

Public Works (1897) Department.

G.O., No. 1264 W

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Headquarters of the Special Ass^t Agent of
Cordavari: Pro: Judicial Dept. Agreeing with
the Agent & thinking that the least objectionable
place for the - would be Polavarum and
requesting the P.W.D. with remarks to submit esti-
mate for a bungalow and an office at a high
site, Comd^g to S.E. I think for summary action
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following paper:—

From the Government Agent, Godavari, No. 115/Agency of 97

dated 10th March 1897:—

In G. O. dated 26th February 1896 No. 393 Judicial, the

difficulty of obtaining water was given as the main ground for deferring the construction of the buildings required for the office and residence for the Special Assistant Agent at Polavaram.

The Special Assistant Agent, having however, in paragraph 4 of his Agency report for the last ~~year~~ year stated clearly that there was no such difficulty, I mentioned in paragraph 6 of my report on the Agency Administration for 1895-96 my reasons for making Polavaram only, the Head-quarters of the Special Assistant Agent. As Government in paragraph 3 of its Review (G. O. No. 1422 Judicial dated 1st September 1896) has noted that the point in question will be decided on receipt of the report called for in the G. O. quoted above, I have the honour to report as follows:—

2. In selecting the Headquarters of the Special Assistant Agent, it has always been held that he should be located in the agency for two reasons (1) That he may be always readily accessible to the hill people and (2) that he may be in easy reach of Rampa, the principal seat of disturbances.

As regards (1) I must add that it is a well known fact that the hill people dread the plain country just as much as the people of the plains do the agency tracts or even more. Hence the knowledge that there is an European officer located in the agency purposely to attend to their grievances, if

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any, gives the hill people confidence and sets their minds at rest. As to (2) it must be noted that ~~Purushottapattam~~ ^{Purushottapattam} on the bank of the Godavari, opposite to Polavaram, was the Headquarters first proposed and sanctioned for the Special Assistant Agent at the reorganization of the agency divisions.

At the instance of Mr. Gillman, the then Special Assistant Agent, however, the Headquarters were removed from Purushottapattam to Polavaram. Vide G.O. dated 5th April 1893 No. 708 Judicial. As the water difficulty apprehended at Polavaram can be got over in the manner explained by the Special Assistant Agent, I think therefore that there is no necessity for removing the Headquarters from Polavaram, for I have already stated that the Special Assistant Agent cannot be located near the coal mines in Bhadrachalam Taluk, as he would then be quite out of touch with Rampa.

3. The present is not a year of disturbances or disaffection however, and the Special Assistant Agent's Headquarters being at Rajahmundry cannot I think affect the Agency, neither though I can say that it is a very suitable Headquarters. The Special Assistant Agent is no doubt in favour of his Headquarters at Rajahmundry but I am inclined to agree with Mr. Wynne, one of my predecessors, that the object with which the appointment of the Special Assistant Agent was created would in this case be in the main defeated.

4. In these circumstances I recommend that Polavaram may be confirmed as the Headquarters of the Special Assistant Agent.

5. I would however add here that the Headquarters of the Special Assistant Agent should be allowed to remain temporarily at Rajahmundry until the necessary buildings are erected at Polavaram.

6. As it will take some time before the buildings at Polavaram are ready I have thought it advisable to have the Elephant Stable, sanctioned in G.O. No. 15, dated 6th January 1897, Judicial, erected at Rajahmundry, the present Temporary Headquarters of the Special Assistant Agent, as proposed in this office reference on C.No. 528/Agency of 2nd December 1896.

ORDER :- No. 493 dated 5th April 1897.

The Government agrees with the Agent in thinking that the least objectionable place for the Headquarters of the Special Assistant Agent of Godavari would be Polavaram.

2. For several reasons, however, the Government is disinclined to spend any large sum at present on a residence and Court house for the Special Assistant there and the Public Works Department will be requested to prepare and submit estimates for a bungalow with the usual outhouses and an office both with brick in mud walls and

thatched roofs to be built on the small hill referred to in the papers in G.O. No. 2175, Judicial, dated 25th October 1895. The estimates should include provision for the necessary approaches to the top of the hill.

3. The Agent to the Governor will be requested to have a trial well sunk at once in the spot referred to in paragraph 4 of Mr. Spencer's letter on page 6 of G.O. No. 1422, Judicial, dated 1st September 1896, and to submit to Government a report on the quantity and quality of the water found there. The Chemical Examiner should be consulted as to its quality, and no expenditure on building should be incurred until Government has passed orders on this report.

(True Extract)

Francis

for Chief Secretary.

To

The Public Works Department ☒
--- Revenue Department ☒
--- Accountant-General
--- Government Agent, Godavari.

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