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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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13th October 1865.*

No. 293. Read the following letter from R. A. DALYELL, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Madras, 23rd September 1865, No. 5,952 :—

SIR,

1. I am directed by the Board of Revenue to request that, if possible, some funds may be made available, during the current year, towards carrying into effect the additions which the Government had since sanctioned to their office.

2. As Government are aware, upwards of two years ago the Board brought to notice, that "the heat, glare, and discomfort" which they suffered in their present rooms was excessive, and the Government were then pleased to direct the preparation of a plan and estimate for the erection of some upper rooms on the east front of the office, and eventually to sanction the estimate at a cost of Rs. 10,460.

3. As funds were not made available for this addition in 1864, the Board addressed Government on the subject a second time on the 28th October 1864, and took the opportunity of pointing out another great defect in their office, the want of a verandah on the south front, in consequence of which the rooms occupied by the Members and Secretaries were exposed to the full force of the sun during office hours, the venetian shutters being altogether insufficient as a defence against the excessive heat. The Government were again pleased to issue instructions that a verandah should be built on the south front of the office, and that the cost of the additional rooms on the east front should be included in the Budget of the current year.

4. At the commencement of the present hot weather, when the Board learnt, that notwithstanding their urgent representations, there was no immediate prospect of either work being undertaken they addressed the Government a third time,* requesting that these most necessary ad-

ditions to their office might be commenced, and expressing a hope, that some measures might at once be taken to prevent their being subjected, for a third year, to the great discomfort which they underwent during the hot weather of 1864. They at the same time pointed out that the ventilation of the present accommodation might be improved, if the rooms at the east end of the gallery, in which the Members' and Secretaries' rooms are situated, were given up to the Board.

5. On receipt of this communication, the Government explained that want of funds had prevented the erection of the new rooms; but they were pleased to direct that the verandah on the south front should be immediately built, if funds could then be made available. In the same Order, the Government were also pleased to direct, that the office of their Secretary in the Department Public Works, should be removed to the Fort, thus placing the whole of the building at Chepauk at the disposal of the Board.

6. The Board presume that no funds were available for the erection of the verandah at the date of the Government Order (21st March 1865); for, in the Order in the Department Public Works, dated 8th April 1865, No. 965, the Superintending Engineer of the Division was directed to apply for funds, for the purpose, after the commencement of the present official year. On receipt of the last mentioned

2nd May 1865.

Order, however, the Board again addressed Government, pointing out that it was advisable to devote any available funds

8. The Board have now had the experience of another hot season, and they are more than ever convinced, that the office accommodation, now allotted to the Members and Secretaries, is unsuitable in every respect. Though the ventilation has been considerably improved since the whole range of the gallery has been at the sole disposal of the Board, that quiet so essential to a properly constructed office is, of necessity, altogether wanting, and the heat, glare, and general discomfort is still excessive. The Board trust, therefore, that this application for the immediate grant of a small portion of the funds required for the erection of the new rooms, in order that they may be commenced as soon as the monsoon is over, may be complied with.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

P. H. Dalgely

Acting Secretary.

REVENUE BOARD OFFICE,
Madras,
23rd September 1865.

Exd. J. Wright.

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 13th October 1865

Read the following

From the Acting Secretary to the
Board of Revenue

Requesting the immediate
grant of a small portion of the
sums sanctioned for the erection
of the new rooms in the east front
of the Board's Office.

(Here enter 23rd September 1865 No 5952)

The Government con-
sider that instead of
erecting new rooms on the
east side of the upper
story of the building, oc-
cupied by the Board of
Revenue, it would be ad-
visable to construct a
veranda on the south
side of that building. An
estimate for this work

[Signature]

James H. & Co
Sole Agents for
the all the
of funds if
available -
L. S. S. S. S.
Office: 450
25.9.65

Requesting the immediate
grant of a small portion
of the sums sanctioned for
the erection of the new
rooms in the east front
of the Board's Office -
Do. of the Secretary
to Government & Co.
Board of Revenue
No. 1116 - 2770.
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amounting to Rs 9.520
was sanctioned in Proceeding
No 965, dated 8th April last,
but the Government are at
present unable to allot the
necessary funds for its
execution. The Superintendent
Engineer will, however, be
instructed to commence
the work without delay
leaving the expenditure
that may be incurred under
these orders to be hereafter
adjusted "by savings" in
existing allotments for the
4th Div or by transfers from
other Districts.

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W.B.

- To The S. Eng. 4th Div
- 4 " Controller
- 3 " Asst. Commr.
- 8 " Rev. Secy.
- 8 " Secy. of Rev.

Recd 14th October

20 Nov 1865 Dept
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D: 18th Oct / 65

Verandah on the south
side of the building occupied by
Board of Revenue at the Bank
Presidency. The Superintending
Engineer of the 4th Dist instructed
to commence the construction of -

N^o 298. 299.