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Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
18th November 1863.*

No. 352. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Revenue Department. —

Nandikanama Ghaut in Kurnool District — } (Here enter 7th November 1838, No. 2,805)
Board's proposals to construct halting places,
choultry, and clearing jungle, sanctioned.

No. 353. ORDER THEREON, 18th November 1863, No. 3,603.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 48.

1 Communicated to the Superin-
tending Engineer of the 3rd Division.

2 The Government will endea-

vour to provide the amount required from Imperial Funds later in the year.
(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division.
„ Controller of Public Works Accounts.
„ Accountant General.
„ Revenue Department.

Edw. F. R. Bantleman

Govt. of 1868 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

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THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER

1. 10th Nov. 1868.

Read

G. O., 18th November 1868.

NOVEMBER.

Nos. 252-353

Nandikanama Ghaut—Proceedings Revenue Department requesting that order may be issued for the payment of amount of the proposed expenditure in the construction of halting places, &c., on the Nandikanama Ghaut, Kurnool District, &c., as indicated to the Officer concerned.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
7th November 1868.

No. 121. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 28th September 1868, No 6,893 —

Read again Proceedings of the Board, dated 4th June 1868, No 4,141

Read also the following letter from the Collector of Kurnool, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 9th July 1868, No 252

Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 4th June 1868, No 4,141,

1. In reply to Proceedings of the Board, dated 4th June 1868, No 4,141, I have the honor to forward a plan and estimate for a Choultry at Pacherla, and estimates for three enclosures on that portion of the Kurnool and Cuddapah road which passes through the Nallamalla Hills

2 The plan and estimate provide for six rooms—three on one side of the road for Brahmmins and Sudras, and three on the other side of the road for all other castes,—the clearing and improving one well at A, and digging a new well at B, and a flat roof or middle, as used in the town of Kurnool, that being the cheapest obtainable. The total cost will amount at least to Rupees 5,326, as shown in list No 1

3. List No. 2 is the estimate for enclosed halting places. It includes the deepening and clearing of two wells and the sinking of a third. The sum required for this purpose will be Rupees 1,970

4. Adding the Choultry estimate to that for the B fenced enclosures, the total amount required will be Rupees 7,296

5 I beg to forward copy of Deputy Collector Sudarshana Row's letter, for the information of the Board, as in it details have been clearly gone into

From the Deputy Collector of Nundial, to the Collector of Kurnool, dated 4th July 1868, No 112

1 As directed in your Endorsement, dated 9th June 1868, No 126, on the Board's Proceedings of the 4th idem, I beg to submit, herewith, a rough sketch* of the Chuttrums proposed to be built at Pacherla on the Nandikanama Ghaut

* Marked A

2 With reference to the Choultry Rules, at page 76 of the Board's Standing Circular Order Book, two distinct buildings of one and the same description, and of an equal value, seem to be necessary one for Brahmmins and Sudras, and another for all other classes as shown in the sketch

3 The road known as Nandikanama Pass runs through the table-land called Pacherla. One Chuttrum, therefore, may be built north, and another south to the road, opposite to each other. There is a well with stone-facing at Pacherla at a place marked A in the sketch. I found a yard's depth of water therein on the 28th June 1868. The water is not drinkable, as it is not being used by any Travellers, &c., use the water in the hill stream, which is at a distance of about 100 yards from the well. Water is not procurable in hot weather in the stream. The improvement of the well is, therefore, essentially necessary. If the well be deepened, and if the water therein be used to a garden constantly or occasionally, travellers, &c., will use the water

4 It will be seen from the enclosed list, No 1, of the estimated cost for constructing the Choultry in question, that a sum of Rupees 4,526 is estimated to be required for the construction of the same, and a sum of Rupees 200 for deepening the well and repairing its parapet-wall, &c. The estimate is prepared with much care. Prime cost is entered in the list for timber, such as beams, posts, rafters, &c., required for the Chuttrums

5. Beams, posts, and rafters of reserved timber, which are of durable character, are procurable at a distance of forty, ten, and five miles, respectively, from Pacherla. It is naturally difficult to procure laborers in such a jungle as Pacherla. The quarry of stones required for building walls is at a distance of about 1½ miles from Pacherla. At Pacherla no good stones are procurable. All those difficulties were carefully weighed in framing the estimate.

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6 The Chuttrums shown in the sketch are considered to afford ample accommodation for travellers

7 An important point for consideration is, whether or not the well, marked A in the sketch, is useful to all classes of people. I think as long as the present prejudices exist, Brahmans and Sudras will not use it if it is used by other classes of people. If the sinking of another well is considered to be necessary, I beg to propose that it may be sunk at a place marked B in the sketch. I am afraid that it will not cost less than 600 Rupees. This may be easily judged from the nature of the well marked A.

8 Contiguous to the well marked A there is, in the western direction, an unsurveyed piece of land measuring 150 Acres. Out of which 6 Acres and 60 Cents were cleared from the jungles and

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cultivated by the marginally noted ryots in July 1276. As the ryots deserted in July 1277, which has just expired, leaving the land (6 Acres and 60 Cents) fallow, the villagers of Basavapuram, within whose limits the land is situated, seem to have paid the assessment thereof under the old practice. As this is irregular, I intend to sell the land for the balance due by the deserters, and purchase it for Government. This land is very fertile as it was well manured by the cattle of Lumbadias and other travellers, and it is well fitted for planting a tope and a garden suggested by the Board.

9 I beg further to bring to your notice that there are now about 100 tamarind and twenty wood-apple trees in addition to various jungle trees at Pacharla at a place where the Chuttrums are now proposed to be built. It is a matter of consideration whether a tope is still required to be planted at the same place.

10 List No 2, which contains estimated cost for fencing halting places and repairing and sinking wells at their vicinity, has also been prepared carefully. The cost of these works is estimated to be 1,970 Rupees, the estimated cost entered in my letter, dated 8th May 1868, No 71, for fencing the halting places is, I find, unduly low. I cannot but venture to mention here, that the materials with which the fences are proposed to be constructed are not of a durable character, though less expensive.

11. Water cannot be procurable at the proposed halting places in hot weather. Repairing the wells in existence near "Chorava Narasimha Swamy Temple" and at "Pacharla" and at "Mahodevooni Bhavy," and sinking a well at a place called "Ragoomani Guntalu," are, therefore, of paramount importance.

12 I beg to enclose herein a letter from the Assistant Conservator of Forests, dated the 3rd instant, No 85. From this it will be seen that the Forest Department is willing and able to supply the timber required for these Chuttrums at the estimated cost entered in the accompanying List No 1. It will save much time and trouble if the Forest Department is directed to deliver the requisite timber at Pacharla at the estimated cost. I would, therefore, strongly recommend that the Forest Department should be directed to deliver at Pacharla the required timber, whoever may have the superintendence of the building of the Chuttrums.

13 I further beg to bring to your notice that the Chuttrums to be built will be like the native dmdais (దండెయి) at Kurnool, and in other places in this district. Any other mode of building wall, I find, be very expensive particularly at a place like Pacharla.

From the Assistant Conservator of Forests, to the Deputy Collector of Nundial, dated 3rd July 1868, No 85

1. I have the honor to inform you, in answer to your letter, No 108, of 2nd instant, that I shall be prepared to supply you with well-seasoned timber (Nallamuddie and Yegi) of the size required by you and for your estimated amount, plus the seigniorage, the seigniorage on the thirty-six large beams I reckon at Rupees 54, that is two beams to each cart, seigniorage on twenty beams, Rupees 24 at four beams per cart, seigniorage for thirty-two posts, Rupees 24 at four posts per cart.

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2 Reserved timber for rafters are not allowed to be felled, except Chiriman, and as that would be green and not last long, I would recommend cutting rafters from seasoned beams, which will be dearer than your estimate, but should you wish it, I will supply Chiriman rafters at your rate, and if they are cut soon they will quickly season being small.

3 The doors and frames would cost Rupees 6-4-0 for the timber of each.

ENCLOSURES Nos 3 and 4 — Estimates

ENCLOSURE No 5 — Plan

1. The reports that have been from time to time received regarding the ravages of tigers on the Nandikanama Ghaut, indicate that the chief causes are the habit of night-travelling, and the excessive narrowness of the jungle cutting through which the road is carried.

2. The jungle is described by Mr. Chase as in many cases brushing the bandies on each side.

3. The Board in their Proceedings of the 4th June, on reports from the Collector and his subordinates, selected the places noted in the margin as suitable points for the construction of secure halting places, considering that by providing such at easy stages the necessity for night-travelling would be to a great extent obviated.

4 It was also resolved that a Choultry should be constructed at one of the stages, Pacharla. The Collector now submits estimates, as noted in the margin, amounting to Rupees 7,296.

Three enclosures with wells	RS 1,970
Choultry with two wells	5,326
Total	7,296

5. The Board consider the plan of Choultry proposed, in the first instance, adopt the Malabar plan of a building enclosing three sides of a square, the fourth being enclosed by a strong palisade; the building being, of course, so planned as to afford security from attacks of tigers.

6 As regards clearing the jungle, the Collector proposed, in the first instance, clearings on either side of 100 yards, but the estimated expense was so large, 10,000 Rupees, that Government in their Order, dated 2nd April 1868, No 876, declined to sanction it.

7. The Board consider that the safety of the road would be much promoted by the clearing to a less extent, say of twenty yards, on each side.

8 An expenditure of Rupees 1,444-7-4 from the Road Fund has already been incurred, and it is impossible to indent further on this source for so large an expenditure as is required. The road, moreover, is an Imperial one.

9. The Board, therefore, propose that Government should undertake to provide a moiety of the cost of Choultry, halting places, and clearing, which will probably not exceed a total of Rupees 12,000.

10. In this case the Collector can be directed to revise his estimates, and to commence the work at once, and prosecute it vigorously in anticipation of sanction.

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7th November 1868.*

No. 122.

ORDER THEREON, 7th November 1868, No 2,805.

Miscellaneous

1. The propriety of taking some steps in order to protect travellers in the Nandikanama Ghaut road, in the Kurnool District, has for some time been under the consideration of the Collector and the Board of Revenue, but a former proposition of the Board, that the sum of Rupees 11,250 should be expended from Imperial Funds for clearing the jungle through the Pass to the extent of 100 yards on each side of the road, was not acceded to by Government

2 The Board now report that the chief cause of the frequent attacks made upon travellers by tigers are the habit of night-travelling, and the excessive narrowness of the cutting in the jungle through which the road passes. They, therefore, propose the construction of some secure halting places and an inexpensive Choultry, considering that by this means the necessity for night-travelling will be, to a great extent, obviated. They also propose to clear the jungle on each side of the road to the extent of at least twenty yards. The cost of these improvements is roughly estimated at Rupees 12,000, and the Board request that a moiety thereof may be paid from Imperial Funds

3 The Board's proposals are reasonable, and should be acted on with the least practicable delay. Much has been done towards opening the Nandikanama Pass, which is an Imperial line; but it is still avoided by native travellers and Brinjaries, owing to the want of secure and convenient halting places, and the outlay now proposed by the Board will serve to utilise what has hitherto been expended on the Pass

4. Orders will be issued by the Public Works Department for the payment of a moiety of the proposed expenditure; and the balance should at once be provided from Local Funds.

(True Extract)

W. S. S. S.

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue
,, the Public Works Department

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government
under date the 15th November 1868
Read the following

Rec. of the Marine Corps Dept. of the Navy No. 2805 dated 7th Nov/68

Communicated
to the Superintendent
Engineer of the 3^d Division.
11/1/1882

The Government
will endeavour to provide
the amount required from
Imperial Funds later in
the year.



To the Hon. Mr. 3rd Div^l
Controller P. H. Accts^l
Acct. General
Revenue Dept^l

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THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

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Dated November, 7th

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C O, 7th November, 1868, No 2,803.

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