M.R.O. 1—20,002—12-8-65.

(1) Number of Pages 16,

(2) Date of repair 26.12.62.

(3) Initials of the Referencer 24.4.68.

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Revn DEPARTMENT

G.O. No. / B.P. No. 1396.	Press / Mis.
Dated 22.9.1875 196 .	

Not to be folded or roughly handled

No. 190. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 17th August 1875, No. 2,312 :—

Read the following letter from A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 4th August 1875, No. 245.

I HAVE the honor to submit some correspondence in reference to the Deputy Tahsildarship of Talavady Sub-division of Sattiamungalum for the consideration of the Board, and reference, if thought necessary, to Government.

2. Mr. MacGregor applied for sanction to build a house for the Deputy Tahsildar, on which I called for some further information as to how hitherto that officer had been accommodated.

3. A wider question has now been mooted as to the need of such an officer, and, if so, whether his location at Talavady is the most suitable.

4. The division of the Sattiamungalum Taluq, as suggested by Mr. Thomas, was decided, as I supposed, after due consideration—*Vide* G. O., dated 17th December 1860, No. 2,427, during Mr. Pelly's re-organization of districts.

5. It was based probably on the isolation of the Balaghat or highland villages of that taluq—danger from wild beasts, and chiefly the disinclination of the villagers to descend to the plains, persons used to that climate feeling the change and being liable to fever.

6. *Talavady*, not in the map, but near Thodagajanur, is a very small village, and is, moreover, like all others in that range unhealthy.

7. Since the opening out and improvement of the Hassanoor Ghaut, communication is much easier with Sattiamungalum.

8. I cannot recommend that the Talavady Division should be incorporated with the Collegal Taluq which is large and straggling enough already, and the cusbah of which, situated at its north-western extremity, is more than 40 miles from the proposed division; and, if Talavady be maintained as a division, it might as well remain attached to Sattiamungalum.

9. Nor can I advocate making the whole hill villages of Sattiamungalum and Bhowany a division, because each hill range is more accessible by old paths and some made roads to its cusbah than to some other head-quarters suitable to each, which is impossible to be found. I speak from personal knowledge, as I have been all over the hill country of both taluqs.

10. But as a new Cutcherry though sanctioned,* has not yet been built at Talavady, it is not too late to suggest the reconsideration of Talavady as a head-quarters; 2nd, the maintenance of such division, and whether Hassanoor would not be a better head-quarters for the Talavady Division in the event of the division being retained.

* *Vide* G. O., No. 1,534, of 27th November 1872, Judicial Department; Estimate Rupees 9,650.

11. It is true that the lower part of the Hassanoor Valley, through which the road runs, and near which the Public Bungalow, Chuttrum, and Police lines are situated, is unhealthy, but the Hassanoor ryots have shown their discrimination

by building their village on the high ground to the east of the road. By choosing a higher site in a confined valley, miasma is reduced, if not escaped.

12. Hassanoor is on the high road to Mysore, now much more frequented, than the road which ascends the ghauts at Guzzlehutty *vid* Tallamallay Ghaut which is practicable only to pack bullocks, to amend which, see paragraph 14.

13. That Hassanoor was not attached to Talavady arose, I suppose, (there is no record of reasons in Mr. Thomas' letter) from its being more easily then reached from Sattiamungalum, and it is more so now, by a good road of 20 miles, more easily traversed than the 15 miles of cross country road to Talavady.

14. A most unnecessary road, estimate Rupees 47,200, was traced at a cost of Rupees 6,024 from Dimbum, the top of the Hassanoor Ghaut to Tallamallay, on the top of the Guzzlehutty Ghaut, but the only passengers by this bridle path were, as I noticed, a herd of wild elephants; no habitations existing in a winding path over the hills of about 13 miles. It was supposed traffic would be attracted from the old Tallamallay Road to descend the Hassanoor Ghaut. I have not recommended any further outlay on this project.

15. Although Hassanoor Village is small, it is certainly more centrally situated for the above ghaut villages of Sattiamungalum, which extend 20 miles in each side of it, east and west, the south-west feeder of the Burghoor River is the eastern boundary, with Bhowany Taluq, whereas Talavady is more than 40 miles from the eastern boundary and only 5 miles from the north-western boundary of its range and the Mysore frontier and off the Mysore high road.

16. When all the villages in this district, even Tallamallay, in the open country at the top of the Guzzlehutty Ghaut, are notoriously unhealthy, there is nothing to choose from, and centrality would be the best selection; add to this accessibility and saving in the postal line.

17. The so-called Cutcherry at Talavady is not deserving of the name; it seems to have been an old "Peishkar's Chuttrum," to which two rooms were added, which were called the "Subsidiary Jail" occupied on my visit by the Police Inspector and his family in default of other quarters.

18. There is nothing to be sacrificed at present in abandoning Talavady as head-quarters of the sub-division of Sattiamungalum; but, if a Post Office for the single letter, which daily arrives, or is despatched, be built, also a new Cutcherry, Subsidiary Jail, &c., it will be another matter.

19. I should be inclined, on the whole, to agree with Mr. MacGregor in recommending the abolition of this isolated and insignificant division.

The magisterial business in an average of four years was forty-five cases tried, one case committed to Sessions; the population of the villages and hamlets above ghaut is (including Hassanoor) 16,259; the revenue Rupees 12,480.

20. If, however, it be otherwise decided, and a head-quarter above ghaut be retained, I would point to the superior advantage of Hassanoor as regards centrality.

21. Hassanoor is to be an Overseer's head-quarters, and a house is sanctioned for him; a Police guard there is needed and kept for the protection of the Mysore road.

22. The population of Hassanoor is now 1,471; that of Talavady 625; the acreage under cultivation is 1,954; Revenue 1,326, against acres 654; Revenue 506 at Talavady.

Besides superior centrality and accessibility, Hassanoor is the more important village of the two.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From A. M. MACGREGOR, Esq., Deputy Collector of Coimbatore, Northern Division, to A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, dated 26th April 1875, No. 32.

THE Deputy Tahsildar of Talavady complains of the inconveniences he is put to for want of proper accommodation at his cusbah.

2. It appears that accommodation has been provided for the Police Inspector at the expense of Government, subject to such rent as may be fixed by the Inspector-General.

3. I have, therefore, the honor to recommend that the Deputy Tahsildar and his establishment may similarly be provided with accommodation, subject to such rent as the Public Works Department think proper.

4. The rent should, I think, be deducted from their pay, as is the case with the Police.

Form A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to A. M. MACGREGOR, Esq., Deputy Collector, Northern Division, dated 29th April 1875, No. 427.

His letter, No. 32, of 26th April 1875.

The Deputy Collector, Northern Division, will please to enter more into detail in his request what is the nature of the accommodation required, house or office, or what; the amount of estimate? General remarks cannot be submitted to Government.

From A. M. MACGREGOR, Esq., Deputy Collector, Northern Division, to A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, dated 22nd May 1875, No. 45.

Vide your Official Memorandum, No 427, dated 29th ultimo.

I have the honor to inform you that houses for the Deputy Tahsildar and his establishment at Talavady are required, as they cannot rent any.

From A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to A. M. MACGREGOR, Esq., Deputy Collector, Northern Division, dated Coimbatore, 8th June 1875, No. 570.

His letter, No. 45, of 22nd May 1875.

Mr. MacGregor will please inform the Collector how hitherto for the past ten years the Deputy Tahsildar and his establishment have been living at Talavady, as this is a matter which has to be stated when an application is made to provide them with house accommodation.

From A. M. MACGREGOR, Esq., Deputy Collector, Northern Division, to A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, dated 12th July 1875, No. 71.

IN reply to your Memorandum, No. 570, dated 8th June 1875, I have the honor to inform you that the Deputy Tahsildars have hitherto, as the present man does, lived in one of the village huts, the size and description of which you are doubtless acquainted with.

2. It appeared to me when addressing you that the Deputy Tahsildar was as much entitled to the consideration of Government as the Police Inspector. The query now put by you might with equal justice have been put regarding the Inspector, and, had he not taken the bold step of living in the Subsidiary Jail, a similar neglect might have been shown him.

3. As you have visited Talavady, you are probably as well aware of these facts as any report of mine can make you.

4. The necessity of placing a Deputy Tahsildar at Talavady is not apparent, and the small amount of work he has to perform confirms me in my view that the appointment is unnecessary and a positive waste of public money.

5. The work in Collegal is very light, and, if the Deputy Tahsildar's division were made over to the Collegal Tahsildar, or rather all the above ghaut villages of Sattiamungalum, and even Bhowany, there would be no necessity for such an appointment.

6. Even Hassanoor and Dimbum are not in the Deputy Tahsildar's division which consist of forty paltry hill villages, several being uninhabited.

7. If it is considered absolutely necessary that this appointment should be maintained, I would suggest, for your consideration, and, if you approve, the sanction of the Board, that the whole of the hill ranges of Sattiamungalum and Bhowany be given to the Deputy Tahsildar, and this officer's head-quarters be fixed at some more central village.

8. Talavady, as a head-quarter station, has nothing to recommend it. It is unhealthy in the extreme, and is by no means central.

9. I trust you will kindly take this matter into consideration and favor me with your views.

(True Copies.)

(Signed) A. WEDDERBURN,
Collector.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

2. In G. O., dated 27th November 1872, No. 1,534, an estimate, amounting to Rupees 9,650, was sanctioned for the erection of a Deputy Tahsildar's Cutcherry at Talavady, but the work has not yet been commenced.

3. The Collector of Coimbatore now suggest that, if the sub-division of the Sattiamungalum Taluq is to be retained at all, the head-quarters of it should be removed from Talavady, which is a small village lying close to the frontier of Mysore, and on a road now unfrequented, to Hassanoor, which is more populous and more centrally situated with reference to the above ghaut villages of the taluq, and is on the principal route to the Mysore country.

4. The Board do not think that the sub-division should be abolished for the reasons given in paragraph 5 of the Collector's letter, and the suggestions that the tracts should be transferred to Collegal, or that a new sub-division should be formed of all the above ghaut villages of Sattiamungalum and Bhowany, do not commend themselves. The reasons given by the Collector for preferring Hassanoor to Talavady are very strong, and the Board recommend that the Deputy Tahsildar's head-quarters be transferred accordingly, the whole of the above ghaut villages of Sattiamungalum being placed under his charge. Hassanoor and the villages east of it are not now attached to the sub-division.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Acting Secretary.

P 3/1396

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
22nd September 1875.

No. 191. ORDER THEREON, 22nd September 1875, No. 1,396.

Miscellaneous.

THE Board's recommendations are approved and sanctioned.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) A. MACGREGOR,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
" the Judicial Department.
" the Accountant-General.
" the Public Works Dept

Exd. A. Grubert.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 3437 K/346

From Bd of Rev Dated 17 August 1875.

FOR ORDERS.

Govt. of [illegible] 1875. [illegible]

REVENUE.

To

The BOARD of REVENUE.

&c. &c.

Dated September 22nd

Read.

SEPTEMBER.

Nos. 190-191.

FOR ORDERS.

No. 2,312.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 17th August 1875.

Read the following letter from A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 4th August 1875, No. 245 :—

I HAVE the honor to submit some correspondence in reference to the Deputy Tahsildarship of Talavady Sub-division of Sattiamungalum for the consideration of the Board, and reference, if thought necessary, to Government.

2. Mr. MacGregor applied for sanction to build a house for the Deputy Tahsildar, on which I called for some further information as to how hitherto that officer had been accommodated.

3. A wider question has now been mooted as to the need of such an officer, and, if so, whether his location at Talavady is the most suitable.

4. The division of the Sattiamungalum Taluq, as suggested by Mr. Thomas, was decided, as I supposed, after due consideration—*Vide* G. O., dated 17th December 1860, No. 2,427, during Mr. Pelly's re-organization of districts.

5. It was based probably on the isolation of the Balaghat or high land villages of that taluq—danger from wild beasts, and chiefly the disinclination of the villagers to descend to the plains, persons used to that climate feeling the change and being liable to fever.

6. *Talavady*, not in the map, but near Thodagajanur, is a very small village, and is moreover, like all others in that range unhealthy.

7. Since the opening out and improvement of the Hassanoor Ghaut, communication is much easier with Sattiamungalum.

8. I cannot recommend that the Talavady Division should be incorporated with the Collegal Taluq which is large and straggling enough already, and the cusbah of which, situated at its north-western extremity, is more than 40 miles from the proposed division; and, if Talavady be maintained as a division, it might as well remain attached to Sattiamungalum.

9. Nor can I advocate making the whole hill villages of Sattiamungalum and Bhowany a division, because each hill range is more accessible by old paths and some made roads to its cusbah than to some other head-quarters suitable to each, which is impossible to be found. I speak from personal knowledge, as I have been all over the hill country of both taluqs.

10. But as a new Cutcherry, though sanctioned,* has not yet been built at Talavady, it is not too late to suggest the reconsideration of Talavady as a head-quarters; 2nd, the maintenance of such division, and whether Hassanoor would not be a better head-quarters for the Talavady Division in the event of the division being retained.

* *Vide* G. O., No. 1,534, of 27th November 1872, Judicial Department; Estimate Rupees 9,650.

11. It is true that the lower part of the Hassanoor Valley, through which the road runs, and near which the Public Bungalow, Chuttrum, and Police lines are situated, is unhealthy, but the Hassanoor ryots have shown their discrimination by building their village on the high ground to the east of the road. By choosing a higher site in a confined valley, miasma is reduced, if not escaped.

12. Hassanoor is on the high road to Mysore, now much more frequented, than the road which ascends the ghauts at Guzzlehutty *vid* Tallamallay Ghaut which is practicable only to pack bullocks, to amend which, see paragraph 14.

13. That Hassanoor was not attached to Talavady arose, I suppose, (there is no record of reasons in Mr. Thomas' letter) from its being more easily then reached from Sattiamungalum, and it is more so now, by a good road of 20 miles, more easily traversed than the 15 miles of cross country road to Talavady.

14. A most unnecessary road, estimate Rupees 47,200, was traced at a cost of Rupees 6,024 from Dimbum, the top of the Hassanoor Ghaut to Tallamallay, on the top of the Guzzlehutty Ghaut, but the only passengers by this bridle path were, as I noticed, a herd of wild elephants; no habitations existing in a winding path over the hills of about 13 miles. It was supposed traffic would be attracted from the old Tallamallay Road to descend the Hassanoor Ghaut. I have not recommended any further outlay on this project.

15. Although Hassanoor Village is small, it is certainly more centrally situated for the above ghaut villages of Sattiamungalum, which extend 20 miles on each side of it, east and west, the south-west feeder of the Burghoor River is the eastern boundary, with Bhowany Taluq, whereas Talavady is more than 40 miles from the eastern boundary and only 5 miles from the north-western boundary of its range and the Mysore frontier and off the Mysore high road.

16. When all the villages in this district, even Tallamallay, in the open country at the top of the Guzzlehutty Ghaut, are notoriously unhealthy, there is nothing to choose from, and centrality would be the best selection; add to this accessibility and saving in the postal line.

17. The so-called Cutcherry at Talavady is not deserving of the name; it seems to have been an old "Peishkar's Chuttrum," to which two rooms were added, which were called the "Subsidiary Jail" occupied on my visit by the Police Inspector and his family in default of other quarters.

18. There is nothing to be sacrificed at present in abandoning Talavady as head-quarters of the sub-division of Sattiamungalum; but, if a Post Office for the single letter, which daily arrives, or is despatched, be built, also a new Cutcherry, Subsidiary Jail, &c., it will be another matter.

19. I should be inclined, on the whole, to agree with Mr. MacGregor in recommending the abolition of this isolated and insignificant division.

The magisterial business in an average of four years was forty-five cases tried, one case committed to Sessions; the population of the villages and hamlets above ghaut is (including Hassanoor) 16,259; the revenue Rupees 12,480.

20. If, however, it be otherwise decided, and a head-quarter above ghaut be retained, I would point to the superior advantage of Hassanoor as regards centrality.

21. Hassanoor is to be an Overseer's head-quarters, and a house is sanctioned for him; a Police guard there is needed and kept for the protection of the Mysore road.

22. The population of Hassanoor is now 1,471; that of Talavady 625; the acreage under cultivation is 1,954; Revenue 1,326, against acres 654; Revenue 506 at Talavady.

Besides superior centrality and accessibility, Hassanoor is the more important village of the two.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From A. M. MACGREGOR, Esq., Deputy Collector of Coimbatore, Northern Division, to A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, dated 26th April 1875, No. 32.

THE Deputy Tahsildar of Talavady complains of the inconveniences he is put to for want of proper accommodation at his cusbah.

2. It appears that accommodation has been provided for the Police Inspector at the expense of Government, subject to such rent as may be fixed by the Inspector-General.

3. I have, therefore, the honor to recommend that the Deputy Tahsildar and his establishment may similarly be provided with accommodation, subject to such rent as the Public Works Department think proper.

4. The rent should, I think, be deducted from their pay, as is the case with the Police.

From A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to A. M. MACGREGOR, Esq., Deputy Collector, Northern Division, dated 29th April 1875, No. 427.

HIS letter, No. 32, of 26th April 1875.

The Deputy Collector, Northern Division, will please to enter more into detail in his request what is the nature of the accommodation required, house or office, or what; the amount of estimate? General remarks cannot be submitted to Government.

From A. M. MACGREGOR, Esq., Deputy Collector, Northern Division, to A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, dated 22nd May 1875, No. 45.

Vide your Official Memorandum, No 427, dated 29th ultimo.

I have the honor to inform you that houses for the Deputy Tahsildar and his establishment at Talavady are required, as they cannot rent any.

From A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to A. M. MACGREGOR, Esq., Deputy Collector, Northern Division, dated Coimbatore, 8th June 1875, No. 570.

HIS letter, No. 45, of 22nd May 1875.

Mr. MacGregor will please inform the Collector how hitherto for the past ten years the Deputy Tahsildar and his establishment have been living at Talavady, as this is a matter which has to be stated when an application is made to provide them with house accommodation.

From A. M. MACGREGOR, Esq., Deputy Collector, Northern Division, to A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, dated 12th July 1875, No. 71.

IN reply to your Memorandum, No. 570, dated 8th June 1875, I have the honor to inform you that the Deputy Tahsildars have hitherto, as the present man does, lived in one of the village huts, the size and description of which you are doubtless acquainted with.

2. It appeared to me when addressing you that the Deputy Tahsildar was as much entitled to the consideration of Government as the Police Inspector. The query now put by you might with equal justice have been put regarding the Inspector, and, had he not taken the bold step of living in the Subsidiary Jail, a similar neglect might have been shown him.

3. As you have visited Talavady, you are probably as well aware of these facts as any report of mine can make you.

4. The necessity of placing a Deputy Tahsildar at Talavady is not apparent, and the small amount of work he has to perform confirms me in my view that the appointment is unnecessary and a positive waste of public money.

5. The work in Collegal is very light, and, if the Deputy Tahsildar's division were made over to the Collegal Tahsildar, or rather all the above ghaut villages of Sattiamungalum, and even Bhowany, there would be no necessity for such an appointment.

6. Even Hassanoor and Dimbum are not in the Deputy Tahsildar's division which consist of forty paltry hill villages, several being uninhabited.

7. If it is considered absolutely necessary that this appointment should be maintained, I would suggest, for your consideration, and, if you approve, the sanction of the Board, that the whole of the hill ranges of Sattiamungalum and Bhowany be given to the Deputy Tahsildar, and this officer's head-quarters be fixed at some more central village.

8. Talavady, as a head-quarter station, has nothing to recommend it. It is unhealthy in the extreme, and is by no means central.

9. I trust you will kindly take this matter into consideration and favor me with your views.

(True Copies.)

(Signed) A. WEDDERBURN,
Collector.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

2. In G. O., dated 27th November 1872, No. 1,534, an estimate, amounting to Rupees 9,650, was sanctioned for the erection of a Deputy Tahsildar's Cutcherry at Talavady, but the work has not yet been commenced.

3. The Collector of Coimbatore now suggest that, if the sub-division of the Sattiamungalum Taluq is to be retained at all, the head-quarters of it should be removed from Talavady, which is a small village lying close to the frontier of Mysore, and on a road now unfrequented, to Hassanoor, which is more populous and more centrally situated with reference to the above ghaut villages of the taluq, and is on the principal route to the Mysore country.

4. The Board do not think that the sub-division should be abolished for the reasons given in paragraph 5 of the Collector's letter, and the suggestions that the tracts should be transferred to Collegal, or that a new sub-division should be formed of all the above ghaut villages of Sattiamungalum and Bhowany, do not commend themselves. The reasons given by the Collector for preferring Hassanoor to Talavady are very strong, and the Board recommend that the Deputy Tahsildar's head-quarters be transferred accordingly, the whole of the above ghaut villages of Sattiamungalum being placed under his charge. Hassanoor and the villages east of it are not now attached to the sub-division.

(True Copies and Extract.)

H Stokes
Acting Secretary.

To the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Copy to the Collector of Coimbatore.

Exd. A. Grubert.

Ans: 18/5: Dept
No 3437.

1875.

Board of Revenue,

MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 17TH AUGUST 1875, No. 2,312.

Dep: 26 Augt/75

There is no doubt that Encl. Mr Wedderburn is right in preferring Hassanoor to Talavady. AW

Received 3d Septr

No 1396 - 22d September 1875

AUGUST.

No. 2,312.

Sattiamungalum Taluq—in Coimbatore District.—Suggestion of Collector that headquarters of — should be removed from Talavady to Hassanoor, if the sub-division of the taluq is to be retained at all, submitted to Government with remarks in favor of the suggestion.

AW

G O 17 Dec 1860 No 281-2
4 — 72 No 29 Mis

Appointment of Revenue Board's Establishment are submitted for Sanction

Lte

No 1396

14 Fds Board of Rev. 2 Ord
5 Ord Judicial Dept
6 Ord Revenue and Rural
1 Ord Public Works Dept 2 Journal

22 Sept 75.

C14 August 75 No 21 Sept 75.