

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
6th October 1871.*

No. 85. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 25th September 1871, No. 4,104:—

Read the following letter from the Acting Superintendent of Revenue Survey, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Chepauk, 11th September 1871, No. 2,011-69.

COLONEL PRIESTLEY has, for a long time, had under his consideration the removal of the head-quarters of No. 3 Revenue Survey employed in the survey of the Cuddapah District from the town of Cuddapah to some more healthy station.

2. In consequence of the great amount of sickness prevailing in Cuddapah, it has been found impossible to keep the office in a thoroughly satisfactory state. In the office there have been, on an average, 125 men of all ranks. Of these 14 have been daily on the sick list.

3. During the last three years 7 have died, 22 have been granted sick leave for more than a month at a time, and 177 have resigned the service in consequence of sickness contracted at Cuddapah.

4. The Superintendent has not been able to find any place within the Cuddapah District suited in every respect for an office. He has therefore fixed on Palmanair, situated at a distance of 15 miles from the south-west boundary of the district, as the place where he would locate this office in future.

5. Palmanair has many advantages. There are houses for Europeans; there is a considerable native town where the office-hands could easily find accommodation; the place is healthy, and is situated within tolerably easy distance of Gooriattum station on the Madras Railway.

6. The field-hands will, in a short time, be concentrated in the southern talooks of the Cuddapah District. An officer of the party will always be in the field.

7. I give a list of officers who have suffered from the climate:—

A Deputy-Superintendent, sick certificate for two years, and recommended not to return to the district.

An Acting Deputy-Superintendent, sick certificate for twenty months.

An Acting Deputy-Superintendent, sick for two years (returned in 17 months).

A First Assistant Superintendent, sick certificate for 15 months.

A First Assistant Superintendent, three months' privilege leave; application for leave supported by medical opinion.

An Assistant Superintendent, three months' privilege leave; application also supported by medical opinion.

An Assistant Superintendent has now been granted privilege leave, and would have applied for sick leave had privilege leave not been due to him.

A Deputy-Superintendent was in Cuddapah for three months, and was far from well the whole time, during which two European gentlemen and one East Indian (of another department) died of heat apoplexy.

A Probationary Assistant was in the district for two years; he suffered repeatedly from fever, and has now been transferred to another district.

The present Deputy-Superintendent has been in Cuddapah for a few days only; he is the only officer who has not suffered from the climate. There has, however, already been a case of severe illness in his house.

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8. Under these circumstances I trust that the removal of the head-quarters of the party to Palmanair will be approved of.

9. I may mention that though there has been considerable sickness in the field, yet the proportion of sick has not been anything like so great as in the office.

10. The Superintendent, Colonel Priestley, is of opinion that the field-work will not suffer from the change.

11. As the north-east monsoon will soon begin, during which an increased amount of sickness may be expected, I have thought it my duty to order the removal of the party at the close of this month.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government, in continuation of Board's Proceedings No. 3,754, dated 31st August 1871.

2. The description given by Colonel Hessey of the effects of the Cuddapah climate is simply appalling, and the Board earnestly hope that it may be found possible to transfer the head-quarters to some locality which will not serve to condemn officers to almost inevitable sickness.

No. 86. ORDER THEREON, 6th October 1871, No. 1,759.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government approve of the proposed transfer of the Survey Party head-quarters to some more healthy

locality than Cuddapah, but desire to be informed why Palmanair is selected in preference to Muddenpilly, which is within one of the Cuddapah Talooks now under survey.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
the Superintendent of Revenue Survey.

Bantleman.

20/10/71
Ref. 1. approval of the proposed transfer
of the survey party to Palmanair & Muddenpilly
from the Cuddapah Talook. This is approved.
2. The description of the climate of Cuddapah
is extremely alarming & the Government are
of opinion that the field-work will not suffer
from the change.
3. The Superintendent is of opinion that the
field-work will not suffer from the change.
4. As the north-east monsoon will soon begin
during which an increased amount of sickness
may be expected, I have thought it my duty
to order the removal of the party at the close
of this month.
W. Hudleston
14. To the Board of Revenue
13. The Superintendent of Revenue Survey

No. 3189

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Board of Revenue,
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SEPTEMBER.

No. 4,104.

Head-quarters of No 3 Revenue Survey Party—
now employed in survey of Cuddapah District,—
Letter from Acting Superintendent of Revenue
Survey requesting sanction for transfer of, from
town of Cuddapah to Palmanair in North Arcot
District, submitted for orders of Government.

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W. Hudleston

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To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated October 6th.

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G. O., 6th October 1871, No. 1,759.

OCTOBER.

Nos. 85-86.

Head-quarters of No. 3 Revenue Survey Party.—Proposed transfer of — from Cuddapah to some more healthy locality, approved, and information requested as to why Palmanair is preferred to Muddenpilly, which is within one of the Cuddapah Talooks now under survey.