided for a new taluk cutcherry according to the revised plan of 1887 in the coming official year.

8. I have inspected the site proposed for the new cutcherry in the event of transfer and find it excellent. About three acres may be taken up, and for this purpose I request that Rs. 300 may be placed at my disposal after 1st April next.

9. Some additional land must also, I find, be acquired to provide house-sites for cutcherry officials and others who will readily pay for them. The residents, particularly the merchants, are also keenly interested in obtaining new quarters for shops, houses, godowns and yards.

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