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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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No 447. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 24th May 1870, No 3,590 —

Read the following letter from the Collector of Malabar, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Calicut, 30th April 1870, No 152

I HAVE the honour to submit letters to my address from the Deputy Collector and the Special Executive Engineer of Wynaad regarding the state of the public buildings at Manantoddy, and to request the Board's attention particularly to the necessity of providing accommodation for the Deputy Collector's Cutcherry as speedily as possible.

2. Major Kennedy states that the provision made by him for the work in the current year's Budget has been struck out by Government. This is much to be regretted. Heavy expense is at present

Fide Board's Proceedings, 10th July 1869, No. 4,964 incurred in providing accommodation for the Deputy Collector's establishment,

and as Major Kennedy states the collection of the materials and erection of the building cannot both be effected in one year, it will be three years before proper accommodation is secured to the Deputy Collector, even should the entire amount of the estimate be granted in 1871-72

3 Under these circumstances I have the honour to suggest that Government may be moved to sanction a grant of Rupees 5,000 for the work, so that Major Kennedy may be in a position to collect the requisite materials within the year and complete the work in the next

4. I have addressed Government regarding the improvements to the Manantoddy Hospital, and trust they will issue early orders for the commencement of the work. Rupees 1,267 have been collected from contributions for the purpose.

From W. E. UNDERWOOD, Esq., Deputy Collector of Wynaad, to the Collector of Malabar, dated Manantoddy, 9th April 1870, No 142

I HAVE the honour to submit a report on the public buildings in this place which I have just examined

2 The Deputy Collector's residence is, I consider, so unsafe, that under no circumstances could he allow his family to reside in it during the ensuing monsoon, and so has been obliged to take a house for four months for them at Ootacamund, the talcs not having been turned the place leaks badly. To save the rest of the building from falling, I think of pulling down the end room. Major Kennedy was here lately, and I think would endorse this report of the building.

3 I hope, taking into consideration the exceptionable character of this place for fever and damp, (the very heavy rainfall for four to five months,) that early measures may be taken to commence the building proposed for the Deputy Collector

4 The Deputy Collector's Cutcherry was pulled down months ago, it was considered so dangerous, there has been no commencement of a new building

5 The Talook Cutcherry is in a very dangerous state, I should be sorry to be compelled to hold my Court in the building

6 The rafters of lower rooms of the Public Bungalow are eaten through and through with white-ants, and the roof will very likely fall in. It would be better to keep this bungalow in repair than build new ones at Penah and Karkoor

7 The Hospital is a disgrace to the place, dirty, dark, out of repair, and gradually falling in; one beam eaten through with white-ants fell the other day.

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8 I will leave the Range Officer, Department Public Works, to report on his own quarters which is certainly safe, but, I should fancy, far from being comfortable or healthy. Indeed, I know both himself and wife have suffered considerably from fever

9 The Forest Officer's Office and Schoolroom in the same range of buildings are safe and in pretty fair repair

10 The Deputy Collector's kitchen and stables require repairs. The verandahs to his godowns have fallen, the buildings are unsafe

From Major R B KENNEDY, Special Executive Engineer, Wynaad, to the Collector of Malabar, dated 18th April 1870, No 285.

With reference to your endorsement on the letter, No 142, of the Deputy Collector of Wynaad, I have the honour to reply that I concur in every word that is stated as regards the condition of the buildings in question, but I do not see any way quite so clearly as to how the remedies are to be applied

2 With regard to his residence, it is being piece-meal abolished, last year two rooms were removed, and Mr Underwood now proposes to pull down a third. Mr Underwood, I believe, is under a mistaken notion that there is a specific against leakage in tiles being turned annually, and I think he attaches rather too much of the cause of leakage to this not having been done this year, the fact is, the woodwork of the roof is so weak and crazy, I should be afraid to venture on putting on a sufficient number of tiles to ensure perfect weather-proof, the weight would bring the whole building down. Even were it worth going to the expense of a new roof, which it decidedly is not, the proximity of the monsoon forbids the attempt at present. Carpenters and Sawyers are now would inevitably be the certain destruction of the whole building. I therefore strongly advise that it should not be meddled with. I think the first thing that should be settled is, whether the Deputy Collector is entitled to have a residence found for him, this is a question which he can argue far more forcibly than I can, and if the obligation is allowed by Government, I should like to be informed of the extent of accommodation that would be sanctioned. I sent in an estimate some time ago, but it was objected to as contemplating too large an expenditure, the same accommodation could not, however, be furnished for a less amount

3. In my Budget proposal for 1870-71, I entered the sanctioned plan and estimate for a new Cutcherry for the Deputy Collector, but the Government struck it out, I presume, in consequence of the financial difficulty. I was also refused permission to collect materials as a charge against the Stock account, in readiness to be applied to carrying out the work as soon as an allotment could be made. I scarcely think that under any circumstances can a hope be entertained of obtaining a grant this year for both Cutcherry and residence, nor perhaps even the whole for either, but if you could prevail on Government to sanction a grant of some Rupees 5,000 for collecting materials during the current year, and have the work sanctioned for execution in 1871-72, it would be a great gain, for it would not be possible, under the conditions of climate and labour prevailing in Wynaad, to prepare materials for, and erect the building within one and the same season

4. It would be mere waste to repair such a building as the Tahsildar's Cutcherry, no efficient repair is practicable, the building is too old and rotten. This was thoroughly gone into between myself and Mr Ballard on the spot, and the above conclusion arrived at

5. The Public Bungalow requires an entirely new roof, and I will direct the Range Officer to estimate for it. As regards the greater advantage of keeping this in repair to building those on the Periah and Karkoor Ghauts, it is useless urging the point, that at the head of the Karkoor Ghaut being very nearly completed, and the whole of the materials at site for the other with the building no doubt making good progress also

6 There seems some pecuniary difficulty about the hospital repairs, I don't know to what extent funds could be found, and it is always better in such cases to know the length of the purse

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before taking the trouble to estimate, if any sum can be named as available, I will see to what extent it can be most judiciously and efficiently laid out, but it is useless working in the dark

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

2. Mr. Underwood's description of the dilapidated state of public buildings at Manantoddy calls for serious consideration.

3. The Board have already represented to Government that heavy expense will be incurred in providing accommodation for the Deputy Collector's Office until the new Cutcherry is built.

TRANSFERRED to the Public Works Department.

OOTACAMUND,
12th July 1870.

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

No. 448. ORDER THEREON, 29th July 1870, No. 1,821.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 38.

UNDER the urgent circumstances brought to notice, His Excellency the Governor in Council resolves to apply to the Government of India for sanction to the transfer of Rupees 5,000, from the sum* held at the disposal of Government in Proceedings, No. 1,259, dated 16th May 1870, from the current year's Budget allotment† for the Iyaur Bridge in the Trichinopoly District.

* Rupees 15,607.

† Item No 232.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 6th Division
" Controller of Public Works Accounts
To Major R B Kennedy.
To the Revenue Department.

Exd E C. Shunker.

No 1821

S. J. G.

Proceedings

Mote by the Hon. Mr. Sim
on Pro. B. of Res 24 May 1870
No 3590. relating to Public
Buildings at Muncie today

This is a matter of
very great urgency. The
Board's Proceedings had better
be simply transferred to
the D. P. W. and Colonel
Orr will see whether by
the postponement of matters
if urgent funds cannot
be supplied for at least
collecting materials.

/Signed/ J. D. Sim

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No 1821 P. M. D.
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Under date the 29 July 1870

Read the following

Pro of the Board of Revenue. (H. E. No. 3590 of 24th May 1870)

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Govt of India for sanction
to the transfer of Rupees
5,000 from the sum
held at the disposal of
Government in Pro:
No. 1259, dated 16th May
1870 from the current
year's Budget allotment
for the Dyar bridge

* Rs 15,607

* Item No. 232



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L. H. O'Brien

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Deputy Collector's Cutcherry
at Manantaddy - Intimation
given that the sanction of
the Govt of India will be ap-
plied for the transfer of
certain lands for the re-
quirements materials being
collected for the construction
of a Deputy Collector
Cutcherry at Manantaddy.

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