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To

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Fort St. George, dated 27th September 1878.

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No. 1,889.

Collectorate of the Town of Cuddapah. — Submitting to Government letter from Collector regarding the —, and recommending that before a new cutcherry is commenced at Cuddapah the question of the location of the head-quarters of the district may be reconsidered.

MEMO. FOR ORDERS.

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With reference to G.O., 28th March 1878, No. 496, Revenue Department, requesting Public Works Department to call on the District Engineer of Cuddapah to prepare and submit an estimate for a new Collector's Cutcherry at Cuddapah simultaneously with a separate repair estimate, the Board submit a letter from the Collector of the District regarding the unhealthiness of the town, and express a hope that before a new Cutcherry is commenced at Cuddapah, the question of the location of the head-quarters of the District may be reconsidered.

G.O., 10th October 1876, No. 2,094, J.D.

2. Although the question has been fully discussed and definitively settled once, the Board wish to reopen it, and it is, therefore, thought desirable to place the matter again before Government with a brief summary of the previous correspondence on the subject.

Board's Proceedings, 16th July 1868, No. 5,216.

Board's Proceedings, 2nd October 1868, No. 6,973.

G.O., 29th November 1869, No. 1,883.

3. In 1868, Mr. Molony, the then Acting Collector of Cuddapah, pointed out the unhealthiness of its climate (to which he eventually fell a victim) in a letter to the Subsidiary Jail Committee. The Board inquired what place he would propose to remove to, but he replied that after full consideration he had failed to find a better place for the head-quarters than Cuddapah. In October 1869, Mr. VansAgnew, the then Collector, expressed a decided opinion that the maintenance of head-quarters at Cuddapah was eminently prejudicial to the good administration of the district. Government, however, were "not prepared to consider the question of removing the Huzur Station from Cuddapah." This was in a time of considerable financial pressure.

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alluded in the following terms to the difficulty of obtaining the services of efficient men in Cuddapah in consequence of its unhealthiness :—

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Board's Proceedings, 31st August 1871, No. 3,754, paragraphs 7, 8, and 9.

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G.O., 14th April 1873, No. 581, J.D.

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Board's Proceedings, 12th April 1873, No. 575, recorded in G.O., 29th April 1873, No. 429, R.D.

10. In reply to the call of 1871, the Board submitted Mr. Horsley's report of March 1873, in which he expressed an opinion that Royachoti stood first in his estimation as the best site in the district for a head-quarter station, and the Board recommended that a trial be given to it, or that a Commission be appointed to report on the site. The Government referred the papers to the Sanitary Commissioner with reference to the previous order, with a suggestion that he might ascertain the views of Mr. Wedderburn who had been long employed in the Cuddapah District.

G.O., 29th April 1873, No. 429, R.D.

G.O., 16th July 1873, No. 1,104, J.D.

11. The Sanitary Commissioner having visited the different places, condemned Royachoti, Nundalur, and Kamalapur, and after describing Cuddapah in terms which confirmed the Board's objections to it as a head-quarter station, nevertheless concluded that no more favorable site was to be found in the district. Mr. Wedderburn was of the same opinion, but mentioned that Canamlopully site near Wontimetta Ghaut was considered a sanitarium, and that a Railway Engineer had formerly built a hut there some 4 or 5 miles east of Cuddapah. Dr. Cornish* as well as Mr. Horsley considered† this to be unsuited for a head-quarter station.

* G.O., 16th July 1873, No. 1,104, J.D.
† G.O., 18th August 1873, No. 1,293, J.D.

12. Before finally disposing of the question, the Government referred for the opinion of the Honorable the Judges of the High Court and of the Board of Revenue the general question of the necessity for removing the head-quarter

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station from Cuddapah. The Honorable Judges had no opinion to give in the matter, as they were personally unacquainted with the locality, but the Board considered that both Royachoti and Rajampet had been rejected by the Sanitary Commissioner on insufficient grounds, and accordingly adhered to their previous recommendation in favor of Royachoti, and suggested that the Collector should be allowed to carry into effect his proposal to try the place.

Board's Proceedings, 11th October 1873, No. 2,078.

13. The Board's Proceedings on the subject were "recorded," but on a reconsideration of the whole question, the Government determined, in December 1873, "to allow the existing arrangements to remain undisturbed for the present." Here attention is solicited to the Honorable Members' Minutes recorded with the above Government Order. One remark, however, will be quoted* here as representing the view then taken by Government in the matter :—

20th October 1873, No. 121.

G.O., 11th December 1873, No. 1,974, J.D.

"I am satisfied that this thing ought to be shelved entirely as neither desirable nor convenient from a public point of view, and likely to lead to great expenses, public and private. The prime mover is gone, and it will drop asleep if not pressed."

* Extracted from the Hon. Sir William Robinson's Minute, dated 5th November 1873.

14. Afterwards in 1875, the question was resuscitated, when attention was called to the ruinous condition of the public buildings. In passing the order of the 24th June 1875, the Government observed that Cuddapah was considered "extremely unhealthy," and that before incurring any expenditure on new buildings at the place, inquiry should be made regarding the site proposed at Kamalapur, and they accordingly directed the Consulting Engineer for Railways to carefully examine and report upon the suitability of the building sites at Kamalapur, and if he disapproved of them to report also on the sites at Rajampet. The Honorable Members' minutes put up with this Government Order are elaborate, and express their views fully, and a majority of them were decidedly in favor of the removal of the head-quarters from Cuddapah.

G.O., 13th March 1875, No. 718, P.W.D.
" 18th " " " 650, J.D.
" 24th June " " 1,404, J.D.

15. In reporting upon the condition of the public buildings in Cuddapah, Kurnool, and Bellary Districts in 1873, Mr. Thornhill (then Third Member of the Board of Revenue) observed that the Collector's Office in Cuddapah was "the worst in the country" so far as he had seen, the jail was "utterly insecure," the

G.O., 31st May 1873, No. 557.

subsidiary jail answered its purpose "fairly well," and the District Court-house was "the only good public building in the place."

G.O., 24th June 1875, No. 1,404, J.D.

16. On the same subject, writing in April 1875, the District Engineer observed that the Collector's Cutcherry was a "disgrace to the district," the Taluk Cutcherry was "in a bad state of repair," the District Court-house required partial removing and rebuilding, the Munsiff's Court was "a small and confined building," and the jail buildings "could not be put into thorough repair without rebuilding them."

17. In December 1875, after describing the dilapidated and dangerous condition of the public buildings in Cuddapah, Mr. Horsley proposed to build thatched sheds with mud or sun-burnt brick-walls. In forwarding this letter to Government, the Board remarked that no expenditure on public offices beyond what was absolutely necessary should be incurred until the principal question, viz.,—where the head-quarter station should be—had been finally decided by Government.

Board's Proceedings, 21st Jan. 1876, No. 172.

G.O., 1st February 1876, No. 264.

18. This paper was simply "recorded." Later in 1876, the Collector and the Board urged the necessity of passing an immediate and final decision one way or the other, because the uncertainty had the most disastrous effect on the place and because the public buildings were unsafe. The Board further pointed out that the result of the report of the Consulting Engineer for Railways on the suitability of Kamalapur and Rajampet for the head-quarter station had not been communicated to them; it is observed that the Consulting Engineer condemned* both these places as unsuitable, and recommended the retention of the head-quarters at Cuddapah whose sanitary condition he thought was susceptible of much improvement, should the public buildings be constructed at the old Cantonment. No separate orders were passed on this paper, but it was evidently considered when the general question was disposed of (G.O., 10th October 1876, No. 2,094, Judical Department).

* *Vide* his letter, dated 4th December 1875, No. 651, put up with G.O., 10th October 1876, No. 2,094, J.D.

19. In soliciting the early orders of Government upon the subject, Mr. Price, the Acting Collector, expressed his opinion on the matter in the following terms :—

"The diversity of opinion regarding a new site seems to me the strongest possible argument in favor of leaving the head-quarters at

Cuddapah. The enormous expense of the removal, the total disorganisation of the district for an indefinite number of years, and partial disorganisation for ever, are certain evils, and the good of the change is problematical. Unless some place, with marked and undoubted advantages, can be found, so great a disturbance as a change of head-quarters should not be permitted. The correspondence shows beyond a doubt that no such place can be found, and I would, therefore, urge upon Government to remove the doubts and uncertainty now prevailing by a final order to let Cuddapah continue the head-quarters of the district."

20. Upon this, the Government resolved to decide definitively that the idea of changing the head-quarters of the district from Cuddapah should be abandoned, and directed that estimates should be forthwith prepared and submitted for the necessary repairs to the public buildings with due regard to economy as well as efficiency.

G.O., 10th October 1876, No. 2,094, J.D.

G.O., 18th October 1876, No. 1,498, R.D.

21. The District Engineer, Cuddapah, was accordingly instructed in the Public Works Department to prepare estimates in the order of their urgency, and submit them to Government as soon as they were received locally.

G.O., 1st December 1876, No. 4, P.W.D.

22. At the same time, the idea* of ascertaining the full cost involved in the removal from Cuddapah of all departments (Revenue, Judicial, Police, Public Works, &c.,) including the residences for the several officers was given up †

* G.O., 24th June 1875, No. 1,404, J.D.

† G.O., 1st December 1876, No. 3,240, P.W.D.

23. In reviewing the Collector's report on the Public Works of Cuddapah District for 1876-77, the Board agreed with the Acting Collector, Mr. Price, in his condemnation of the public buildings of all kinds in Cuddapah, and characterised the climate as being "the worst in Southern India."

Board's Proceedings, 5th December 1877, No. 3,161.

24. Again in reporting on the theft of stamps from the Cuddapah Huzur Treasury, the Board drew attention to the state of the Collector's Office buildings and expressed a hope that no delay might be allowed to occur in supplying suitable offices as directed in G.O., of 10th October 1876, No. 2,094.

25. The District Engineer having subsequently represented that the G.O. of the 10th October did not call for new offices at Cuddapah, but for necessary repairs to the existing buildings, the Government called upon him to submit an estimate for a new Collector's Cutcherry simultaneously with a separate repair

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G.O., 28th March 1878, No. 496, R.D.

estimate, the latter providing for all necessary work to render the existing buildings safe and sound.

26. From the papers recorded in the Judicial orders, 24th June 1875, No. 1,404, and 10th October 1876, No. 2,094, it is clear that both Colonel Moberly and Mr. Horsley thought *new* buildings absolutely necessary.

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G.O., 15th July 1878, No. 1,065, R. D.

28. In the last-quoted Proceedings of the Board, explanation was called for from the Collector as to the cause of the delay in submitting the estimates for the repairs to the present buildings, and the current paper for disposal contains an answer to this call. In it the Collector merely refers to G.O., 28th March 1878, No. 496, for the necessary explanation,—wherein the District Engineer's letter observing "that he had done nothing because the Collector had not applied for "any estimates is embodied,—but at the same time, Mr. Horsley mentions, in a tone indicative of disappointment, the extreme unhealthiness of Cuddapah, and it is upon this the Board desire a reconsideration of the question of head-quarters before commencing a new Cutcherry.

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Board's Proceedings, 12th April 1873, No. 575 recorded in G.O., 29th April 1873, No. 429, R.D.

10. In reply to the call of 1871, the Board submitted Mr. Horsley's report of March 1873, in which he expressed an opinion that Royachoti stood first in his estimation as the best site in the district for a head-quarter station, and the Board recommended that a trial be given to it, or that a Commission be appointed to report on the site. The Government referred the papers to the Sanitary Commissioner with reference to the previous order, with a suggestion that he might ascertain the views of Mr. Wedderburn who had been long employed in the Cuddapah District.

G.O., 29th April 1873, No 429, R.D.

11. The Sanitary Commissioner having visited the different places, condemned Royachoti, Nundalur, and Kamalapur, and after describing Cuddapah in terms which confirmed the Board's objections to it as a head-quarter station, nevertheless concluded that no more favorable site was to be found in the district. Mr. Wedderburn was of the same opinion, but mentioned that Canamlepully site near Wontimetta Ghaut was considered a sanitarium, and that a Railway Engineer had formerly built a hut there some 4 or 5 miles east of Cuddapah. Dr. Cornish* as well as Mr. Horsley considered† this to be unsuited for a head-quarter station.

G.O., 16th July 1873, No. 1,104, J.D.

* G.O., 16th July 1873, No. 1,104, J.D.
† G.O., 18th August 1873, No. 1,293, J.D.

12. Before finally disposing of the question, the Government referred for the opinion of the Honorable the Judges of the High Court and of the Board of Revenue the general question of the necessity for removing the head-quarter

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station from Cuddapah. The Honorable Judges had no opinion to give in the matter, as they were personally unacquainted with the locality, but the Board considered that both Royachoti and Rajampet had been rejected by the Sanitary Commissioner on insufficient grounds, and accordingly adhered to their previous recommendation in favor of Royachoti, and suggested that the Collector should be allowed to carry into effect his proposal to try the place.

Board's Proceedings, 11th October 1873, No. 2,078.

13.* The Board's Proceedings on the subject were "recorded," but on a reconsideration of the whole question, the Government determined, in December 1873, "to allow the existing arrangements to remain undisturbed for the present." Here attention is solicited to the Honorable Members' Minutes recorded with the above Government Order. One remark, however, will be quoted* here as representing the view then taken by Government in the matter:—

20th October 1873, No. 121.

G.O., 11th December 1873, No. 1,974, J.D.

"I am satisfied that this thing ought to be shelved entirely as neither desirable nor convenient from a public point of view, and likely to lead to great expenses, public and private. The prime mover is gone, and it will drop asleep if not pressed."

* Extracted from the Hon. Sir William Robinson's Minute, dated 5th November 1873.

14. Afterwards in 1875, the question was resuscitated, when attention was called to the ruinous condition of the public buildings. In passing the order of the 24th June 1875, the Government observed that Cuddapah was considered "extremely unhealthy," and that before incurring any expenditure on new buildings at the place, inquiry should be made regarding the site proposed at Kamalapur, and accordingly directed the Consulting Engineer for Railways to carefully examine and report upon the suitability of the building sites at Kamalapur, and if he disapproved of them to report also on the sites at Rajampet. The Honorable Members' minutes put up with this Government Order are elaborate, and express their views fully, and a majority of them were decidedly in favor of the removal of the head-quarters from Cuddapah.

G.O., 13th March 1875, No. 718, P.W.D.
" 18th " " " 650, J.D.
" 24th June " " 1,404, J.D.

15. In reporting upon the condition of the public buildings in Cuddapah, Kurnool, and Bellary Districts in 1873, Mr. Thornhill (then Third Member of the Board of Revenue) observed that the Collector's Office in Cuddapah was "the worst in the country" so far as he had seen, the jail was "utterly insecure," the

G.O., 31st May 1873, No. 557.

subsidiary jail answered its purpose "fairly well," and the District Court-house was "the only good public building in the place."

G.O., 24th June 1875, No. 1,404, J.D.

16. On the same subject, writing in April 1875, the District Engineer observed that the Collector's Cutcherry was a "disgrace to the district," the Taluk Cutcherry was "in a bad state of repair," the District Court-house required partial removing and rebuilding, the Munsiff's Court was "a small and confined building," and the jail buildings "could not be put into thorough repair without rebuilding them."

17. In December 1875, after describing the dilapidated and dangerous condition of the public buildings in Cuddapah, Mr. Horsley proposed to build thatched sheds with mud or sun-burnt brick-walls. In forwarding this letter to Government, the Board remarked that no expenditure on public offices beyond what was absolutely necessary should be incurred until the principal question of head-quarter station had been finally decided by Government.

Board's Proceedings, 21st Jan. 1876, No. 172.

18. This paper was simply "recorded." Later in 1876, ~~subsequently~~, the Collector and the Board urged the necessity of passing immediate and final decision one way or the other, as the uncertainty had the most disastrous effect on the place and as the public buildings were unsafe. The Board further pointed out that the result of the report of the Consulting Engineer for Railways on the suitability of Kamalapur and Rajampet for head-quarter station was not communicated to them; ~~but~~ it is observed that the Consulting Engineer condemned* both these places as unsuitable, and recommended the retention of the head-quarters at Cuddapah whose sanitary condition he thought was susceptible of much improvement, the public buildings being constructed at the old Cantonment. No separate orders were passed on this paper, but it was evidently considered when the general question was disposed of (G.O., 10th October 1876, No. 2,094, Judicial Department).

G.O., 1st February 1876, No. 264.

* *Vide* his letter, dated 4th December 1875, No. 651, put up with G.O., 10th October 1876, No. 2,094, J.D.

19. In soliciting the early orders of Government upon the subject, Mr. Price, the Acting Collector, expressed his opinion on the matter in the following terms:—

"The diversity of opinion regarding a new site seems to me the strongest possible argument in favor of leaving the head-quarters at

Cuddapah. The enormous expense of the removal, the total disorganisation of the district for an indefinite number of years, and partial disorganisation for ever, are certain evils, and the good of the change is problematical. Unless some place, with marked and undoubted advantages, can be found, so great a disturbance as a change of head-quarters should not be permitted. The correspondence shows beyond a doubt that no such place can be found, and I would, therefore, urge upon Government to remove the doubts and uncertainty now prevailing by a final order to let Cuddapah continue the head-quarters of the district."

20. Upon this, the Government resolved to decide definitively that the idea of changing the head-quarters of the district from Cuddapah should be abandoned, and directed that estimates should be forthwith prepared and submitted for the necessary repairs to the public buildings with due regard to economy as well as efficiency.

G.O., 10th October 1876, No. 2,094, J.D.

G.O., 18th October 1876, No. 1,498, R.D.

21. The District Engineer, Cuddapah, was accordingly instructed in the Public Works Department to prepare estimates in the order of their urgency, and submit them to Government as soon as they were approved locally.

G.O., 1st December 1876, No. 4, P.W.D.

22. At the same time, the idea* of ascertaining the full cost involved in the removal from Cuddapah of all departments (Revenue, Judicial, Police, Public Works, &c.,) including the residences for the several officers was given up†

* G.O., 24th June 1875, No. 1,404, J.D

†G.O., 1st December 1876, No. 3,240, P.W.D.

23. In reviewing the Collector's report on the Public Works of Cuddapah District for 1876-77, the Board agreed with the Acting Collector, Mr. Price, in his condemnation of the public buildings of all kinds in Cuddapah, and characterised the climate as being "the worst in Southern India."

Board's Proceedings, 5th December 1877, No. 5,161.

24. Again in reporting on the theft of stamps from the Cuddapah Huzur Treasury, the Board drew attention to the state of the Collector's Office buildings and expressed a hope that no delay might be allowed to occur in supplying suitable offices as directed in G.O., of 10th October 1876, No. 2,094.

25. The District Engineer having since represented that the 10th October G.O. did not call for new offices at Cuddapah, but for necessary repairs to the existing buildings, the Government called upon him *to submit* an estimate for a new Collector's Cutcherry simultaneously with a separate repair

G.O., 28th March 1878, No. 496, R.D.

estimate, the latter providing for all necessary work to render the existing buildings safe and sound.

26. From the papers recorded in the Judicial orders, 24th June 1875, No. 1,404, and 10th October 1876, No. 2,094, it is clear that both Colonel Moberly and Mr. Horsley thought *new* buildings absolutely necessary.

27. In their Proceedings, dated 21st May 1878, No. 1,368, the Board inquired whether the Collector was at liberty to select the old Cantonment at Cuddapah as a site for the new public buildings, and the Government had no objection to the proposal. They would not, however, abandon the old buildings, until they had compared the estimates called for in G.O., 28th March 1878, No. 496.

G.O., 15th July 1878, No. 1,065, R. D.

28. In the last-quoted Proceedings of the Board, explanation was called for from the Collector as to the cause of the delay in submitting the estimates for the repairs to the present buildings, and the current paper for disposal is received in answer to this call. In it the Collector merely refers to G.O., 28th March 1878, No. 496, for the necessary explanation, wherein the District Engineer's letter observing that he had done nothing because the Collector had not applied for any estimates, is embodied, but at the same time, Mr. Horsley mentions, in a tone indicative of disappointment, the extreme unhealthiness of Cuddapah, and it is upon this the Board desire a reconsideration of the question of head-quarters before commencing a new Cutcherry.

29. The estimates called for in the G.O., of 28th March 1878, have not yet been received.

30 Under these circumstances, are the Government prepared to re-open the question which has been definitively settled more than once after much discussion and deliberation?

(Signed) L. A. CAMPBELL,
Under-Secretary to Government.

Précis of correspondence relative to proposed removal of the Headquarters of the Cuddapah District

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Memo. for orders. Revenue Depart.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 9th July 1878 No. 1889.

With reference to G.O. 28th March 1878 No. 496 R.D. requesting Public Works Department to call on the District Engineer of Cuddapah to prepare and submit an Estimate for a new Collector's Cutcherry at Cuddapah, simultaneously with a separate repair Estimate, the Board submit a letter from the Collector of the District regarding the unhealthiness of the Town

and express a hope, that before a new Cutcherry is Commenced at Cuddapah the question of the location of the head-quarters of the district may be reconsidered.

2. Although the question has been fully discussed and definitively settled once, the Board wish to reopen it, and it is therefore thought desirable to place the matter again before the Hon'ble Members with a brief summary of the previous Correspondence on the subject.

G.O. 10th October 1876 No. 2094 J.D.

3. In 1868, Mr. Maloney, the then acting Collector of Cuddapah pointed out the unhealthiness of its climate (to which he eventually fell a victim) in a letter to the Subsidiary Jail Committee. The Board inquired what place

B.D. Proc. 16th July 1868 No. 5216

B.D. Proc. 2nd October 1868 No. 6973.

he would propose to remove to, but he replied that after full consideration he had failed to find a better place for the head-quarters than Cuddapah. In October 1869 Mr. Vans Agnew, the then Collector stated a decided opinion that the maintenance of head-quarters at Cuddapah was eminently prejudicial to the good administration of the district. Government, however, were "not prepared to consider the question of removing the Hugoor Station from Cuddapah." This was in a time of considerable financial pressure.

G.O. 29th Nov. 1869 No. 1383.

4. In 1871, in reporting with reference to G.O. 12th September 1870 No. 1438 on the State of the

District of Cuddapah and its unhealthiness to the then Collector (Mr C. G. Master) alluded in the following terms to the difficulty of obtaining the services of efficient men in Cuddapah in consequence of its unhealthiness.

"Certain parts, the head-quarters especially, are seldom free from fever or cholera or from intense heat, and even ordinary volunteers to act as Copyists in English are not procurable in Cuddapah to the extent required."

Vide letter recorded in G.O 21st Septr 1871 no. 1647 Rd

5 This remark, the Board observed, "suggests the expediency of removing the Collector's Head-quarters from their present situation."

Bds Proc 31st Augt 1871 no. 3754 paras 7, 8 & 9.

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"situation. Cuddapah, always noted as one of the hottest Stations "in the Presidency, and one of the most exposed to cholera, has "of late years become the centre "of a very persistent and at times "fatal type of fever, attacking "both Europeans and Natives. It "is not confined to Cuddapah, but "it is worse there than elsewhere. "The records of the Revenue, Judicial "Revenue Survey, Revenue Settlement "and Police will, the Board are sure, "afford ample evidence that this "account of the peculiar unhealthi- "ness of Cuddapah is not exa- "ggerated."

"Cuddapah is no doubt the most "important town in the District, "and it is centrally situated, but "these advantages do not compensate "for a state of things which seem-

"public offices from being
"properly manned."

"On the other hand, the public
buildings are in bad condition,
"and will have to be removed if
"the Station remains where it is.
"The Cutchery is wretchedly small
"and incommodious. The Jail is
"insecure and has been Condemned.
"The Court-House is better, but not
"good."

6. Upon this the Government
desired Mr Horsley to give
his attention to the subject of
transferring the head-quarter
offices to a more healthy situ-
ation and report his opinion in
due course.

7. Mr Horsley did not respond
to this Call until 21st March 1873,
but in the meantime, the

G.O. 21st Septr 1871 No. 1647.

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Government received a Commu-
nication from Mr E. F. Webster
the then Acting Assistant Judge of
Cuddapah, accompanied by a
petition signed by a number of
Residents and officials of Cudda-
pah. Mr Webster recommended
the Removal of the Station to
Rajampett a village within a
mile of Manur and situated
on the S.W. Railway, in preference
to Nayanpalle or Masapett away from it.
8. A set of other petitioners also
addressed the Government direct
Condemned both Manur (Rajampett)
and Masapett, and recommended
Naudalore, on the line of Railway,
instead. The Government deputed
the Sanitary Commissioner to
inspect and report on the site
proposed by Mr Webster and also
on that which the Collector might

× note.
Petitioners understood, to ask the
Collector was going to recommend
either of three places for the
head-quarter station.

G.O. 14th April 1873 No. 581
J.D.

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9. In moving upon the Subject at the time, the Honble Mr Ellis observed as follows.

"It is, I submit, very urgently necessary to take immediate action in changing the headquarters of this district. I cannot help feeling that the Government have shown too much indifference to the sufferings of the Public Servants, Native and European, and the serious illness, often ending fatally, common among them and due to the maintenance of Cuddapah as the head-quarters station. We ought to free ourselves from this reproach as quickly as possible."

10 In reply to the Call of 1871, the Board submitted Mr Horsley's report of 3 March 1873 in which he expressed an opinion that Royachoty stood first in his estimation as the best site in the District for a head-quarter Station, and the Board recommended that a trial be given to it, or that a Commission be appointed to report on the site. The Government of Madras Bd's No 12 of 15 April 1873 No 87 S. recorded in G.O. 29th April 1873 No 429 Rev.

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G.O 16th July 1873 No 1104 Rev.

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12. Before finally disposing of the question, the Govt referred for the opinion of the Honble the Judges of the High Court and of the Board of Revenue the general question of the necessity for removing changing the Head quarter Station from Cuddapah.

× G.O 16th July 1873 No. 1104 Jud

× G.O 18th Augt 1873 No 1293 Jud

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Bod Rgl 11th July 1873 No. 2078.

The Honorable Judges had no opinion to give in the matter as they were personally unacquaint-ed with the locality, but the Board Considered that both Royachoti and Rajampett had been rejected by the Sanitary Commissioner on insufficient grounds and accordingly adhered to their previous re-commendation in favour of Royachoti and suggested that the Collector should be allowed to carry into effect his proposal to buy the place.

13. The Board's Proceedings on the subject were "recorded," but on reconsideration of the whole question, the Government deter-mined in December 1873 "to allow

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G.O. 16th December 1873 No. 1974 Jud

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G.O. 13th March 1875 No. 718 P.P.
G.O. 18th March 1875 No. 650 P.P.
G.O. 24th June 1875 No. 1404 P.P.

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G.O 31st May 1873 no 557

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B.R.Bo 23rd Jan 1876 no 172

G.O 8th July 1876 no 764

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Vide his letter dt 4th Dec. 1875
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10th Oct 1876 No. 2094 PD.

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20. Upon this, the Government resolved to decide definitively that the idea of changing the head-quarters of the district from Cuddapah should be abandoned, and directed that estimates should be forthwith prepared and submitted for the necessary repairs to the Public buildings with due regard to economy as well as efficiency.

21. The District Engineer, Cuddapah was accordingly instructed

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G.O 18th Octr. 1876 No 1498 do

G.O 9th December 1876 No 4628 W.D.

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X G.O 1st December 1876 No 3240 W.D

Bd's Proc 5th June 1877 No. 5161.

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25. The District Engineer having since represented that the 10th October G.O. did not call for new Offices at Cuddapah, but for necessary repairs to the existing buildings, the Govt called upon him to submit an Estimate for a new Collectors Cutchery,

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G.O. 28th March 1878 no 476 Rd

simultaneously with a separate repair Estimate, the latter providing for all necessary works to render the existing buildings safe and sound.

26. From the papers recorded in the Judicial orders 24th June 1875 no. 1404 and 10th Octr 1876 no. 2094, it is clear that both Col. Nisbett and Mr. Horsley thought new buildings absolutely necessary.

27. In their Proceedings dated 21st May 1878 no 1368, the Board enquired whether the Collector was at liberty to select the old Cantonment at Cuddapah as a site for the new public buildings, and the Govt had no objection to the Cuddapah. They would not however abandon the old buildings, until they had compared the Estimates

G.O. 15th July 1878 no 1065 Rd

called for in G.O 28th March
1878 No. 496

28. In the last quoted Proceedings of the Board, explanation was called for from the Collector as to the cause of the delay in submitting the Estimates for the repairs to the present buildings and the current papers for disposal is received in answer to this Call. In it the Collector merely refers to G.O 28th March 1878 No 496 for the necessary explanation, whereupon the Dist Engineer's letter observing that he had done nothing because the Collector had not applied for any estimates, is embodied, but at the same time, Mr Horsley mentions in a tone indicative of disobedient-ness, the extreme unhealthiness

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of Cuddapah, and it is upon that the Board desire a reconsideration of the question of head-quarters before commencing a new Cutchery.

29. The Estimates called for in the G.O of 28th March 1878 have not been received.

30. Under these circumstances are the Government prepared to reopen the question which has been definitively settled more than once after much discussion and deliberation?

W. Sharp tells the Collector that the G.O. is final & that prof. explanations & cavils are not to be allowed.

I concur, adding that the establishment is suitable for new buildings if such be approved as necessary. Collector should be expedited the submission for sanction for such buildings.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 27 September 1878

Read the following
Proceedings of the Board of
Revenue, dated 9th July 1878 & 1879

G.O. 10 October 1878 & 2094
f.D. is final. The Government
reject their officers to carry out
instructions

2. The old Cantonment
Site is available for new build-
ings if such be approved as ne-
cessary.

3. The attention of the B.W.D.
will be called to the marginally
noted orders in order that the
early submission of estimates for
sanction may be expedited.

* G.O. 15th July 1878 No 1045 B.W.D. para 2.

* G.O. 10th Oct 1878 No 2094 f.D. para 2.
— 18th July 1878 — 2094 B.W.D. para 3
— 28th March 1878 — 498 B.W.D.
— 15th July 1878 — 1045 B.W.D. para 2.

" Lt. Col. Gibson Dep. Commissioner of Coorg
" Lt. Col. Bell A.A.G.
" The Secretary Dept.

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Ser. No. 3203 of 1878

Memo for order

Regarding the Head-
quarter station of Coorg
1st District.

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