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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
30th January 1877.*

No. 915. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 9th January 1877, No. 83:—

Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel R. H. BEDDOME, Conservator of Forests, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Bangalore, 7th December 1876, No. 1,400.

I HAVE the honor to inform you that it is very necessary that the head-quarters of the Forest Officer of South Arcot should be removed from Cuddalore to Villapuram or Tindivanam. I do not think it matters much which of these two places is selected, and a bungalow appears to be available at either; but Cuddalore is too distant from all the forest operations.

* Dated 29th October 1876.

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I forward a letter* from Mr. Wooldridge, the Deputy Conservator, on the subject, together with a docket (a) from the Collector, and I would suggest that the Collector and Mr. Wooldridge should be allowed to settle the question, and that the former should be authorized to secure the bungalow at the place fixed upon.

No. 1,403.

FORWARDED through the Board of Revenue for their remarks.

(Signed) R. H. BEDDOME, Lieut.-Colonel,
Conservator of Forests.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Letter from Mr. Wooldridge.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

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

No. 916. ORDER THEREON, 30th January 1877, No. 420.

Forest No. 12.

RECORDED.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Conservator of Forests.

Exd. A Grubert.

Camp Trinidaddur
29 October Sunday

My dear Colonel Reddick.

I have just left
Villapuran and I enclose a
(rough from memory) sketch map
of its position for your information
with regard to a proposal I am
about to make. I presume
first that it is on record, written
I think by Collett or a recruit
on an Annual Report Sheet.
It up and say exactly, that
the Head Quarters of the Forest
officers would be best situated
either at Trinidaddur or Villapuran
as operations advanced,
but that for the time as there
were large plantations on
the coast and because the
Head Quarters of the District

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THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

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1st January, 1904.

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G.O., 30th January 1877, No. 420.

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Head-quarters of Assistant Conservator of
Forest, South Arcot District. — Recording
proceedings, Board of Revenue, relating to the
revision of a suitable place for the —.

were there, it would be best
for the Forest officer to be
at some place as the collector
of the District. I imagine
now is the time accented to go
Villapuzha to the Forest
Head Quarters because the
Railway will shortly be open
to Cuddalore and beyond
perhaps which will enable the
officer to run into Head Quarters
of the District when necessary
while it will bring all the
and Ports & two the two extreme
points north and South (which
were the only two points of opera-
tion which were brought nearer
to Forest Head Quarters by the
officer being in the District
(Head Quarters) much nearer

than they were previously ^{3/4} by
road and there can be no doubt
that Villapuzha as regards
the rest of the operations which
are now considerably extended
therefore it for never
than ever Cuddalore will be
even with the help of the train.
at present from Cuddalore
I find it impossible to do the
both things - travelling inspect-
- ions and office routine,
satisfactorily. If I take
my office out, their time
is taken up by travelling
or I am obliged to leave it
at some outstation while
I make inspection in a
circle of 20 miles or so, and
and the clerks are put to

above 20 miles. The sketch

which will bring the Col^d ~~down~~
forests closer to Villapuran
than the Tavadis at present
are to Tirindli (which will be
I hope the chief market
for those ports) - and altogether
Villapuran is more central
than Tirindli. The office
would be close to Gingee Re-
-serve and ~~collector~~
Plantations, within 2 days
more of Tirunelveli and
Tiruvore forests, 3 of Cheyvan
and Kallakurachi forests
and within one day of Ner-
-camm, Cardamom, Porto Novo,
and Vaddachellam by the
help of the Railway - so far
as I myself am concerned
I have always better health

when in the District away
from the Sea air or at all
events away from Gubblore,
and it would be much more
convenient to me to live at
Villapuran or Thindivanam
and run in by rail with a
Carpet bag to District Head
Quarters for a week, than
be obliged as now to carry
all my Camp Kit in there and
have to march it out 2 days
in advance of me whenever
I want to make a quiet journey
out to my work - as a place to
live in I should prefer Thindi-
vanam than Villapuran, but
either rather than Gubblore
so far as my work is concerned.

Near Gubblore on the Coast
are four jungle Conservancy plant-
ations and surely these do not
require the Forest officers pre-
sence at District Head Quarters
the scheme of planting up
along the coast-line has been
modified greatly and really
there is not much work to be
done there now the people have
been trained. The obstacles
to Villapuran or Thindivanam
is, first the want of a dwelling
- an office - for I do not pro-
pose that the office should
continue in Gubblore, if
I lived elsewhere, and secondly
the fact that all my corre-
-spondence except with my

own subordinates or divisional
officers goes through the Collection
office and the share of postage
incurred by change of quarters
would almost if not quite
counter balance the saving
in clerks' bills.

As regards a dwelling-
there is a Government bungalow
in Trichivannam formerly occu-
-pied by the Assistant Super-
-intendent of Police before
his Head Quarters were changed
to Trialore; this bungalow
is rented by the Railway
Company at present, and
on its being vacated by them
can be rented of Government
for a Forest office or if you
approve by the Forest officer
(must

myself) and a temporary

building put up at Govern-
-ment Cost (fence-charged & ad-
-joining it or near it for the office.
the building now standing is
"peetha" contains three rooms,
and a verandah (6 feet) front
and back; rent I believe
15 Rupees a month, or 25 may
be at outside but if you will
let me hear your opinion I
will make particular en-
-quiry. Another idea which
occurs to me is to put up a
building in the Trichivannam
"Depot" land for the office-
and if Government will
sanction a grant to build
me a house near it (of course
a Government type just suited)

and charge me rent on per-
centage of outlay or value
I shall be glad only this
last would take time say 2
years before completion. In
Villupuram there is the tra-
-vellers bungalow - few travellers
use it now a days, and with the
Railway open to Cuddalore
and no one at all will
require it. I imagine except
district officers or the various
departmental heads on inspection
the monthly income derived
from fees may be put at
10 Rupees a month. I imagine
15 Rupees a month would be
accepted by the Local Fund
Board, here also a building (tem-
-porary or otherwise or decided later)

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would be needed for the office,
as this Bungalow has but one
large and 2 small rooms and
front and back verandah
as in the case of the Police
Bungalow at Tride - the com-
-pound is large - there is a pri-
-vate house (ground floor and
one story) opposite it for which
the owner wants rent 25 Rs
a month has some grounds
(about 2 Canaries) attached
but will not be vacant for a
year. Unless Government will
buy it for the Forest Officer.
There is ample room for the
office to be held, and for a
single man's quarters also, in
it - It is possible the Local

13/20
I find President may wish to
use the Travellers' Bungalow
(at Villapuran) for some other
Government purpose or office
(a Tahildar's office perhaps)
but if you think I may do
so I will apply without delay.
Goschin mentioned this Bungal-
ow to me as available when
I mooted the matter to him
in a recent letter - but I am
uncertain if he did not
mean for temporary occupa-
tion.

I would not propose
to move office for good till
1st April 1877; but meantime,
if you think the matter
of change of it worthy of con-
sideration and will let me
hear

hear your views as to choice
of place, and buildings either
rental or purchased or built
I could open negotiations with
the parties or Local Friends
President or other concerned.

Nothing else occurs
to me to say on this subject
just now except that Go-
vernment having seen the
necessity of building a
Ranger's office at Trinmalai
and huts and houses for For-
esters and subordinates, and
Bungalows for Forest officers
where no such thing is to be
had otherwise would I hope
on your recommendation be
fit to build, or purchase one
for the South East Division.

if one is not otherwise obtain-
-able - at either one or other of
the above ~~named~~ towns, viz.
Tindivanam or Villapouram if
you approve of the change of the
Forest Officer's Head Quarters
from Guddalore, that is

Yours sincerely
W. S. Woodbridge
Incomplete review of distances.

Villapouram to Tindivanam 22 miles by road
and rail all the way
" to Gingee town 22 miles (Gingee
River 19) —
" to Tiruchellur 12 miles (Plantations
11 miles) —
" to Gungavaram } 16.
" River — }
" to Vatabatur 22
" to Tiruchalair 36 Chengizur is
20 miles further.
" to Tiruchalor 26.
" to Walundurpet 26.
" to Tiruchellur 40 by road - but rail to
Pinnathi would shorten
by 14 miles —

Villapouram to Pinnathi 16 by road, rail shortens it.

" to Tirupur 41 by road rail shortens it
by 10

" to Porto 47 or thereabout by railway.

" to Maraimalai 22 by road, 22 by rail.

" to Cuddalore 20 by rail but road goes

goes direct at

present. If river

is in fresh forney

from Cuddalore

is lengthened or

delayed till fresh

is gone; and now

when rail is open

it would be worth-

while to put horses,

carriage and tent

in for 30 miles —

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Forwarded to the Collector
for his opinion. The Collector
thinks that Tindivanam
should be the future Head
Quarters and that Government
should secure the Bungalow.

those for the Forest Depot
either on rent or on freight pur-
chase the Deputy Commissioner
paying a monthly rent and
an Office being built.

Order in Council 2/11/76. H. Baldoune
6 November. Commissioner of Forests.

N. 54

I think Villapouram is the
more central place for the Forest
officers' Head Quarters, but do
not object to Trindivanam which
is higher and I think healthier.
If the former place is selected
I think the Local Field Board
would have no objection to
re-transfer the Travellers Bungalows
to Government on being
reimbursed for their existing ex-
penses. If Trindivanam is chosen,
the Bungalows now rented by
the

the Railway Company might
be made over to the Government
and an office built on the
depot ground. The only objection
to this latter site for the office
however is that it is within half
a mile of the Railway Station;
and Government have ordered
that no buildings are to be erected
within that distance of any such
station ground. I do not think
that either the Travellers Bungalows
at Villapouram or Trindi-
vanam will be requisited by
travellers after the Railway is
once open to Pudukottai, though
they will no doubt be useful
to the District Officer.

10/11/76.

Sgt J. H. Ganesan
Collector
/True Copy/

10/11/76

at Pudukottai

No. 83.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 9th January 1877.

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Acting Secretary.

To the Conservator of Forests, with original enclosures returned.
" Collector of South Arcot.

Copy to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with copy of enclosures.

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

Copy of the letter from H. H. Wooldridge Esq. to H. H. Beddome Esq. dated 29th October 1876.
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PROCEEDINGS, 9TH JANUARY 1877, No. 83.

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JANUARY.
No. 83.

Headquarters of Assistant Conservator of Forests of South Arcot District.—Stating that the Commission of most suitable place for — will be left to Collector in communication with Conservator of Forests, on the understanding that additional expense to Government is involved in removal from Cuddalore.

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Secret

20 January 1877

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