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6th January 1868.*

No. 14. Read the following letter from the Collector of Malabar, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Cochin, 9th December 1867, No. 153.

I have the honor to forward a letter* from the Special Executive Engineer, Wynaad, covering a plan and estimate for proposed repairs to the Deputy Collector's office at Manantoddy.

* In original.

2. An estimate† for the work was prepared under Colonel Walker's orders when Wynaad was under him, but was returned for revision and possible reduction. Neither from Colonel Walker nor

† Rupees 4060.

from the previous Range Officer did I hear such accounts of the building as Captain Kennedy now gives. I certainly understood that the considerable expenditure proposed would provide a permanent and satisfactory structure.

3. When revising the estimate Captain Kennedy expressed doubt as to the expediency of repairs. I then informed him that it would be, of course, undesirable to expend a large sum in repairs that would not be of a permanent character; but that if permanent repairs could be effected for the money I did not see the use or desirability of going to the much greater expense of a new building.

4. The enclosures are a reply to my communication.

Captain Kennedy does not give any idea of what a new building would cost, but I was informed by the Range Officer that, in his opinion, it would cost at least Rupees 10,000, and I believe it would come to still more. If about Rupees 1400 were got by the old materials therefore the new building at Rupees 10,000 would cost a net sum of Rupees 4000 more than the proposed repairs.

5. I do not consider the present building inconvenient if put in a thorough state of repair, though I dare say a better might be devised if a new one is determined on.

If then the proposed repairs will give a permanent structure, I think they will meet all requirements.

If the repairs will not afford a permanent structure, though why they should not does not appear, I entirely agree with Captain Kennedy that a new building is necessary.

I submit the matter for the orders of Government, which I solicit as soon as possible.

From Captain R. B. KENNEDY, Special Executive Engineer, Wynaad, to the Collector of Malabar, Calicut; dated Luckadie, 5th December 1867, No. 561.

In forwarding the plan and estimate for the repairs proposed to the Deputy Collector's Cutcherry at Manantoddy, I cannot refrain from expressing my opinion on the impolicy of incurring so large an expenditure on a building that both the present and late Deputy Collector consider ill-adapted for carrying on the business of their office; and I am very far from being satisfied that even with this, or any other expenditure in repairs, the permanent safety of the building will be secured. The walls for the upper four feet have been bulged by the thrust of the roof, and when this is the case, there is much reason to fear that the damage has extended even lower.

2. Mr. Underwood tells me that he could obtain temporary accommodation for carrying on his duties, and I strongly recommend that rather than incur expense in patching up a building never

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intended, and not adapted for the use it is put to, it would be better economy to build entirely new. The old materials would be of some value, tending to lower expense, and a much more satisfactory job made of the work.

3. By reference to the plan it will be seen that the whole of the verandah pillars will have to be removed; the same with the back verandah walls, and that of the west room, and more than one-third of the main walls, besides the quoins and bondings of the end, and party-walls. The roof must be entirely taken off, and the wood-work must be new; the plastering of the whole building will have to be renewed; and the floor cannot but be so much damaged during process of repair, that it also will have to be mended. This latter item has not been inserted in the estimate, but will, I am sure, be an unavoidable contingency. In fact, I look upon the proposed work as very like putting a new back and front to a coat, and leaving the buttons and lining.

4. I have forwarded the estimate in compliance with the wishes expressed by you, but I beg to record my strong doubt as to the sufficiency of any such repairs to an old building so seriously injured; and shall be obliged by your forwarding this letter on to Government when the plan and estimate are submitted.

No. 15. ORDER THEREON, 6th January 1868, No. 9.

The Governor in Council is of opinion that a new office is required for the Deputy Collector at Manantoddy, and that meanwhile no expensive repairs should be made to the existing office buildings.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Collector of Malabar, with plan and estimate.
„ Revenue Department.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

Judicial Department.

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/Here enter of December 1867 No. 153/

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*To the Collector of Malabar
„ Revenue Department } dispd of*

Memo for orders

The question raised by the
Collector of Malabar is whether
the Deputy Collector's (Pulchery)
at Manantoddy should be
repaired at an expense of
about Rs 4600 or that
a new Pulchery should be
built at a cost (taking
credit for the materials of
the present building) of 8600
Captain Kennedy is of opinion
that it is very undesirable
to spend so large a sum in
patching up an old building.
~~which is in a state of ruin~~
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repairs to the old building
The Collector seems to think
that if repaired the building

Even at a large cost, Capt.
Kennedy seems doubtful if
these repairs would suffice
to make this old building
permanently useful.

would be of permanent use
but on this point I think
the opinion of the Engineer
should prevail

It appears that accommodation
for the office can be tried
at Mananboby and unless
funds can be allotted
this year to build a
new building I think it
would be better that
the Deputy M. should have
office accommodation &
that the present building
should be pulled down
and materials sold

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I would erect a new
Building. The old one is
very bad. Not worth
repairing. N

be building a great
deal for my road & are
expected to do much more.
I think under such circumstances
it may be well to build
a new building before
Cabin Culehmy, and would
adopt the course preferred
by Captain Kennedy of
pulling down the building
a new Culehmy. If however
funds cannot at once be
had I would thoroughly
repair the present
building according to the
plan of the architect last laid

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Memorandum
for the Board

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Not advisable
to spend money on
repairs & that
a new building
will eventually be
required -