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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 17th May 1867.

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No. 272.

Miscellaneous.

ORDER THEREON, 17th May 1867, No. 1,118.

1. The Government observe that they originally approved the selection of Arealur as the Deputy Collector's head-quarters, and they desire that a plan and estimate be at once prepared for providing him with an Office there provided no public building be available. The Collector will make the best arrangement in his power by renting a building or otherwise, pending the erection of the new Office. The Deputy Collector will at once move to Arealur.

2. The Government concur with the Board in thinking that the Head Assistant should reside in the district away from Trichinopoly, and desire to know what revenue charge is allotted to him.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Accountant General.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 992.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 18th February 1867.

Read the following letter from G. BANBURY, Esq., Collector of Trichinopoly, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 18th January 1867, No. 15:—

1. In forwarding the accompanying copy of a letter from Deputy Collector Mahommed Esuf in answer to a requisition from me why he did not live at his station Kilapalur, I have the honour to address the Board as follows:—

2. Although Kilapalur was fixed as the Deputy's headquarters, a glance at the Map will show that it is not central, and it is certainly not convenient in any way. Apart from the objections urged by Mahommed Esuf, I would suggest an alteration on the grounds of convenience to petitioners, suitors, and parties concerned in cases before the Deputy Magistrate, and would advocate that the headquarters be moved to Arrealur, which is central, healthy, and was formerly the Cusbah. I once stayed there about a fortnight, and found it very pleasant. The only objection to be urged is that it is situated in the petty Zemindary of Arrealur, but I do not see that this objection has any real weight. Government has a Deputy Collector and four Sub-Magistrates in the North Arcot Samustanums, and we have already a Sub-Magistrate in the Torriore Zemindary, in fact there is, as far as I can conjecture, no chance of anything like complication arising from the Deputy carrying on his duties in this little Polliem.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From MAHOMMED ESUF SAHIB, Deputy Collector of Trichinopoly, to the Collector of Trichinopoly, dated Tirumalavady, 16th January 1867, No. 5.

1. I have duly received your letter of the 8th instant, No. 9, and in reply I beg to state that the report alluded to therein was for the last quarter of the past year.

2. In regard to my residing at my station, I have no objection to do so if it was only temporary. It is impossible to live there permanently. Kilapalur is a small upland village, and during nine months out of twelve the scarcity of water is much felt there. There are two tanks there, both rainfed and have no springs. The water in the one if any is used for irrigating lands, but utterly unfit for drink. In the other when there is any it is used for drink. In regard to scarcity of supplies, I would beg to assure you it is a fact common provisions for daily consumption is hard to procure, added to this is the want of a suitable building for respectable families to live in. I would pay any amount of rent if I could only get a good substantial building to put my family in, but I could get none as there are none there.

3. Again, even on public grounds the place is unsuited as permanent headquarters, as parties resorting to this office on business have to suffer the same hardship and difficulties in regard to accommodation, supplies, and water.

4. But for these difficulties, I have not the remotest wish to live away from my station. The village Tirumalavady I am now living in has this advantage, viz., that one could get water at all times from the Coleroon running close by, and though there is some difficulty here in regard to supplies, still they could be procured daily from Tiruvyar within four or five miles of this village on the other side of the Coleroon in Tanjore district.

5. I would, therefore, solicit that you will be pleased to obtain sanction from the Board, that either Tirumalavady, which is also in my Division, be made my headquarters, or it may be left discretionary with me to live either here or at Kilapalur. I should not have ventured to solicit this, but for the difficulties already stated, and I would, therefore, earnestly solicit your kind support in the matter.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) G. BANBURY,
Collector.

1. Before deciding on the proposal for the removal of the headquarters of the General Deputy Collector from Kilapalur to Arealur, the Collector is requested, with reference to Mr. MacDonell's letter, dated 24th August 1860, to state what public building is available at the latter place for the Deputy Collector's office.

2. He will also report when the Deputy Collector joined the district; how long and under what authority he has resided away from his official headquarters; whether he has drawn any travelling allowance while at Tirumalavady where he holds his office; and why, instead of setting the orders of the Board at defiance in the manner he has done, he did not submit the matter for the consideration of the Collector and the Board.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
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To the Collector of Trichinopoly.

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appointed to selection of Arialoor as
D.C.'s headquarters - and they drew
plan & estimate & took some steps
for providing him with a Bungalow
& public buildings at that place. We do
not make the best arrangements in power
granting a building or furnishing the cost
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away from Trichinopoly. Should there
be permanent change in Head Assistant
to Caperi Collectorate & Head Assistant
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Revenue Department.

No. 1117.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

dated 25th April 1867.

No. 2523.

Submitting for consideration and orders letter from Collector of Trichinopoly on the subject of Deputy Collector on General duties not residing at Head quarters, and requesting Acting Collector to favor Board with his opinion respecting the location of the Head Assistant in northern part of district.

No. 1117.

Dated 18th February 1867.

No. 992.

Requesting Collector of Trichinopoly to state what building is available at Arealur for Deputy Collector's Office, and to report when Deputy Collector Mahomed Esuf joined the district, how long and on what authority he resided away from head quarters, whether he has drawn travelling allowance while at Tirumalavady, and why he did not submit proposal for removal of Head quarters for consideration of Collector and Board.

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