Revenue Department

№ 300

Dated 11 — 3 — 1869

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No. 19. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 24th February 1859, No. 682.

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Read also letter from the same Officer, dated 22d December 1858, No. 214, affording certain information called for by the Board.

(In Con. 28th December 1858, No. 5846.)

Resolved that the foregoing communications be submitted for the consideration and orders of Government.

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3. These Chuttrums were to have been built on Trunk road, No. 9; one between Punrootty and the Vellaur Anicut, another at the latter place, and the other between it and the lower Anicut at an aggregate cost of Rupees 6,256, which was the amount of surplus Chuttrum funds in hand at the time.

4. From certain correspondence which subsequently passed between the Collector and District Engineer and copies of which accompany the second letter above recorded, the Board now learn that owing to charges which had to be defrayed from the Chuttrum funds after the receipt of the Government sanction, the surplus was reduced to Rupees 4,304-8-0, or only about two-thirds of the amount originally thought available.

5. The District Engineer however represented to the then Acting Collector Mr. Taylor that, the sanctioned estimates provided but little accommodation in each Chuttrum, that the price of palmirahs had risen so much as to render the construction of even two substantial buildings with the money forthcoming a very doubtful undertaking, and that it would be better to have one affording ample accommodation at the Vellaur Anicut, than two inferior Chuttrums in separate localities, as the above named site was mid-way between Punrootty and the Coleroon Anicut in both which places there were good Choultries in existence and not further from the Vellaur Anicut than a usual day's journey.

6. Under these circumstances Mr. Taylor sanctioned the completion of the Vellaur Chuttrum with certain additions which, from a previous personal inspection of the building in its unfinished state, he approved.

7. In the first communication above recorded the structure thus improved is stated to have cost Rupees 4,300, to be much used by Natives of every caste and to require an establishment &c., which the Sub-Collector estimates will cost Rupees 8 monthly, viz.

A Waterman at Rupees.....4
A Sweeper.....2
Oil for four compartments.....2

Mr. Taylor however thinks, it will be sufficient if Government authorize the transfer to this Chuttrum of the 5 Rupees alloted to that at Bowanghery under the sanction conveyed in para. 8 of Extract Minutes Consultation in the Revenue Department, No. 907, dated 26th September 1850, but which sum with the exception of 1 Rupee to a sweeper has never been expended owing, he presumes, "to the Chuttrum not being used by Travellers and having long since been appropriated as a private residence both by a Tahsildar and a Goomastah of that Talook."

In Cons. 14th October 1850.

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Acting Collector of South Arcot.

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9. In the meantime the Board resolve to recommend for the sanction of Government that the monthly sum of 5 Rupees originally intended for the Bowanghery Chuttrum may be made available for the new one at the Vellaur Anicut. The Acting Collector will report how the sum of 1,500 Rupees still in his Treasury has accrued.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM, *Secretary.*

No. 20. ORDER THEREON, No. 300; dated 11th March 1859.

In accordance with the recommendation contained in the foregoing proceedings, the Government sanction the appropriation of the sum of Rupees five per mensem, alloted in Extract Minutes Consultation 26th September 1850, No. 907, to the Bhavánigiri Chatram, to the new Chatram at the Vellár Anicut.

2. The Government concur with the Board in thinking the conduct of the Tahsildar, adverted to in paras. 7 and 8, most reprehensible. The Board will not fail to report to Government the result of the enquiry ordered.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secretary to Government.

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To

J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D.
Copy to Acting Collector of South Arcot.

P.W. Cons: 4th September/55 Nos 1-2.
R — " 25th February/42 — 17-18
" — " 4th October/50 — 3 to 6.

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Dt to Govt 15th March
No 321.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Dated 21st February 1859.
Rd 25
5 Encls.
No 682.

Submitting a letter from the Acting Collr of South Arcot applying for an Establishment for the Vellaur Chuttrum; with the Boards recommendation that Sanction be granted for the appropriation of the Monthly sum of Rs 5 originally allotted to the Bowmgleur chuttrum towards defraying the expenses of the same.

From Dt Dt d/ 19th April/59
C No 691 in Cons.

No 300 - 11th March 1859.

With an order

No 19 & 20

March 8th

No 300

In accordance with the recommendation contained in the foregoing proceedings, the Govt sanction the appropriation of the sum of Rs five per mensem allotted in Rd C 26 Sept 1850 No 907, to the Bhavánigúri Chatram, & the Chatram new at the Vellár Anicut.

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Fort St Geo:
11th March 1859

3 Copies to the Bd of Rev. Dated 12th with 5 Encls
1 " Secretary Govt
1 " Civil Auditor