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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
13th March 1866.*

No. 261. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Revenue Department:—

Approving of the construction of a Custom } (Here enter 8th March 1866, No. 595)
House at Kottapatnam in the Nellore District.

No. 262. ORDER THERLON, 13th March 1866, No. 822.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 33.

No. 2,176, dated 28th July 1865.

1. Communicated to the Superin-
tending Engineer of the 2nd Division,
with reference to the Order noted in
the margin.

2. The estimate for the proposed building amounts to Rupees 1,260. Colonel
Winscom will apply for funds for the execution of the work after the 1st May
next.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer of the 2nd Division.

„ Controller of Public Works Accounts.
„ Accountant General.
„ Revenue Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
8th March 1866.*

No. 132. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 20th February 1866, No. 1,211.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Nellore, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Patapaud, Atmakur Talook, 29th January 1866, No. 23 :—

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Board's Proceedings of the 12th August, No. 4,844, and submit the information required.

2. On the receipt of the Proceedings under acknowledgment, I called on the Sea Customs Superintendent* to state how business had hitherto been carried on in the absence of any office building; and the replies received to my inquiries

* August 15th, No 63.
September 4th, „ 65
„ 18th, „ 66

were so incomprehensible as to localities that I was obliged to call on the Deputy Collector for a report. Owing to changes in the Superintendents, I was informed that the site I had selected did not face the beach, and that there was an office, whilst I had thought there was none.

3. I also took occasion to visit Kottapatnam on my way back from the Addanki show, and received there the report of the Deputy Collector on the subject, which I enclose with two plans.

4. Though there is now no Sea Customs House at Kottapatnam, as stated by the Deputy Collector, there is the site of one that fell down about four years ago. The mud walls are still standing in parts. It is forty-three years since it was built by one Agasti Subbaya Naidoo, under the orders of the Collector in the Revenue Department. It had a tiled roof, and was about twelve feet square. Where it stood is marked A on Plan No. I.

5. The Superintendent to whom I referred in paragraph 1 of my letter of the 27th July, on which point I am desired to give information, is the Sea Customs Superintendent appointed in accordance to the Establishment sanctioned for the Sea Customs on the recommendation of Mr. Pelly.

6. Where he attended to the business of his office, the third point for report, is the thatched shed of palmyra leaves marked C. The dimensions of this shed I did not take, and the Deputy Collector does not give. The proportions compared with the titled shed as given on the plan are about correct, I think.

7. Whether business is really transacted in the shed is a matter of doubt. It, however, did contain the scales and weights when I visited it, as stated by the Deputy Collector.

8. The details as to the extent of trade, the fourth point for report, I have not with me here. The trade is upwards of ten lacs, if I remember right; and as the figures can be taken from my last Settlement Report in the Board's Office, I will not detain this report to get them from Nellore, more especially as the trade of the port, by which I include the coasting trade, is, I believe, capable of great extension were the approach put in decent order.

9. The black spots to the south of C, the thatched shed, are casuarinas that I sent to Kottapatnam to be planted. They could be cut down; and a site for a Sea

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Customs House could thus be secured of any length that might be required with a width of twelve feet.

10. Trusting, however, that the approach to the port may some day be more easy, and looking on Kottapatnam as the outlet for a large and very productive tract of country, I would still repeat my recommendation that the more commodious site B should be purchased facing the beach.

11. And as there is a Warehouse at the back of our twelve-foot site, as I have shewn in the plan by dotted lines, and the door D of this Warehouse would be somewhat blocked up were we to retain the old site and build on it, I have directed the Superintendent and village authorities to see whether the owner of this Warehouse cannot help us in obtaining the proposed new site on cheaper terms, or see what he would give us for the old site to go as part payment for the new.

12. The dots along the mile of sand between the Town and the Warehouses on the beach are casuarinas that were put down as an avenue last year, in addition to which I have the pleasure to state there is a tope of between two and three thousand, put down at the same time, near the town, which I found looking remarkably well, and have marked in the plan as E.

13. We have plenty of sand to put down more casuarinas on, but building sites, the Board will observe from the second paragraph of the Deputy Collector's letter, are not quite so easy to get; and as regards the dispute there referred to by the Deputy Collector, I have the honor to state that I directed the complainant to go to the Tahsildar and prove his right

From the Acting Deputy Collector in charge of the Salt Department, Nellore, to the Collector of Nellore, dated Camp at Kottapatnam, 16th January 1866, No 28.

1. In reply to your letter of the 6th ultimo, No 814, I have the honor to state that there is no sea Customs House at Kottapatnam. I enclose a revised plan of the port, from which you will observe that the site marked A was once occupied by a tiled shed about twelve feet square. The building fell into disrepair, and the materials were sold when Mr. Ward was in charge of the port. The mud walls, most part of which have been washed away by the rains, alone remain to define the spot where the tiled shed once stood. To the south of this there now stands a thatched shed, in which the scales and weights are protected from the rains. In the revised plan the turn on to the beach is given, and shews that the site selected for the new Cutcherry does face the beach.

2. During my inquiry into the accuracy of the plan received with your letter under reply, Annam Audinarayudu put forth a claim to a portion of his ground taken up by the turn of the road to the beach. I enclose a separate plan of this part of this road, from which you will observe that thirty-six square yards of the north-east corner of his ground, to the west and south of the road, is cut off by the bend. The ground is not enclosed. Either this piece of ground should be taken up according to law, the owner not being inclined to part with it on any account, or we must compress the road in the space of 5½ yards left between the two angles A and B. The little piece marked C is not enclosed, but the Satram Brahmin claims it.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 2 and 3—Plans.

1. Submitted to Government, with reference to their Proceedings, dated 7th August 1865, No. 1,830, Revenue Department.

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8th March 1866.*

2. The erection of a Sea Customs Office at Kottapatnam appears to be necessary.

No. 133. ORDER THEREON, 8th March 1866, No. 595.

Separate Revenue, No. 5.
(Customs.)

The construction of a Custom House at Kottapatnam is approved.

(True Extract.)

L. S. S.
Secretary to Government.

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

Erd. S. T. Augustin.

Dr

No. 822.

Commenced to the ship

intending Engineer of the Division

with reference to the order under the

marginal.

The estimate for the

proposed building amount

to August 1860. Colonel Whitcomb

will apply for funds for the

execution of the work after

the 1st May next.

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Wm. H. Hunt

13th March 1866

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Approving
of the construction
of a Custom House
at Nottapattanam
in the Nellore
District.

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no. 822. 125 March 1866.
With an Order