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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Dated	25-10	1859.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, from 22d to 31st October 1859.

No. 29. Read the following letter from P. GRANT, Esq., Collector of Malabar; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government Revenue Department, Fort Saint George; dated Calicut, 13th October 1859, No. 99.

Captain Priestley is actively engaged in the preliminary steps necessary, to enable him to commence the Survey of the Wynaad Talúq.

2. One of the first requisites is house room—to erect such buildings as are required for the reception of all the officials belonging to his Department, and that of the Deputy Superintendent of Revenue Settlement, would be a work requiring both time and money.

3. It happens that there are at Manantoddy, where Captain Priestley proposes to commence operation, extensive ranges of Military buildings (lately put into thorough repair) admirably suited for the purposes required.

4. In the upper range there are six good rooms all empty, with the exception of one (I believe) in which the Commanding officer lives. In the lower range are 3 or 4 rooms in which the sepoys arms are kept; there are besides 2 or 3 rooms in another building called the Hospital, but considering the strength of the detachment—50 men. I think on an emergency like the present, the arms might be kept in one of these rooms.

5. It may be a question whether an officer and 50 men are required at Manantoddy. For my own part I do not see the necessity for a Military guard there, the average amount of treasure held in deposit in the Cutcherry seldom exceeds
Per month. 3,000 Rupees. The adjacent Coorg and Mysore countries are quiet; the settlement of Europeans in the locality is fast increasing, and the demand for labor being far in excess of what the country can supply, wages are high. The people are quiet and becoming daily more settled and better off in every way, and thereby less liable, if they ever were otherwise, to do any thing to endanger the safety of the Treasury.

6. Troops were located in Wynaad before Mysore and Coorg became dependencies of the British Government. After this, they were retained to repress Tobacco smuggling and keep the large bands of Moplahs, engaged in the illicit traffic, in order. The monopoly has been done away with, and with it has gone the necessity for the troops, whose removal I advocate, and recommend that, as a temporary measure at all events, the Military buildings be placed at the disposal of the Superintendents of Revenue Survey and Settlement for their establishment.

No. 30. ORDER THEREON, 25th October 1859, No. 1410.

On the assurance of the Collector of Malabar that troops are no longer required at Manantoddy, the Government resolve that the detachment now stationed there shall be withdrawn. The buildings will be given up for the present for the use of the Settlement and Survey Departments, as recommended by the Collector.

2. Copy of this order will be communicated to the Military Department where the necessary orders will be issued for the withdrawal of the Detachment and for delivering over the buildings.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secretary to Government.

N°99.

Malabar Collector's Office,
Calicut, 13th October 1859.

From

P. Grant Esqr.
Collector of Malabar

To

T. Pycroft Esqr.
Chief Secretary to Government
Revenue Department
Fort St George

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I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,

Collector.

Pro. of the Bd. of Rev. of
14th Sept. 1860. Cha. 136.
From the Collr of
Malabar No 13
July 1861. CV.
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No. 29 & 30

Revenue 859
Letter from Govt No 31 to Report
From 7. 1922
The Collector of
Malabar
To The Secretary to
Government in the
Revenue Departt
Fort St George
Dated 13th October 59
Recd 19th Do
No 66

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No. 1440. 25th Octr 1859.

States that Capt. Priestly who is engaged in the Survey of Wynaad Taluq is in want of buildings for the use of his establishment & recommends that as a temporary measure the Military Bungalow at Manantoddy be placed at the disposal of the Superintendents of Revenue Survey & Settlement. —

Letter enclosing orders

No 1440

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Fort St. Geo 25 Octr 59.

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Collector of Malabar. Pkt 207
13 Director of Rev. Settlement 1
6 Board of Revenue 1
7 Military Departt 1