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7TH JULY 1890, No. 525, REVENUE.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—again the following G.O., dated 24th January 1890, No. 530, Mis., Revenue :—

Read—the following G.O., dated 10th January 1890, No. 16, Public :—

Read—Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), dated 6th December 1889, No. 7506, Mis.

ABSTRACT.—Submitting to Government, for orders, letter from the Collector of Tanjore requesting that general sanction may be accorded to taking over charge of the district at Tanjore instead of at Vallam, the head-quarter station, as required by the rules.

Order—dated 10th January 1890, No. 16, Public.

The transfer is sanctioned.

2. As the District Treasury is situated at Tanjore, that station will in future be considered, for purposes of transfer of charge, the head-quarters of the district.

3. The Board of Revenue will be requested to report on the advisability of building an office for the Collector at Tanjore.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

To the Revenue Department, with two enclosures.
„ the Accountant-General.

Order—dated 24th January 1890, No. 530, Mis., Revenue.

Communicated to the Board of Revenue for report.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Commissioners of Land Revenue, with two enclosures (to be returned).

READ—also the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), dated 25th April 1890, No. 2591, Mis. :—

MR. H. W. BLISS.
MR. W. S. WHITESIDE.

Read—the following letter from E. GIBSON, Esq., Collector of Tanjore, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue, dated Vallam, 13th March 1890, No. 202 :—

In Board's Proceedings, dated 1st February 1890, No. 673, Mis., I am directed to report upon the advisability of building an office for the Collector at Tanjore. In reply, I have the honor to say that I consider this is not advisable.

2. It may be admitted that there would be some advantage in the location of the office in a large town, but I do not think there is any occasion for the change, and the advantage would be to a few, while the many would suffer. That the work of the Collector of this district is very heavy has been the experience of successive Collectors who have tried to do it with some satisfaction to themselves. When I was first appointed to Tanjore in September 1886, one of my predecessors, Mr. E. F. Webster, who was then Chief Secretary, wrote to me that Tanjore is "a district full of interest, but almost beyond the physical powers of any one man," and even Mr. Pennington, who favored the proposed change, wrote in reference to it, "at the same time I doubt if one could get through the work, even in the way we do, if one lived altogether in Tanjore." I have now had $3\frac{1}{2}$ years' experience of the district and that experience has fully confirmed the opinion of those who have been before me. No one who has business to transact with the Collector is deterred by the seven miles' drive to Vallam, while, if his office were at Tanjore, he would be interrupted constantly not by people who have business with him, but by idle persons who would be continually dropping in to talk or seek favours. This would be the last straw and the work of the district generally would suffer in consequence. As to Vallam not being upon the line of railway, the difference between the pace of a pony-jutka and a South Indian train is too insignificant to think about.

3. I find that in 1860, when the Collector's head-quarters were transferred from * G.O., dated 4th May 1860, No. 287, Political. Tranquebar, it was decided that his office should be located in Tanjore,* but, while the Treasury was transferred, the proposal as regards the correspondence branch of the office was apparently abandoned. I can find no record of this, but am informed that it was under the orders of the then Governor, Sir Charles Trevelyan, that Vallam was made the Collector's head-quarters. After the lapse of 30 years when the municipality is self-governed, the Divisional magistrate is resident in Tanjore and the Collector has no separate charge of his own, it seems to me there is less reason than ever for effecting the suggested change.

4. But, while deprecating the transfer of head-quarters, I would recommend that a telegraph office be opened at Vallam. This, I think, would meet all reasonable requirements and remove all cause of complaint. The distance to the South Indian line is only about 4 miles; the original outlay would be insignificant, compared with the cost of a cutcherry building, and the office would probably be self-supporting.

Resolution—dated 25th April 1890, No. 2591, Mis.

Submitted to Government with reference to G.O., dated 24th January 1890, No. 530, Mis., Revenue.

2. The Board entirely concurs with the Collector that the transfer of his head-quarters from Vallam to Tanjore is neither necessary nor desirable.

3. The expense of the transfer would be very great, as it would be necessary to build not only an office for the Collector but also a residence for him, no house suitable for his occupation being available. The suggested construction of a telegraph line would cost a mere trifle in comparison with the cost of the erection of an office and residence; and, as the Collector says, it is even probable that a telegraph line would be self-supporting.

4. The Board also attaches a great weight to the Collector's opinion that his removal to Tanjore would involve so many additional calls on his time as to make it even more difficult than at present for him to get through his work. Not to speak of the needless and unwarranted interruptions which the Collector anticipates, there can be no doubt that many more vakils than at present, bound to talk in order to justify their employment in the eyes of their clients, would appear before the Collector in petty revenue appeals which he now settles in direct communication with the parties. This would be a misfortune in more ways than one.

5. It is notorious that, when work is heavy and masses of papers have accumulated, a Collector generally stays away from office, or even goes out into camp in order to be in peace and quiet and get his work done. The Collector of Tanjore is in the same position at Vallam as other Collectors in camp, quiet and free from interruptions, and therefore the better able to attend to his work. The district is so heavy a one that these conditions are essential to enable the Collector to cope with the masses of papers which daily come before him. The Board would therefore strongly deprecate any change which would leave the Collector's time less entirely at his own disposal than at present.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) M. HAMMICK,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with Collector's letter and two enclosures in Government
Register No. 182 of 1890, in original (to be returned).

Copy to the Collector of Tanjore.

ORDER—dated 7th July 1890, No. 525, Revenue.

Miscellaneous.

The Government has no doubt that, if it were a question of making a first selection for the head-quarters of the

Collector of the district, Tanjore should be preferred to Vallam and it considers that too much weight has been attached to the argument that the transfer would involve interruption and increase of work. But, as the present arrangement has lasted for so many years and the removal of the head-quarters to Tanjore would involve a large expenditure, His Excellency the Governor in Council resolves to make no change.

2. The question of the construction of a telegraph line referred to in paragraph 3 of the Board's Proceedings will be considered in the Public Department.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Public Department.

„ the Commissioners of Land Revenue, with three enclosures.

Copy to the Accountant-General.

Exd. T. K. Narayana Aiyangar.

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G.O., 7th July 1890, No. 525.

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Head-quarters.

Resolving to make no change in the — of the Collector of the Tanjore district and stating that the question of the construction of a telegraph line at Vallam will be considered in the Public Department.