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5TH DECEMBER 1891, No. 1162, REVENUE.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), dated 10th August 1891, No. 475 :—

THE HON. MR. H. W. BLISS.

THE HON. MR. J. GROSE.

MR. G. McWATERS.

Read—the following letter from C. F. MacCARTIE, Esq., Acting Collector of the Nilgiris, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue, dated Ootacamund, 23rd June 1891, No. 216 :—

With reference to Government Order, dated 17th January 1891, No. 31, communicated with Board's Proceedings, dated 30th idem, Mis. No. 630, I have the honour to submit two proposition statements, one relating to the staff of the Gúdalúr taluk and the other to that of the Head Assistant Collector for whose head-quarter station Naduvatam is now recommended for reasons which will be stated below, instead of Gúdalúr as ordered by Government. In this connection, I beg to submit a copy of the Head Assistant Collector's report, dated 31st March 1891, No. 539.

2. *Taluk Establishment.*—The present Revenue Inspector's pay is Rs. 90 per mensem (without Wynaad allowance which he does not draw) under the arrangement sanctioned in Government Order, dated 21st February 1887, No. 187, Revenue, communicated with Board's Proceedings, dated 3rd March 1887, Mis. No. 1418. In the proposition statement submitted it is proposed to reduce the pay to Rs. 50 and to grant the Revenue Inspector, like other taluk establishment, the usual Wynaad allowance of 50 per cent., or Rs. 25, but I would strongly recommend that the present Revenue Inspector, who has done exceedingly well, may be permitted to draw Rs. 90 as hitherto as long as he continues to hold the post, the proposed reduction being brought into force on his vacating the appointment. The village agency is inefficient to the verge of utter uselessness and quite unused to the system of village accounts introduced only two years ago. The Revenue Inspector has rendered most valuable service in endeavouring to get the accounts kept correctly. The combined amount seems to be sufficient to induce a good stamp of man to take up the appointment. The Deputy Tahsildar of Gúdalúr recommends Rs. 70 for this post, and the Head Assistant Collector Rs. 80, including the Wynaad allowance.

3. The salary proposed for the Taluk Sheristadar is Rs. 50 plus Rs. 20 on account of the Wynaad allowance. These amounts seem ample, considering the character of the work demanded which is mere routine in-door work. The Inspector-General of Registration has recommended the employment of the present Sub-Registrar, L. Parasuramier, a West Coast man, as Taluk Sheristadar. He has passed the F.A. Examination, Translation (Lower grade), with Malayalam as his vernacular, and Précis writing (Higher grade). Mr. Cobb approves, as the greater portion of the Taluk Sheristadar's work will be more routine in connection with Treasury and Registration. Parasuramier may, therefore, be exempted from the Revenue Test as long as he is in Gúdalúr, but he must pass the Lower Criminal Test within a specified period.

4. It may, perhaps, be objected that the Revenue Inspector is placed in a slightly better position than the Taluk Sheristadar pecuniarily speaking, but the work to be performed by both bears no comparison. Mr. Cobb remarks—

"In my opinion the work of the latter official (Revenue Inspector) is more harassing, more important and much more arduous than will be that of the Taluk Sheristadar. The remarks made by the Deputy Tahsildar in paragraph 4 of his report are true, and experience has shown the extreme difficulty of getting even a second rate man to accept the post of Revenue Inspector in the Wynaad. Moreover the Taluk Sheristadar will have no travelling to do which of itself is the most expensive and frequently the most unpleasant of Wynaad experiences. . . . It is true that an arrangement under which a Revenue Inspector draws higher pay than a Taluk Sheristadar is anomalous, but then it must be remembered that the very appointment of a Taluk Sheristadar is anomalous so that comparisons with the regular plain establishments are of little or no value."

5. Provision is also made for an extra clerk on Rs. 15 *plus* Rs. 7-8-0 as Wynaad allowance for the discharge of all scriptory work in connection with the registration of documents and any miscellaneous work in the taluk office. The Inspector-General of Registration observes as follows in his letter, dated 16th March 1891, No. 771:—

"I find from the order of Government above referred to that the services of the clerk in the Sub-Registrar's office are to be dispensed with. This arrangement will, I apprehend, cause considerable inconvenience in connection with the despatch of registration work. Now that the Sub-Registrar's office is to be placed in charge of the Taluk Sheristadar, the services of the clerk now employed are all the more necessary. In all Registration offices placed in charge of Revenue officers, a special clerk is employed for doing registration work, the cost being debited to the Registration Department."

6. The present Deputy Tahsildar, in communication with the Sub-Registrar also, points out the necessity for an extra clerk for copying documents, writing up nominal work he estimates will occupy the clerk on an average two hours every day. Moreover the Taluk Sheristadar will be a Sub-Magistrate, and diaries, registers, and returns have to be maintained and submitted separately. The additional clerk will thus have ample work to do, and he can also be utilized for the revenue work in the taluk office when, as frequently happens, any of the other subordinates are ill owing to the notorious unhealthiness of the Wynaad and Gúdálúr in particular. As the Inspector-General of Registration says that it is usual to allow a clerk for the Taluk Sheristadar entrusted with registration work, the cost being debited to his department, the provision made for the clerk in the enclosed proposition statement may be struck out and the same sanctioned as debitable to the Registration Department.

7. The next and the last item of increase to the staff proposed is a head peon on Rs. 7 *plus* Rs. 3-8-0 Wynaad allowance. The present staff consists of 3 peons on Rs. 6 each *plus* Wynaad allowance of Rs. 3, two of whom are detailed as sub-jail warders. The Deputy Tahsildar requires a peon when on circuit; a peon has to be deputed to Ootacamund with the monthly cash remittance and a second time to fetch the stamps required for local sale. It is necessary that a peon should be attached to the Taluk Sheristadar and for general work in the office.

8. I come now to the question of the Head Assistant Collector's head-quarters and office accommodation for himself and establishment. In paragraph 3 of the Government Order under reply, it has been decided to remove the office of the Head Assistant Collector to Gúdálúr and a report is required as to what arrangements are necessary for providing office accommodation. Paragraph 5 of the Head Assistant Collector's report refers to the office accommodation available at Gúdálúr. On the abolition of the office of Sub-Registrar there will be available the main building containing two big rooms, one of which can be used by the Head Assistant Collector both for office and as court-room for the trial of magisterial and District Munsif's cases; the other room can be utilized for the District Munsif's or Head Assistant Collector's establishment. At the back of the main building there are quarters erected for the residence of the Sub-Registrar and his clerk consisting of a verandah and four small rooms which the Head Assistant Collector has not noticed in his report. These quarters have never been utilized since they were built. I think the main building and quarters will furnish the necessary accommodation with the addition of one wing to the Sub-Registrar's office for which there is ample space.

9. I would here strongly urge a reconsideration of the order constituting Gúdálúr as the Head Assistant Collector's quarters for the very cogent reasons adduced in paragraphs 6 and 7 of Mr. Cobb's letter. The absence of suitable or any accommodation in Gúdálúr or its immediate vicinity renders it necessary that quarters should be built at the expense of Government and rent recovered from the Head Assistant Collector. Moreover the deadly character of the climate and want of good drinking water make Gúdálúr absolutely unsuitable for the permanent residence of a European officer. Gúdálúr, I may here mention, consists of two divisions, upper and lower. Lower Gúdálúr is a dense jungle of lantana and bamboo interspersed by swamp containing absolutely not an acre of building site. Furthermore the water-supply is absolutely villainous. There is a well of scanty and inferior water near the travellers' bungalow, but natives depend on a stream diverted from the range above Gúdálúr which runs in an open gutter along the main road through the bazaars and past the shambles. Its condition on reaching Lower Gúdálúr can better be imagined than described. I provided Rs. 5,000 for piping this supply in the Local Fund budget, but the Government cut it out as not emergent. I am going at the Local Fund Department again about this. Upper Gúdálúr is *pro tanto* healthier than Lower Gúdálúr, because it is higher and the water is less polluted, but it is covered with coffee which would render the acquisition of a building site an expensive matter. Under these circumstances and unless Government is prepared to reconsider its rejection of Ootacamund as head-quarters for the Head Assistant Collector, I beg to support the Head Assistant Collector's proposal to transfer his head-quarters to the neighbourhood of Naduvatom, where I have chosen three sites nearest to Gúdálúr where a bungalow and quarters for Head Assistant Collector's establishment can be built with quarters for Deputy Tahsildar and staff to be occupied during the feverish months when they are permitted to leave the Wynaad. The temporary hot weather office and quarters were recently burnt down as was reported to the Board in my letter No. 119, dated 24th March 1891, and the erection of permanent buildings will save an annually recurring expenditure on thatching and repairs. One and the best of the three selected sites lies within the Government Cinchona Plantation and was the site of a police station in former days. It is within 5 or 6 miles of Gúdálúr by the main road, but about $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles by the bridge-path. All three sites are above fever range and in full view of Gúdálúr which can be reached walking from any one of them in less than an hour; all also are close to the main road. In the foregoing remarks I have confined myself to endeavouring to save the Head Assistant Collector from being planted in a very malarious station of the evils of which no one can speak with better authority than myself, as I spent the best years of my life in catching and recovering from jungle fever. At the same time I am bound to say that the interests of economy and efficiency can best be served by stationing the Head Assistant Collector in Ootacamund. The Wynaad is fast going down, estates are being abandoned and mines closed; hence there is not enough work to require the constant residence of a Divisional officer whose spare time can be much more profitably utilized here as is pointed out in my original letter. The Board imagines the Treasury Deputy Collector can be utilized for occasional out-door work; this is impossible as the treasury here requires a whole-time official owing to the complicated character of its transactions, though its bulk may not be enormous. The interests of Wynaad cannot be neglected as Government seem to fear so long as the Head Assistant Collector remains District Munsif because *quid* Munsif he must remain 10 days in every month in Gúdálúr. If, however, Government finally decide to negative the Ootacamund proposal, then the whole Revenue and Magisterial establishments should be transferred bodily to Naduvatom, where a bungalow and cutcherry will have to be built with quarters for Head Assistant Collector's establishment.

10. The immediate effect of the transfer of the Head Assistant Collector's office to Ootacamund or Naduvatom as recommended by the Head Assistant Collector will be a saving of Rs. 90-8-0 per mensem now paid to the establishment on account of Wynaad allowance, the particulars of which will be found in the second proposition statement submitted with this letter, and at the same time the work of the division office will be better performed by the location of the office all the year round in a healthy locality.

11. It may then perhaps be desirable to transfer the Naduvatom village to the jurisdiction of the Head Assistant Collector from that of the Deputy Tahsildar, Ootacamund; on this matter I will report soon after orders are passed on this letter.

12. I will make separate proposals for utilizing a small portion of this sum in my own office on receiving the final orders of Government.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Letter from the Head Assistant Collector, to the Collector of Nilgiris, dated 31st March 1891, No. 539.

Resolution—dated 10th August 1891, No. 475.

The Collector's letter read above, which is in reply to Government Order, dated 17th January 1891, No. 31, will be submitted for the orders of Government.

2. In this Government Order, Government directed—

(a) The abolition of the post of Sub-Registrar of Gúdálúr.

(b) The appointment in lieu thereof of a Taluk Sheristadar who would undertake the registration work, be in charge of the Deputy Tahsildar's Treasury, and exercise magisterial powers.

(c) A reduction in the pay of the Revenue Inspector who now draws Rs. 90.

(d) The transfer of the office of the Head Assistant Collector (whose removal from the Wynaad, proposed by the Collector, was disapproved) from Pandalur to Gúdálúr. Government also required a report as to the arrangements that might be necessary for providing the necessary office accommodation at the latter place.

3. The letter read above contains the report called for.

4. *Points (a) and (b).*—The Collector proposes to appoint the present Gúdálúr Sub-Registrar to the post of Taluk Sheristadar to be newly created, and recommends that he may be exempted from the Revenue Test so long as he continues at Gúdálúr, but that he should be required to pass the Criminal Test within a specified time. The Board does not think that the Sub-Registrar should be exempted from any test, but that he should be allowed two years' time to pass both the tests, Criminal Lower (II-B), and Revenue Lower (III-B).

5. For the scriptory and other work connected with the registration of documents and for attending upon the Taluk Sheristadar and doing other miscellaneous work, two additional hands, viz., one clerk and one peon on salaries of Rs. 15 and 7 plus Rs. 7½ and 3½, Wynaad allowance, are recommended. The Board considers that the additional aid is necessary. With reference to the remarks of the Inspector-General of Registration, recorded in paragraph 6 of the Collector's letter, the Board further recommends that the pay and allowance of the additional clerk may be debited to the Registration Department.

6. *Point (c).*—With regard to the future pay of the Revenue Inspector, Government remarks that it is undesirable that it should be equal to or greater than that of the Taluk Sheristadar. The Collector, however, proposes, including the Wynaad allowance, to give Rs. 75 to the Revenue Inspector and Rs. 70 to the Sheristadar. His reasons are that the work of the Revenue Inspector is more important and much more arduous than that of the Taluk Sheristadar; that he has besides heavy expenses to meet in the shape of travelling charges, and that the appointment is a special one and not to be compared with that of an ordinary Revenue Inspector on the plains. For these reasons, the Board thinks that the Collector's proposal in respect of the future pay of the Revenue Inspector may be allowed to stand. In this connection, the Collector further requests that the proposed reduction may be brought into force after the present office-holder vacates the appointment. The present Revenue Inspector is reported to have done his work exceedingly well, and the Board thinks it would be hard that he should lose pay.

7. *Point (d).*—The Collector requests reconsideration of the orders of Government as to making Gúdálúr the head-quarters of the Head Assistant Collector, and says

that he would station the Head Assistant at Ootacamund. This, however, the Board does not approve. The Collector adds that if this proposal is rejected, he would have the Head Assistant's office located at Naduvatom. His objections to Gúdálúr are (1) that its climate is deadly; (2) that though formerly a resident officer in Wynaad was considered necessary to protect mining interests, the place is now fast diminishing in importance and the mines are being closed; (3) that in his capacity of District Munsif, the Head Assistant Collector has to spend ten days in every month at Gúdálúr, and that Wynaad interests would not therefore be neglected as apprehended by Government if his head-quarters were transferred elsewhere. As regards Naduvatom, the Collector reports that its climate is healthy, that good sites are available for providing the necessary accommodation, and that the place is only 3½ miles distant from Gúdálúr by bridle-path.

8. As regards Gúdálúr, the Board observes that it is situated in Wynaad, where it has been thought hitherto that the Head Assistant Collector ought to be, that as shown in paragraph 8 of the Collector's letter the existing buildings afford nearly all the accommodation required (that is to say for the office, a house would have to be built for the Head Assistant Collector), and that the Head Assistant Collector and the Deputy Tahsildar are allowed to move up to Naduvatom for the fever season, i.e., the hot and dry weather, when people can get up and down the ghât easily; as against Naduvatom, it has to be observed that it is at the head of a ghât which is exposed to the full force of the south-west monsoon; that travelling in those parts is understood to be very difficult at that time of the year, travellers being reported to have died on the ghât owing to exposure to the monsoon, and that it is inconvenient therefore that it should be the head-quarters of the second Revenue officer in the district; and lastly, that the provision of accommodation there for the Head Assistant Collector, &c., will involve considerable expenditure.

9. On the other hand it may be urged that stationing the Head Assistant Collector at Gúdálúr will result in his spending more time at Ootacamund than would be the case were he at Naduvatom.

10. With these remarks, the Board leaves it to Government to decide as to which of these places should be selected for the future head-quarters of the Head Assistant Collector.

(A true Copy and Extract.)
(Signed)

W. S. MEYER,
for Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, through the
Accountant-General, with two proposition statements and
Head Assistant Collector's letter, in original (to be returned).
Copy to the Collector of the Nilgiris.

READ—also the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), dated 14th October 1891, Mis. No. 7297 :—

THE HON. MR. J. GROSE.
MR. G. McWATERS.

Read—the following letter from C. F. MacCARTIE, Esq., Acting Collector of the Nilgiris, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue, dated Ootacamund, 29th September 1891, No. 334 :—

With reference to memorandum, No. 113, dated 18th instant, calling for reply to Board's Proceedings, dated 18th April 1891 and 16th May 1891, Mis. Nos. 2722 and 3424, respectively, regarding accommodation at Naduvatom for office and establishment of the Head Assistant Collector and Deputy Tahsildar, Gúdálúr, I have the honour to state that these references have been answered in paragraphs 9 and 10 of my letter printed in Board's Proceedings, dated 10th August 1891, No. 475.

2. My recommendations as contained in the above letter are (1, that the Head Assistant Collector's head-quarters be removed to Ootacamund, in which case no accommodation for his office and residence for himself and his establishment would be necessary at Naduvatom. The requisite office accommodation at Ootacamund can be provided at moderate cost either by extending the present out-offices attached to the Collector's cutcherry or by finding him accommodation in the Deputy Tahsildar's office. The urgency recently attached by Government to finishing off Forest Settlement work in the Nilgiris is an additional argument in favour of this proposal being accepted, at any rate pending completion of Forest Settlement work. In the event of Government rejecting this proposal, the second proposition is to make Naduvatom the Head Assistant Collector's head-quarters. In this case a suitable bungalow should be built for his residence as well as quarters for his clerks and office accommodation; and (3) that if Government adheres to its decision to retain Gúdálúr as the Head Assistant's head-quarters, a bungalow should be built at Upper Gúdálúr which would, however, entail considerable expense together with office and quarters for the Deputy Tahsildar and his establishment at Naduvatom for occupation during the fever season.

3. Separate quarters are necessary at Naduvatom for the Deputy Tahsildar and his clerks besides office accommodation during the feverish season in Wynaad. The Deputy Tahsildar reports that no buildings are available for the purpose in the Government Cinchona Plantations at Naduvatom. Mr. Lawson has given me the same assurance. Should the Government accept the proposal to station the Head Assistant Collector at Naduvatom, building him an office there, he can easily arrange to find room for the Deputy Tahsildar and office during the fever season.

Resolution—dated 14th October 1891, Mis. No. 7297.

Submitted to Government in continuation of Board's Proceedings, dated 10th August 1891, No. 475.

2. So far as mere cost goes, the two sites, Gúdálúr and Naduvatom, appear to be much alike; in the case of the former, a costly bungalow there for the Head Assistant Collector and quarters and an office for the Deputy Tahsildar at Naduvatom will be needed, against a bungalow for the Head Assistant Collector and quarters and an office for his office staff needed in the case of the latter.

3. Ootacamund has the advantage of both sites in this respect and though the Board is opposed to it as a permanent location for the Head Assistant Collector, it is prepared to support the Collector's recommendation that as a temporary measure, to hasten the disposal of Forest Settlement, the Head Assistant Collector should be permitted to make Ootacamund his head-quarters for the present. The forests to be settled lie along the slope of the hills from the Sígúr Ghât eastwards and southwards right round the eastern end of the Nilgiris and can certainly be more easily visited from Ootacamund than from the Wynaad.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

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

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with letter, in original, to be returned.

Copy to the Collector of Nilgiris.

ORDER—dated 5th December 1891, No. 1162, Revenue.

Miscellaneous.

The Board's recommendations contained in paragraphs 4 to 6 of the first paper read above are approved except as regards the Wynaad allowance which, in the opinion of Government, should be fixed at the same rate in all cases, viz., 50 per cent. of the pay.

2. As the pay and allowances of the additional clerk should be debited to the Registration Department, the provision made on this account will be struck out of the proposition statement which will be forwarded to the Financial Department for sanction. The Inspector-General of Registration will be called upon in the Judicial Department to submit a proposition statement for the reductions ordered in the Sub-Registrar's office at Gúdálúr.

3. The Government adheres to the decision that Gúdálúr should be the permanent head-quarters of the Head Assistant Collector, Nilgiris. In view, however, of the strong representation that it is unsuitable for the permanent residence of a European officer, the Head Assistant Collector will be permitted to reside at Naduvatom, but his office should be located at Gúdálúr which will be his official head-quarters under Article 69 of the Civil Service Regulations.

4. Orders will issue in the Public Works Department for the preparation of plans and estimates for the necessary buildings in consultation with the Collector.

5. The Board's recommendation that, as a temporary measure, the Head Assistant Collector should be allowed to make Ootacamund his head-quarters in order to expedite the disposal of Forest Settlement, is approved.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Commissioners of Land Revenue, with the Collector's letter returned.
" the Financial Department, with an amended proposition statement.
" the Judicial Department.
" the Public Works Department.
" the Accountant-General.

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G.O., 5th December 1891, No. 1162.

DECEMBER.

Head-quarters.

Approving the proposals of the Board of Revenue for revising the Gudalur taluk establishment and adhering to the decision that Gudalur should be the permanent — of the Head Assistant Collector, Nilgiris, but permitting that officer to reside at Naduvatam.