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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
10th October 1863.

No. 136. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 10th September 1863, No. 5,670 :—

Read the following letter from W. M. CADELL, Esq., Collector of Tanjore, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 14th August 1863, No. 296.

SIR,

1. The Board are aware that under the Orders of Government of the 26th January last, No. 159, the head quarters of the Sub-Collector of this District have been fixed at Combaconum, and that the charge of that Officer comprises the Talooks of Combaconum, Mayaveram and Shialli. The Sub-Collector therefore is stationed for the greater part of the year at nearly the extreme west of his charge within 22 miles of the head quarters of the District, and further his charge is comprised within two Zillahs, the Talook of Combaconum belonging to the Zillah of Tanjore, and those of Shialli and Mayaveram to that of Negapatam.

2. With much deference to the opinion of Government, I beg respectfully to submit that this arrangement is in many ways objectionable, and it has always appeared to me that the Sub-Collector should be stationed where, owing to the distance from the head quarters of the Collector, the services of an Officer of standing and experience are most required. It is doubtless true, as stated by Mr. Morris in his letter of the 26th December last, that Combaconum is a large and important town, but is also true that its importance has sensibly diminished since the removal of the Courts, and, in the present circumstances of the District, I would respectfully submit that Negapatam is the place where the services of the Sub-Collector and Joint Magistrate are most required. The proposition which I have therefore now to make for the approval of the Board is that the head quarters of the Sub-Collector be removed to Negapatam, and that he have charge of the Talooks of Nannilam and Negapatam, and of the Land and Sea Customs Department throughout the District.

3. The Board are aware of the increased importance of the town of Negapatam since it has been made the terminus of the Great Southern of India Railway, and now that the Railway has been ordered to be extended to Errode, the influx of Europeans and the number of European Ships frequenting the port is likely to be still further increased.

4. It seems to me therefore that it is absolutely and indispensably necessary to have an Officer of standing and experience at Negapatam, and more especially an experienced Magistrate, and who will always be available on the spot. As the Board are aware I have frequently been for months without a Head Assistant, and though it may be said that this is not likely again to occur, I would still urge that Negapatam is the place where the services of the next senior Officer in the District are most required.

5. The Board will observe that I have proposed for the Sub-Collector's charge only two Talooks, but one of these is the largest* in the District, and the Land Revenue of these two Talooks only amounts to Rupees 11,50,429, or more than one-quarter of its entire Land Revenue. I have purposely not added another as, if the Government should sanction the proposal now made, I would give the Sub-Collector the charge of the Sea and Land Customs, and these with the charge of two Talooks, and the heavy Magisterial work which the charge of the town of Negapatam involve, are amply sufficient to occupy the entire time of one Officer. I have long felt that the Sea and Land Customs Departments have required a more effective supervision than they have hitherto received, and I cannot but think that if placed under the Sub-Collector with his Serishtadar and more numerous establishment, they will be more efficiently supervised than by a Head Assistant and his very limited establishment.

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No. 137. ORDER THEREON, 10th October 1863, No. 1,862.

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(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ Acting Civil Paymaster.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Pro. 26th January 63 No. 311-312

For Orders

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Secretary.

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No. 2181.

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Dated 10th September 1863.

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Form No. 7 Act 16 Cr 2458

No. 5,670.

Mayaveram abt 9 miles W the Negapatam Rd

Submitting for the favorable consideration of Government letter from the Collector of Tanjore requesting to fix Negapatam as the Head Quarters of the Sub Collector and Mayaveram as that of the Head Assistant.

To J. D. Sim, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D.

Copy to W. M. Cadell, Esq., Collector of Tanjore.

I should prefer Tranquebar — Mayaveram as a Railway is a small place

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Exd. J. Wright.

No 136 & 137.

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