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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
26th September 1874.

No. 203. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 7th September 1874, No. 2518:—

Read again Board's Proceedings, dated 8th March 1872, Miscellaneous No. 1781; 10th July 1873, No. 1246; and 7th November 1873, Miscellaneous No. 7564.

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 10*th July* 1873, *No.* 1246.

Read the following letter from R. K. PUCKLE, Esq., President of the Local Fund Boards, Tinnevelly, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Tiruvengadanadhan Kovil, 15th February 1873, No. 66:—

I have the honor to forward, for sanction, an estimate for building a chuttrum at Mulikaraiputti and two estimates for repairing and improving the chuttrums of Tirukurangudi and Padmanari, all in the Shermadevi Circle.

Three estimates, with plans and specifications.

2. The first of these is for a building very urgently needed as there is no shelter for travellers on the entire length of road between Strivycuntam and Nanguneri (a route much traversed by pilgrims), and Mulikaraiputti is equi-distant between these places. The necessity for the chuttrum is so great that the villagers of Mulikaraiputti subscribed 1,500 Rupees some years ago towards the building, and the work is half finished for this sum.

3. The estimate now forwarded is for the remaining expenditure needed to complete the chuttrum, which, when completed, will be under the management of the Local Fund Board. The endowment funds of the Circle are amply sufficient to meet this charge, and an allotment has been made in the Budget of 1873-74 for this work.

4. There is no provision for the accommodation of low-caste people in this building; but an estimate will be hereafter submitted for the erection of a separate building for this purpose, to be constructed in 1874-75.

5. The repairs of the Tirukurangudi and Padmanari Chuttrums were about to be commenced two years ago, but were delayed, first, for want of regular estimates, and, secondly, by the transfer of these buildings to the Local Fund Board. These chuttrums are richly endowed, and, in fact, provide the great bulk of our Endowment Fund, but the buildings are in wretched condition and require extensive repairs. Allotments have been made for these repairs in the Budget of 1873-74.

6. The Tirukurangudi Chuttrum provides ample accommodation for all classes, there being a separate building for low castes on the opposite side of the river, and the erection of a similar building at Padmanari is contemplated, and an estimate will be submitted hereafter to be included in the Budget of 1874-75.

7. These estimates have been carefully prepared and revised over and over again, and have received the sanction of the Local Fund Board as per Resolution annexed.

The Board sanction the estimates, amounting, in the aggregate, to Rupees 4,460, for the under-mentioned works which are provided for in the current year's Budget :—

		RS.
1.	Completing a chuttrum at Mulikaraiputti, Item No. 9 in Appendix to Part I. of the Budget, allotment Rupees 610	1,600
2.	Repairing and improving the chuttrum at Padmanari, Item No. 21 in Appendix to Part II. of the Budget, allotment Rupees 700 ...	1,560
3.	Improvement of the Tirukurangudi Chuttrum, Item No. 9 in Part I. of the Budget, allotment Rupees 4,000	1,300
	Total ...	4,460

2. As only Rupees 1,300 is required for the last-mentioned chuttrum out of the allotment of Rupees 4,000, the Board resolve to transfer the difference, *viz.*, Rupees 2,700, to the credit of the Endowment Fund and to request the Accountant-General to deduct the amount from the total allotment already placed at the disposal of the Public Works Department.

3. The Board, however, desire the President to explain how the estimate for the improvement to the Tirukurangudi Chuttrum has now been reduced from Rupees 6,400 to Rupees 1,300.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Secretary.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 7th November 1873, *No.* 7564 (*Miscellaneous*).

Read the following letter from R. K. PUCKLE, Esq., Collector and President of the Local Fund Boards, Tinnevelly, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Nannagaram, 18th October 1873, No. 559 :—

In reply to the Board's Proceedings, No. 1246, dated the 10th July last, I have the honor to inform you that an estimate of Rupees 6,400 was prepared for the repair of the Tirukurangudi Chuttrum by an Overseer. This provided for the restoration and extension of certain buildings, *viz.*, the granary as a school-house and the Pilgrims' Madam, as well as for the repair of a square tank, which is not now thought necessary.

2. The revised estimate was prepared by the District Engineer in company with the Sub-Collector after a thorough examination of the buildings. This provides for patching up the existing buildings, as it was thought better by both officers to build a new chuttrum rather than lay out more money.

3. In the proposal to build a new chuttrum I did not concur as the place is in an out-of-the-way situation and is merely frequented for the food given away. The food given has now been commuted into money in the case of fifty permanent

pensioners, and fifty tickets are given daily to casual passers-by to provide themselves at a fixed rate with food in the bazaar; the consequence is that there is comparatively little need for extensive buildings now, and those that do exist are, in my opinion, amply sufficient if put into proper repair, and for this the smaller estimate provides.

To be recorded.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Secretary.

Read also the following letters :—

From R. K. PUCKLE, Esq., President of the Local Fund Boards, Tinnevelly, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 13th July 1874, No. 345.

I have the honor to submit, for sanction, a plan and estimate for the construction of a new chuttrum at Tirukurangudi from the endowment fund surplus of the Shermadevi Local Fund Circle.

2. The Resolution of the Local Fund Board is enclosed.

3. As previously expressed in my letter, No. 20, dated 10th January 1871, I do not myself think that an expensive building is needed at Tirukurangudi, which is rather a remote place frequented by pilgrims and others for the sake of the food supplied, and I would rather see a new building erected at a place where it really is needed; but, if the Tirukurangudi surplus must necessarily be spent on the spot, a new building will no doubt in some ways be more convenient than the old-fashioned and rambling structure now existing.

4. Under the system now in force the fifty out-pensioners of this charity receive monthly payments of $3\frac{1}{2}$ Rupees each at the Taluq Cutcherry at Nanguneri, and the north-country pilgrims and others receive tickets worth 2 Annas each to supply themselves with food in the bazaar; there is consequently but little cooking in the chuttrum, and the *bonâ fide* travellers are far fewer than on many other of our principal roads.

From the same Officer, dated Arumuganeri, 30th July 1874, No. 386.

In reply to Board's official memorandum, No. 1104, dated 20th July 1874, I have the honor to inform you that the proposed new building provides for Brahmins and Sudras only, there being a commodious detached building now standing for the use of other castes.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Plan.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.—Estimate.

ENCLOSURE No. 3.

EXTRACT from the Proceedings at a Meeting of the Local Fund Board of the Shermadevi Circle held on the 18th June 1874.

PRESENT :

The Vice-President.
The Tahsildar of Ambasamudram.
Subbaiyar, of Tenkasi.
Kuparaiyengar, of Tirukurangudi.

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2. Read letter from the District Engineer, No. 130, dated 20th May 1874, forwarding, for sanction, an estimate of Rupees 12,000 for constructing a new chuttrum at Tirukurangudi.

Sanctioned.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. K. PUCKLE,
President.

The estimate for building a chuttrum for Brahmins and Sudras at Tirukurangudi, at a cost of Rupees 12,000, will be submitted for the orders of Government.

2. From the Budget of 1874-75 it appears that the annual income of the Tirukurangudi Chuttrum endowment is Rupees 13,380 and the expenditure (excluding public works) Rupees 9,150 leaving a surplus of Rupees 4,230, and the balance at the end of 1874-75 is estimated at Rupees 4,500 so that there are sufficient funds for the new building.

3. From the specification it appears that the old building is in existence but is to be taken down and the new building erected on the same site. In February 1872 an estimate for repairing the old chuttrum (and other buildings connected with it) at a cost of Rupees 6,400 was submitted to the Board. In February 1873 a revised estimate for repairing the chuttrum at a cost of Rupees 1,300 was submitted and passed, but no expenditure seems to have taken place in 1873-74, and the project is, no doubt, relinquished.

4. Mr. Puckle objects to building a new chuttrum at Tirukurangudi because it is an unimportant place and the chuttrum will be frequented chiefly by the mendicants who go there for the food which is distributed gratuitously. Nevertheless the Board think this is a case in which the opinion of the Local Fund Board should be accepted.

5. There is a separate building already standing for the use of castes other than Brahmin and Sudra.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Secretary.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
26th September 1874.

No. 204. ORDER THEREON, 26th September 1874, No. 1625.

The estimate, amounting to Rupees 12,000, is sanctioned as recommended by the Board of Revenue.

(True Extract.)

D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, Public Works Department, with the enclosures.
,, Accountant-General.

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

Govt. of 1874 Madras.

FINANCIAL.

To

The Board of Revenue,
&c.,
&c.,

Dated September, 26th.

Read.

Rect.

G.O., 26th September 1874, No. 1625.

&c.

SEPTEMBER.
Nos. 203-204.

Chuttrum for Brahmins and Sudras at Tiruvengadanadhan Kovil, Tinnevelly District.—Estimate for the construction of the chuttrum at a cost of Rupees 12,000, sanctioned as recommended by the Board of Revenue.

No. 1,246.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 10th July 1873.

Read the following letter from R. K. PUCKLE, Esq., President of the Local Fund Boards, Tinnevelly, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Tiruvengadanadhan Kovil, dated 15th February 1873, No. 66:—

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Three estimates, with plans and specifications.

2. The first of these is for a building, very urgently needed, as there is no shelter for travellers on the entire length of road between Strivycuntam and Nanguneri (a route much traversed by pilgrims) and Mulikaraiputti is equi-distant between these places. The necessity for the Chuttrum is so great that the Villagers of Mulikaraiputti subscribed 1,500 Rupees some years ago towards the building, and the work is half finished for this sum.

3. The estimate now forwarded is for the remaining expenditure needed to complete the Chuttrum which, when completed, will be under the management of the Local Fund Board. The Endowment funds of the Circle are amply sufficient to meet this charge, and an allotment has been made in the Budget of 1873-74 for this work.

4. There is no provision for the accommodation of low caste people in this building, but an estimate will be hereafter submitted for the erection of a separate building for this purpose, to be constructed in 1874-75.

5. The repairs of the Tirukurangudi and Padmanari Chuttrums were about to be commenced two years ago, but were delayed first, for want of regular estimates, and secondly, by the transfer of these buildings to the Local Fund Board. These Chuttrums are richly endowed, and in fact provide the great bulk of our Endowment fund, but the buildings are in wretched condition, and require extensive repairs. Allotments have been made for these repairs in the budget of 1873-74.

6. The Tirukurangudi Chuttrum provides ample accommodation for all classes, there being a separate building for low castes on the opposite side of the river, and the erection of a similar building at Padmanari is contemplated, and an estimate will be submitted, hereafter, to be included in the Budget of 1874-75.

7. These estimates have been carefully prepared and revised over and over again, and have received the sanction of the Local Fund Board as per resolution annexed.

The Board sanction the Estimates amounting in the aggregate to Rs. 4,460, for the undermentioned works which are provided for in the current year's Budget—

		Rs.
1.	Completing a Chuttrum at Mulikaraiputti, Item No. 9 in Appendix to Part I. of the budget, allotment Rupees 610	1,600
2.	Repairing and improving the Chuttrum at Padmanari, Item No. 21 in Appendix to Part II. of the budget, allotment Rupees 700 ...	1,560
3.	Improvement of Tirukurangudi Chuttrum, Item No. 9 in Part I. of the budget, allotment Rupees 4,000	1,300
		4,460

restoration

2. As only Rupees 1,300 is required for the last mentioned Chuttrum out of the allotment of Rupees 4,000, the Board resolve to transfer the difference, viz., Rupees 2,700, to the credit of the Endowment Fund and to request the Accountant-General to deduct the amount from the total allotment already placed at the disposal of the Public Works Department.

3. The Board however desire the President to explain how the estimate for the improvement to the Tirukurangudi Chuttrum has now been reduced from Rupees 6,400 to Rupees 1,300.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Secretary.

To the President of the Local Fund Boards, Tinnevelly District,
with ten enclosures.
,, the District Engineer, Tinnevelly.
,, the Controller of Public Works Accounts.
,, the Accountant-General.

Lxd. G. A. Turton.

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Board of Revenue,
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PROCEEDINGS, 10TH JULY 1873, No. 1,246.

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Received

JULY.
No. 1,246.

Chuttrums—in Tinnevelly District.—Estimates, amounting in all to Rupees 4,460, for completing Mulikaraiputti Chuttrum and for repairing and improving Chuttrums at Tirukurangudi and Padmanari, sanctioned. Rs. 2,700 not required out of Budget allotment for last mentioned work, transfered to Endowment Fund, and Accountant-General requested to deduct the amount from total allotment already placed at disposal of Public Works Department. President, Local Fund Boards, requested to explain reduction made in amount of estimate for this work.

Revenue Department.

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Miscellaneous No. 7564 9

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,
Dated 7th November 1873.

No. 559 Read the following

From,

R. H. Puckle Esquire
Collector & President

To,

H. E. Stokes Esquire
Actg Secretary to the Board
of Revenue, Madras

Sir,

In reply to the Board's Proceedings No. 1246 dated 10th July last, I have the honor to inform you that an estimate of Rupees 6400 was prepared for the repair of the Tirukurangudi Chattram by an Overseer. This provided for the restoration

restoration and extension of certain buildings viz. the granary as a school house and the Pilgrims Madam, as well as for the repair of a square tank which is not now thought necessary.

2. The revised estimate was prepared by the District Engineer in company with the Sub Collector after a thorough examination of the buildings. This provides for patching up the existing buildings, as it was thought better by both Officers to build a new Chattram rather than lay out more money.

3. In the proposal to build a new Chattram I did not concur, as the place is in an out of the way situation and is merely frequented for the food given away - the food given has now been commuted into money in the case of 50 permanent pensioners,

and 50 tickets are given daily to casual passers by to provide themselves at a fixed rate with food in the bazaar - the consequence is that there is comparatively little need for extensive buildings now, and those that do exist are in my opinion amply sufficient, if put into proper repair and for this the smaller estimate provides.

I have &c
(Signed) R. He. Puckle
President

Tinnevelly Coll'rs Circuit Cutcherry
Nanna garam
18th October 1873.

Recorded.

True copy & Extract
(Signed) J. Grose
Secretary

To,
The President of the Local Fund Boards
Tinnevelly District

True copy
J Grose
Secretary

Co'd) M. Narasima Charry

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Proceedings of the
Board of Revenue

Dated 20th November 1873
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Enclosure in Proceedings
of the Board of Revenue
dated 25th Nov. 1873
No 1/2 Chief Secretary
to Govt. Fort St. George
- Tender 1874 No 25/82

Rec'd 19/6/74

Extract from the Proceedings
at a meeting of the Local Fund Board
of the Shirmadevi Circle held on the
18th June 1874.

Present.

The Vice President.
The Tahsildar of Ambasamudram.
The Jabbaiyar of Tenkasi.
Kuparaiyngar of Tirukutungudi.

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1 Read letter from the District Engineer
No 130 dated 20 May 1874 forwarding
for sanction an Estimate of Rupees 12,000
for Constructing a new Chuttram at
Tirukutungudi.

Sanctioned.

(True Extract)

A. A. Pucklee
President

Compd. A. D. & C.

No. 2,518.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 7th September 1874.

Read again Board's Proceedings, dated 8th March 1872, Miscellaneous No. 1,781; 10th July 1873, No. 1,246; and 7th November 1873, Miscellaneous No. 7,564.

Read also the following letters :—

From R. K. PUCKLE, Esq., President of the Local Fund Boards, Tinnevelly, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 13th July 1874, No. 345.

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4. Under the system now in force the fifty out-pensioners of this charity receive monthly payments of 3½ Rupees each at the Taluq Cutcherry at Nanguneri, and the north-country pilgrims and others receive tickets worth 2 Annas each to supply themselves with food in the bazaar; there is consequently but little cooking in the chuttrum, and the *bonâ fide* travellers are far fewer than on many other of our principal roads.

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ENCLOSURE No. 2.—Estimate.

ENCLOSURE No. 3.—Extract from Proceedings of the Local Fund Board.

THE estimate for building a chuttrum for Brahmins and Sudras at Tirukurungudi at a cost of Rupees 12,000 will be submitted for the orders of Government.

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3. There is a separate building already standing for the use of castes other than Brahmin and Sudra.

(True Copies and Extract.)

J. Grose

Secretary.

To the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Financial Department,
with plan, estimate, and extract from Proceedings of the Local Fund Board,
also printed copy of Board's Proceedings, dated 10th July 1873,
No. 1,246, and M.S. copies of Proceedings, dated
7th November 1873, Miscellaneous No. 7,564.

Copy to the President of the Local Fund Boards, Tinnevelly District.
" to the District Engineer, Tinnevelly.
" to the Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Ezd. A. S. Rodgers.

Received 21st Sept. 1874.

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Board of Revenue

MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 7TH SEPTEMBER 1874, No. 2,518.

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SEPTEMBER.

No. 2,518.

Chattrum—for Brahmins and Sudras at Tirukurungudi, in Tinnevelly District.—Estimate for construction of — at a cost of Rupees 12,000, submitted for orders of Government with Board's opinion in favor of proposed building.

Govt. of {1874} Madras.

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To

The Board of Revr.

G. O. 26 Sept, 1874, No. 1625.

Nos. 203-4

Chuttrums for Brahmins and Sudras at Sirunkumgudi Tinnevelly Distt.

Estimate for construction of the Chuttrums at a cost of Rs. 12000 sanctioned as recommended by the Board of Revenue