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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,  
15th March 1875.*

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4. The transfer had been recommended on the ground that Uppinangady was more central than Puttur, but the unhealthiness of the former, the difficulty of access to it during the rainy season, together with other drawbacks, were at the time not taken into consideration.

5. In his letter the Collector strongly recommended the retransfer of the head quarters to Puttur, and requested sanction for the erection of a new Cutcherry at that place, observing that the building constructed in 1862 at Uppinangady might, if abandoned, be utilized by the Public Works and Forest Depart-

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6. It was also observed that, should the immediate erection of a new building at Puttur be found inexpedient, an old Military Hospital and Barrack at that place would be available as a temporary measure, and might be adapted for use as a Cutcherry at small cost.

7. The Board requested the present Acting Collector to give his opinion on the subject, and report in detail on the accommodation available at Puttur.

8. The letter of 8th January is his reply. Mr. Webster expresses a doubt as to whether the buildings referred to by Mr. Thomas would afford sufficient accommodation. He, however, strongly recommends the retransfer of the taluq head quarters to Puttur as soon as a convenient Cutcherry can be erected. He says that, of the two buildings, only the Barrack is available, as the Hospital (which is the larger building) is required as a Range Office.

9. The Board observe that a new Taluq Cutcherry would be costly, but consider that the proposed retransfer of the taluq head quarters to Puttur should be sanctioned if accommodation can be provided in the existing buildings. The Range Officer only requires two rooms, and if it be necessary that he should remain at Puttur, and not, as apparently contemplated by Mr. Thomas, transferred to the present buildings at Uppinangady, a small portion of the Hospital might be sufficient for his accommodation, the remainder being used by the Tahsildar and his gumastahs, and the Barrack converted into a Sub-Jail.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed)

H. E. STOKES,

Acting Secretary,

No. 180.

ORDER THEREON, 15th March 1875, No. 419.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government recognize the advisability of the proposed retransfer of the head quarters of the Uppinangady

Taluq from Uppinangady to Puttur, but regret that they cannot sanction it at present, as they do not see an early prospect of funds being available for the construction of the necessary buildings at Puttur.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

D. F. CARMICHAEL,

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. J. W. Fischer.

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No. 3,051.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 20th October 1874.

Read the following letter from H. S. THOMAS, Esq., Collector of South Canara, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Mangalore, 26th August 1874, No. 1,656 :—

I HAVE the honor to bring to the notice of the Board, the extremely unfavorable situation of the present Uppinangady Taluq Head-quarters, and the hardships thereby entailed on the establishment of that taluq.

2. The Taluq Cutcherry was at Puttur up to 1860 when the old Cutcherry building being much decayed, the construction of a new one was sanctioned by Government. The area of the taluqs having been re-distributed about this time, Mr. Fisher, the then Collector, proposed that the Head-quarters of this taluq should be transferred to Uppinangady because "the position is central, on an important line of road, and at a point which will hereafter become the navigable head of the Netravathy, whilst it commands the point at which the Comardary flows into that river." This proposal was eventually sanctioned by Government, and the new Cutcherry accordingly built in 1862 at Uppinangady which has since been the Head-quarters of the taluq.

3. In thus removing the Cutcherry to Uppinangady on the score of centrality and facility of water communication, however, the unhealthiness of the locality, its disagreeable situation, difficulty of access during the rainy season, scarcity of wholesome water in the dry weather, want of proper accommodation, etc., appear to have all been lost sight of.

4. The transfer has consequently been followed by results much to be deprecated. The establishment has been constantly suffering from fever, and the mortality and sickness among the employés at Uppinangady has, as shown by the enclosed Statement, amounted to twice as much as that in other Taluq Establishments in the district. The locality having got a name for unhealthiness and inconvenience as regards living, transfers to this taluq are dreaded as punishments, and even promotions are sometimes evaded or declined. There is a general shrinking from employment in this taluq, and the better part of successful candidates are unwilling to take up appointments there except on a promise of being drafted into the Huzur Establishment on the first vacancy. Owing to the difficulty of securing the services of qualified men, even unpassed candidates have to be temporarily appointed to prevent in some measure the inconvenience to public business arising from the frequent absence of clerks on sick leave. Moreover, repeated changes of hands thus taking place, prove very prejudicial to the satisfactory conduct of business. The permanent incumbents too have comparatively little regard for their position because of the loss of health and money entailed by it, and are seeking transfers even at a sacrifice of pay.

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THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Detail March 15th.

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MARCH

No. 175-180.

Head Quarters of Uppinangady Taluq in South Canara. — Recognizing the advisability of the proposed transfer of the — to Puttur, but observing that it cannot be sanctioned at present from want of funds for constructing the necessary buildings.



5. I have for some time been deeply impressed with this unfortunate position of the establishment of this taluq, but hesitated to propose a re-transfer to Puttur in view of the large expenditure that it would involve in building a new Cutcherry and Subsidiary Jail at that place, after what has already been done in this respect at Uppinangady. As the measure has, however, now been urged on me also by the public, who are compelled by business to resort to the Taluq Cutcherry, and are thus equally affected by its present unfavorable position, I no longer feel hesitation in recommending the proposal for the Board's support.

6. Puttur, where the Cutcherry was formerly located, is the healthiest and in every respect the best place in the unhealthy taluq of Uppinangady. It is situated on the most important line of road in the district, has a good bazaar, and possesses abundant accommodation. Moreover, the only Munsifs Court in the taluq is at Puttur, and the location of the Taluq Cutcherry too at the same place, would prove very convenient to the public.

7. It may perhaps be objected that Puttur is not central, but this is all that can be said against it, and I may state here that not one of the other Taluq Head-quarters in the district is situated centrally, and I find that when Mr. Fraser, the then Collector, proposed in 1860 a removal of the Mangalore Taluq Cutcherry to Buntwal on the ground of the latter being more central, the Board and Government rejected the proposal, because Mangalore, was in all respects the best place for the Head-quarters of the Mangalore Taluq.

8. Under the above circumstances, therefore, I trust that the Government may be induced to sanction the removal of the Head-quarters of the Uppinangady Taluq to Puttur, and the construction of a Cutcherry there.

9. The present building at Uppinangady was erected on the old plan, and is not so well adapted for a Taluq Cutcherry as it might be. If abandoned, the Department Public Works and Forest Departments might be able to utilize it in some way or other, while the Subsidiary Jail would be gladly taken up by the Local Fund Board for being converted in part into a Public Bungalow and in part into a Chuttrum, the want of both which is much felt by travellers at Uppinangady.

10. Should the Government, however, not feel disposed to sanction at once the construction of a Cutcherry and Sub-Jail at Puttur, I would recommend that the removal of the Cutcherry may not be delayed on this account, as there is at present an old Military Hospital and Barrack now occupied by the Public Works and Police Departments, (a new Police Station is being built at Puttur,) which can be temporarily adapted for the purpose at a small outlay, and the construction of the new Cutcherry deferred to a more convenient time.

11. If the Government, however, are not prepared to sanction the removal at all, notwithstanding the necessity I have represented above, I would still venture to suggest, as the only other alternative, of doing something at least to improve the position of the servants employed in this taluq, that an extra allowance of say 25 per cent. on their pay be sanctioned to them as a compensation for the unusual difficulties and hardships to which they are subjected in this taluq.

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I understand that a similar consideration has been shown to the establishment employed in the Wynaad Taluq of the Malabar District, and now that the revision

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| Total pay of Sheristadar and Clerks as proposed in my letter No. 1,553, dated 12th August 1874... | Rs. 268 | of the Taluq Establishments is under consideration, there is a fitting opportunity for providing such an extra allowance, the total amount of which |
| 25 per cent. extra allowance ...                                                                  | 67      | will not exceed Rupees 67 per mensem as shown in the margin.                                                                                        |

12. I may add that in classifying the several taluqs of this district in 1865, it was on a consideration of its unhealthiness too that the Uppinangady Taluq was raised from the 5th to the 4th Class. But this seems to have benefited the Tahsildar only, and not his low paid subordinates.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Statement.

THE Board resolve to request Mr. Webster to give them his opinion on this subject and to report in detail what accommodation is available at Puttur.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,  
Secretary.

To the Collector of South Canara.

Ed. G. A. Terton.

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Board of Revenue,  
MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 20TH OCTOBER 1874, No. 3,051.

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OCTOBER.  
No. 3,051.

Taluq Cutcherry—at Uppinangady, in South Canara District.—Letter from Collector bringing to notice the extremely unfavorable situation of — and the hardships thereby entailed on the establishment of that taluq, and recommending that the Taluq Head-quarters may be transferred to Puttur or an extra allowance of 25 per cent. on pay be sanctioned as a compensation for the unusual difficulties and hardships to which the establishment is subjected, referred to Mr. Webster, Acting Collector, for his opinion.—Report requested as to accommodation available at Puttur.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

*H. E. M.*

Acting Secretary.

To the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,

with copy of Board's Proceedings, dated

20th October 1874, No. 301.

Copy to the Acting Collector of South Canara.

Ed. J. W. Fischer.

Taluq Cutcherry at Uppinangady in South Canara District. Papers on the subject of the proposed retransfer of — to Puttur submitted for the orders of Government with remarks and with recommendation in favor of the re-transfer.

FEBRUARY. No. 366.

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BOARD OF REVENUE,

February 1875. No. 366.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 646

From 13<sup>th</sup> of Rev

Dated

16<sup>th</sup> February 1875.

FOR ORDERS.

I am sorry that the Govt. has not  
seen an early prospect of having  
found for the proposed buildings  
the re-transfer was  
right - but we cannot afford  
to 24/2

*H. E. M.*

FOR ORDERS.

Re-transfer of Taluq  
Cuddalore to Appinangady  
from Puttur

Revenue Department.

No. 419

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Under date the 15<sup>th</sup> March 1875.

Read the following Pro. of the B<sup>d</sup>  
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Submitting for orders, with  
remarks and with recommendation  
in favor of the re-transfer, papers on  
the subject of the proposed re-trans-  
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H. E. 16<sup>th</sup> February 1875 No 366.

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Re transfer of Head  
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