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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 1270 Press Mis.

Dated 23rd September 1859

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, from 17th to 23d September 1859.

No. 31. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department; dated 8th September 1859, No. 3194.

Approving the proposed measure for the removal of the Treasury from Tellicherry to Cannanore. (Vide Military Proceedings from 3d to 9th September 1859, Nos. 153-154.)

No. 32. ORDER THEREON, 21st September 1859, No. 1270.

Ordered to be communicated to the Board of Revenue for information and guidance.

(Signed) W. C. SIM,
Acting Deputy Secretary to Government.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following paper :—

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, 26*th August* 1859, *No.* 3358.

Read letter from the Collector of Malabar, dated 11th June 1859, No. 137.

(In Consultation 28th June 1859, No. 3075.)

Resolved that the foregoing letter be submitted to Government, with reference to the Proceedings of Government dated 14th May 1859, Revenue Department, No. 661.

2. In their Proceedings dated 27th September 1858, the Board suggested the propriety of making Cannanore the general Treasury station of the Malabar District, in consequence of a large Force, including an European Regiment, being always located there.

No. 3634, *Para.* 5.

3. The Collector however reported, that Cannanore was inconveniently situated in the north of the District—and that Tellicherry, where the principal Northern Treasury was located was sufficiently secure. The southern Treasury, Mr. Grant proposed on the completion of the Railway to transfer to Paulghaut.

Extract Minutes of Consultation 13*th October* 1858, *Revenue Department, No.* 1396.

In Consultation 15*th October* 1858, *Board's Proceedings* 4*th February* 1859, *No.* 418.

4. The Board recommended that the existing arrangements should not be disturbed for the present, the question of making Paulghaut the principal Treasury of the District, being reserved until the Railway be completed.

5. In the order of Government quoted in para. 1 of these proceedings, the Board were required to furnish information on these points,

I. The amount of money which must necessarily be retained at Paulghaut and Tellicherry, respectively. The Collector reports that the monthly disbursements last year ranged from Rupees 38,000 to Rupees 88,000 at Palghaut, and from Rupees 55,000 to 90,000 at Tellicherry. The average sum to be retained at each place may therefore be set down at Rupees 75,000, but when the Railway is finished, the disbursements at Palghaut will greatly diminish, and Rupees 5,000 will be as much as will then be required there.

II. The safety of either or both these Treasuries under Police protection. Mr. Grant has no hesitation in stating that such sums would not be safe at either place, under no other protection than that of the present weak and inefficient Police Force.

III. The arrangements necessary to ensure the security of the Treasuries. Mr. Grant suggests a slight addition to the strength of the present Police Establishment until the force under the new system is completely organised.

6. Mr. Grant further suggests, that on the completion of the Railway, a Treasury should be established either at Madras, or at some more central position on the Railway.

To Accountant General 30*th June* 1859.
Do. do. 4*th August* 1859.
From do. 17 *in Consultation*, 18*h August* 1859.

7. The Board have consulted the Accountant General on the subject, and have come to the following conclusion ;

1. That the Northern Treasury should be moved from Tellicherry to Cannanore, as soon as by the removal of the Prisoners or other arrangements, the necessary accommodation can be afforded in the Fort at the latter station. Their reasons are, that Cannanore from its large Garrison is the safest place, that the distance between Cannanore and Tellicherry is too short to make it of material importance which of them may be selected as the Treasury station, and consequently that the safest should be chosen, and that by this arrangement, the expense &c. of the large monthly remittances (Rupees 64,000) now made from Tellicherry to pay the Troops &c. at Cannanore would be saved.

2. That it would be inexpedient to make Paulghaut the Treasury station in lieu of Calicut, inasmuch as Troops are not to be kept there—the local requirements will soon be trifling, and it is inconveniently situated with reference to the rest of the District.

3. That Calicut should continue the principal Treasury.

It is the chief station of the District, and within easy reach of the Railway. The trade of Malabar is chiefly with Bombay, Ceylon, and places to the Westward, and to remove the Treasury inland, would be highly inconvenient, partly from its trade taking this course, and partly from the large sums required for Railway purposes, it has been necessary, as the Accountant General states, to supply the District with funds from Canara and Coimbatore, the advances required by the Railway Company being met by Bills—in addition to this, there have been large imports of private specie during the last 3 years as shewn in the margin. The Accountant General expects that a large surplus of money will be available for remittance to Madras when the Railway is completed and its demands are reduced to its ordinary requirements, looking however to the large imports of private specie, to the great prosperity of the Province and its large trade with Bombay &c. the Board believe that the surplus Revenue of the District may be taken up by Bills on the local Treasury, without resorting to remittances of Coin which must be replaced by the private trader—The Accountant General indeed implies, that such remittances would be unnecessary, if the Bombay Government were permitted as formerly, to draw on the Malabar Treasury.

	Imports.	*Exports.*
	Rs.	*Rs.*
1856/57	21,37,403	8,612
1857/58	26,27,671	67,793
1858/59	18,05,993	9,222

8. Under these circumstances, the Board think it would be unadvisable to transfer the Treasury from Calicut to Paulghaut or to any place beyond the District—all that is necessary is to make the building easily defensible by the Detachment of regular Troops, European and Native always located there.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary.

ORDER, No. 3194, *8th September* 1859.

The Governor in Council approves of the measure proposed by the Board of Revenue recorded in their Proceedings of the 26th August 1859, No. 3358, for the removal of the Treasury from Calicut to Cannanore, and directs that a report of the arrangements necessary to provide accommodation for the Treasury in the Fort at Cannanore, may be submitted with as little delay as possible.

2. The Calicut Treasury will continue as at present—the subject of Para. 8 regarding the building being made defensible, being communicated to the Commander-in-Chief, for His Excellency's observations and further orders.

(True Extract.)

Actg. Dy. Secretary to Government.

To the Revenue Department.
" Accountant General.
" Department Public Works.
" Quarter Master General.

Exd. J. Davis.

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No 1719

Proceedings of the
Madras Govt in the
Military Department.

Dated 8th
Rec'd 17th } September 1859.

Applications have been
forwarded to this office
for the services of
the Commissary Corps
of Officers to Command
Depots.

Forwarded to be communicated to the Board of Revenue for information and guidance.

Fort St. Geo. 20th Sept. 1859 } J. Thomas

A Sgt Mjr of Brs
Asst Sec to Govt

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