M.R.O. 1—77,006—3-6-37.

(1) Number of pages _____

(2) Date of repair _____

(3) Initials of the Referencer _____

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public works DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 3227 Press Mis.

109-110

Dated 6 10 1869.

Not to be folded or roughly handled

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 6th October 1869.

No. 109. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Revenue Department :—

Sea Custom-house at Beypore.—Revised estimate for a wooden fence and a good approach, sanctioned. Department Public Works to provide funds for the works. } (Here enter 27th September 1869, No. 2,660.)

No. 110. ORDER THEREON, 6th October 1869, No. 3,227.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 13.

COMMUNICATED to the Superintending Engineer of the 7th Division in continuation of G. O., No. 1,166, dated 9th April 1869.

2. No funds are at present available.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

No. 400. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 4th September 1869, No. 6,653 :—

Read the following letter from the Collector of Malabar, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Palghaut, 11th August 1869, No. 217.

With reference to the Board's Proceedings, dated 24th March last, covering Government order, dated 20th idem, No. 783, I have the honour to report that a bamboo fence had heretofore existed round the Custom-house at Beypore, and had been kept in repair from time to time; that my predecessor, in view to avoid annual repairs to it, desired to have a permanent fence, constructed with wooden posts, placed at intervals, and cross-bars running across them, and wanted to provide also two gates, and put the approach to the Custom-house in good order by metalling the road, it being sandy and very inconvenient for heavy-laden carts going to the Custom-house to pass over. He accordingly called for an estimate for the work, and submitted it to the Board; but Government have remarked that they do not see why the contemplated work has become necessary, while the business of the port has been transacted without it for many years.

2. I would beg to observe that a good permanent fence and a good approach are only ordinary improvements, which increasing traffic in a rising port renders imperative; nor can the fact of the inconvenience being long standing be an argument against its removal now.

3. I submit a revised estimate, involving an outlay of less than half the amount of the original estimate. I propose to have only a wooden fence with posts placed at every two or three yards, and with cross-beams also of wood. The cost would only come to Rupees 63-10-6. I would prefer this to a hedge formed of some plant, because the latter would be very slow of growth, and because Milanjee or other plants required for the purpose have to be carried to the spot, which consists of sandy soil, from Calicut, some seven miles distant.

If however the Board wish that I should try to form a hedge only, I would endeavour to do so, although my present proposal is not costly or otherwise objectionable.

4. The approach is only 240 yards long. Some of the traders have applied to me to have the road metalled, as they are put to considerable trouble in conveying their traffic from the Beypore road to the Sea Custom-house, or *vice versa*; the pathway being of loose sand. I sounded them as to whether they would be inclined to bear the cost, but their reply has left little hope of any aid from them; and I think it is only fair that Government should bear so trifling a cost for the improvement of the port, seeing that they levy heavy duties on the imports and exports, and realise large sums by way of Port dues, Godown rent, etc.

5. Under these circumstances, I beg early sanction of the revised estimate and provision of funds for the work. I propose to have the fence erected by the Revenue Department, and the road constructed by the Department Public Works.

Enclosure No. 1.—Estimate.

Submitted to Government with reference to Government order, dated 20th March 1869, No. 783.

2. The Board consider that the Collector has shown sufficient cause for making a fence round the Custom-house compound at Beypore and a good approach to it. They accordingly recommend that the revised estimate submitted by him by which the cost is reduced from Rupees 800 to Rupees 371, be sanctioned.

No. 401. ORDER THEREON, 27th September 1869, No. 2,660.

Miscellaneous.

UNDER the circumstances stated by the Collector, the Government sanction the revised estimate for making a fence round the Custom-house compound at Beypore and a good approach to it, amounting to Rupees 371. Orders will be issued from the Public Works Department for the provision of funds, when available.

(True Extract.)

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Public Works Department.
,, the Accountant-General.

Ord. F. R. Bantleman.

No 3227

Fort St Eugene
6th Oct 1869

No 3227 - 6th Octo 1869

Fort St Eugene
6th Oct 1869

Encl 4091

Govt. of India, Gujarat

PUBLIC WORKS.

To The Superintending Engr
& Executive
Dated
Read
G. O. 6th October 1869, No. 322

Nos. 109 - 111

Letter Offr concerned wrote a
intimation that Accounts are
not available at present.

Custom-House Compound at
Broach Road Revd Estimate
-ting the revised Estimate
Rs 37 / for making a fenced
the Custom-House Compound
at Broach, Metalled Rd,
good approach to the same, and
requesting that orders may be issued
for the Commencement of fenced Wall