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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
18th November 1865.

No. 433. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Revenue Department :—

Concurring with the Superintendent of Marine that the cost of erecting a Custom House is not a legitimate charge on Port Funds, and intimating that the amount of the estimate (Rupees 1,185) for the building proposed to be constructed at Quilandy, in the Malabar District, must be met from the general provision for Civil Buildings in the Budget.

(Here enter 14th November 1865, No. 2,772.)

No. 434. ORDER THEREON, 18th November 1865, No. 3,491.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 67.

No. 3,070, 16th October 1865.

1. Communicated to the Superintending Engineer of the 7th Division, with reference to the orders noted in the margin.

2. As there are at present no funds available in the Public Works Department, the Superintending Engineer of the 7th Division will be requested to apply for a grant after the 1st May next.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer of the 7th Division.
" Accountant General.
" Controller of Public Works Accounts.
" Revenue Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 205. Read the following letter from the Superintendent of Marine, to the Secretary to Government, Marine Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 17th October 1865, No. 3,644:—

1. I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of the Proceedings of Government, Revenue Department, of the 10th instant, No. 2,451, communicated to me by the Marine Department, on the 14th, sanctioning an estimate of Rupees 1,185 for a new Custom House at Quilandy, and observing that the cost is to be defrayed from Port Funds.

2. With reference thereto, I beg respectfully to submit that the cost of erecting a Custom House is hardly a charge which Act XXII. of 1855 contemplates as payable from Port Funds. Section 44 says that "all expenses including the pay and "allowances of all persons upon the Establishment of the Port, the cost of buoys, "beacons, lights, and all other works maintained chiefly for the benefit of vessels "being in or entering or leaving the port * * * * shall be charged in the "Port Fund account of that port." A Custom House is not erected for the benefit of shipping using the port, but to enable the Government to levy Custom dues. The dues thus raised being carried to the credit of General Revenues, I submit that the cost of the building should be defrayed from the same source.

3. But in addition to this objection, there seems to be a stronger one in the fact of there being no port Fund at Quilandy. It was evidently the intention of the framers of the Act that the money raised at a port should be expended at that port, and at no other.

4. With these observations I would respectfully suggest that the cost of the Quilandy Custom House should be debited to General Revenues.

Transferred to the Revenue Department.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Acting Secretary to Government.

19th October 1865.

No. 206. ORDER THEREON, 14th November 1865, No. 2,772.

Miscellaneous.

1. The Government concur with the Superintendent of Marine that the cost of building a Custom House is not a legitimate charge on Port Funds.

2. The expense of building the office at Quilandy must be met from the general provision for Civil Buildings in the Budget.

(True Extract.)

Acting Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Dated 18th
From Govt for Town
No 4566
Recd from Govt Buildgs
Civil Depte
27 Nov
Read 6 Dec

No 31191-1865 Civil Works 1877

With an Order.

Concerning with the Dept of Marine that the cost of erecting a Custom House is not a legitimate charge on Port Funds and intimating that the Govt (No 3071 16 Oct 1865) of the Buildings proposed to be constructed at Quilandy in the Malabar Dt must be met from the general provision for Civil Buildings in the Budget

No 433. 434

Civil Works

No 31191

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer of the 7th Division with reference to the orders noted in the margin.

2d There are at present no funds available in the Public Works Department, the Superintending Engineer of the 7th Division will be requested to apply for a grant after the 1st May next.

Fort St George 18th Nov 1865

To The Supg Engineer of the 7th Div
3 " Accountant General
4 " Controller of P.W. Accounts
Revenue Dept 4
Dept 20th November