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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
16th April 1869.

Read the following :—

No. 381. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 27th January 1869, No. 534.

Read the following letter from W. WILSON, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector, in charge of the Kistna District, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Masulipatam, 18th December 1868, No. 390.

I HAVE the honor to subjoin copy of a letter, No. 127, dated 2nd October 1868, addressed by me to the late Acting Collector, suggesting the change of the head-quarters of Krosoor Talook in the Sub-division from Krosoor to Sattenapilly. The present Cutcherry is a very indifferent one: the Jail Committee have, I observe, proposed* certain additions to it. I hardly think it worth improving. It would be very much better to build a new Cutcherry in a place which, from its importance, has more choice to be the head-quarters than Krosoor. A plan of the present building is enclosed.

* Letter to Government, No. 191, 21st September 1868.

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"I HAVE the honor to suggest that early steps be taken for the erection of a proper Tahsildar's and Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry in the talook of Krosoor. That now at Krosoor is of the oldest and worst type of this class of public building; a square inner verandah with a small open uncovered space in the middle. It has only three rooms: one is occupied by part of the records, another alongside it is the Treasury, and the third facing the first is the lock-up. The Tahsildar has no room, and sits in the open verandah with his establishment. The place is inconveniently crowded when magisterial cases are under trial, or when, as at Jummahbundy, a large number of Curnums are collected inside. The choice of Krosoor as a talook head-quarters was founded, I presume, on consideration of its central position. It is a very insignificant village without trade or manufactures of any kind, and has not, in my opinion, any claim to be the head-quarters of the talook. There are three places of much greater importance: Amaravaty, Sattenapilly, and Atchemmapetta. The first is declining: it flourished while the Vasireddy family resided there; but it has fallen with the family whose residence gave it a factitious importance. A considerable amount of cotton-cleaning still goes on in it; but it is in a corner, and not suited, in my opinion, for the head-quarters. Neither of the other two is central, but Sattenapilly is more easily accessible to the talook generally than Atchemmapetta which is a large town with very considerable trade. Sattenapilly is a large and important town, situated on the road now under construction from Guntoor to the Palnad. On the whole, I think that Sattenapilly should be the head-quarters of Krosoor, and that the new Cutcherry, which I have proposed, should be built there."

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ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Plan.

IN this letter Mr. Wilson urges the transfer of the talook head-quarters of Krosoor, from Krosoor to Sattenapilly in the same talook.

2. The consideration of this matter presses, for the Talook Office is a very bad one, and the Jail Committee propose to spend some money on its improvement;

accommodation, too, is required for the Police. The question should, therefore, be decided before any expenditure is incurred.

3. Krosoor is central, but it is an insignificant and ill-suited place; its abandonment has been contemplated before, and apparently the Cutcherry is not worth holding on by.

4. The choice seems rightly to fall on Sattenapilly, which, though less central than Krosoor, is a large and important town, and connected with Guntoor by the Guntoor and Palnad road. It is desirable to know whether any objections present themselves to the latter.

5. The Board would be glad to have the opinion of Mr. Thornhill on this subject, and they also request the Acting Inspector-General of Police to favor them with his views on the matter.

No. 382. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd March 1869, No. 1,961.

Read again Board's Proceedings, dated 27th January 1869, No. 534.

Read also the following letters:—

From G. THORNHILL, Esq., Settlement Officer and Collector of the Kistna District, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 6th February 1869, No. 21.

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Board's Proceedings, No. 534, dated 27th January, requesting my opinion on the proposed transfer of the talook head-quarters of Krosoor from Krosoor to Sattenapilly.

2. I concur with Mr. Wilson in thinking that Krosoor should be given up as the Cusbah station; it has nothing but its central position to recommend it; it is a small unimportant village, and is, moreover, if I remember right, at times feverish and unhealthy. Of the three towns recommended as possessing advantages, I consider Sattenapilly the best suited for the Cusbah station. It is no doubt remote from the northern part of the talook, and the people of that portion would suffer some inconvenience in consequence. The difficulty would be quite overcome by the appointment of a Sub-Magistrate to Atchemmapetta, and I would suggest that in the event of any revision of talook establishments this arrangement should be taken into consideration. The revenue of Krosoor Talook is close on 3½ lacs, and the area 568 square-miles.

From the Acting Inspector-General of Police, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madras, 24th February 1869, No. 1,132.

WITH reference to the Board's Proceedings, No. 534, of 27th January 1869, I have the honor to report that the change of head-quarters of the Krosoor Talook from Krosoor to Sattenapilly seems on the whole desirable. Beyond its central position there is nothing in favor of Krosoor; it is reported to be a feverish, unhealthy, wretched little village, with bad water. Sattenapilly is apparently but ten or twelve miles from it, on the high road from Guntoor to Hyderabad, with a rising trade, and the bulk of the population of the talook located in its vicinity. Krosoor will be retained as a Police station if abandoned by the Revenue Department, and the

old Cutcherry should be made over to this department; but from the information before me, I would certainly recommend the construction of the new Cutcherry at Sattenapilly.

IN a letter, dated 18th December 1868, No. 390, the Acting Sub-Collector in charge of the Kistna District recommended that the talook head-quarters of Krosoor should be transferred from that place to Sattenapilly in the same talook, urging as a chief reason for the transfer, that Krosoor, although central, is an insignificant and ill-suited place for the head-quarters.

2. It was also pointed out that the Jail Committee proposed spending money on the improvement of the office buildings at Krosoor, and the decision of the question of transfer was urged before such expenditure had been incurred.

3. The Board in their Proceedings of 27th January 1869, referred the subject to Mr. Thornhill and the Acting Inspector-General of Police for their opinion.

4. As will be seen by their letters, they both are in favor of the proposed transfer.

5. The Board, therefore, resolve to submit the papers, recorded at the head of these Proceedings, to Government, and to recommend that the transfer be sanctioned.

6. The Collector should forward plans and estimates for such public buildings as may be required at Sattenapilly, should the transfer receive the sanction of Government.

No. 383. ORDER THEREON, 16th April 1869, No. 1,054.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government sanction the transfer of the head-quarters of the Krosoor Talook from Krosoor to Sattenapilly. The talook will accordingly in future take its name from the latter place.

2. The Subsidiary Jail Committee should communicate with the Acting Collector of the district in regard to the public buildings to be provided at Sattenapilly.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Accountant-General.
,, the Judicial Department.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

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Dated April, 16th.

Read.

Encl.

G. O., 16th April 1869, No. 1,054.

APRIL.

Nos. 381—383.

Head-quarters of Kroosoor Taluck, in Kistna District.—Its transfer from Kroosoor to Sattenapilly, sanctioned. Subsidiary Jail Committee communicate with the Collector regarding buildings to be provided at the latter place.

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The Govt sanction the transfer of the Head Quarters of the Kroosoor taluk from Kroosoor to Sattenapilly. The taluk will accordingly in future take its name from the latter place

The Subsidiary Jail Committee should communicate with the Coll.r of the District in regard to the public buildings to be provided at Sattenapilly

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