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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
8th March 1869.

No. 208. Read the following letter from the Superintendent, Revenue Survey, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Chepauk, 14th January 1869, No. 24-1 :—

1. In the Order of Government, No. 79, of the 10th January 1868, the Superintendent, Revenue Survey, was directed to communicate with the Collector of Cuddapah on the subject of moving the Survey Office to some of the Military buildings at that Station, when they become available. On the 18th idem, I accordingly addressed the Collector, requesting him to inform me when they become available; and, at the same time, directed Colonel Crewe, the District Survey Officer, to afford the Collector every information regarding the accommodation required. I have, as yet, received no communication whatever from the Collector of Cuddapah.

2. When on a visit of inspection at Cuddapah, in October last, I called on Colonel Crewe to state his opinion regarding the advisability of the change, and visited the vacant buildings at the Military Cantonment myself.

3. Colonel Crewe's report, dated 25th November 1868, reached me, just as I was about to leave Madras on duty; and I regret that travelling and the Christmas holidays have delayed the submission of the result of my enquiries.

4. I have now the honor, with reference to the Order of Government of the 5th instant, No. 19, to report that, in my opinion, the proposed removal of the Survey Office is unadvisable, for the following reasons :—

I. That the construction of the available buildings is altogether unsuitable for the purpose required. They are low, and, with the exception of the Hospital, devoid of ventilation. To render them habitable by an Office Establishment numbering 130 persons, it would be necessary to raise the walls and construct verandahs at a considerable outlay. An estimate of this outlay was asked for by Colonel Crewe, but the death of the Department Public Works Officer, Mr. George, prevented his obtaining it.

II. The inconvenient situation of the buildings with regard to the attendance of the Office Establishment. The Cantonment is some miles distant from the Civil Station, and the Survey employés live in the latter, and in the adjoining villages composing its suburbs. In the vicinity of the Cantonment, suitable accommodation cannot be obtained. The move will, therefore, entail either the additional expense of a conveyance of some description, or a long daily walk in all weather, to and from the Office. I believe, that exposure to the sun at Cuddapah is well known to be dangerous, not only to Europeans but also to Natives; and I should expect that such of the Office establishment as could afford to do so, would relinquish their employment in the department rather than risk the discomfort and danger of the exposure, or than submit to the additional expense of carriage hire. The fact is that, at present, it is found impossible to keep the establishment at its full strength in the Cuddapah District, on account of its unfavorable climate; if to this were added the inconvenience and expense attendant on removing the Survey Office to the Cantonment, I fear that a serious diminution to its present insufficient numbers would be the result.

III. That the Military buildings available in three detached rooms would be insufficient of themselves for the accommodation of the Survey Office, and would necessitate the construction of some additional rooms, more especially for stores.

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The available space in the present Office is about 7,000 square feet, of which more than 5,000 square feet are in actual use.

Also a sketch of Cuddapah and the adjacent country.

5. All information in detail will be found in the original report and enclosures from Colonel Crewe, dated 25th November 1868, Nos. 451-116 which is attached for reference.

No. 209. ORDER THEREON, 8th March 1869, No. 616.

Miscellaneous.

1. Under the circumstances now brought to notice by the Superintendent of Revenue Survey, the proposal for moving the Cuddapah Survey Office from the Civil Lines into the Cantonment buildings, must be abandoned.

2. Orders will be passed in the Military Department on paragraph 5 of the Collector's letter of 14th December* 1868, No. 31, as to the disposal of the Cantonment buildings.

* G. O., 5th January 1869, No. 19.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Superintendent, Revenue Survey, with 5 enclosures.
,, the Board of Revenue.
,, the Military Department, with G. O., 5th January 1869, No. 19

Exd. G. A. Turton.

Govt. of 1869 Madras.

REVENUE.

To

THE SUPERINTENDENT,

REVENUE SURVEY

&c. &c. &c.

Dated March 8th.

Rec'd. &c.

G. O. 8th March 1869, No. 656.

From the chief Secretary
to Govt. to the Collector.

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Nos. 203-209.

Survey Office in Cuddapah — Proposal for connecting the Cud Pass into the Government Map of the Carnatic.

the Survey Office there into
one of those buildings.

2. In reference to
this Order, the Colr Collin,
in Secr's Ltr, stated that
the Depy Supt at Cuddapah had intimated
that the Hospital, the ad-
=jacent Place of Arms, and
the two Store Rooms, near the
latter, would be required for
the Survey Office; that this
fact was communicated
to the Offg Commr the
Ceded Dists, in view to
the transfer of the build-
=ings, but that he could
not ascertain that any
thing further had passed
on the subject. The Coll.
added that houses are very
scarce, and their rents im-
=moderately high, in Cudda-
=pah, and that one of the best
of them is occupied by
the

Copy of Letter dated 1st Dec. 1823.

the Survey Office &c &c
that Office is not to be
moved into the Cantonment
buildings, he requested orders
to dispose of them.

3 The Supt of Trigl
Survey, to whom the Coll's
letter was forwarded, consi-
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3rdly. That the three detached rooms available would

would be insufficient for the accommodation of the Sheristadar's office, and that it would be necessary to construct additional rooms; while the available spaces in the present office is 7000 Sq: feet, of which more than 5,000 are in actual use.

I would also add on the part of the Collectorate & the Sale Cantonment. The Regulations laid by Col: Lenox & Col Puntz - the Civil Station, Cuddapah, now Sale Cantonment, & the Village & Choultry round it, & the Choultry in other Villages annexed to the Cantonment, & the Sheristadar's office are considered sufficient

4 Nov 1839

Revenue Department

No. 616.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 8th March 1869.

Read the following. Letter from the Chief Engr. & Surveyor

Reporting relative to the proposed removal of the Chief Survey Office and certain vacant buildings in the Cantonment.

(A.C. 11th Dec. 1868 No. 24.)

Under the circumstances represented by the Chief Engr. & Surveyor the proposal for removing the Central Survey Office from the Cantonment buildings must be abandoned.

2. Orders will be passed in the Military Department as proposed in the 5th paragraph of the Chief Engr. & Surveyor's letter of the 11th Dec. 1868, No. 24, as to the disposal of the Cantonment buildings.

× P.O. 5th Jan. 1869 No. 19.

13 Copies to the Chief Engr. & Surveyor & 5 to Secretary to Govt. Revenue Department

Military Department 5th January 1869.