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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 29th November 1860.

No. 506. Read the following letter from W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Fort Saint George, 28th November 1860, No. 5,537 :—

SIR,

1. I am directed by the Board of Revenue to submit for the decision of Government the question as to the station to be selected for the future head quarters of the Collector of North Canara.

In Cons., 28th November 1859, *No.* 5,930.

In Cons., 6th December 1859, *No.* 6,077.

2. In their Proceedings dated 4th November 1859, No. 1,199, dividing Canara in two divisions, Government named Honore as the future station of the Collector, and Sircy as that of his Head Assistant, but in paragraph 4 of their Proceedings, dated 3rd December 1859, No. 1,643, Revenue Department, permanent arrangements were left for future disposal. A plan and Estimate for a Kachéri has lately received the Board's approval, and the approaching timber sales both above and below the Ghâts render it very desirable that the question of site should be at once determined, that the opportunity of securing the requisite timber before the sales may not be lost.

3. The presence of the Civil and Session Court at that station probably influenced the Government in naming Honore as the future head quarters of the District of North Canara, but the station itself is a singularly inconvenient one for the Húzur station of a Collector, and the above circumstance forms its sole recommendation.

4. It is inaccessible to wheeled carriage from either side, it has neither population, wealth, trade, nor a really central position. The fact that all persons attending the Court are compelled to resort to so inconvenient a station is no sufficient reason for adding to the inconvenience by making it also the head quarters of the Collector, to whom many more of the inhabitants have to resort, and other reasons in its favor there are none.

5. The other towns among which the selection must lie are Cundapoor, Coompta and Sircy. The first from its position is altogether unsuited for the head quarters of the divided District. Coompta is in every way unsuited for the head quarters, and its occupation as the emporium of an extensive trade for which it is equally unsuited is to be discouraged by every means rather than supported. Its trade too must decline before Tuddri and Beitkol, as the infinitely superior advantages afforded by these ports are better known and appreciated and the roads to them are completed.

6. There remains Sircy, the selection of which is advocated by the Collector on a balance of advantages, and the Board after careful consideration of the question in its different bearings concur with him in thinking it the best station for the Húzur.

7. It is already a place of importance, has great capabilities for extension, and has increased very greatly of late years. It has a large and rapidly growing trade, is the centre of the traffic between the Southern Mahratta country and the coast; is supplied with good roads in every direction, commands the rest of the District well, for even Cundapoor is more accessible from it viâ the Hunnur Magany and the Koloor Ghât than from Honore, it is also in the close neighbourhood of the more important works of the Department Public Works and Forest Department, while it is on Police considerations the best position for the Chief Magistrate of the District.

8. Its selection will, moreover, have an important effect on the improvement of the large Táluq of Soopah with its rich soil and vast capabilities. The presence of the Head Assistant at Honore would, in the Board's opinion, meet all the requirements of the Court and also of the Payenghat as compared with those of the Balaghat, the limited Establishment of the District being taken into consideration. This relative distribution of Officers was in fact in force for several years when Sircy was the station of the Sub-Collector of the District of Canara, and the Head Assistant was at Honore or Bellikerray in the Northern Payenghat, the additional Sub-Collector being at Mangalore the head quarters of the District; so far as the requirements of the Northern Balaghat and Payenghat, which now form North Canara were concerned, the propriety of this distribution was never questioned.

9. The sole doubt that occurred to the Board was in regard to the Treasury and the remittances, but the Collector informs them that his surplus revenue will not be more than sufficient to meet the demands on account of Bills drawn on him, while if North Canara be included with Bellary and Dharwar in a common "Note Circle" the existence of a Treasury there or at least the passage through it of all remittances of cash from the District to the general Treasury will be an absolute necessity.

10. The Board direct me therefore to recommend that Sirey be determined on as the head quarters of the Collector of North Canara and Honore as that of his Head Assistant: the Treasury Deputy Collector will be in the Balaghat, and the Deputy in charge of Salt in the Payenghat, thus distributing fairly the staff of the District. The District Engineer, Forest Superintendent, and Superintendent of Police, will find Sirey a far more convenient head quarters than can be found elsewhere. Circumstances do not require the transfer of the Court, at least at present.

11. As there is no existing sufficient Office or available building suitable for one at either Honore or Sirey, considerations of economy do not affect the decision as regards the Collector, while the small Kachéri at Honore which served the additional Sub-Collector as his Office will supply all that is needed for the Head Assistant.

12. An early decision is desirable to allow of timber being secured and some progress made with the foundations and building before the setting in of the next S. W. monsoon.

No. 507. ORDER THEREON, 29th November 1860, No. 2,272.

1. The Government assent to the Board's proposal to make Sirey the head quarters of the District.

2. The Board will lose no time in making the necessary arrangements.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Acting Secretary to Government.

Rev. 1860 Deptt.
Pro: of Govt for November.
No 2706

From
The Acting Secretary to the
Board of Revenue

To
The Acting Secretary to
Government
Revl Deptt.

Dated 28th
Desp 28th
Rec 29th
November 1860.

No 5537
From Port Master 20 Decr/60 Ct 3011.
in Pro: 9 Dec. No 56

Submitting for the decision of Government a letter from the Collr of North Canara on the subject of the question as to the station to be selected for the future Head Quarters of the Collector.—

From Bd of Revd 17 Decr/60
Ct 2985 (regrets to be removed from Karwar)
No 2772. 29th November

W. Anderson

No 506 & 507.

No 2772

The Govt assent to the Board's proposal to make Karwar the Head Quarters of the District.—

The Bd will lose no time in making the necessary arrangements.—

Fort St George
29th November 1860.

R. Cotton to Bd of Rev Dist 29
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