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No. 176. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Public Works Department, dated 11th July 1874, No. 104 :—

ABSTRACT.—Authorizes the Collector to purchase Mr. Brett's property at Oossoor, Salem District, for Rupees 10,000, and to arrange for its transfer; appoints a Committee to report upon the best mode of utilizing the out-houses; and directs Revenue Board to state how the outlying portions of certain land may be utilized.

No. 177. ORDER THEREON, 17th July 1874, No. 1191.

A special assignment of funds will shortly be made to the Public Works Department, in anticipation of which arrangements may be made in that Department for the purchase of the property adverted to.

(True Extract.)

D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works Department.
„ Revenue Department.

Exd. W. H. French.

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No. 160. Read the following Endorsement of the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated 1st June 1874 :—

Read the following letter from Colonel E. A. FOORD, R.E., Inspecting Engineer for Civil and Military Buildings, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Chepauk, 26th May 1874, No. 741.

With reference to paragraph 6 of the order of Government of the 16th of December 1873, No. 3,025, I have the honour to forward a survey of Mr. Brett's property at Oossoor and plans of the buildings situated on it. I inspected the buildings on the 10th and 11th March, but I had often seen them before while Superintending Engineer of the 5th Division.

1. Survey,
5. Plans.

2. The principal building is one of the few houses in India that has any pretensions to being architectural. It is said to have cost as much as 80,000 Rupees, and undoubtedly its cost must have been much greater than that of houses of the same size built in the usual way. The interior has been finished as carefully as the exterior, the doors, windows, ceilings, *etc.*, all being in keeping with the general design.

3. Unfortunately, the house was built on made ground inside the fort, and there are defects in the foundations which have shown themselves by cracks in the walls. The porch was taken down some time ago by the advice of the Executive Engineer. There is now a longitudinal crack in the roof of the stair-case, and there are smaller cracks in the walls of the rooms. The tower, which is the highest part of the building, is free from cracks. I do not consider the building unsafe.

4. Besides the house, there are two detached bungalows, a cutcherry, and extensive stabling and godowns. The godowns are often in need of repair from the slope of the roof being too great and causing the slipping of the tiles. This defect can be easily remedied. The area of the land is stated to be 69 acres. The Collector mentioned in his last annual report that the house is rented for 100 Rs. a-month and the cutcherry for 45 Rs. a-month. These two sums are a very good return for an outlay of 10,000 Rs. In addition, the further of the two bungalows would do for a Range Office or for the residence of the Executive Engineer. I do not think the defects in the principal building are of such a nature as should deter any one from buying it and the rest of the property, when they are offered for so much less than the original cost.

Referred to the Revenue Department for consideration, with reference to the accompanying Proceedings, dated 16th December 1873, No. 3,025. It is remembered that accommodation for the Range Officer is also wanted at Oossoor.

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government, P. W. D.

No. 161. Order thereon, 18th June 1874, No. 746.

Miscellaneous.

It appears that Mr. Brett's property at Oossoor (consisting of house, out-buildings, and 69 acres of land) is offered for sale at Rs. 10,000. The Acting Collector of Salem in his report on the Public Works of the district for 1872-73 showed that if the house was pronounced safe it would be the most economical plan to purchase the property outright, as the annual rental, *etc.*, paid for that portion of it which is used as the Sub-Collector's Office represented a capital of Rs. 6,000, while the residence at the rent now paid for it (Rs. 100 a-month) might be valued at Rs. 12,000.

2. The information now before Government shows that the buildings cannot be considered unsafe, and that the defects are not of such a nature as should deter any one from buying at a price so much less than the original cost.

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3. It is also observed that accommodation is required at Oossoor for the Range Officer, and that one of the detached bungalows would answer for this purpose.

4. His Excellency the Governor in Council resolves, therefore, to sanction the purchase of the property for Rs. 10,000. The Collector will carry out the negotiation, obtain the title-deeds, and arrange for the transfer in due form.

5. The Public Works Department, in communication with the Financial Department, will provide the necessary funds.

6. The Collector, Sub-Collector, and District Engineer, will form themselves into a Committee for the purpose of deciding upon the best method of utilizing the various out-buildings after setting aside those required by the occupant of the main bungalow. Their report will be submitted through the Board of Revenue.

7. The Board, to whom the plan showing the whole of the fort at Oossoor will be sent, will further report upon the use to which the outlying portions of land marked A can be put. For Government purposes the ground within the fort proper will probably be quite sufficient.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Public Works Department.
„ the Accountant-General.

Order thereon 11th July 1874 No 104.

Communicated to District Engineer Salem. It will be intimated to the Financial Department that there are no funds whatever available in the Public Works Department.

/True Extract/
Lowe Campbell
Ag: Under Secretary
for Secy to Govt
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The Financial Department

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REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated June 1874.

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G. O., 18th June 1874, No. 749.

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Nos. 160-161.

Mr. Irwin's Property at Coonoor, Salem Dist.—Authorizes the Collector to purchase—for Rs. 10,000, and to arrange for its transfer; appoints a Committee to report when the best mode of utilizing the out-houses, and directs Revenue Board to state how the outlying portions of certain land may be utilized.

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Thanked 11-8-74
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Requisitions that there are no funds otherwise available in the Public Works Department for the purchase of Mr. Irwin's property at Coonoor.

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To

The Public Works Dept.

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Mr. Bretts property at Cossoor. In anticipation of a special assignment of funds which will shortly be made to the P.W.D., arrangements directed to be made in that Dept: for the purchase of the property referred to.