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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
7th April 1869.*

No. 171. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Revenue Department:—

*Chattram between Pycara and Neddiveet-
tam.*—Contribution of Rupees 500 towards its } (Here enter 24th March 1869, No. 828.)
erection, sanctioned.

No. 172. ORDER THEREON, 7th April 1869, No. 1,130.

CIVIL WORKS, 25.

Communicated to the Superintend-
ing Engineer of the 7th Division.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
24th March 1869.*

Read the following:—

No. 642. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 7th January 1869, No. 44.

Read the following letters:—

From the Collector of Coimbatore, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Ootacamund, 16th May 1868, No. 143.

1. With reference to paragraph 3 of the Board's Proceedings of the 8th ultimo, No. 2,658, I have the honor to forward copy of a letter from Mr. J. W. Minchin, dated 28th idem, from which it will appear that the Planters' Association at Ootacamund has ceased to exist for a long time. He states that the letter written to him by the late Acting Collector, Mr. MacGregor, was circulated among most of the Planters whose estates are in communication with Ootacamund by the line of road leading by Neddivuttum and Pycara, and that it appeared that most of these gentlemen would be willing to subscribe for the erection of the proposed accommodation for their coolies travelling on the road, but that they wanted some definite estimate of the cost of the buildings, that they might know what was wanted of them.

2. He now applies for it, and I have written to the Executive Engineer, Northern Range, for the same; so soon as it is received, it will be forwarded to the gentlemen concerned through Mr. Minchin, and the result reported to Board in due course.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From J. W. MINCHIN, Esq., to the Collector of Coimbatore, dated Ootacamund, 28th April 1868.

1. In answer to your letter, No. 122, of 25th instant, referring to the Government Order of 15th October 1866, No. 2,802, on the subject of the building of Chuttrums between Ootacamund and Neddivuttum, I have the honor to inform you that the Planters' Association of Ootacamund has ceased to exist for a long time.

2. That the letter written to me by Mr. MacGregor was circulated among most of the Planters whose estates are in communication with Ootacamund by the line of road referred to. That it appeared that most of these gentlemen would be willing to subscribe for the erection of the proposed accommodation for their coolies travelling on the road, but that some definite estimate of the necessary cost of the buildings should be given them, that they might know what was wanted of them.

3. If you will favor me with some statement of the probable cost of the Chuttrums, I will send the particulars to Mr. Ouchterlony and the other Planters most interested in their construction.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) A. WEDDERBURN,
Collector.

From the Commissioner of the Neilgherries, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Ootacamund, 30th September 1868, No. 33.

1. The Board in their Proceedings of 1st July 1868, No. 4,833, paragraph 4, express a hope that the subject of permanent Chuttrums for Native Travellers on some of the roads up here should be considered at an early date, so as to admit of their construction before the next monsoon.

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2. The two temporary sheds (one at the Craigmere cutting, and the other at the sandy nullah on the Seegoor road) built with the sanction of the Board, in their Proceedings under reply, are tiled buildings, have done their work well, and are still in good order and likely to last for some years to come. I would not, therefore, recommend any more permanent erections in those places.

3. Mr. Ouchterlony out of his own funds, in 1867, erected a Chuttrum at a cost of more than 600 Rupees, on a sheltered and most convenient site, between Ootacamund and Pycara (where the old tappal hut formerly stood) and the Chuttrum has fully answered its purpose during these last two monsoons.

4. Mr. Ouchterlony authorises me to say that he will be happy to make over his Chuttrum to the Government, feeling certain that there will be better security for its being devoted to its intended object, if kept under Government control. He says that there is a man in charge of the Chuttrum on three Rupees a month, who keeps a petty bazaar, and has often requested Mr. Ouchterlony for permission to grow a few potatoes.

5. I would suggest that I should be allowed to take over the Chuttrum from Mr. Ouchterlony, and that, in company with Colonel Farewell, I should be permitted to select a convenient spot between Pycara and Neddivuttum for another Chuttrum to be built by Government.

6. With the two Chuttrums mentioned in paragraph 2, Mr. Ouchterlony's Chuttrum and the one proposed to be built between Pycara and Neddivuttum, I think that the wants of Native Travellers in the monsoon season will be amply provided for.

7. With regard to the care of these Chuttrums, I think that it would be desirable to give the men in charge a certain plot of potatoe ground neighbouring the Chuttrum, free of rent-charge in lieu of a monthly salary. Such a mode of payment would be more likely to secure the permanent service of a better class man, and thereby be some guarantee for the good treatment of storm-stayed travellers.

In his letter, the Commissioner requests permission to take over on behalf of Government a Chuttrum, constructed by Mr. Ouchterlony at a cost of 600 Rupees on the road between Ootacamund and Pycara, and to allot to the man in charge, a plot of ground for cultivation.

2. He also requests permission to select a site for another Choultry between Pycara and Neddivuttum.

3. In their Order of the 30th July 1866, No. 1,890, the Government admitted that shelter for travellers on the road from Ootacamund to Neddivuttum in addition to the Choultries at the latter place and Pycara was urgently required, but demurred to providing it, alleging that the Planters should be called on to do so.

4. A good deal of correspondence has passed without any result, and in the meantime Mr. Ouchterlony has, with great public spirit, provided at his own cost the necessary building at one of the two sites proposed.

5. Mr. Brecks reports that the building is suited to the purpose, and there seems no reason, therefore, why any very large expenditure need be incurred at

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the site between Pycara and Neddivuttum, though of course the additional distance over which materials have to be carried will somewhat enhance the cost.

6. The Board would recommend that the Government authorise the Commissioner to construct a similar building on whatever he may, in connection with Major Farewell, determine as the most eligible site, and that they allot a sum of 500 Rupees for the purpose.

7. Mr. Brecks will no doubt be able to raise the further sum necessary from Planters, who it appears are willing to contribute.

8. If this proposal is acquiesced in, there will be every prospect of the building being available before another South-West Monsoon shall have come to add its victims to the already large number of Coolies who, for want of some shelter near this spot have lain down by the road-side to die.

No. 643. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 25th February 1869.

Read the following letter from the Commissioner, Neilgherry Hills, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Ootacamund, 19th February 1869, No. 23.

1. With reference to Proceeding's of Board of Revenue, dated 7th January 1869, No. 44, I have been out with Colonel Farewell and selected a suitable site for a Chuttrum between Pycara and Neddivuttum. I have also addressed the Planters on the subject of raising funds to supplement the 500 Rupees recommended for sanction by the Board.

2. To-day I received the enclosed letter from Messrs. Vertue and Minchin. There can be no doubt, I think, but that the additional 500 Rupees will be raised. Time presses if we are to get the building up before the next monsoon. Will the Board authorize my beginning in anticipation of the Government sanction?

From Messrs. VERTUE, MINCHIN, and Co., to the Commissioner of Neilgherries, dated Ootacamund, 18th February 1869.

1. We have the honor to enclose an Order for Rupees one-hundred and fifty, as our subscription towards the building of a Chuttrum between Pycara and Neddivuttum.

2. We have addressed the other gentlemen that promised to subscribe to this Chuttrum, requesting them to send their money to you at once.

3. Mr. Ouchterlony having made over his Chuttrum to the public, is very liberal.

4. We have no doubt that the Rupees 500 you require will be soon sent to you.

UNDER the circumstances stated by the Commissioner, the Board sanction a commencement being made in the way of preparation of materials and so forth for the Chuttrum between Pycara and Neddivuttum in anticipation of sanction.

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No. 644.

ORDER THEREON, 24th March 1869, No. 828.

Miscellaneous.

Under the circumstances stated
by the Neilgherry Commissioner and
the Board of Revenue, the Government
sanction the contribution of Rupees 500 for the erection of a new Chuttrum between
Pycara and Neddivuttum.

(True Extract.)

[Signature]

Acting Secretary to Government.

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

Ed. S. T. Augusta.

Exd. G. A. Turton.

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To
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Contract for Road works
sanctioning the execution
of Rs 500 for the
erection of a new Chattram
between Mysore & 14th M.
Villages, Chattram Rd.
and 14th M. Villages