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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Dated 15 & 19 July 1869

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 19th July 1869.

No. 420. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 17th June 1869, No. 4,354 :—

Read the following letter from the Collector of Bellary, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 11th May 1869, No. 96.

With reference to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 5th ultimo, No. 2,240, I have the honour to state that it is only a portion of the walls of the lower fort at Pennacondah which it is proposed to remove. They are in many places in a ruinous state, and it would be a great advantage to the pettah which they surround to get rid of them. A copy of the Sub-Collector's report* on the locality is enclosed. The fort is very similar to the one at Gooty, having a hill citadel and a lower fort, within which the town is built.

* No. 235, dated 4th May 1869.

Enclosure No. 1.

From the Acting Sub-Collector, to the Collector of Bellary, dated Camp at Pennacondah, 4th May 1869, No. 235.

Referring to your foot-note of the 15th ultimo, in the Revenue Board's Proceedings, No. 2,240, of the 5th idem, I have the honour to state that the fort walls of Pennacondah, (sanction for the removal of part of the materials of which was solicited,) surround the town of the same name, situated about 40 miles south of Anantapoor and about 90 miles north (or north-west) of Bangalore, and standing in a small valley surrounded by hills, except on the north side.

2. The fort walls of the town are tolerably complete on the north, east, and south sides; on the west side the town is commanded by the hill from which it takes its name, and the walls are carried round a great part of the hill, but these are much destroyed.

3. The arguments in favour of removing a part of the walls are, that they are useless for their original purpose, and that the ventilation of the town would be much improved by their removal to as great an extent as possible. But the wants of the Department Public Works will be probably met by the taking of the small quantities of stone which have fallen, and be strewn about in different parts of the town, and which can of course be obtained cheaper than those still forming a part of the walls.

4. Pennacondah has never to my knowledge been used as a Military station since the occupation of the country by the English.

Submitted for the orders of Government, with reference to clause 3 of paragraph 2 of Government Order, dated 21st September 1868, No. 2,436.

2. In a letter, dated 24th February 1869, the Collector requested sanction for the removal, by the Public Works Officers, of a portion of the stone-facing of the fort wall of Pennacondah, the materials being required for the construction of the new Talook Cutcherry at that station.

3. The Board called for further information as to the locality of the fort, and the arguments in favour of its demolition, and the communication now submitted is the Collector's reply.

4. The removal of the walls appears very desirable on sanitary grounds, and the Board accordingly recommend that the Collector's proposal be sanctioned.

5. In paragraph 2 of the Collector's former letter, he desired to be informed whether, in the event of the demolition of the fort being once sanctioned, it would

be necessary for him to apply for fresh sanction every time that the materials composing it might be required for public purposes, or a good opportunity offered for their sale. He will be informed that fresh sanction will not be necessary in such cases, but that the proceeds derived from sales to private parties must be applied, only with the sanction of Government, to some purpose of local utility, as laid down in the fifth clause of paragraph 2 of the Government Order quoted in paragraph 1, above.

No. 421. ORDER THEREON, 19th July 1869, No. 2,094.

Miscellaneous.

SANCTION is accordingly granted for the removal of the fortified walls round the town of Pennacondah in the Bellary District.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Public Works Department.

Exd. F. B. Bandeman.

Revenue Depart.
No. 2094.

Proceedings of the Madras Government.
Under date the 19th July 69.

Read the following Rep:
of the Board of Revenue

Recommending to sanction proposed removal of part of materials of Permacondah Fort in Bellary Dist. required for construction of a Talook Cutcherry at that Station &c.

(H. E. 17 June 69 No. 1357)

Sanction is accordingly granted for the removal of the fortified walls round the town of Permacondah in the Bellary Dist.

To the Bd of Revenue Dep.
21 " P. W. Dept.

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To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

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Dated July, 1869.

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G. O., 19th July 1869, No. 2,094.

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P. W. Dept
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Pennacondah fort walls in Bellary District.—Board's recommendation regarding their removal, sanctioned.