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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
25th July 1873.

No. 232. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 31st March 1873, No. 485 :—

Read the following letter from A. MACGREGOR, Esq., Collector of Malabar, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Calicut, 24th February 1873, No. 45 :—

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge Orders of Government, dated 8th instant, No. 157, communicated with Board's endorsement dated 13th idem, No. 894, calling on me to explain the delay in fixing a site for the house of the Deputy Collector of Wynaad, and, in reply, to state that the delay is not in any way within my control.

2. Under date the 5th July 1872, No. 36, I addressed Government giving my views on the question and forwarding a sketch map in illustration of my argument in favour of Vythery as the proper residence of the Deputy Collector.

3. In the first instance the Commissioner of the Nilgiris and myself had, as directed, submitted a joint report, dated 24th January 1872, on the question of a transfer of part of Wynaad to the Nilgiris. We both agreed in the advantage likely to accrue from the transfer of the group of estates occupying what is known as the Ouchterlony Valley, but recommended that no further transfer should be made.

4. In the Order of Government by which the matter was referred to us a suggestion was thrown out of appointing a second Deputy Collector for Wynaad and stationing him at Vythery, and it was with reference mainly to this that I addressed the separate communication of the 5th July 1872, No. 36.

5. In that I showed that of the three divisions of Wynaad Vythery was at once the most central and the most important; while posted at Manantoddy the Deputy Collector was at an extreme of the taluq and in the least important of the three divisions. My subsequent visit to Wynaad this year has confirmed me in this view.

6. For some time past numerous complaints have been made of deficient authority and control and many criminal cases have been reported, and I have observed that a very large majority of these cases have occurred within a small radius of Vythery; in fact, there cannot be a doubt that it is by far the busiest and most important part of Wynaad and it lies equidistant from the Manantoddy and Gudalore divisions.

7. There are many Europeans who have lived for years in and about Vythery, and I do not think, therefore, that the climate can be admitted as an insuperable objection though it is inferior to Manantoddy

8. A house containing four good-sized rooms, built by Mr. Ballard and occupied by him with his family, is now to let at Vythery, and there is also a small house on the Cutcherry Hill built for the Sub-Magistrate. It has only lately been completed and has never been occupied, the present Sub-Magistrate being a Brahmin. The Deputy Collector's office could be well accommodated in this and in the Sub Magistrate's office closely adjoining as a temporary measure, and I strongly recommend the carrying out the transfer at an early date.

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No. 485.

Deputy Collector of Wynaad—in Malabar District.—Letter from Collector explaining delay in fixing a site for house of — and recommending removal of Deputy Collector's head-quarters from Manantoddy to Vythery, submitted to Government.

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Returned with reference to the order in the Judicial Dep^t dated 25 July 1873 to 7094 WD

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