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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
2nd September 1862.*

No. 30. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 14th August 1862,
No. 5,329 :—

Read the following letter from G. THORNIHILL, Esq., Collector of the Kistna District, to
W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Madras, dated Masulipatam, 26th July 1862, No. 170 :—

SIR,

1. With reference to the Proceedings of the Board, dated 8th May 1862, No. 2,936, communicating Order of Government, dated 5th idem, No. 955, calling for information regarding the site proposed for the Civil Dispensary at Masulipatam, I have the honor to report for the information of the Board, that of the sum of Rupees 3,071-8-0, subscribed by the inhabitants of Masulipatam, Rupees 1,598-12-0 were collected up to the date of Mr. T. A. N. Chase's report to Board, dated 24th June 1859, No. 103, and that Rupees 1,061-4-0 have been since collected. The total amount of subscriptions now in deposit is Rupees 2,663, leaving a balance of Rupees 408-8-0, inclusive of Rupees 51-8-0 reported in paragraph 3 of letter No. 108, referred to above to be irrecoverable; it is probable that of this sum Rupees 300 may still be collected.

2. With reference to paragraph 4 of the Order of Government under acknowledgment I beg to state that the site referred to in Mr. Knox's letter to Board, dated 3rd February 1859, No. 8, the purchase of which for Rupees 300 was sanctioned by Government in their Proceedings, dated 27th July 1859, No. 1,155, communicated through the Board in their Proceedings of the 4th August 1859, No. 3,029, was subsequently found to be under litigation, and was consequently not purchased, the same objection to it still exists. It will be seen from my letter to the District Engineer, dated 17th February 1862, No. 32, that it had been contemplated to purchase the building now rented and to repair it, but that the opinion of the Assistant Engineer had been adverse to that proceeding. Subsequently endeavours were again made to obtain a site in the town, but without success. One place alone which seemed suitable to the Civil Surgeon, and myself, was found for sale, but as the owners would not part with it for less than 1,200 or 1,400 Rupees, it was given up. The building now occupied on rent was subsequently examined by the District Engineer himself, who gave it as his opinion that with a new roof and a liberal outlay in repairs, it might be made a thoroughly substantial and good building. Major Anderson was also of opinion that the original sanction would probably suffice for the purchase money, and repairs of the building, but that to erect a new building would probably cost about 2,900 Rupees more than was estimated in 1858. With the concurrence of the Civil Surgeon, it was therefore determined that Plans and Estimates should be prepared for submission to Government. These are now under preparation, and shall be submitted with the least possible delay.

Sanctioned outlay Rupees 8,300.

3. The owner is willing to part with the house, and compound, which is in a good situation, for about Rupees 3,000, the repairs and necessary additions will amount probably to less than Rupees 5,000.

4. I regret the delay which has occurred in furnishing this information. Although many suggestions to meet the difficulty have been made by the different Civil Surgeons, and others, and discussed at different times, it is only now that a practical solution of the difficulty appears to have been arrived at.

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2. In their Proceedings of the 27th July 1859, No. 1,115, Public Department, Government sanctioned the erection of a Civil Dispensary at Masulipatam at an estimated cost of 8,300 Rupees, of which they undertook to defray 5,279 Rupees, leaving 3,021 Rupees to be made up by local contributions. The sum actually collected from subscribers previous to the date of the

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3. It was also expected, at the time the new Dispensary was projected, that an eligible site could be secured for the building for 300 Rupees. Mr. Thornhill states that the ground then in contemplation was not purchased, because it was found on further inquiry to be disputed property, and that the same objection still exists to its purchase. The Collector and the Civil Surgeon then fixed upon another spot, which was the only other suitable site in the town for the purpose contemplated; but as the owners are unwilling to part with it for a less sum than 1,200 or 1,400 Rupees, and the District Engineer thinks that it will now take about 2,000 Rupees more than the sanctioned amount for the erection of a new building, it would appear that so much of the original plan as contemplated the erection of a new building will have to be given up.

4. Under these circumstances the Board would support the Collector's proposal to purchase the present rented building for 3,000 Rupees, and to retain it permanently for the purpose of a Civil Dispensary, after putting it into thorough order, including the necessary additions, all which the District Engineer, who has personally examined the building, is of opinion may be effected within the sanctioned amount of 8,300 Rupees, including the purchase money. It is understood that this proposal has the concurrence of the Civil Surgeon, and that the necessary plans and estimates are being prepared accordingly, for submission to Government.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

No. 31. ORDER THEREON, 2nd September 1862, No. 2,057.

1. Communicated to the Public Department in continuation of G. O. in this Department, dated 14th July 1862, No. 1,668.

2. The Collector will be requested, through the Board of Revenue, to use his best endeavours to collect the portion of the balance of subscriptions by the inhabitants of Masulipatam, which he thinks may probably be realized.

(Signed) W. I. BIRDWOOD, Colonel, R. E.,
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To Colonel W. I. Birdwood, R. E., Secretary to Government, P. W. D.

Copy to G. Thornhill, Esq., Collector of the Kistna District.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
7th November 1862.*

No. 163. Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 7th November 1862, No. 2,687 :—

1. The Chief Engineer will be good enough to report whether, under the operation of paragraph 12, Clause II, Chapter XXIV of the Public Works Code, there is at present any limit within which the expenditure upon emergent work to Military and Commissariat buildings when the health of the Troops is affected, is restricted, and whether under the latitude which the rule affords, any practical inconvenience has been felt in meeting unanticipated demands.

2. The Government of India in a Circular* communicated to this Department pointed out that as the total limit of expenditure under the Local Governments is strictly and absolutely fixed, there should also be a limitation on the items making up that total. The manner in which it was suggested to meet the difficulty was to fix a provisional limit to the total year's expenditure under local Military sanctions at each station. The necessity for introducing some rule of this kind seems obvious, as otherwise there cannot exist that proper distribution of funds for different classes of works which the Budget system contemplates. In a commendable desire to meet the wishes of the senior Military Authorities and show a proper spirit of deference to them, District Engineers may be led to trench on the General Funds of the District to a greater extent than is compatible with the interests of other Departments for which they are equally answerable.

3. The Chief Engineer in a list† of Bills submitted for the sanction of Government, brought to notice the fact that certain works in Bellary which were neither emergent nor such as could be regarded in the light of works affecting the health of the Troops, were irregularly carried out on emergency under the orders of the Major General. This and other similar cases which have been brought to the notice of Government, are instances of the manner in which the powers of sanction may be exercised.

4. The Chief Engineer is requested to offer such suggestions as may occur to him on the subject of these Proceedings.

(Signed) W. I. BIRDWOOD, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 7th November 1862.

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The Chief Engineer Disptd 10th
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Off in charge of Audit Dept

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