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Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Secretary to Government.

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No. 168. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 9th May 1867, No. 2,861.

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Read also Memorandum from the Collector of Bellary, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated — March 1867.

ABSTRACT.—Forwarding Map, called for by the Board, shewing boundaries of each talook and cusbah in district, in view to re-distribution of charges of District Officers.

1. The Board are of opinion that the Collector has, in the first of the foregoing letters, shewn good cause for the appointment of another Assistant, and they will be prepared to submit to Government the following scheme for re-distribution of the charges of the District Officers, should Mr. Wedderburn have no objection to the arrangement:—

Sub-Collector.—Head-quarters, Anantapoor, as at present. Talooks.—Gooty, Tadpatry, Anantapoor, and Dharmaveram; area square miles 3,800; revenue 5,60,000, population 365,000.

Head Assistant—(Some Central station). Talooks.—Kudlighy, Hoovenhudgaly, Harpenhully; area 2,080; revenue 3,38,000; population 184,000.

Collector—Head-quarters, Bellary. Talooks.—Bellary, Hospett, Rydroog; area 2,420; revenue 4,95,500; population 270,000.

Deputy Collector—Head-quarters, Adony. Talooks.—Alur and Adony; area 1,482; revenue 4,50,000; population 195,000.

New charge, Head-quarters, Penkondah. Talooks.—Penkondah, Madakscrah, Hindupur; area 1,574; revenue 3,58,000; population 197,000.

2. The Collector will observe that, in the proposed re-distribution, the Hospett talook has been assigned to him. His charge will, however, be less than it is at present.

3. For the new charge, the Board propose to recommend the appointment of a Special Assistant.

No. 169. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 20th July 1867, No. 4,594.

Read again the following papers.

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Do. do. 9th May „ „ 2,861.

Read also the following letters.

From the Collector of Bellary, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 6th May 1867, No. 73.

1. With reference to the Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, dated 4th April 1867, and Order thereon, No. 789, requiring a report on the Anantapur Cutcherry, with dates of any former correspondence on the subject, I have the honor to state that the condition of the said Cutcherry was brought to my notice by the Acting Sub-Collector on the 3rd October 1866 as being insufficient for the purposes to which it was applied; that it contained the Police Station-house, Tahsildar's Cutcherry, the Post Office, the Sub-Collector's Cutcherry, part of which was occupied by the District Moonsiff, which left only an open room or hall and two Record-rooms for the Sub-Collector, which were unsuitable and insufficient for his requirements.

2. I then requested the Acting Sub-Collector to forward a ground-plan of the building, with the view of measures being taken for its improvement.

3. The Acting Sub-Collector forwarded a rough plan on the 5th November. His opinion was that the building was irremediably faulty, that expenditure would be wasted on it, and that it would be preferable to build a new Office for the Sub-Collector.

4. This letter was referred to the Superintending Engineer on the 8th December, as it was mentioned in the Acting Sub-Collector's letter, that there had been some proposal mooted of transferring the Sub-Collector's Office to the Travellers' Bungalow.

5. The Superintending Engineer, in his reply of 28th December 1866, was not aware of the proposal adverted to by the Sub-Collector, but stated that a plan and estimate, for the accommodation of the District Moonsiff, had been made by the Range Officer, which had been made over to the Acting Sub-Collector.

6. The plan and estimate referred to, which I then called for, appear to have been framed for the purpose of giving accommodation to the Moonsiff, at the instance of the late Sub-Collector Mr. Reid. The estimate is not forthcoming, but the plan* is that enclosed in the Superintending Engineer's letter under reply.

* Herewith returned.

7. In forwarding the plan, I suggested to the Superintending Engineer the expediency of ventilating the cells at the back of the Serishtadar's Cutcherry, as a temporary measure.

8. On my visit to Anantapur, I carefully examined the Cutcherry in question.

9. I consider that, if the future residence of the Sub-Collector is to be fixed at Anantapur, a new building should be provided for the accommodation of his Office.

10. Moreover a Subsidiary Jail is imperatively required.

11. On the opening of the Railway from Cuddapah to Gooty, it is not likely that the Bangalore and Kurnool road, *via* Anantapur, will be frequented, and, consequently, the Travellers' Bungalow at Anantapur might be utilized for the Sub-Collector's Office, should it be decided that Anantapur rather than Gooty, should be the Sub-Collector's head-quarters.—See my letter of 17th January 1867, No. 3, to the Chief Secretary, referred to the Board.

12. It would then be unnecessary to build an Office for the Sub-Collector at Anantapur.

13. The next subject is that of a Subsidiary Jail. As one would be still required at Anantapur, it being the cusbah of the talook, I was of opinion that the detached block of building, now occupied by the Police School, &c., might be well adapted for the Jail.

14. Nothing can be worse than the present narrow, dark, and unventilated cells, behind the Serishtadar's Cutcherry for the purposes of a prison.

15. The Tahsildar's Cutcherry, in an open corner of the building, is the worst I have seen in the district, or in the country.

16. I informed the Assistant Superintendent of Police that the cell* behind the Police Station-house was unfit for the confinement of a human being, and that it should not be used for that purpose.

* Marked A.

17. I have never seen so ill-adapted and unimprovable a building for present requirements, though it once served the purpose of the Principal Collector of the Ceded Districts, at the commencement of the century.

18. The materials are old, and much of the woodwork would, I fear, be found unusable.

19. As something must be done at once, I would recommend the detached block to be fitted up as a Subidiary Jail, the Police occupying the proposed accommodation for the Sub-Collector, which is not fit for him. If the Sub-Collector is to remain at Anantapur, the Travellers' Bungalow might be subsequently utilized when not required by travellers, otherwise, a new Cutcherry should be built for the Sub-Collector.

20. In that case the Tahsildar might, for the present, have the better accommodation, which would be afforded in the present building.

21. In reference to my letter of the 17th January 1867, previously quoted, I am of opinion that the best plan of re-arrangement of divisions, would be to give the Sub-Collector the charge of the four Railway talooks of Tadpatri, Gooty, Alur, and Adoni, with head-quarters at Gooty, place the Deputy Collector in charge of Anantapur and Dhurmavarum, and a Special Assistant in charge of Pennacondah, Hindupur, and Madaksera talooks. There would then be no need to build a Cutcherry for the Sub-Collector at Anantapur, and the present building, as suggested by the Superintending Engineer, might be occupied by the Tahsildar, Police, and Post Office, for which there would then be sufficient accommodation, and either the Deputy Collector, or the District Moonsiff, could have the Public Bungalow when no longer required by travellers.

Enclosure No. 1.—Plan.

From the same Officer, dated 23rd May 1867, No. 86.

1. With reference to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 9th May 1867, No. 2,861, awaiting remarks on the re-arrangement of Divisional charges in this district, I have the honor to request that the subject of my letter, regarding the re-construction of the Anantapur Cutcherry, may be considered, in arriving at a decision on the question of the Sub-Collector's head-quarters.

2. The control of the Railway talooks would be fitly intrusted to an Officer of the Sub-Collector's standing, and having the powers of a Justice of the Peace; were his head-quarters at Anantapur, he would not have the same facility, of exercising that control, which he would have, if Gooty were his head-quarters.

3. If Gooty, then, be the head-quarters, it follows that Alur and Adoni, rather than Anantapur and Dhurmavarum, which are separated from Gooty by the Pennair, would form his division. The charge would then be—

	Area.	Population.	Revenue.
Gooty	1,014	115,991	2,98,474
Tadpatry	772	101,914	2,08,623
Alur	677	74,293	3,24,645
Adoni	205	139,743	3,26,042
	2,668	431,943	11,57,784

The Deputy Collector—

	Area.	Population.	Revenue.
Anantapur	789	84,944	1,60,197
Dhurmavarum	1,226	99,353	1,56,194
	2,015	184,297	3,16,391

With the lessoned charge of four talooks instead of five, the Sub-Collector, with the additional aid of the Clerks allotted to the Railway Department work, could undertake the transfer of land to the Railway Company.

4. As regards a central spot for the charge of the Western Talooks, I shall report hereafter. Till a spot has been selected, the Head Assistant Collector might continue to reside at Hospett.

From the same Officer, dated 6th June 1867, No. 99.

1. Referring to the proposal of the Board of Revenue to diminish the charge of the Head Assistant Collector from four to three talooks, I have the honor to onclose copy of a letter from my present Acting Head Assistant Collector on the subject.

2. At the close of my letter of the 23rd ultimo, No. 86, I suggested that the question of another station for the Head Assistant Collector's head-quartors would be for future consideration. Under the circumstances represented by Mr. Kelsall, I would advocate no change in the Head Assistant's present charge.

From the Acting Head Assistant Collector of Bellary, to the Collector of Bellary, dated Camp at Huvinhadgali, 30th May 1867, No. 41.

1. I have the honor to acknowledge Board's Proceedings, No. 2,861, dated May 9th, 1867.

2. I observe that it is proposed to reduce the Head Assistant's division to three talooks, assigning Hospett to the Collector. The head-quarters of the Head Assistant are also to be changed to "some central station."

3. It has, apparently, been overlooked, that only last year a Cutcherry was built for the Head Assistant Collector at Hospett, at a cost of nearly Rupees 2,000. If that Officer is removed, this building will be useless, as there is already a standard Talook Cutcherry at Hospett. At no other place in the division is there a building which would accommodate my Office.

4. I trust I may also be allowed to express my opinion, that I see no reason for reducing the Head Assistant's charge. Last year, doubtless, the work was unusually heavy; and as there was then only one Clerk in the Office who understood English, complaints were made by Mr. Lilly. Now, however, there are two Clerks who understand English, so that work does not fall unfairly on any one.

5. It does not appear to me that there is more work than can be fairly got through, and I also think it would be a pity to abandon the Head Assistant's Cutcherry at Hospett, within a year of its being built.

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1. With their docket, dated 25th January 1867, the Government referred to the Board, for their opinion, a letter from the Collector of Bellary to the Chief Secretary to Government, requesting that, in view to the extent of the district committed to his charge, he might be supplied with additional Magisterial aid by the permanent attachment to the district of another Covenanted Officer.

2. In their Proceedings recorded above, the Board considered the Collector's propositions, and arrived at the conclusion that he had shewn good cause for the nomination of a Special Assistant Collector to his district. They proposed to locate the Sub-Collector at Anantapur as at present with the charge of that talook and those of Gooty, Tadpatri, and Dharmavarum; to place the Special Assistant at Penkonda with charge of that talook and those of Hindupur and Madaksera; to leave the General Deputy Collector in charge of Allur and Adoni as at present; and to give the Head Assistant the three talooks of Kudlighi, Hurpanhully, and Huvanhudgali, transferring to the Collector that of Hospett in addition to Raidrug and Bellary.

3. In his second letter recorded above, the Collector replies to these proposals, and requests that, in deciding upon the question, the remarks made in his first letter on the subject of the Anantapur Cutcherry may be taken into consideration, and with his third letter he brings to notice a communication from his Head Assistant, pointing out that an Office for his accommodation has recently been built at Hospett, and observing that he finds no difficulty in disposing of the work of the four talooks which form his present charge.

4. The Board resolve to forward the papers recorded above for the consideration and orders of Government, with their recommendation that, unless the Special Assistant, at present attached to the Coimbatore District, can be transferred to Bellary, application be made to the Supreme Government for the appointment of such an Officer to the latter district, where they are of opinion that the services of an Assistant of that grade are urgently needed.

5. The Collector urges that the head-quarters of the Sub-Collector should be placed at Gooty, as it is desirable that a European Magistrate and Justice of the

Peace should be located at a large Junction Railway Station such as Gooty will in time become. The Board acquiesce in this proposal, and would place under the Sub-Collector the Adoni, Allur, Tadpatri, and Gooty talooks. The General Deputy Collector might be transferred to Anantapur, with the charge of that talook and Dharmavarum, and the Special Assistant would be stationed at Pennuconda with the charge of that talook and the talooks of Hindupur and Madaksera, as proposed above. Under the circumstances stated in the Collector's last letter, the Board would make no alteration, at present, in the Head Assistant's charge of the four talooks of Kudlighi, Hurpanhully, Huvanhudgali, and Hospett; but as the latter place is quite at one corner of his extensive charge, they would not allow an expenditure of 2,000 Rupees to prevent his location in a more central position. It must often entail serious hardship on the people to have to go to Hospett.

	Revenue.	Population.	Area Sq. M.
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Hurpanhully ...	1,09,728	53,418	692
Huvanhudgali ...	1,28,667	69,075	623
Hospett	1,76,656	78,572	540
	5,16,387	272,976	2,619

6. The area, &c., of the year's charges is given in the margin.

7. The Anantapur Cutcherry building might be allotted with the concurrence of the Police as follows:—AAAA on the Collector's Map might be given to them for a School; B for Stores; C for Inspector; D for Superintendent; E to the Moonsiff; F Tahsildar's records; GG (thrown into one); HHHH for Tahsildar; III Subsidiary Jail. There would be plenty of room for the Office of the General Deputy Collector in addition, at all events, as a temporary arrangement. When the Railway is completed to Gooty, his Cutcherry might be transferred, if necessary, to the Travellers' Bungalow as proposed.

No. 170. ORDER THEREON, 10th September 1867, No. 2,127.

Miscellaneous.

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(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Secretary.

To the Collector of Bellary.

Exd. J. Wright.

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MEMORANDUM.

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 10th August 1861.

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From the Board of Revenue

Recommending that application be made to Supreme Government for the appointment of a special Assistant at Bellary distinct from that of Coimbatore unless the one at present attached to Coimbatore can be transferred to Bellary, and offering suggestions for the redistribution of charges of district Officers.

Dated 20th July 1861

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The Government will be pleased to order

In the above remarks

I concur

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