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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
26th November 1873.

Read the following :—

No. 154. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 13th September 1873, Miscellaneous No. 5,957.

Read the following letters :—

From G. VANSAGNEW, Esq., Collector of Nellore, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 12th August 1873, No. 1,806.

I HAVE the honour to address the Board with the view of improving the administration of the Gudur Taluq It is an important taluq, 677 square miles in area, with a revenue of about three lakhs and a population approaching to 150,000. It contains a number of delta villages, and the island of Sriharicottah is included in its extensive limits.

2. The only assistance that is given to the Tahsildar is a single Deputy-Tahsildar and Sub-Magistrate on Rupees 70, who is stationed at Sriharicottah with jurisdiction over that and the neighbouring islands. This officer has not work enough to employ his time, but, with his head-quarters in such an out-of-the-way spot as Sriharicottah, it is not possible to extend his jurisdiction to the Inam land.

3. Consequently, almost the whole burden of the revenue and magisterial work of the taluq has to be borne by the Tahsildar himself. The magisterial work alone is exceedingly heavy. The number of cases disposed of has averaged 325 in the past four years against 188 on the file of the taluq Sub-Magistrate of Nellore, and in 1872 the Gudur Taluq Sub-Magistrate disposed of 342 against only 103 cases disposed of by the Nellore Taluq Sub-Magistrate.

4. The operations of the Rent Recovery Act in Gudur are also on a much larger scale than in Nellore. There were last year 155 cases in the former to ten in the latter taluq.

5. It is simply impossible for the Tahsildar of Gudur to do justice to both his revenue and magisterial duties, and, as the latter must now-a-days be punctually performed, the revenue-work must of necessity be most perfunctorily got through. The revenue-collections are worse than in any other taluq, and there are always far greater arrears of correspondence.

6. Altogether, the state of the revenue-business of the taluq is very unsatisfactory ; but I cannot, and do not, blame the Tahsildar who is an elderly, experienced, and hard-working officer, and who does his best to get through his oppressive duties.

7. To admit of the Tahsildar's doing justice to his taluq, it is absolutely necessary to relieve him of a large portion of his magisterial work, and I would propose to do this by handing over the magisterial jurisdiction of the islands to the Sub-Magistrate of Polur who draws Rs. 100 and has comparatively little work. It should be his duty to visit Sriharicottah for several days at least once a-month.

8. The present Sriharicottah Deputy-Tahsildar and Sub-Magistrate I propose to locate at Kota, a large village formerly the head-quarters of the taluq of that name. It is 16 miles from Gudur and 8 from Dugarazapatam. I would give him revenue and magisterial jurisdiction over the sixty-six villages mentioned in the enclosed list marked A. Of these, it will be observed that only twenty-seven are Government villages. These villages are attached to the seven Police stations noted in the margin.

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9. The forty-four villages of the Sriharicottah Division named in the accompanying list marked B, I propose to place within the magisterial jurisdiction of the Police Sub-Magistrate.

10. A 1st-class Revenue Inspector should be stationed at Sriharicottah.

11. I have the honour to express a hope that the Board will recommend the above scheme to the Government for adoption. It entails no extra expense except the building of a 2nd-class Cutcherry at Kota. I would not, however, defer the Sub-Magistrate's transfer on that account. I have no doubt some temporary accommodation can be found in so large village as Kota.

From the same officer, dated 1st September 1873, No. 2,009.

ADVERTING to the Board's official memorandum, dated 27th ultimo, No. 1,272, I have the honour to explain that the forty-four villages of Sriharicottah named in list B are not included in the sixty-six villages specified in list A, over which I proposed, in paragraph 8 of my letter, to give the Deputy-Tahsildar and Sub-Magistrate both revenue and magisterial jurisdiction.

2. The forty-four villages of Sriharicottah should revert to the revenue charge of the Tahsildar, assisted by a resident 1st-class Revenue Inspector.

THE Board are disposed to support the Collector's recommendations generally, but wish to know whether there are any and, if any, what reasons against the Sriharicottah villages remaining attached to the division of the Deputy-Tahsildar. The difference in distance to Gudur and to Kota is considerable.

No. 155. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd October 1873, No. 2,161.

Read again Board's Proceedings, dated 13th September 1873, Miscellaneous No. 5,957.

Read also the following letter from G. VANSAGNEW, Esq., Collector of Nellore, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Sulurpett, 20th September 1873, No. 2,123 :—

ADVERTING to the Proceedings of the Board, dated 13th instant, Miscellaneous No. 5,957, I have the honour to state that I have again gone over the scheme carefully.

2. I think the Deputy Tahsildar and Sub-Magistrate on Rupees 70, proposed to be stationed at Kota, would have a sufficiently heavy and responsible charge in the sixty-six villages surrounding Kota. I would deprecate adding to it.

I beg to draw the Board's attention to the fact that the six villages attached to the Reddipalem Police Station, entered in List A, are off the mainland and extend some twelve miles south of Dugarazapatam.

3. If the Board wish the remaining forty-four island villages to be under some nearer Revenue Officer than the Tahsildar, it would, in my opinion, be far better to give the revenue as well as the magisterial jurisdiction over them to the Polur Deputy Tahsildar, who draws Rupees 100 and at present has the revenue business of no Government villages under him.

4. Sulurpett, where he has his head-quarters, is considerably nearer than Kota to all the forty-four villages and twice as near as Kota to most of them. It is part of my proposal that this officer should visit Sriharikota every month, and for any revenue business that was not transacted during such visits he would be tolerably accessible at Sulurpett, his head-quarters—certainly more accessible than an officer stationed at Kota, which is thirty miles from the cusbah of Sriharikota, Sulurpett being twelve.

5. In the dry weather that part of the lake north of the island of Venad is dry and can be crossed by carts; in the wet season communication would be by boat, but the islanders are accustomed to this.

6. On the whole, I incline to think that this would be the best arrangement. Anyhow, I remain very adverse to adding the revenue management of the forty-four villages to the duties of a Rupee-70 Deputy Tahsildar and Sub-Magistrate stationed at Kota.

THESE papers are submitted for the orders of Government.

2. In order to relieve the Tahsildar of Gudur, who is now much overworked, especially on the magisterial side, the Collector of Nellore proposes that the Deputy Tahsildar and Sub-Magistrate of Sriharikota be transferred to Kota, a large village on the road between Gudur and Dugarazapatam, with revenue and magisterial charge of sixty-six villages in the southern portion of the Gudur Taluq, and that the magisterial jurisdiction over the forty-four villages now forming the Sriharikota Division be made over to the Sub-Magistrate of the Polur Division, stationed at Sulurpett, on the opposite side of the lake, who should be required to visit Sriharikota once a-month. The Collector at first proposed that the revenue management of these forty-four villages should revert to the Tahsildar of Gudur assisted by a 1st Class Revenue Inspector to be stationed at Sriharikota; but, on the Board's objecting that the Sriharikota people would thus be at a very great distance from the taluq office (forty-eight miles), and suggesting that the Deputy Tahsildar, after his transfer to Kota, should retain his present revenue charge, Mr. VansAgnew states that it would be better to place the Sulurpett Deputy Tahsildar and Sub-Magistrate in both revenue and magisterial charge of the Sriharikota villages.

3. This last proposed arrangement commends itself to the Board. It is clearly necessary to relieve the Gudur Tahsildar, and no better way of doing it is apparent.

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Sriharikota Cusbah is only twelve miles from Sulurpett, and communication is not difficult at any season of the year. It is thirty miles from Kota and forty-eight from Gudur. For revenue purposes connected with the forty-four villages the Sulurpett officer might be made subordinate to the Gudur Tahsildar, and, with a resident Revenue Inspector, the interests of these villages would be sufficiently provided for. No additional expense beyond rent for temporary accommodation at Kota, which the Collector states can be procured, is required. There is a Police Station at Kota, and sentenced prisoners could be sent to Gudur. The Sulurpett Deputy Tahsildar should, however, visit Sriharikota oftener than once a-month—twice a-month, or three times in two months, would be sufficient.

4. The Board request that, should Government approve these proposals, the requisite notifications may be published in the Judicial Department. The change might take effect from 1st December, by which date the arrangements would certainly be complete.

No. 156. ORDER THEREON, 26th November 1873, No. 1,306.

Miscellaneous.

THE Board's proposals are approved, and the necessary Notification will be issued in the Judicial Department.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Secretary to Government.

Read Revenue Department

Miscellaneous No 5957

No Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
dated 13th September 1873

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No 1806

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Collector of Nellore

To, H. E. Stokes Esqre,
As Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Madras

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Nellore
Collector's Office,
12th August 1873

(Signed) G. Vans Agnew.
Collector.

From

Revenue Department.

No. 1306

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 26th November 1873.

Read the following Rep: Board of Revenue

Requesting to publish requisite notification in Judl. Dept regarding the transfer of Deputy Sabsildar and Srikgrikotta to Kyta in Sub-Magistrate of Nellore District. — } H.C. 22nd October 1873, No. 2161.

The Board's proposals are approved and the necessary notification will be issued in the Judicial Dept.

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Enclosure in Proceedings of the Board of Revenue & Govt. Secretary to Govt. No. 2161, dated 22 October 1873 No. 2161.

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Copy of Board's Proceedings dated 13th September 1873, Misc. No. 5957 on the proceedings of the Collector of Nellore for enforcing the Administration of the Gudur Taluk.

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