No. 5. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 1st August 1873, No. 1,466 :—

Read the following letter from G. D. LEMAN, Esq., Acting Collector of the Kistna District, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Masulipatam, 1st July 1873, No. 1,015:—

GOVERNMENT, in their Order, No. 425, March 15th, 1869, Judicial Department, sanctioned certain improvements to the Dachapalli Taluq Cutcherry, and the District Engineer has this work on his list of estimates to be prepared.

2. I have the honour to request that Government will reconsider their order, and sanction the removal of the taluq head-quarter to Gurajala for the following reasons :—

3. Unhealthy as the Palnad is, Dachapalli is reported to be one of the most unhealthy of the places in that taluq where a town can be situate. It is on hard rock; no well-water can be got there; and the towns' people drink the water of the Nagularu river, which comes down from the hills close by, loaded with vegetable impurities. So unhealthy is it known to be that the village-people are said to be afraid to come to the town.

4. As for the cutcherry it is incommodious, as it was an old travellers' bungalow, and has had to be adapted, as best could be, for the cutcherry. It is on one side of the river, while the town is on the other; and when freshes come down, the office-people are either cut off from their houses, or, worse still, from the office, as the rise happens to come during or after office-hours.

5. Gurajala is a pleasant place, situate on high ground, not specially feverish, and supplied by wells with drinking water. It is as well situated as regards position as Dachapalli as it is centrical, and it is in every way more commendable as the taluq head-quarter station.

6. I believe it was only a probable want of funds that made the Government reconsider their old* order for a new cutcherry at Dachapalli. Perhaps before long funds may be found, and anything is better than spending money in such a place as Dachapalli. It was unfortunately chosen for the taluq head-quarter, and, therefore, I propose to Government to sanction a 1st-class cutcherry at Gurajala, instead of the new buildings at Dachapalli. I may add the taluq is a prospering one, and deserves to be head-quarters, accessible to the ryots, and in a place to which they can resort without fear of sickness. It pays Government a revenue of three lakhs and twenty-five thousand.

* No. 425 of 15th March 1869, J. D.

7. The 1st-class cutcherry would cost not more than Rupees 22,000; a very good site has been selected that will cost only Rupees 100 or so.

8. The probable cost of the Dachapalli work that has been approved would be Rupees 8,500.

9. The estimates for this are not yet prepared, but I do not think I am far from the correct figure.

10. If Government will permit, I will ask the District Engineer for an estimate for the work I propose.

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

SUBMITTED for the favourable consideration of Government.

2. Dachapalli was the former Cusbah of the old Dachapalli Taluq. It was retained as the head-quarters of the entire Palnad, partly on the ground that it was on the high road from Madras to Hyderabad, and partly because there was a public bungalow available for conversion into a cutcherry. The former reason has now no significance, and the cutcherry will require costly addition. The Collector's report of the sickliness of the place is not exaggerated, and in addition to what he states it may be noticed that the place is scourged with guinea-worms.

3. Gurajala is only seven miles distant, is a larger town, and more central.

No. 6. ORDER THEREON, 2nd September 1873, No. 935.

Miscellaneous.

UNDER the circumstances represented in the foregoing Proceedings, the Governor in Council sanctions the erection of a 1st-class Cutcherry and out-buildings at Gurajala in lieu of the Subsidiary Jail buildings which, in accordance with the orders issued in the Proceedings noted in the margin, it was proposed to build at Dachapalli.

15th March 1869, No. 425, Judicial Department.

2. When the Cutcherry is completed the head-quarter of the Palnad Taluq will be removed from Dachapalli to Gurajala.

(True Extract.)

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

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

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Under the circumstances represented in the foregoing Proceedings the G-in-C sanctions the erection of a first class Cutcherry and out buildings at Gurajala, in lieu of the Subsidiary Jail buildings which in accordance with the orders noted in the margin* it was proposed to build at Dachapalli

When the Cutcherry is completed the Head Quarters of the Palnad Taluk will be removed from Dachapalli

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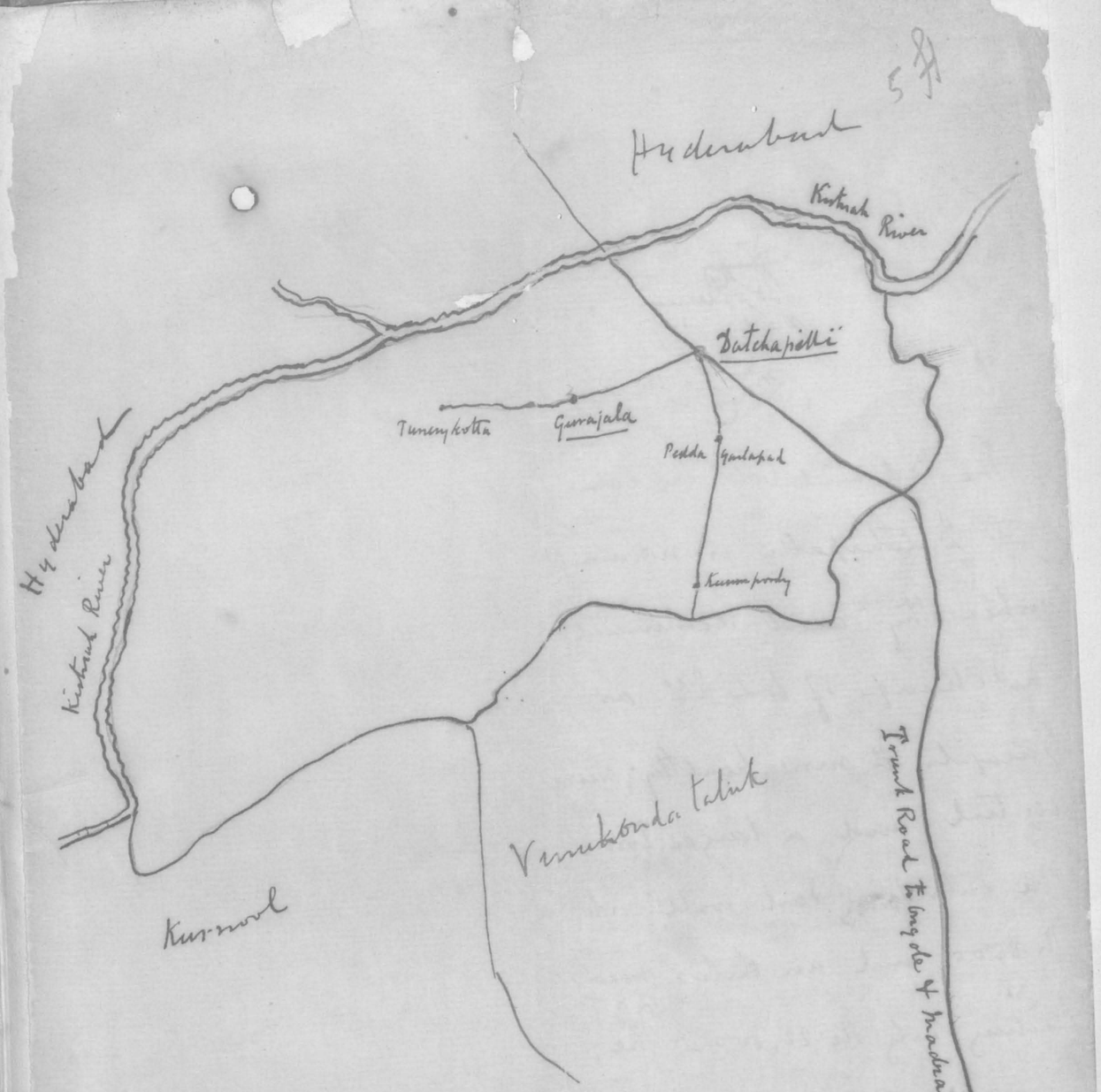
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Note

The Bd and Coll. explain that Datchapalli is not very unhealthy and recommend the change of Hd Qrs as Gunajala is more healthy, more central, and a larger town. The Subdivy Bail write cost Rs 8500, and an entire new Cutchery only Rs 22,000 – The present Cutchery (an old Travellers Bungalow) will probably fetch something when given up. Overleaf is a tracing of the Palmaner Taluk

MD.



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REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated September 2nd.

Recd. Encl.

G. O., 2nd September 1873, No. 935.

SEPTEMBER.

Nos. 5-6.

Head-quarters of Palnad Taluq, in Kistna District.—Sanctioning the erection of a 1st-class Cutcherry and out-buildings at Gurajala in lieu of the Subsidiary Jail buildings proposed to be built at Dachapalli, and authorizing the removal of the — from Dachapalli to Gurajala on the completion of the Cutcherry.

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