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[Despatch Abstract.]

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From: J. C. Dept. Approving the proposed
transfer of the head quarters of the — from
Narsapur to Rajahmundry, Communicated
to the Sahasrabhushan Circle.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper :—

From M. HAMMICK, Esq., I.C.S., Inspector-General of Police, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 7th June 1898, No. 2114.

I have the honour to say that, when I inspected the Gódávári district last year, I noted on the unsatisfactory position of the Assistant Superintendent's head-quarters there and the unsuitability of his house. The following was my note :—

"49. I went over the new house recently bought by Government for the Assistant Superintendent. I do not think the purchase was wise and cannot understand how Mr. Lushington recommended it. It would have been in my opinion much better to have permanently moved the Assistant Superintendent from Narsapur to some more accessible place. However now that the purchase has been made, nothing more can be said. If, however, by any chance, it is ever possible to sell the building again for a fair price, it should, I think, be sold."

2. The house, it will be remembered, was purchased for Rs. 10,000 (G.Os., No. 2124 W., dated 26th August 1895, and No. 1876, Judicial, dated 7th September 1895).

3. The Sessions Judge of Rajahmundry now writes to me that the building in occupation of the Assistant Superintendent could be utilized for the purpose of a District Munsif's Court and save the cost of constructing a new building at a cost of Rs. 20,300. The house, I should say, was very much better suited to be a court for a Munsif than a residence for an Assistant Superintendent.

4. The position of Narsapur is absolutely bad for the Assistant Superintendent. His division runs up into Polavaram to the borders of the district and in the hot weather, when the canals are shut, he is at Narsapur as remotely situated as he can possibly be from the most important part of his division. The place is a most desolate spot, and the only advantage I have ever heard claimed for it is that it is fairly cool in the hot weather and has some good snipe shooting handy round the bungalow. These reasons seem hardly sufficient for keeping this place as the Assistant Superintendent's head-quarters and they certainly do not counterbalance the great disadvantages under which the Assistant Superintendent labours there. He is miles away from any other European officer in a house most unfitted for anybody who has not a large family and he is in the most remote spot that he can get at in his division. Now that the house there can be got rid of without any loss to Government, I have no hesitation in strongly recommending that the Assistant Superintendent's head-quarters be moved.

5. Two places offer themselves as much more suitable than Narsapur. First, there is Chettipetta, where there is a Public Works Department officer. It is a place about 8 miles from Rajahmundry on the main canal. The Assistant Superintendent would there have a companion (a point of considerable importance) and he would be in a much better position for communication with his division and his Superintendent at Rajahmundry than he is at Narsapur. A house and office would, of necessity, however have to be built for him there. Secondly, there is Rajahmundry itself, where

probably he could obtain some accommodation for himself, and where his small office could be housed in the Superintendent's office. He would here be in direct communication with his Superintendent and would be by means of rail and canal-boat in easy reach of all his division. The District Magistrate is inclined to favour Chettipetta, but if that cannot be chosen he would select Rajahmundry. The Deputy Inspector-General of Police is in favour of Rajahmundry.

6. I favour Rajahmundry for several reasons. I am of opinion that it is far better that the Assistant Superintendent (often a very junior officer) should have his head-quarters, where there are other Europeans, than that he should be in solitude; I consider it a distinct advantage to have him at his Superintendent's head-quarters where he can be controlled and assisted, and I consider that Rajahmundry (especially when the new bridge is finished) will be the place best suited geographically to be the Assistant Superintendent's head-quarters. From there he can get at any part of his division with rapidity.

7. I enclose all the papers connected with my present proposal and request the early orders of Government that I may address the District Judge in reply to his letter about the Narsapur house.

ENCLOSURES.

From V. A. BRODIE, Esq., District Magistrate of Gódávári, to the Superintendent of Police, Gódávári District, dated 9th April 1898, No. 237-Mag.

In returning the enclosure to your letter of the 31st ultimo, R.C. No. 519-General, I have the honour to state that I do not consider Narsapur a very suitable head-quarters for the Assistant Superintendent, as it is one corner of his division. The best, i.e., the most central, spot is Chettipetta, which is the head-quarters of the Executive Engineer, Western Division, which division is the same as the Assistant Superintendent's. Failing this, Rajahmundry would be the best head-quarters for him for having both boat and railway communications with Chettipetta, and only 8 miles away, it commands the sub-division nearly as well.

From H. E. SWEET, Esq., Superintendent of Police, Gódávári District, to the Inspector-General of Police, Madras, dated 18th April 1898, D. No. 160.

In reply to your reference on C. No. 998, dated 25th ultimo, I have the honour to inform you that I forwarded the same to the District Magistrate on the 29th ultimo and forward herewith his reply received by me to-day.

My own opinion is that the head-quarters of the Assistant Superintendent should most certainly be at Chettipetta and not at Rajahmundry. I am of opinion that the Assistant Superintendent is far more likely to attend to his work thoroughly if he is at Chettipetta in his own sub-division than if he is stationed in Rajahmundry, and I see no advantage whatever in his being in the latter place. In either place a house and office will have to be built as there is no house of any sort available in any part of Rajahmundry. As to the cost, I am sorry to say that I can form no idea what it will be.

C. No. 640-General.

Forwarded. In the event of the head-quarters of the Assistant being removed from Narsapur, Rajahmundry would, in my opinion, now that the bridge across the Gódávári will soon be an accomplished fact, be the most suitable place for the head-quarters of that officer. A house for the Assistant will have to be erected at whatever place may be selected, but should his head-quarters be transferred to Rajahmundry, an office would not, I think, be required, as the head-quarter office could probably accommodate the Assistant's small office establishment.

With a bridge over the Gódávári, Rajahmundry commands the sub-division almost equally as well as does Chettipetta. I can see no reason whatever why an Assistant, if he is properly looked after, should not attend to his duties just as thoroughly at Rajahmundry as he would, if stationed at Chettipetta, only 8 miles distant from Rajahmundry.

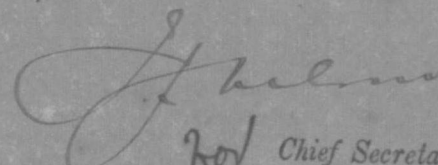
BIMLIPATAM,
30th April 1898.

(Signed) H. G. YOUNG,
Dy. Inspector-General of Police,
Northern Range.

ORDER—No. 1069, Judicial, dated 11th July 1898.

The proposed transfer of the Assistant Superintendent's head-quarters from Narsapur to Rajahmundry is approved.

(True Extract.)


J. H. Williams
Chief Secretary.

To the Inspector-General of Police.
" District Magistrate, Górávari.
" Public Works Department.
" Financial Department.
" Hon'ble the Chief Justice (with C.I.).