Court of Wards.

JUDICIAL.

To

THE MAGISTRATE of the
GODAVERY DISTRICT.
&c, &c, &c.

Date 1 August, 1868.

Land a 23 *Cs* *Rs.*

G. O., 14th August 1868, No. 1341.

AUGUST.
Nos. 102—104.

Sanctioning the site now proposed for the Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry at Penugonda in the Godavery district on Standard Plan No. 2.

Write Order
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2. As soon as I hear whether the site is a Government one, or requires to be purchased, I will let the Government know.

From W. A. HAPPELL, Esq., Acting Head Assistant Collector, to the Collector of the Godavery district; dated Ellore, 17th May 1869, No. 37.

In reply to your letter, No. 63, of the 2nd ultimo, I have the honour to forward, herewith, a tracing of the site proposed for the Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry at Pentapaud, received to-day from Mr. Andrews, who informs me that the original plan has been sent to the Superintending Engineer.

2. The site was granted about ten years ago, by the then Tahsildar of Pentapaud, to some one as a building site; but as it has never been built on it may be resumed. I will inquire into the matter the first time I go to Pentapaud, and, if it seems equitable that compensation should be granted to the present holder, endeavour to come to a settlement with him. The value of the site is very small.

No. 104. ORDER THEREON, 14th August 1869, No. 1341.

Under the circumstances set forth in the Acting Head Assistant Collector Mr. Happell's letter, dated the 24th March last, No. 13, the Governor in Council approves and sanctions the site now proposed for the Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry at Pentapaud in the Godavery district on Standard Plan No. 2.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Magistrate of the Godavery district, with plan returned.
" Public Works Department.
" Revenue Department.

Pc. 114.
Comm.d to the Revenue Board.

Ed. J. Wright.

26 Aug 69

Read the following papers:—

No. 102. From the Magistrate of the Godavery district, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Cocanada, 5th April 1869, No. 68.

I have the honour to forward copy of a letter from my Acting Head Assistant Collector, from which you will observe that he objects, and I think with good reason, ~~to the site~~ already selected for the new Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry at Pentapaud, and points out a better one. I presume the site now recommended is Government property, but I have written to Mr. Happell to inquire about it, and also to get a site-plan made by the Executive Engineer, so that there may be no delay in confirming the choice, should Government see fit to do so.

From W. A. HAPPELL, Esq., Acting Head Assistant Collector, to the Collector of the Godavery district; dated Ellore, 24th March 1869, No. 13.

A new Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry for Pentapaud has been sanctioned. The site selected by Mr. Horsfall for it is not, in my opinion, the best available. It is a portion of the market-place of Pentapaud Agraharam. The market at that station is a large one, and, if the Cutcherry be built on the site proposed, there will not be room enough left for it. The litter, filth, and noise of a native market-place is also decidedly objectionable at the door of a Cutcherry.

2. The present Cutcherry is in this Agraharam, but it is a mere hut. The village lies low, and has very narrow streets. The well water is very brackish, and the tank is so foul that its water makes strangers ill in a day or two.

3. About three-quarters of a mile from the Agraharam is the Government village of Pentapaud. This was laid out about ten years ago by the present Acting Tahsildar of Tanuku on the site of an old ruined village. The streets are straight and wide, and the main street planted with trees. The well water is sweet, and a new irrigation channel, now being dug, will pass close by the village.

4. There is an excellent site of the size required for a Sub-Magistrate's and Deputy Tahsildar's Cutcherry available in this village. It is an high open ground, and the soil is sandy. I visited it in company with the Executive Engineer in charge of the range Mr. Andrews. He agrees with me that it is a much better site than the other, and the Tahsildar and the Deputy Tahsildar are of the same opinion.

5. A new line of road just about to be made passes through the main street of this village.

6. A line of Police huts has been built at the Agraharam. The inconvenience of having the Cutcherry and Police station at a distance from the Constables' huts seems to have struck Mr. Horsfall. I conceive no other reason for his choosing the site in the Agraharam. But these huts could be removed, if necessary, to the Government village for about 200 rupees. So I think it would be very bad economy to spoil a building, estimated to cost six or seven thousand rupees, in order to save so small a sum.

7. Both the Agraharam and the Government village of Pentapaud are small villages. The difference is that the Government village is well situated, well laid out, well built, and well watered, while the Agraharam is the very reverse.

No. 103. From the Magistrate of the Godavery district, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Cocanada, 25th May 1869, No. 111.

As promised in my letter, No. 68, dated 5th ultimo, I have the honour to submit, herewith, a plan of the piece of ground selected for the Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry at Pentapaud, together with copy of a letter* from my Head Assistant;