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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
3rd July 1868.*

Read the following :—

No. 65. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 9th May 1865, No. 2,355.

Read the following letters :—

From the Collector of Kurnool, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Nundial, 27th March 1865, No. 39.

1. I have already brought to the notice of the Board the bad condition of the Sirwell Cutcherry, and applied for a new building to be constructed. I have lately travelled through this talook, which consists of the former talooks of Sirwell and Chagulmurry, amalgamated at the late revision.

2. Sirwell was selected for the Cusbah station, as being, to some extent, better situated than Chagulmurry, which is on the verge of the district, but I find that the Cutcherry at the latter station is in good repair, and though small is tolerably fitted for its purpose.

3. The Cutcherry at Sirwell is little better than an open shed, it has no conveniences for public business, and the records cannot be considered properly sheltered from the weather.

4. I beg to recommend that, as a temporary measure, the Tahsildar's Cutcherry be removed to Chagulmurry when the building at Sirwell may be sold.

5. Chagulmurry is situated at the extreme south of the district, close to the Cuddapah frontier, and is by no means suited to be the Cusbah of the Sirwell Talook. As soon as funds can be allotted for the purpose, I beg to recommend that a new Cutcherry be built at Almoor, which is a suitable village, centrically situated, and the best that can be selected for the Cusbah station. Sirwell is as far to the north as Chagulmurry to the south of the amalgamated talook, and as a new Cutcherry is peremptorily required, it should be constructed in the most favorable locality.

6. In the meanwhile the Tahsildar can hold Cutcherry in the Chagulmurry building, where the records at least can be put under a secure roof, which is not the case at Sirwell.

From the same Officer, dated 1st May 1865, No. 56.

1. With reference to my letter, dated 27th March 1865, No. 39, I have the honor to request that immediate sanction may be granted for the temporary removal of the Talook Cutcherry from Sirwell to Chagulmurry.

2. The rains will set in in another month, previous to which it is very advisable that the records should be safely housed in the building at Chagulmurry.

The Board think it would be objectionable to remove the Cusbah of the Sirwell Talook to Chagulmurry, even as a temporary measure. Pending the construction of a Tahsildar's office at Almoor, such repairs and additions as may be necessary should be made to the building at Sirwell.

No. 66. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 15th July 1865, No. 4,069.
Read the following letter from the Collector of Kurnool, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 24th June 1865, No. 90.

1. With reference to the Board's Proceedings, dated 9th May 1865, No. 2,355, objecting to the removal of the Cusbah of the Sirwell Talook to Chagulmurry as a temporary measure, and directing that such repairs and additions as may be neces-

sary should be made to the building at Sirwell, I have the honor to forward copy of a letter received from the Assistant Supervisor in charge of the Nundial Range, whom I addressed on the subject of making an estimate for the necessary repairs.

2. From this letter the Board will see that the building is in so ruinous a condition that it is really beyond repair, and as reported by the late Acting Tahsildar the records are not safe from the weather, nor can any precautions secure them from injury in heavy rain.

3. The Cutcherry of Koilkoontla, which is in even a more dangerous condition, has been the subject of much correspondence, but notwithstanding the strong representation made by the Board, the Government have been unable to provide funds for the new building there so urgently required, and though the estimate for the same has been so long sanctioned, I do not expect to see funds provided in the Budget for many years.

4. It is impossible, therefore, to foresee when funds will be available for building a new Cutcherry in the Sirwell Talook, and considering the condition of the building at Sirwell, I trust that the Board will be good enough to re-consider their decision against removing the Cusbah temporarily to Chagulmurry, where there is a building in excellent condition, in which the talook records can be kept safely until funds can be provided for building a new Cutcherry in a more suitable locality.

From the Supervisor in charge of Nundial Range, to the Collector of Kurnool, dated Camp Padakuntah, 19th June 1865, No. 115.

With reference to your Memorandum, No. 28, dated 22nd May 1865, directing me to prepare an estimate for repairing and enlarging the Talook Cutcherry at Sirwell, I beg to inform you that I inspected the building on 14th instant: it is in such a ruinous and dilapidated state that it is not worth enlarging; one of the end walls of the building is much cracked: it must be re-built: to remove it in this season of the year would most probably bring down the roof, as the other principal walls are very weak: an estimate will be forwarded for making necessary repairs.

Under the circumstances now reported by the Collector, the Board will not object to removal of the Cutcherry temporarily to Chagulmurry. If, however, a suitable building is obtainable on rent at either Almoor or Sirwell, the Board would prefer that the office should be erected at one or other of these places rather than at Chagulmurry.

No. 67. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 23rd April 1868, No. 2,994.
Read the following letter from the Collector of Kurnool, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 24th March 1868, No. 116.

1. Having been asked by Major Moberly, R. E., whether it is decided that Almoor shall be the locality of the future Cusbah of the Sirwell Talook, as he has received the standard plans, and wishes to prepare the estimates, I have the honor to bring the following circumstances to your notice.

2. At one time, the Board sanctioned Almoor in their Proceedings, No. 8,406, dated 21st November 1866, but beyond that village being said to be central, I find there is not one thing to recommend it. It is, in the first place, not central, for to the east of it there are only two villages, Mitapalli, which is very small, and Ahobalem, which is deserted; it is far away from the road; it is small and it is

extremely feverish, so much so that the Police station was changed from it to Woblumpalli.

3. I have been paying some attention to the subject, and first sought for a suitable village on the Nundial and Cuddapah road, as I am unwilling, in future, to have roads so far removed from Cusbahs, as is almost the invariable rule throughout this district.

4. I find, however, that there are only four villages on the road, viz:—

1. Yerraguntla,
2. Butalur,
3. Nalaguntla, and
4. Chinta Komadinna.

The first and the fourth are not central, and the second and third too small.

5. The only village that I can recommend is Pedda Kondla; it is well supplied with water; it is central, that is, it has villages all round it, and it is almost equidistant between the northern and southern extremes of the talook, and it is a large and healthy village.

6. The only fault against it is its not being on the road. It is, however, only a mile distant from it, and the country between it and the road is level, and of a good material for making a Local Fund road to connect it with the Nundial and Cuddapah road.

7. Major Moberly agrees with me in fixing on either Allagadda or Pedda Kondla.

8. I trust the Board will sanction, under these circumstances, a change from Almoor, which has nothing whatever to recommend it, to Pedda Kondla, which has everything in its favor.

9. A Cusbah station, as has previously been explained, is urgently required for Sirwell Talook, the work of which has now, as the Board are aware, to be carried on at Chagulmurry in the most extreme south of the talook.

10. Should the Board sanction my recommendation, I will at once write to Major Moberly, and request him to prepare estimates according to the standard plan.

11. Hereafter it will be necessary to transfer the villages near Donapad from the Koilkoontla to the Sirwell Talook; but this must form the subject of another communication.

The Board resolve to communicate the above letter to the Inspector General of Police, with the request that he will favor the Board with his opinion as to whether Almoor, Allagadda, or Pedda Kondla would form the most suitable Cusbah for the Sirwell Talook.

No. 68. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 9th June 1868, No. 4,284.

Read the following papers:—

Board's Proceedings, dated 23rd April 1868, No. 2,994.

Letter from the Acting Inspector General of Police, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madras, 12th May 1868, No. 1,918-821.

1. With reference to Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 2,994, of the 23rd ultimo, I have the honor to state that Pedda Kondla appears to be the most

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Dated 9th June 1868.

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Supporting recommendation of Collector of Kurnool that Pedda Kondla be made the Cusbah of Sirwell talook.

at 1859. 30 July

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