

Public Works (1899) Department.

G.O., No.

1466 W

DATED 6th June 1899

[Despatch Abstract.]

Customs house at Banidur

Directing the abandonment of the work of
constructing a new — South Canara District,
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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

Read—the following papers :—

From A. H. GARRETT, Esq., Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Coimbatore, 5th December 1898, No. 628 W.

I have the honour to inform you that in * G.O., No. 1580 W., dated 26th June 1894, the construction of a new customs house at Baindur in the South Canara district was sanctioned when funds were available.

2. Apparently the work was commenced in August 1895, when the Collector informed the Executive Engineer that the building would not be required. Work was delayed for some time in consequence, but the Board of Revenue ultimately decided that the building should be proceeded with.

3. Shortly afterwards a change of site was proposed and a new site was selected in May 1896. The Revenue Department delayed handing over the site for more than a year and in September 1897 the Executive Engineer remarked in the B form progress report that in its Proceedings, No. 3492, dated 14th August 1897, the Board of Revenue decided that the work was unnecessary as only urgent work could be undertaken.

4. The Executive Engineer was then called upon to submit a report to this effect for the information of the Chief Engineer. This report (copy enclosed) has just been received and the Executive Engineer explains that the delay in making it has been due to difficulty experienced in settling up the contractor's accounts.

5. Before applying for sanction to abandon the work and sell the materials as proposed by the Executive Engineer, I would suggest a reference being made to the Board of Revenue as there are no papers in my office which throw any light on the subject with the exception of the Executive Engineer's letter just received and the B form progress report.

ENCLOSURE.

From C. W. WOOD, Esq., Executive Engineer, West Coast Division, to the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, dated Calicut, 29th October 1898, No. 593 S.E.

In returning herewith for record the B form progress report for constructing a sea customs office at Baindur in South Canara district and with advertence to your remarks thereon, I have the honour to report that subsequent to the correspondence from the Revenue Department quoted at the end of the report another letter was received from the Collector of South Canara bearing his reference, No. 89-Eng., dated 29th January 1898, stating that the Board of Revenue had abandoned the idea of erecting a new customs house at Baindur and requesting me to have the roof of the existing building repaired. The requisition was complied with on an estimate for Rs. 70, sanctioned in register No. 34 of 1898-99.

2. The contractor for the new work having been disappointed, there was some difficulty in settling his account, and it was only in September 1898 that his accounts were finally closed; and this accounts for the delay in the submission of the report.

3. The total outlay on the work amounts to Rs. 1,046-9-10 and there are some materials at site of the work. But the Sub-division officer reports that a portion of them cannot be used on any other work and that even the good ones will have to be kept until use can be found for them. The useless materials will be sold in public auction and the proceeds credited to the work. A proper list of the other materials will be maintained and they will be utilised as occasion arises.

4. Under these circumstances I have the honour to request that as there appears to be no prospect of a new building being required, sanction of Government may be obtained for the abandonment of the unfinished work.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Separate Revenue), Mis. No. 1197, dated 23rd March 1899.

Read—letter from A. F. PINHEY, Esq., I.C.S., Acting Collector of South Canara, dated 25th February 1899, Dis. No. 86 R./G. and B.

Resolution—Mis. No. 1197, dated 23rd March 1899.

With reference to the endorsement of Government, Mis. No. 4957, dated 15th December 1898, calling for report on the proposal to abandon the construction of a new customs house at Baindur, the Board begs to report as follows :—

An estimate for a new customs house at Baindur in the South Canara district was sanctioned in G.O., No. 1580 W., dated 26th June 1894, communicated in G.O., Mis. No. 2686, Revenue, dated 10th July 1894, for execution when funds were available. While preparations were being made in the Public Works Department for commencing the work, the Collector represented in October 1895 that the site selected by that department was not easily accessible by road, that no other suitable site appeared to be available, and that, as the staff of the Baindur customs house was to be reduced in the scheme for the reorganisation of Customs establishments, it was unnecessary to provide a larger building. He also stated that if the present building became too dilapidated for use, the only sign of its doing which was a white-ant mark which had existed for two years, a new but smaller building might be erected later on on the same site, and recommended the surrender of the allotment for the erection of the new building. The Board, however, considered that the Sea Customs officials could not watch the landing and shipping operations from the present building, which was one of the reasons for proposing the construction of a new one, and decided that the sanction for the new building should not be allowed to lapse. After some correspondence on the suitability of other sites for the proposed building and as to opening up a view of the mouth of the river from the present customs house, the Board finally, in August 1897, arrived at the conclusion that, as only urgent work could then be undertaken under the restrictive orders regarding expenditure, the construction of a new customs house at Baindur was unnecessary. The local officers now consider that the present sea customs house will, under proper repairs, last for many years to come and that the landing and shipping operations can be conveniently watched from it. The Board has therefore no objection to sanction being granted to abandon the work. The materials already collected on the spot may be utilized, as suggested by the Collector in the letter read above, in building the police station and lines now said to be under consideration or made over to the Marine Department for use in the construction of the proposed lighthouse and quarters for lighthouse-keepers.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. TODHUNTER,
Acting Secretary.

Mis. No. 1284, Revenue.

Transferred to the Public Works Department, with reference to its endorsement No. 5567 C., dated 10th December 1898.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
29th March 1899.

(Signed) G. S. FORBES,
Secretary to Government.

ORDER—No. 1466 W., dated 6th June 1899.

The work of constructing a new customs house at Baindur, South Canara district, the estimate for which was sanctioned in G.O., No. 1580 W., dated 26th June 1894, will be abandoned.

2. The materials already collected should be utilized by the Superintending Engineer to the best advantage.

(True Extract.)

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle.
" Revenue Department.
" Examiner, Public Works Accounts.

READ the following:—

Letter from the Supty. Engr., IV Circle, No. 628 W 5.12.98.
Indt. of the Revenue Dept., No. 1284 of 29.3.99

Circulated to

H.E. the Governor

ORDER.

No. 1466 W 6.6.99

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The Revenue Dept.

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To

The Supty. Engr., IV Circle

" Revenue Dept.

" Examiner, P. W. Accts.

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Note - In G.O. No. 1580 W of 26.6.94 - home
flagged x, the construction of a new
new Customs house at Baindur in the S. Canara district was
sanctioned for execution - home

funds were available.

2. Preparations to commence work appear to have been started in August 1895, when the Collector informed the Engineer that the building would not be required.

3. The Bd. of Revenue states that the Collector in October 1895 represented that the site selected by this Dept. was not easily accessible by road, that no other suitable site appeared to be available, & that, as the staff of the Baindur Custom-house was to be reduced in the scheme for the reorganisation of Customs establishments, it was unnecessary to provide a larger building. He also stated that if the present building became too dilapidated for use, the only sign of its doing which was a white ant mark which had existed for two years, a new but smaller building might be erected later on the same site, & he recommended the surrender of the allotment for the erection of the building.

4. The Board, however, considered that the Sea Customs officials could not watch a landing & shipping operation from the present building, which was one of the reasons for proposing the construction of a new one, & decided that the sanction for the new building should not be allowed to lapse. After some correspondence on the suitability of other sites for the proposed building and as to opening up a view of the mouth of the river from the present Custom-house, the Board finally, in August 1897, arrived at the conclusion that, as only urgent work could then be undertaken under the restrictive orders regarding expenditure, the construction of a new Custom-house at Baindur was unnecessary.

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being granted to abandon the
work, and a draft ^{directing the abandonment of the work} is ac-
cordingly submitted for approval.

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P. W.
Revenue (1899) Department.

CURRENT No. 2856

From

The Secretary to the Commissioner
of Salt, Abkari and Separate Revenue,
Madras.

Eudt. mis No 1284.
Order

Transferred to the
Public Works Department with
reference to its Eudt. No. 5567 of
10.12.98.

Mis. No. 1197

Dated 23rd March 1899.

Received } 24th March
Registered } 5-4-99

Enclosures 3

Spare copies

Fort St. George,
29th March 1899

To
The P. W. Dept.

SUBJECT.

Reporting to Government that the Board has
no objection to sanction being granted to
abandon the work of constructing a new
Custom-house at Baindur, South Canara Dis-
trict, and that the materials already col-
lected on the spot may be utilized in the
ma. issued out by the Collector.

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BACK PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.
mis	2686	Rev	10.4.94
..	4957	..	18.12.98

FURTHER PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.
	5567 C	PA.	10-12-98
	1580 W.		26-6-94

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to letter Dis. No 86. R. 4 1897

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(True extract)

G. H. Hunter
Acting Secretary.

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To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, with two enclosures returned.

Copy to the Collector of South Canara.

Public Works (100)

No. 628

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Office of the Superintending Engineer,
FOURTH CIRCLE,

Coimbatore 5th December 1898.

From

A. H. Garrett Esq
Superintending Engineer,
Fourth Circle, Coimbatore.

To

The *Chief Engineer*
P. W. Department, Madras

Enclosures. 1.

Copy of letter.

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Please see also letter
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10.7.94 (1894)

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Public Works (1894) Department

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