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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 22nd December 1866.

No. 552. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Revenue Department :—

Passing orders on the estimate of Rs. 16,000 for flooring with asphalte the Custom House yard and sheds at Madras. } (Here enter 21st December 1866, No. 3,470.)

No. 553. ORDER THEREON, 22nd December 1866, No. 4,086.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 112.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer of the 4th Division, who will, for the present, arrange for the flooring of the *godowns* with asphalte being at once proceeded with, in anticipation of an allotment of funds later in the year.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division.
,, Controller of Public Works Accounts.
,, Accountant General.
,, Revenue Department.

No. 423. Read again Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 16th, and recorded in the Proceedings of Government, 21st April 1866, No. 942.

Read also the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 3rd December 1866, No. 3,487:—

1. With reference to Government Order No. 1,319, dated 26th April 1866, I have the honor to submit for the orders of Government an estimate, amounting to Rupees 16,000, for laying a bed of concrete six inches thick, and applying asphalte over the same to the depth of three-quarter inch in the sheds and yards of the Sea Custom House at Madras.

1 Abstract Estimate.

2. If the *sheds alone* are to have floors of concrete and asphalte, the cost would be only Rupees 6,500.

Referred to the Revenue Department. It has not been found possible to provide for the work in the outgoing Budget.

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

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
5th December 1866.

No. 429. ORDER THEREON, 21st December 1866, No. 3,470.

Miscellaneous.

1. The Board support the recommendation of the Collector of Sea Customs at Madras that all the Customs House yard and sheds be floored with asphalte, and suggest that the "Godown rents" might very legitimately be formed into a fund for the maintenance and improvement of the Customs House, the yard, godowns, &c.

2. The Board's suggestion to create a separate fund is inadmissible. The Customs House and the buildings connected with it are public buildings, and spending the revenue derived from them without bringing it to account would be contrary to the principle laid down in the Order of the Government of India noted in the margin. Moreover, the unnecessary increase of Local Funds is inconvenient. The repairs and improvements of these buildings must, therefore, be met from Imperial Funds.

Financial Circular, dated 31st January 1866, No. 188A.

3. The estimate submitted by the Superintending Engineer for asphalting the sheds and yards amounts to Rupees 16,000, but it has not been practicable to provide funds for the work in the outgoing Budget. It is, however, of consequence that it should be undertaken soon, as delay in its execution may entail loss on Government on account of compensation for injury caused to property lodged in the Custom House. Further orders will be issued from the Public Works Department.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Public Works Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Remarks by the Honble H. D. Phillips on Rev^e Draft G.O. regarding asphalting the floor of the Customs House yards and sheds.—

An endeavour should, I think, be made to find money for flooring with asphalte, the yards as well as the sheds. Cases left in the yards attract white ants — from the yards they will find their way into the sheds, and although it may be true that their traces are visible enough, we know that cooly inspectors are careless, and we also know that for any serious damage the Gov^t may have to pay, no sufficient recovery could ever be made from a body of coolies receiving a daily wage of 3 or 3½ annas.—

(S^d) H. D. P.

Do by the R^t Hon: the President

I concur but the level of the floors to be asphalted should be carefully considered lest we spend money on floors which are liable to be inundated.—

(S^d) N.

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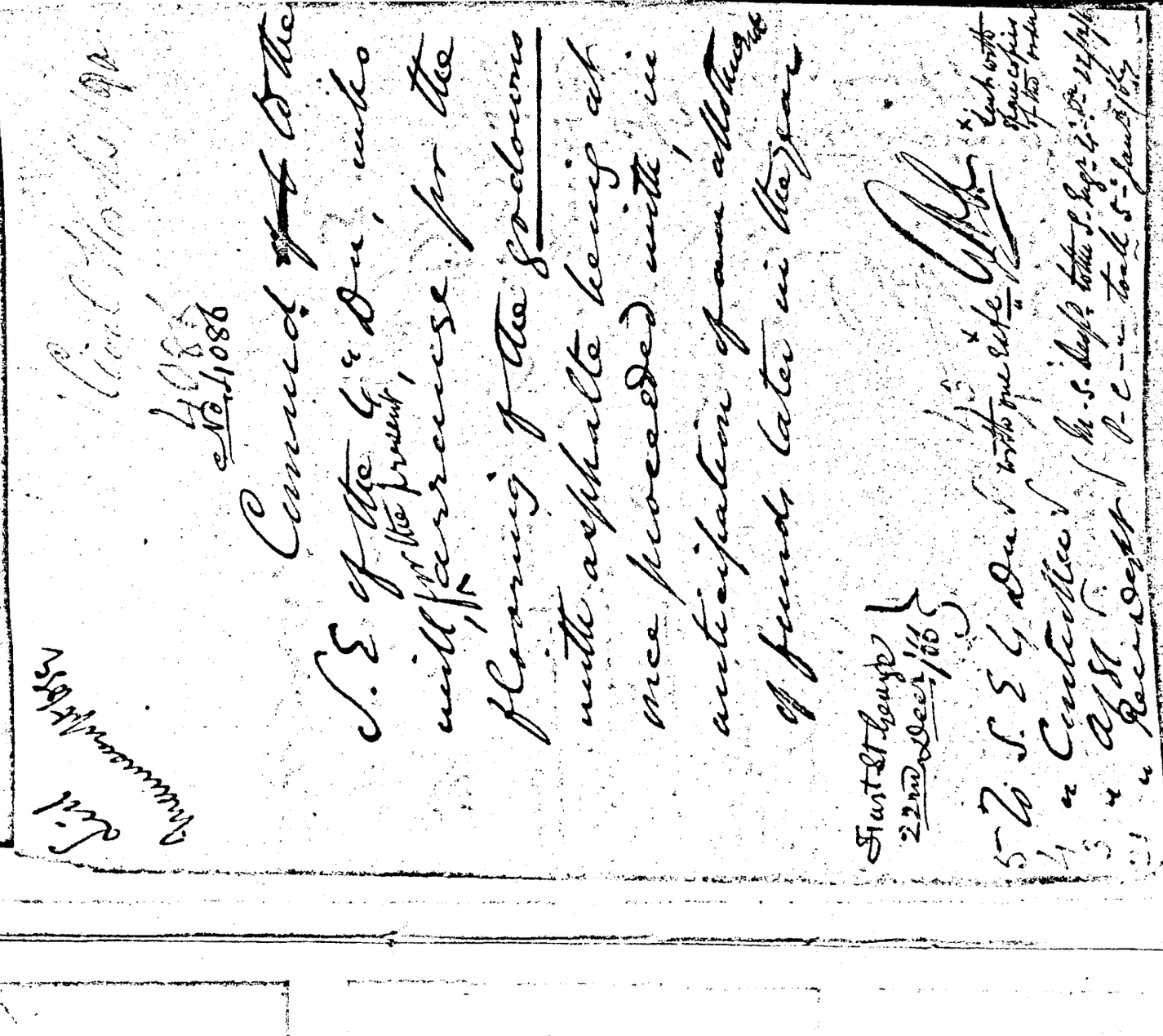

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