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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 29th February 1864.

No. 392A Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 21st January 1864 No. 406 :—

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of Bellary, dated Hudgally, 5th December 1863, No. 171.

1. With reference to the remarks of Government, communicated with the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 11th November 1863, to the effect that three Treasuries in one Town (*i. e.*, Bellary) seem quite unnecessary, I have the honor to report that the correspondence noted in the margin, fully explains why there are two Hoozoor Treasuries at Bellary Town and Fort.

Board's Proceedings No. 4,361, dated 5th July 1862.
Do. No. 4,836, „ 25th do.
Collector's letter to Board of Revenue, No. 105, dated 15th July 1863.
Board's Proceedings No. 4,484, dated 21st do.

2. For public convenience, disbursements are made at the Treasury in the Collector's Office, while the reserve cash is lodged in the Fort near a Military Main Guard.

3. The third Treasury is the small cash chest of the Talook, which may, in my opinion, be moved to the Collector's Cutcherry, so as to relieve any of the Cusbah station guards, if indeed there are any specially kept there, for the cash chest, besides those necessarily forming a guard on the Subsidiary Jail within the Talook Cutcherry.

4. Whether it would be worthwhile to hamper the Collector's Office Treasury with subordinate Talook receipts and disbursements, and a separate chest, when there is much business to be transacted in the payment of the whole of the large body of troops at the station, besides Civil salaries, and mercantile bills, in order to save the services of a few Policemen, is for the Board to consider.

5. To accommodate the whole of the Treasure, Stamps, &c., would require more room than is afforded by the arrangement of the under part of the Collector's Office as a disbursing Treasury. Further enlargement would be required, and in that case the point is to be considered.

6. Viz., whether the removal of the whole treasure out of the Fort is a desirable arrangement. In a case of emergency, there might be a necessity for having the bulk of the treasure under Military protection. I observe suggestions made for making stations defensible; this however is for the consideration of Government in a Military point of view.

7. I am under the impression that the Board decided the question of the removal of the whole Treasure from Military protection in the negative, as it would require an extra Police guard; but at a large Military station, the treasure is a concern of the Military as well as of the Civil power.

8. I think the question rests on a larger basis than the consideration of saving the services of a few Policemen, and I would suggest its being considered in the Military Department. The Fort is defensible, and it is, and I believe, always will be, while a Military station, occupied by the Main Guard—the Main Guard and Treasury are close, almost touching—why not let the sentinel on guard patrol, as indeed he does, in front of the Reserve Treasury, which is seldom opened except when examined, and for taking out, or putting in treasure. The Police might be thus relieved from the custody of a building, which the Military have to guard by their immediate proximity. Not an extra atom of work, so far as I am aware, would be required by this arrangement from the Military.

9. I would therefore recommend that the question be considered in the Military Department, as to the charge of the Fort Treasury by the Main Guard, and consequent relief of the Police from that guard.

10 Next, that there be no extra guard for the small cash chest in the Talook Cutcherry beyond what the Talook Cusba demands, as the Sub-Magistrate's head quarters, place of Office records, and Subsidiary Jail, and if the Police do not think that the cash chest would be safe under

these conditions, that it be removed to the Collector's Treasury at the hazard of some crowding and inconvenience.

11. In this manner the Police guard would be reduced to that sufficient for a single Treasury, and thus carry out the views of Government, as expressed in their remark.

1. Ordered that the above letter be submitted to Government, with reference to their Order, No. 2,011, dated 9th November 1863.

2. The Board are of opinion that it is highly desirable under existing circumstances, to retain all the three Civil Treasuries at Bellary.

3. With the exception of the Police Guard no Establishment is attached to the Treasury at the Fort, in which the bulk of the cash is deposited. It is seldom opened and that merely for examination and for putting in or taking out treasure, and the presence of a regular Military Guard on the spot affords that security which was considered desirable when it was first determined to keep the cash in the Fort. A very small Police Guard (if indeed any is necessary) would suffice for this Treasury, as the building in which it is located and that of the Main Guard are contiguous, and the sentinel on guard can patrol in front of both buildings at one and the same time, as in fact he does at present. On the other hand, the removal of all the cash to the Hoozoor Cutcherry would save no expense. The employment of an extra Police Guard there would be necessary; and the building would have to be enlarged, if a new building were not considered indispensable.

Board's Proceedings No. 97, January 8, 1862.
Do. do. „ 3,049, May 12 „
Do. do. „ 4,361, July 5 „
Do. do. „ 4,836, „ 25 „
Do. do. „ 4,484, „ 21 1863.

5. From the correspondence noted in the margin, copy of which is herewith forwarded, the Government will see that with the view of promoting the convenience of the public who were put to unnecessary trouble in consequence of all the cash being located so far away (more than half a mile) from the Collector's Cutcherry, the Board considered it necessary to sanction* the retention of at first a fortnight's and subsequently of a month's supply of cash in the Collector's Cutcherry, which was thenceforward considered a branch Treasury: and although the Board would have preferred the location of the entire Treasury at the Hoozoor Cutcherry, as is usual in other Districts, the present arrangement in Bellary was ultimately approved, as the Hoozoor Cutcherry has not accommodation for so large an amount of treasure as seven or eight lacs, and if any change were made, a new building at a cost of three or four thousand Rupees would have to be provided, as well as a much stronger Police force than is at present required, without obtaining the same security as now is afforded for the cash in the Fort by the presence of the Military there. It is also essential to the efficient despatch of business that the Account Department should be in close proximity to the Treasury, and the building in the Fort is too small to accommodate that Department which is now conveniently situated near the Branch Treasury in the Hoozoor Cutcherry.

* 25th July 1862.
21st „ 1863.

6. As there is already much business devolving on the Treasury in the Collector's Office, the Board would not recommend the transfer to it of the Talook Cash Chest which contains but a small sum, and can be guarded by sentries supplied from the General Guard furnished to the Talook Cutcherry. It is an important point to keep the Talook cash transactions distinct from those of the Hoozoor, and this can be best attained by the present separation of Treasuries.

7. Under the above circumstances, the Board recommend that the present Treasury arrangements be allowed to stand, but that the feasibility of withdrawing the whole, or at least the greater part of the Police Guard from the Treasury in the Fort, by having the Treasury there under the Military Main Guard be considered in communication with the Military Department.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 29th February 1864.

No. 393. ORDER THEREON, 29th February 1864, No. 358A.

1. The three Treasuries at Bellary are,
   I.—The Tahsildar's.
   II.—The Collector's.
   III.—The Reserve in the Fort.

2. The Tahsildar necessarily requires a small cash chest, but the ordinary Police force which must be maintained to guard the Subsidiary Jail attached to his Office, the records, &c., would seem quite sufficient, if the building is, as it should be, reasonably secure. A special guard seems quite unnecessary.

3. The Collector's cash chest cannot be dispensed with, the Treasury in the Fort will not accommodate the Account Department, and, if it could, it would not be desirable to remove the latter from the Collector's Office. Two courses are open, viz., to make over the custody of the Fort Treasury to the Military as suggested by the Collector, or to provide a safe Treasury, large enough to receive the whole of the Treasure in the Collector's Office. The Inspector General of Police will be requested to submit his opinion on these alternatives, and to state what saving of Police guards would result from adopting either.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
„ Inspector General of Police.
„ Judicial Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Revenue Department

No 358-A-

Proceedings of the Madras Government under date the 27th February 1864-

Read the following Proceedings of the Bd of Revenue-

Submitting with remarks, a letter from the Collector of Bellary shewing the necessity for retaining three Civil Treasuries in the Town of Bellary-

(Here enter 21st January 1864, No 406)-

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III The Reserve in the Fort-

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No. 406.

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From the Insp^r General of
Police 15 Nov. 1863 &c.

Bellary Coll^r
Letter showing the
necessity for retaining
three Civil Treasuries
in the Town of Bellary
with orders thereon.

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