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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 27th July 1865.

No. 492. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 17th July 1865, No. 4,096.

Read the following letter from H. G. SMITH, Esq., Collector of Cuddapah, to R. A. DALYELL, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Muddenpully, 9th June 1865, No. 72:—

SIR,

1. On arriving in the District two years ago, I was much struck at Calcudda being fixed on as the Kasbah of the old Gurramcondah Talook under the new arrangement of Talooks, because it was on the high road from Chittoor to Cuddapah, and is a halting place for travellers, and on account of the revenue being more than other places mentioned. The places, however, with which it was compared are nothing but small petty villages where the traffic is but small, and of no importance. These places are also much disliked by the inhabitants of the Talook, as at neither place have they any mercantile business, and they are both little known to them generally. Voilpaud, the largest and richest place in the old Talook, seems to have been entirely overlooked with the exception that it was in a corner, and the Cutcherry in ruins, and that only some sugar merchants reside there. The probability of the merchants settling at Calcudda is quite erroneous, for were the Kasbah removed to Calcudda they would open large shops at Muddenpully already over-crowded. Voilpaud has for years been the principal town of the Talook, and is looked upon as the emporium for its products, it is also easy of access now there is a made road from Muddenpully through it to Peelair. It is also the principal place on all festive occasions, and is looked up to by all the Talook residents, (who surely are the people whose convenience should be consulted, and not that of travellers from other Districts,) as the principal place of resort. They have an old affection for the place, and would, I find, after an inquiry for the last two years prefer it to any other place for the Kasbah, and Mr. Horsley and Major Palmer, both acquiesce with me in thinking that it is the most preferable place for the Kasbah station; and, therefore, I have the honor to suggest that the new Cutcherry be built at Voilpaud. Should the Board and Government sanction the arrangement, a merchant has agreed to give a most suitable site for nothing, which I have inspected.

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No. 493

Miscellaneous.

ORDER THEREON, 27th July 1865, No. 1,746.

The retention of Voilpad as the Talook Kusbah and from which the Talook will take its name is sanctioned.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Public Works Department.
,, the Honorable C. Pelly.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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From the Honor C. Pelly

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No. 4,096.

Withdrawn order

Requesting a re-consideration of orders fixing the Cusbah of old Gurramcondah Taluk in Cuddapah District at Calcudda, with the proposal of the Collector that it be retained at Vollpaud.

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Wm Hudleston
Acting Secretary.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

To W. Hudleston, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, R. D.
Copy to H. G. Smith, Esq., Collector of Cuddapah.

Re. 1746.
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Exd. J. Wright.

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