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11th January 1867.

No. 177. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 21st December 1866, No. 9,082.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Salem, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 12th December 1866, No. 243:—

1. I have the honor to submit, for consideration and orders of the Board of Revenue, the enclosed copy of a letter from the Deputy Collector of the Namkul Division, recommending the transfer, as a temporary measure, of his head-quarters from Namkul to Sunkerrydrug.

2. Mr. Leggatt's recommendation is based on the ground that no place could be found in the present Talook Cutcherry building at Namkul for the records, and that in consequence the records are in disorder, and unless additional room can be found, they cannot be arranged. He proposes, therefore, to give up his Cutcherry building for the Talook Cutcherry records till the new Talook Cutcherry at Namkul is constructed. Mr. Leggatt, it will be observed, also alludes to the inadequate accommodation which the present building affords to the prisoners in the Subsidiary Jail.

3. I inspected the building myself not long ago, and I have not seen a building more unsuited for the purposes of a Talook Cutcherry than this. The records are all in disorder, and as the space does not admit of their being kept arranged, the officials cannot be blamed. The suggestion, therefore, of Mr. Leggatt is, in my opinion, a very proper one, and I beg to recommend that it may be complied with.

4. Apart from the reasons above stated, I am of opinion that there are other reasons for the transfer of the Deputy Collector's head-quarters to a station other than Namkul. The reasons assigned by Mr. Brett for fixing Namkul as the Deputy Collector's head-quarters are no longer in existence. The extension of the Great Southern of India Railway to Caroor has almost removed the importance of the high road *viâ* Namkul to Trichinopoly. Trichengode is about the most central place in the Namkul Division for a Deputy Collector's head station; but there is no building there for a Cutcherry, while Sunkerrydrug, where there is a building available, is more centrical than Namkul, and only seven miles from Trichengode. The present recommendation is, however, for the temporary transfer of the head-quarters, and I will, therefore, wait till the Namkul Talook Cutcherry building is finished before advocating the permanent transfer of the Deputy Collector's head-quarters from Namkul.

5. The Board will observe from Mr. Leggatt's letter, that the Munsiff's Court building at Sunkerrydrug is available for his Office, and that it is well suited for the purpose. It is of a recent construction, and I have obtained the permission of the Civil Judge for its transfer to the Revenue Department, as it is no longer required by his department, the Court there having been abolished.

From B. C. LEGGATT, Esq., Deputy Collector, to the Collector of Salem, dated Namkul, 23rd October 1866, No. 128.

1. In reply to your letter, No. 881, dated the 11th instant, I have the honor to state that I know of no present use to which the late Munsiff's Court at Sunkerrydrug can be placed, but I would beg to recommend, for your consideration, the following proposal, which I take the present opportunity of suggesting.

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2. The late Court House is a very commodious building, and its value is estimated at about 2,000 Rupees. Were it put up for sale at auction, it would scarcely realize a couple of hundred Rupees.

3. You are well aware of the very great inconvenience that is felt, owing to the want of accommodation in the Namkul Talook Cutcherry. I enclose, for your information, a rough plan of the building. There is but one Record room, a Treasury room, and a verandah, in which the Tahsildar and all his establishment sit and conduct their duties. This is all the accommodation that the Revenue and Magisterial Establishments have for themselves, and the consequence is they are very seriously inconvenienced in many ways. The remaining rooms are occupied by the Police and Subsidiary Jail prisoners, and they even have not sufficient room.

4. You are aware that cholera broke out in this Subsidiary Jail in July last, and I partially attribute the outbreak to the crowded state of the Cutcherry. The space allotted for the records is also very limited, and it is impossible to keep them in proper order.

5. You are aware that plans and estimates have been sent in for a new Talook Cutcherry; but as it will undoubtedly be some time before the building can be erected and fit for use, I beg to make the following suggestions, viz.

6. That my Cutcherry at Namkul be given up as a temporary measure at least to the Tahsildar for his records, &c., and the Gumastahs engaged in looking after them, and that my head-quarters be removed, till a Talook Cutcherry is built at Namkul, to Sunkerrydrug, the late Munsiff's Court, which place will answer remarkably well for my Cutcherry.

7. Sunkerrydrug is seven miles from Trichengode, the cusbah of that talook, and around and about it are several large towns. The fact of my head-quarters being removed, as a temporary measure, to Sunkerrydrug, cannot be inconvenient to the people, for Sunkerry is nearly as distant from one end of my division, as Namkul is from the other; and besides, I can always make it a point of going to Namkul when it is necessary for the convenience of the people.

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1. Recommended for the sanction of Government.
2. The Board consider the change advisable.

No. 173. ORDER THEREON, 11th January 1867, No. 91.

Miscellaneous.

1. The Governor in Council does not consider Senkerrydroog by any means so suitable as Namcul for the Deputy Collector's head-quarters. It is on the verge of the district, and within such easy reach of Salem by rail that the Collector can himself visit it at any time, if any emergency should call for the presence of a superior officer. Namcul, on the other hand, is more out of the way, and the supervision and influence of a Deputy Collector and Magistrate are there of greater consequence.

2. Temporary arrangements can be made by renting a building for the records or by erecting huts for the prisoners, until the new Talook Cutcherry is constructed.

3. The Government wish to be informed how long Mr. Leggatt has resided at Namcul itself during the last calendar year.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Encl. S. T. Augustin.

Revenue Department.

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Revenue —

Recommending for sanction proposal of Collector of Salem to transfer head-quarters of Deputy Collector of Namkul division, as a temporary measure, from Namkul to Sunkerrydroog.

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