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20TH JUNE 1892, No. 628, REVENUE.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), dated 2nd April 1892, No. 164:—

THE HON. MR. J. GROSE.

MR. C. S. CROLE.

MR. E. GIBSON.

Read—the following letter from C. KOUGH, Esq., Collector of Kurnool, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue, dated Pyápali, 19th September 1891, No. 4515:—

In Board's order on Government Register No. 1289, dated 23rd June 1891, I was called upon to report as to the advisability of changing the head-quarters of the Pyápali Deputy Collector, Dhone being specially suggested in connection with the proposed extension of railway communication to Kurnool.

2. As the latter project was in abeyance, I proposed in my No. 2855, dated 26th June 1891, to defer my reply until a decision had been arrived at, and to this Government was pleased to accede by its order of the 20th August 1891, No. 4555, embodied in Board's Proceedings, Mis. No. 6310, dated 3rd September 1891.

3. As, however, from papers since received it appears as if the railway question was not likely to be speedily determined, and as, moreover, on further consideration, and in regard to matters brought specially to my notice during my present tour I do not consider it sufficiently relevant to justify the postponement of the building of an office for the Divisional officer, which is the origin of the whole reference and is a matter of urgent requirement, I have the honour to now submit the following proposals.

4. Dhone is at present not in the division at all. It is, moreover, an unhealthy place and would not be central for the charge as at present constituted. Further, I think, the requirements of administration will be better met by locating a Deputy Tahsildar there as I have already suggested.

5. I would therefore recommend that Koilkuntla be made the Deputy Collector's head-quarters, and that divisional charges should be redistributed as follows.

Deputy Collector (now of Pyápali)—taluks of Koilkuntla and Sirvel.

Head Assistant Collector—taluks of Nandyál and Nandikótkur.

Head-quarter Deputy—taluks of Rámallakót and Pattikonda.

6. The latter taluks are contiguous and are directly connected by the Southern Mahratta Railway and good roads. Similarly, Nandyál and Nandikótkur are contiguous, and, besides good roads opening up the division from two opposite ends—Atmakúr and Kurnool—it has the advantage of the canal passing through it from end to end.

7. As to Koilkuntla, the remoteness of this from the present head-quarters (Pyápali), the intervention of Banganapalle territory and the difficult nature of the ground to be travelled over render administration difficult, and when it comes to magisterial work, unnecessarily expensive. On the other hand, Koilkuntla and Sirvel taluks

are contiguous, and there is easy communication between them, whilst rail communication with the Southern Mahratta line is accessible at Betamcherla, Panyam and Nandyál stations.

8. Koilkuntla taluk, besides its revenue importance, is one of the most litigious, if not the most so, of the district. A new taluk cutcherry has been built there, and there is a dispensary and Sub-Registrar's office. It seems to me in every way the most desirable location for the Divisional officer, and it is besides a most-healthy part of the district.

9. I would therefore respectfully request that these proposals may be now taken into consideration in view to early orders, as the want of a proper office and record-room for the division is a matter of urgency.

Resolution—dated 2nd April 1892, No. 164.

Submitted for the orders of Government.

2. In his letters, dated 15th December 1890, No. 4596, and 18th February 1891, No. 643, submitted to Government with Board's Proceedings, dated 18th April 1891, No. 2716, the Collector of Kurnool recommended that a new office building should be constructed for the Pyápali Deputy Collector, as the existing office did not afford adequate accommodation and was therefore too incommodious to be used. The Board supported the Collector. But in Government Order, dated 23rd May 1891, No. 3083, Government, observing that if a branch line were constructed to Kurnool Dhone would, in all probability, become a place of greater importance, wished to know whether that station would not be better suited for the head-quarters of the Pyápali Deputy Collector. Government at the same time suggested that as Dhone is situated in the Rámallakót taluk, which is not included in this Deputy Collector's charge, a strip of that taluk, including Dhone, might be transferred to Pattikonda. The Government Order was forwarded to the Collector, whose report is contained in the paper read above.

3. The Collector would not make Dhone the head-quarters, because it is unhealthy and is not central for the charge as at present constituted. He therefore selects Koilkuntla for the Deputy Collector's head-quarters and redistributes the several divisions as follows:—

(1) Head Assistant Collector to be in charge of Nandyál and Nandikótkur taluks.

(2) Head-quarter Deputy Collector to be in charge of Pattikonda and Rámallakót taluks.

(3) Pyápali Deputy Collector to be in charge of Koilkuntla and Sirvel taluks.

As regards (1), it is stated that Nandyál and Nandikótkur are contiguous; that good roads open up the division from two opposite ends; and that it has besides the advantage of the canal passing through it from end to end. The taluks proposed for (2) are also contiguous; they are directly connected by the Southern Mahratta Railway and good roads exist in them. The reasons urged for the change proposed under (3) are that, owing to distance, the administration of Koilkuntla taluk from Pyápali is difficult; that the ground is difficult to travel over; and that magisterial work is unnecessarily expensive, whereas communication between Koilkuntla and Sirvel is easy; that the Southern Mahratta line is accessible at Betamcherla, Panyam and Nandyál stations; that Koilkuntla is one of the most litigious taluks; and that it is rich and also healthy. The Collector, therefore, thinks that Koilkuntla and Sirvel should form a division, the town of Koilkuntla being made the future head-quarters of the Deputy Collector. It appears that at this place there is already a Sub-Registrar's office, a new taluk cutcherry and a dispensary. The Collector requests that these proposals may be taken into consideration and early orders passed, as the want of a proper office and record-room is greatly felt.

4. His proposals, however, do not meet with the Board's approval for one thing; at the time the Collector wrote the above report the question of constructing a branch railway between Kurnool road station and Kurnool had been abandoned, whereas now the line from Dhone to Kurnool is being surveyed and seems certain to be constructed.

When this is done, Dhone will be a junction station and the natural head-quarters of a division which will take in Rámallakót and Pattikonda. These two taluks form a natural division bounded on the east by the line of the Yerramalai, and it is well cut up with good main roads and a railway. Koilkuntla and Owk, which lie behind the Yerramalai and to the east of it, should be separated from Rámallakót and Pattikonda. These two taluks have nothing whatever to do with Koilkuntla and Owk. Geographically Koilkuntla belongs to Nandyál and Sirvel and should form a division with those two taluks. The Collector proposes uniting Nandyál with Nandikótkur. But these two taluks are quite distinct, the one is in the valley of the Tungabhadra, the other in the valley of the Khunder (Pennár) and they are separated by the line of high and waste land that runs from the toe of the Yerramalai near Kalva and Gani eastwards across to Velgode at the foot of the Nallamalai. The Collector says that good roads exist in these two taluks, but, as a matter of fact, in wet weather, the only way from one to the other is *viâ* Kurnool, for nearly all north of Nandyál is black-cotton soil and impassable in the rains. It is true that the canal runs through these two taluks, as it does also through Rámallakót, Sirvel and Koilkuntla, but navigation along the canal has practically ceased and the irrigation of Nandikótkur is entirely distinct from that of Nandyál, the two lying, as has been said, on either side of a natural watershed. Another objection to the change proposed by the Collector would be that Nandikótkur comes within a mile or two of Kurnool and the certain result of joining Nandyál and Nandikótkur would be a proposal to put the head-quarters of the Head Assistant at Kurnool whence the two taluk roads radiate. Nandikótkur by itself should therefore be given to the Head-quarter Deputy Collector, while Cumbum and Márkápúr should remain as now.

5. The divisions thus arranged would be—

	Taluks.	Head-quarters.
Head-quarter Deputy Collector ...	Nandikótkur ...	Kurnool.
General Duty Deputy Collector ...	Rámallakót } Pattikonda }	Dhone.
Head Assistant Collector ...	Nandyál } Sirvel }	Nandyál.
General Duty Deputy Collector ...	Koilkuntla } Cumbum } Márkápúr }	(Unsettled yet).

and the revenue would be—

	Rs.
Head-quarter ...	1,96,000
Dhone ...	3,34,000
Nandyál ...	5,82,000
Cumbum ...	2,26,000

It will be seen that Nandyál has comparatively too much revenue and the head-quarters taluk too little; but the officer in charge of the latter will always have a good deal of Collector's general work to do and should not be over-burdened with work of his own, while the former has a railway, a canal and a good road running through it and the divisions so arranged are certainly the geographical ones. The only portions that do not exactly fit in are the Kalwa and Owk sub-divisions which lie like outliers tucked up in a fold of the Yerramalai. Kalwa however does belong geographically to Nandyál, and Owk and the hill villages of Betamcherla and Rangapuram can be reached easily enough by rail from Nandyál and will give very little work. The Board therefore recommends that the distribution of charges as revised by it may be approved and orders passed for the early construction at Dhone of an office on the standard design for the Pyápali Deputy Collector. The actual village-site of Dhone may be unhealthy, for it lies in what is practically a ravine among the Yerramalai and has a perennial stream running through it, but close by it and alongside the railway line the ground is high and dry and open and perfectly healthy.

(True Copies and Extract.)

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

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with three enclosures in Government Register No. 1289 of 1891,
in original (to be returned).

Copy to the Collector of Kurnool.

ORDER—dated 20th June 1892, No. 628, Revenue.

Miscellaneous.

The redistribution of divisional charges in the Kurnool district proposed by the Board is approved and sanctioned, as also its proposal to make Dhone the head-quarters of the Deputy Collector. The Government considers that Dhone will be a better head-quarter station than Pyápali even if a branch railway to Kurnool is not constructed.

2. Orders will issue in the Public Works Department for the construction of an office at Dhone for the Pyápali Deputy Collector as soon as funds are available.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue, Land Revenue, with three enclosures.

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- „ the Local and Municipal Department.
- „ the Public Works Department.
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