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No 101. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 31st August 1870, No. 5,527:—

Read the following letter from the Collector of Malabar, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Calicut, 5th August 1870, No. 277.

I HAVE the honour, under instructions from the Chief Secretary, to forward, with my opinion, a petition from certain Burghur inhabitants of the Koondahs, in the Malabar District, praying that their villages may be transferred to the jurisdiction of Malabar. The principal of these are Mail and Keel Koondah, and the tract including these was transferred in 1860 from this district to Coimbatore.

2. At the time of the transfer, the Neilgherries formed a taluq of the Coimbatore District, and in serious criminal cases, or in revenue cases, when attendance at the Huzoor was necessary, the parties had to go to Coimbatore, which was no doubt a hardship.

3. Since the formation of the Neilgherry District, the necessity has no longer existed, and the parties have merely to go to Ootacamund, the climate of which is similar to that of their own villages, and the distance such as can be easily walked by an active man in one day.

4. I attribute the unwillingness of the petitioners to be connected with Ootacamund and their anxiety to revert to Malabar to the fact that they are now subject to more legitimate authority and control, possibly also to more arbitrary exaction at the hands of subordinates than when they were attached to Malabar, where, owing to the distance, authority was less powerful.

5. This is probably the main cause of the statement in their petition that they have experienced less comfort since the transfer, though there is some force in their plea that the fact of their having dealings with Malabar, more than counterbalances the inconvenience of having further to go.

6. Naturally they exchange such articles as they deal in at markets where the local productions are dissimilar, rather than at Ootacamund where they are the same.

7. As regards the question of administrative convenience, there can be little doubt that this tract of country can be better supervised by the officials of the Neilgherry District than by those of Malabar.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Petition.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

2. No doubt petitioners are somewhat inconvenienced by the change, but the Board do not think the arrangements made should be altered.

No. 102. ORDER THEREON, 12th October 1870, No. 1,549.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government do not deem it expedient that existing arrangements should be altered. It must be remembered that the change would also affect European planters, whose business is

chiefly conducted at Ootacamund, and the impolicy of the proposed measure will be still more apparent when the branch railway to the foot of the ghaut has facilitated communication through Ootacamund with the east and west coasts.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

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Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Govt. of {1870} Madras.

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated October, 12th.

Recd. 1870.

G. O., 12th October, 1870, No. 1,540.

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Revl. Department

No 1549

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 12th October 1870.

Read the following

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

Subt. for orders with Re-commendation that no alteration should be made, letter from Collector forwarding petition from certain Burgher inhabitants of the Nilgherries, praying for transfer of their villages to Jurisdiction of Malabar Dist., from that of the Nilgherries

(R.C. 31st August 1870 No. 5527)

The Government do not deem it expedient that existing arrangements should be altered. It must

must be remembered that the change would also affect European planters whose business is chiefly conducted at Kotacamund, and the impolicy of the proposed measure will be still more apparent when the branch railway to the foot of the Ghaut has facilitated communication through Kotacamund with the East and West coasts.

Letter from Ootacamund

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