Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
2nd July 1873.

No. 20. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 7th May 1873, No. 731:—

Read the following letter from J. B. PENNINGTON, Esq., Acting Collector of Trichinopoly, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 18th April 1873, No. 66.

I HAVE the honour to request that the head-quarters of the Deputy-Tahsildar of the Udeiyarpalaiyam Taluq may be removed from Rajendrapatnam to *Kila Palur*.

2. Rajendrapatnam is almost the most inaccessible village in the taluq. It is on the extreme verge of the Deputy-Tahsildar's jurisdiction, at the further end of an extensive jungle, and is even surrounded by South Arcot on three sides, so that every case has to travel the greatest possible distance to get to the Sub-Magistrate. It is only fifteen miles from Jeyenkondasholapuram, and there is an excellent road the whole way. No village that is included within the Rajendrapatnam Division is more than twenty miles from the Tahsildar's station, and it is impossible to give the Rajendrapatnam Sub-Magistrate a sufficiently extensive charge without encroaching on the Tahsildar's division, so that he has only two Police stations under him.

3. Rajendrapatnam was fixed upon under the following circumstances:— There was an old Police Amin at a large town called Srimustam, now in the South Arcot District, but then included in the Udeiyarpalaiyam Taluq, and Mr. Bird said he was indispensable. Mr. McDonell agreed, "because the Sub-Magistrate then would have jurisdiction over 115 villages, and because it was a part of the country where hitherto crime had prevailed".

4. Then, when it was pointed out that Srimustam was to be transferred to South Arcot, Mr. McDonell proposed to locate his Sub-Magistrate at Rajendrapatnam, "because it contains 394 persons, and is eighteen miles from Jeyenkondasholapuram".

5. He appears to have forgotten that the chief reasons for locating a Sub-Magistrate in that part of the taluq at all were nullified by the transfer of Srimustam (and much of the crime) to South Arcot, and his new reasons in favour of Rajendrapatnam will obviously not bear examination, because, of course, there are many villages in the taluq, with more than 394 inhabitants, distant, much more than eighteen* miles, from Jeyenkondasholapuram.

* As observed before, Rajendrapatnam is *now* only *fifteen* miles from Jeyenkondasholapuram.

6. At the time Mr. McDonell's proposals were sanctioned, the Deputy-Magistrate was located at *Kila Palur*, so that there would be neither necessity nor accommodation for a Sub-Magistrate there; but the removal of the Deputy-Magistrate to Ariyalur (in 1867) has altered the state of affairs, and I think there can be no doubt of the propriety of placing the Sub-Magistrate at Kila Palur now in preference to any other village for the following reasons:—

In the first place, Kila Palur is very centrally situated for a Sub-Magistrate's station, and I should be able to give him a fairer share of work by [illegible] the

following Police stations and villages attached under his jurisdiction, viz., *Ariyalur*, *Chinna Anandavadi*, *Vikramam*, and *Tirumanur*, all of which are within about ten miles of Kila Palur. The number of villages in his division would thus be 235, and, with the sanction of Government, I should be inclined to add those attached to the adjoining Police station of *Shatanur*, in the *Perambalur Taluq*, as the Perambalur Tahsildar has no Deputy, and is in need of, assistance.

2*ndly*.—Kila Palur is entirely cut off from both Ariyalur and Jeyenkondasholapuram by the Mardiyar and other streams in the rains, and so requires a special Sub-Magistrate much more than Rajendrapatnam.

3*rdly*.—There is an excellent Cutcherry ready for the Sub-Magistrate, and only a Subsidiary Jail to be built; whereas at Rajendrapatnam, office *and* jail must be constructed at a cost of Rs. 14,250.

4*thly*.—There would be no necessity for a special line of tappal runners from Jeyenkondasholapuram, so that there would be a saving of Rs. 15 per mensem, or thirty per cent. of the Sub-Magistrate's pay.

7. I think a reference to the map will convince the Board that my division is superior to the present one, as both Tahsildars and Deputy-Tahsildars will be in the centre of their ranges, and yet no one will have to go more than twenty miles to a Sub-Magistrate; whereas now it is over thirty miles in a straight line from the south-west corner of the taluq to Jeyenkondasholapuram, and during many days in the year the road is utterly impassable.

8. The Deputy-Magistrate objects to the change on the ground (1) that the neighbourhood of Rajendrapatnam is full of dacoits; and (2) that the presence of the Sub-Magistrate is necessary to overawe them.

9. The late Superintendent of Police, however, who was well acquainted with the whole district, agrees with me in thinking that his presence *now* is by no means essential, more especially as he has never done anything to detect grave crime, and has only had fourteen cases of grave crime to commit in the last three years. Moreover, it is easy to arrange that the Tahsildar shall hold his office for some time at Rajendrapatnam during the worst time of the year, and it must also not be forgotten that there is a strong staff of resident Magistrates at Virdachellam within eight miles of Rajendrapatnam.

10. If any further argument is required to prove the desirability of the change, it might be found in the fact that at present the Sub-Magistrate is too far away from the European officers of the district, and is practically beyond our ken.

11. I ought perhaps to refer to the correspondence which took place in 1867 (noted in the margin), when it was alleged that it was impossible to live permanently in Kila Palur, and that "during nine months out of twelve the scarcity of water was much felt there". With reference to this, I can only say that, as it was a taluq cusbah, it is probably fit for a Deputy-Tahsildar's station; that the present incumbent much prefers it to Rajendrapatnam; and that, in my opinion, there can be no doubt of its superiority in every way. I have stayed at all three places during the last month[illegible] should much prefer Kila Palur to either Ariyalur or Rajendrapatnam.

Board's Proceedings, No. 992, dated 18th February 1867.

12. As to the difficulty of getting supplies there, it is only six miles from Ariyalur and only seventeen from Trivadi (in Tanjore), and the road to both places will soon be in perfect order.

P.S.—Early orders are requested, as Rs. 5,000 have been allotted for expenditure this year on the offices, etc., at Rajendrapatnam, and some of the materials have been collected. I have stopped the work pending orders, and the timber might be transferred to Jeyenkondasholapuram.

THE proposal of the Collector of Trichinopoly to transfer the head-quarters of the Deputy-Tahsildar of the Udeiyarpalaiyam Taluq from Rajendrapatnam to Kila Palur, and in consequence to stop the expenditure of Rs. 5,000 out of an estimate of Rs. 14,250, which has been sanctioned for the Deputy-Tahsildar's Cutcherry and Sub-Jail in the former place, will be submitted for the favourable consideration of Government.

2. The situation of Kila Palur is far better than that of Rajendrapatnam, and the Collector states that Rs. 14,250 on works and Rs. 15 a-month on tappal runners will be saved by the transfer.

No. 21. ORDER THEREON, 2nd July 1873, No. 681.

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THE transfer of the Deputy-Tahsildar's station from Rajendrapatnam to Kila Palur is sanctioned.

2. The Board of Revenue have not noticed the Acting Collector's proposal that the villages of the Perambalur Taluq, which are attached to the Shatanur Police station, should be transferred to this Deputy-Tahsildar, and they will now be requested to supply the omission.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Judicial Department.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

No. 681. 2 July 1873.

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No. 731.

Head-quarters of Deputy Tahsildar of Udeiyapalaiyam Taluq—in Trichinopoly District.—Collector's proposal for transfer of—from Rajendrapatnam to Kila Palur, submitted to Government for favourable consideration.

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