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No. 591. Read the following endorsement of the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 10th March 1877:—

Read the following letter from W. S. FOSTER Esq., Collector of the Godavery District, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Bhadrachalam, 19th February 1877, No. 7.

With reference to G.O., dated 16th October 1876, No. 2,135, I have the honor to state that there is no objection to transfer the three taluqs of Nugur, Albaka, and Cherla to the Godavery District. I do not think that any great benefit will be derived by the transfer. Perhaps a portion of the establishment of the Deputy Commissioner and of his salary could be reduced, though they cannot be entirely done away with, as the Deputy Commissioner has the supervision of the Buster dependency. I do not think it advisable to make the Assistant Agent, that may be employed in charge of the Bhadrachalam, Rakapilli, and the above three taluqs, look after the Buster territory, as I believe he is bound to visit Jogdulpur, the head-quarters of the rajah, once a year. I understand it is about 250 miles distant from the said taluqs, and it will take at least two months by the time the Assistant Agent returns. Owing to the unhealthiness of the taluqs, he will have to be absent from them for probably three months and reside either at Cocanada or Rajahmundry as in the case of the officials employed on the Jeypur Hills. I do not think it would do for the Assistant to be absent from the taluqs for nearly half the year. But if Government particularly wish to have this dependency in this Presidency, I have no doubt whatever that with some inconvenience it could be done. It would be inconvenient, though it would be possible, to carry on the work without an Assistant in charge of these and the Bhadrachalam Taluq.

2. Captain Porteous is mistaken about the difference of pay which his proposals involve, because he has omitted to include the pay of the Police Inspector in his calculations of the proposed strength. There has been a Police Inspector in charge of the Bhadrachalam Taluq ever since Captain Porteous took charge of the Police, and I believe there will be one for the future also. Then again there will have some other expenses to be incurred by the Revenue Department in consequence of the Police having been taken away from the Collector's control. There are certain duties which the Police have been doing, but which they will cease to do hereafter, such as serving Revenue summonses and notices, carrying fids, salaries, &c., to villages.

3. If we take up the taluqs in question, I should prefer that all the arrangements at present in force should continue until we settle finally what we shall do with each department, for experience has shown that a change in this respect has caused a great deal of inconvenience and trouble in the two taluqs already taken. Under G.O., dated 1st September 1875, No. 1,910, the Police of these taluqs was taken charge by Captain Porteous. They now refuse to do certain things which they used to do while in the Central Provinces. For instance, the Police at Kunavaram used to take charge till very recently of the money sent to them by the Jungle Daroga at Waddigudem and to keep a joint key of the treasury box, signing also a book kept for the purpose. They lately refused to do so, and said they would take charge of the seal alone. This sudden change caused a considerable amount of trouble. The Jungle Daroga was put to the trouble of going forwards and backwards. I am, however, glad to state that the Police Inspector went to the place and arranged that matters should continue as before. The Deputy Inspector of Schools is looking after the schools, and there is an Inspecting Schoolmaster in charge of them. The salaries of the schoolmasters have not been paid since November last, and the master at Bhadrachalam tells me that he has sent in his bills to the Inspecting Schoolmaster, and that no orders received for the disbursement of the salaries. No one knows where the Inspecting Schoolmaster is; some say that he has gone on leave. I have addressed the Deputy Inspector on the subject, and, pending his reply, I have directed the Tahsildar to pay November's salaries at once.

4. The subject of the removal of the present village of Dommagudem to another site on high open ground owing to the dangerous position of the present site, attracted my attention when I first visited the place. I had pointed out a piece of Government waste land in the village of Gangolu near the tail lock. It was measured and mounted to 66 acres. Sanction of the Board

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of Revenue was obtained for adding the same to the village site. Mr. Vanstavern has kindly marked out the sites and sent in a plan. Piques have been allotted for Police Station-house and other public offices. Mr. Hope received several applications and issued pattas. Some houses are being built now. There is nothing that prevents the Police from removing themselves at once to the new village. There is no need for the Police to remain to be drowned against their will. But it is out of my power to make the people move out of their houses contrary to their wish. I can only offer them every facility for moving to a better place: that I have done. The new village is only a mile distant from the present village. It is not absolutely necessary that the police should wait till the new village is completed, for there is very little work for them in the present village.

5. In one paragraph of his report Captain Porteous says, "the order to remove the village to the new site was given by the Commissioner, Central Provinces, and was about to be carried into effect when the taluqs were handed over to the Madras Government. Since then the matter has been allowed to drop and *quies non movet* seems to be the order of the day now." I have no idea that the Chief Commissioner intended to turn the people out of their houses; it would be illegal and unjust to do so. I am astonished to hear it said that the matter has been allowed to drop: it has not. From G.O., dated 17th March 1876, No. 692, it will be quite clear that the question has not been allowed to drop. I shall be very glad indeed to see the Police removed to another place. The place they occupy now was built for a Public Works Department Office: part of it is also occupied by the Post Office; I believe it was supposed that this occupation by the Police and Post Office was to be only temporary.

6. Captain Porteous is quite mistaken in thinking that "the people are ready to go and to rebuild their houses themselves." They are quite unwilling to go; they have been lately under the impression that they were not allowed to patch or repair their houses in any way; the impression was a mistaken one, but they were under it, and yet, rather than leave their houses, they have been living in houses with only an apology for a roof. Mr. Hope fixed one anna a year quit-rent for each site in the new village. I should be quite willing to remit even this small charge to people who would give up their sites in the present village.

TRANSFERRED to the Revenue Department.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Chief Secretary.

No. 592.

ORDER THEREON, 19th March 1877, No. 1,136.

Miscellaneous.

The Government observe that in communicating to the Collector the very full and carefully drawn up report of Major Porteous, they had no intention of proposing that the three small taluqs of Cherla, Albaka, and Nugur, lying along the left on British side of the river, to the north of the Rakapilli and Bhadrachalam Taluqs, should, like the tracts last named, be transferred to the Madras District 'Godavari' from the Central Provinces.

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3. In regard to the liability to inundation which the village of Dumagudiem is exposed, it is satisfactory to note that the matter had already attracted the Collector's attention; and that a large space: a fresh site has been rendered available.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Offg. Chief Secretary.

To the Collector of Godavari.
„ the Judicial Department.
„ the Board of Revenue.

Esq. A. Grubert.

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Godavery District
Collector's office
Camp Bhadrachalam
19th February 1877
Sept 24th 1877

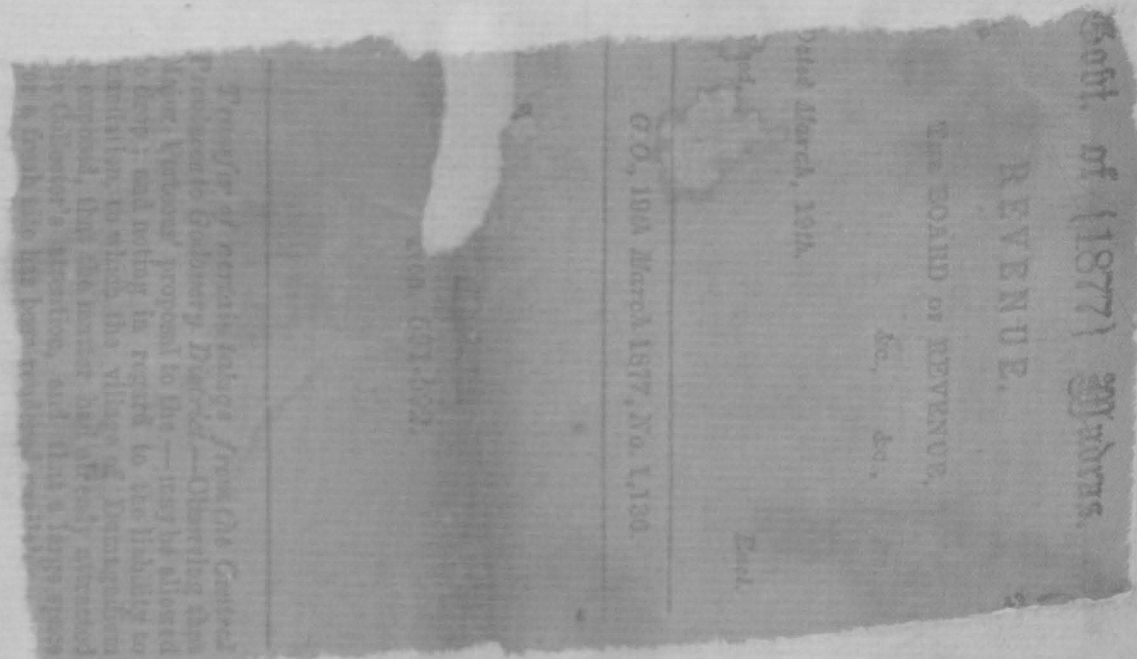
From

W. S. Foster Esq^r
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Your most obedient Servant

W. S. Foster
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See map attached to accompanying Pamphlet

Prop. Cont. 20 Oct 77 No 1138.

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17. The Govt of Madras, 20/10/77
18. Judicial Report
19. H. H. of Mysore

Revised Sept No 1138 of 19-3-77

From Col. Godavari district 19th July '77. No 7.

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