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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—again the following papers:—

G.O., dated 23rd Oct. 1890, No. 1628, Judicial.
" " 2nd April 1892 " 652, "

not sent

READ—also the following paper:—

From H. F. W. GILLMAN, Esq., Acting Special Assistant Agent, to the Government Agent, Godáviri, dated Pólavaram, 27th January 1893, No. 43.

Having received verbal permission from you to address you on the question of changing my head-quarters from Purushottapatnam to Pólavaram, I have the honour to lay before you my reasons for considering the change advisable. I would bring to your notice that I recommended the transfer to Mr. Happell in my letter, No. 254, dated 17th December 1891, but he, in his reply, expressed himself decidedly against it.

2. In his letter A, of date 31st March 1889, dealing with the redistribution of the Godáviri Agency tracts, Mr. Happell has discussed the relative merits of Pólavaram and Purushottapatnam as the Special Assistant Agent's head-quarters and decided in favour of the latter place for the reasons—

(a) that Chódavaram and important villages in the heart of Rampa are quickly accessible from it;

(b) that it affords good building sites outside the river embankment, whereas Pólavaram does not.

3. Pólavaram is on the west bank of the Godáviri opposite Purushottapatnam and is connected with it by a good ferry which plies all the year round even in the heaviest floods. During the rains, elephants and horses can be crossed in a day by the steam ferry at Kajahmundry, and at other times of the year they can cross at Pattisam, a mile below Pólavaram, where the river is narrow and shallow. Thus it will be seen that Rampa can be reached as soon from Pólavaram as from Purushottapatnam.

4. About the building sites at Pólavaram, Mr. Happell in his letter above quoted says: "The land is low and liable to inundation during high freshes by the banking up of a stream which flows into the Godáviri between the hills at the north end of the town. In the great flood of 1886, it was four feet under water." This reads as if the land outside the embankment was flooded owing to the banking up of the stream, whereas such was not the case, the flooding being caused by the flood in the river which bursts the sluice constructed in the embankment as an outlet for the water of the stream. The masonry work of this sluice was not carried to a sufficient height and it was also in bad repair. A new one has since been built, which successfully stood the great flood of 1891. No danger is to be expected from the banking up of the stream, as the highest ground behind the village on which the Pólavaram Deputy

Tahsildar's cutcherry and other Government buildings are to be built has not, within the memory of man, been flooded from this cause, so great is the difference in levels. At Purushottapatnam the safety of the site selected by Mr. Happell depends on the stability of the bund. This is nearer the river and more exposed than that at Pólavaram, and further the river is rapidly eating away the bank on that side. The site selected is infested with mosquitoes, which are bred in a large jheel close by and make themselves, even during the day, most obnoxious. There is a level bit of ground about 20 yards square on the top of the ridge above Purushottapatnam, but it is too constricted to be of any use. The mosquitoes, too, are worse there than in the plain below. Pólavaram is happily free from the mosquito plague, and, for a European, life there is bearable. I beg to suggest that the question of the safety of the sites may be settled by a reference to Mr. Wybrow, who has, I believe, made a careful inspection of the village.

5. The transfer of my head-quarters to Pólavaram will result in a considerable saving to Government. There are already in the village a police station and temporary sub-jail and post-office, whereas these would have to be built at Purushottapatnam. At Pólavaram, too, there would be no need to erect temporary buildings for my office and my establishment. My office is at present in a tiled building for which a small rent is paid. My clerks have rented houses or rooms in the village, which they say they prefer to mud and thatch houses built outside the river embankment.

6. The immediate saving to Government would be Rs. 3,295-14-6 as under:—

	RS.	A.	P.
Estimates for temporary buildings at Purushottapatnam sanctioned in G.O., dated 2nd April 1892, No. 652, Judicial..	2,600	0	0
Estimates for lock-up at Purushottapatnam submitted with my letter, No. 236, dated 20th July 1892	695	14	6
Total ..	3,295	14	6

There would obviously be considerable saving in the future, as the public offices, such as post-office, police station, sub-jail, hospital, &c., that are built for the Deputy Tahsildar of Pólavaram, can be used by the Special Assistant Agent.

7. In conclusion I would remark that Pólavaram, being a large and important village with a bazaar and weekly market and good well water-supply, is a more appropriate head-quarters for the divisional officer than Purushottapatnam, which is a collection of huts inhabited chiefly by squalid Malas and Madigas, and where there are no conveniences of any sort.

No. 10.

Submitted to Government for orders, in reference to G.O., dated 2nd April 1892, No. 652.

2. With all due deference to Mr. Happell's opinion, I am convinced, after personal inspection, that Pólavaram is in every way the most appropriate site for the Special Assistant Agent's head-quarters. When Purushottapatnam was first suggested for that purpose it was not proposed to make Pólavaram a Deputy Tahsildar's head-quarters. Now that the Deputy Tahsildar is stationed at Pólavaram, there is, to my mind, no object gained by locating the Special Assistant Agent at a much smaller village without a bazaar on the opposite side of the river. Nearness to Rampa does not compensate for the constantly recurring disadvantage to the Special Assistant Agent and his establishment, to say nothing of parties and pleaders, resulting from such an arrangement.

COCANADA,
23rd February 1893.

(Signed) A. W. B. HIGGENS,
Government Agent.

ORDER—dated 5th April 1893, No. 708, Judicial.

The Government accept the views of the Government Agent, and Pólavaram will be selected as the head-quarters of the Special Assistant Agent instead of Purushottapatnam.

2. The sanction accorded in G.O., dated 2nd April 1892, No. 652, Judicial, for the construction of buildings at Purushottapatnam is hereby revoked.

(True Extract.)

W. C. P. H.
Chief Secretary

To the Government Agent, Godáviri.
" Revenue Department.
" Public Works Department.
" Public Department.
" Accountant-General.
" Inspector-General of Police.

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G.O., 5th April 1893, No. 708.

APRIL.

Head-quarters of the Special Assistant Agent of Godavari.

Directing that Pólavaram be selected as the —, and revoking the sanction accorded for the construction of buildings at Purushottapatnam.

1145 Wd/25 April 19

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