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Revenue DEPARTMENT

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Dated	30th October	1876 196
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Harur is the centre of the taluq. It is more populated and has more commerce, &c., than Uttengiri. Since 1866 Harur has been the head-quarters of the taluq, but the officials never complained that the place was unhealthy.

(True Extract.)

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4. Under these circumstances, the Board support the Collector's recommendations, and request sanction for the preparation of the requisite plans and estimates and for the compensation proposed.

(True Copies and Extract.)

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

No. 270. ORDER THEREON, 30th 1876, No. 1,526.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government understand the proposal to be to effect a transfer between the head-quarters of the Tahsildar and

Deputy Tahsildar on the ground that Harur, the healthier station of the two; the Board's statement in paragraph 2 of their proceedings, 25th September 1876 (as regards the removal of the Deputy Tahsildar's head-quarters), evidently containing an error, Harur being named for Uttengirai. Before deciding on the question raised, the Government desire to have the opinion of the Sanitary Commissioner regarding the relative sanitary conditions of the two stations. As the objections to having the Tahsildar at Uttengirai will apply also to the Deputy Tahsildar being posted there, although perhaps with somewhat less force, the Collector should be instructed to select, if possible in communication with the Sanitary Commissioner, another place free from the objections urged against Uttengirai and sufficiently convenient for administrative purposes, in view to its being made the head-quarters of the Deputy Tahsildar.

2. The cost of securing proper accommodation for the Tahsildar and his establishment at Harur seems to be under-estimated. The Gumastahs will require compensation equally with the peons. The collector will, in communication with the Public Works Department, determine the total expenditure involved in his proposal, and report it to Government. Meanwhile, the Government sanction the continuance of the existing arrangements.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Sanitary Commissioner.
„ the Public Works Department.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

No. 1,700.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 3rd July 1876.

Read the following letter from C. T. LONGLEY, Esq., Collector of Salem, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Senkiridroog, 8th June 1876, No. 129:—

With reference to paragraph 3 of my letter, No. 26, of the 25th January 1875, I have the honor to state that I have since made a tour through the Uttengerri Taluq and find that Harur is not only healthier than Uttengerri, but for several other reasons is the best suited locality in the whole taluq for the head-quarters of the Tahsildar.

2. On a reference to the Ordnance Map, the Board will see that Harur is situated just in the centre of the taluq, while Uttengerri is at the northern end of it, being only eight miles within its northern limits. Harur is situated on the bank of a perennial stream called Vanyar, while Uttengerri is situated in a locality where scarcity of water is felt in the best months of the year. Harur is a thriving place of merchandise and is situated on the high road from Salem to Madras, known as the Manjawady road, and is within eight miles of the Railway Station at Morapur. As regards office accommodation, the Cutcherry at Uttengerri has been pronounced as unfit for all the purposes of a Taluq Cutcherry and the construction of a new Cutcherry has already been sanctioned. No estimates and plans have, however, been prepared, pending the disposal of the question as to the removal of the Cutcherry from Uttengerri. At Harur there is a fine building which was built for the Tahsildar's Cutcherry when the head-quarters were there and is now used by the Deputy Tahsildar. It is spacious, substantially built, conveniently situated, and, with some alterations, can be made very suitable for a Tahsildar's Cutcherry. The enclosed sketch shows the existing building and the alterations which I propose to make. The cost of the alterations is roughly calculated at Rupees 750. It will only be necessary to build a small sub-jail, as the present jail, which occupies a portion of the main building, will be appropriated for other purposes. The cost of the jail will be about Rs. 2,000, as all the out-offices required for a sub-jail, viz., latrines, cook-house, and hospital are already in existence. There are two large and spacious pials at the entrance of the Cutcherry, which afford ample accommodation for ryots and others resorting to the Cutcherry. The cost of the alterations and the sub-jail will amount in round numbers to 3,000 Rupees, and to this must be added Rupees 500 for compensation to the peons, most of whom have their own houses at Uttengerri, and who will have to remove the same to Harur.

3. I am decidedly of opinion that Harur ought to be made the head-quarters of the taluq and Uttengerri the head-quarters of the Deputy Tahsildar, and I request that the Board will be pleased to obtain sanction for the proposed transfer so that the necessary arrangements may be made before another fever season sets in.

4. The whole cost of the proposed scheme will not exceed Rupees 3,500 or the most 4,000, and there will thus be a saving of Rupees 15,000 to 16,000, as there will be no necessity to build a new Cutcherry at Uttengerri. The present building will suffice for all the purposes of a Deputy Tahsildar and Sub-Magistrate's Office.

REVENUE.

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Salem, &c., &c.

Date: October, 30th.

No. October 1876, No. 1,326.

OCTOBER.
Nos. 269-270.

Head-quarters of the Uttengerri Taluq at Salem
Sanctioning continuance of the existing
arrangements relative to the proposed transfer of
the Cutcherry from Uttengerri to Harur; and calling on
the Tahsildar, Commissioners and the Collector of
Salem to cause the same to be carried out in accordance
with the subject.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Plan of Harur Taluq Cutcherry.

THE Collector should have stated the grounds on which the head-quarters of the taluq were removed from Harur to Uttengerri. A search amongst the Board's records has elicited the fact that the change was made about thirty-five years ago on the ground that Harur was an unhealthy place—*vide* Mr. Brett's letter, dated 3rd July 1860, No. 187. The Collector will institute further inquiry with the view of ascertaining what evidence is forthcoming regarding the insalubrity of Harur, whether the causes thereof have disappeared, and what grounds there are for supposing that it compares favorably with Uttengerri in this respect at the present time.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Acting Secretary.

To the Collector of Salem.

Exd. W. J. Lewis.

Uttengerri Taluq — in Salem District.—
Requesting further report with reference to
Collector's recommendation that Harur be made
head-quarters of — and Uttengerri head-
quarters of Deputy Tahsildar.

JULY.
No. 1,700.

Received

On 12/7/76

PROCEEDINGS, 25th July 1876, No. 1,700.

1876.
Board of Revenue,
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No. 2,424.

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H. E. Stokes

Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with copies of Board's Proceedings dated 3rd July 1876,
No. 1,700, and 15th February 1875, Mis. No. 1,170.

Copy to the Collector of Salem.

Exd. W. J. Lewis.

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^{6/5/76} Revenue Department.
Miscellaneous No. 1170.
Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
dated 6. 15th February 1875.

Read the following
No. 26
From
The Collector of
Salem.
To
The Secretary to the
Board of Revenue. Madras.

Sir,
I have the honor to
report for the Board's information
that owing to the protracted
prevalence of severe fever
at Uttergarai, I have been
obliged to remove, as a temporary
measure, the Tahildar's
office and Treasury to Haroor.
2. Uttergarai has been con-
-healthy for the last twelve
months, and the whole Establish-
-ment including the Tahildar
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Revenue Dept. Madras

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Board of Revenue,

MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 25TH SEPTEMBER 1876, No. 2,424

25/9/76

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SEPTEMBER.

No. 2,424.

Head-quarters of Uttergarai Taluk in Salem Dis-
-trict. — Submitting to Government Collector's re-
-commendation for transfer of — from Uttergarai
to Haroor, and requesting sanction for preparation
of requisite plans and estimates and for compen-
-sation proposed.

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 the Head Assistant Collector
 showing the officials suffering
 from fever on the 15th instant
 is enclosed. The Head Asst.
 - ant Collector Dwyer is at
 Uttergarai, and the Zilla
 Surgeon has been requested
 to send supplies of Quinine
 and bark.

3. I think that it would
 be necessary to remove per-
 - manently the Head Quar-
 - ters of the Taluk to some
 other locality, and on this
 subject, I shall address
 the Board in a few days.

Salem Collrs Office }
 Salem 25 Jan 1898 }
 J. J. Longley
 Collector

Enclosure. ^{2/5/98}

1. Ananda Row. Head Quinastab
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 = for certificate.
2. Ruppia Row. 2nd Quinastab
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 acting for him.
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 acting for Kande' Row
 who is acting for Ben-
 = uen Sheriff in Silba
 Row who is now absent
 on sick leave.
4. Venoba Row. 4th Quinastab
 = sent on sick leave,
 and a Torakimayam
 acting for him.
5. Padmanabha. = sent on sick
 leave. Bheemasav, act-
 = ing for him, gets fever
 once in every 4 days.

6. Subba Row. 6th Gumnastab. Sick.
Come for certificate.

7. Chennakeshwar Row. 8th Gumnastab.
Sick. Come for certificate.

8. ~~Shetty~~ Dorasapole Chetty. Gets fever
once in every 4 days.

9. 1st Clap Revenue } Sick, come
Inspector Sheik } for certificate.
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6th Gumnastab Venkoba
Row has just returned from
sick leave.

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who was acting for him fell
sick and went away to Tripatore.

sigd/ A. Venkata Subba Row.
Tahildar.

True Copy

sigd/ H. Le Fanu
By Asst Collector.
True Copy

sigd/ W. Johnston.

Deputy Collector for
Collector.

8/15/26
Approved.

True Copy and Extract
sigd/ T. C. Stokes

Secretary.

To
The Collector of
Salem.

True Copy

W. W. W.

Secretary.

sd/ W. W. W.

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Order No 1526 — 30 October 1876 — Revenue Dept

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