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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Dated 3-11-1926

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No. 23. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel J. OUCHTERLONY, R. E., Deputy Chief Engineer, Southern Circle, to Colonel W. I. BIRDWOOD, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Ootacamund, 19th October 1862, No. 104:—

2 Letters from the District Engineer of Tanjore, Nos. 118 and 187, dated 28th August 1861 and 20th September 1862.
1 Comparative Statement.
1 Abstract Estimate.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to submit herewith an estimate, amounting to Rupees 1,150, for which sanction is required to admit of the completion of the Sea Custom House at Negapatam. A Comparative Statement also accompanies, showing the items in which an increase occurs, swelling the amount to be expended on the building to .....Rupees 14,469
whereas Government in Order No. 1,549, dated 14th August 1861, sanctioned only „ 13,319

Showing an excess of Rupees... 1,150

for which sanction is now solicited; the amount to be allotted out of the General Funds of the Tanjore District.

2. The cause of the excess appears to be partly the enhanced cost of Teak timber, and partly that in fitting the building for the purposes of a Sea Custom House for a rising place of trade like Negapatam, it was found expedient to introduce some alterations in the plan, such as enlarging some of the door-ways and doors for exit, making a rolling way for heavy merchandize in lieu of steps, and paving the weighing house and main passage through the building with laterite instead of jelly.

3. Government in Order No. 1,549, dated 14th August 1861, remarked upon the apparently disproportionate amount (Rupees 500) which had been credited in the original estimate for value of materials taken from the old building which has been pulled down to make room for the new Custom House. Upon this point the late District Engineer of Tanjore explains that the sum of Rupees 500 does not in fact fully represent the amount for which credit is given, as in addition to this, full value is allowed for the old door frames (cills excepted) inasmuch as no charge is made in the estimate for new ones. Captain Oakes further represents that the old roofing joists proved to be rotten and useless, and that the brick rubbish obtained from the walls was fit only for road repairs.

4. Under this explanation I trust Government will be pleased to sanction the expenditure now recommended, and allow the building to be completed according to the proposal of the District Engineer.

Referred to the Revenue Department.

(Signed) W. I. BIRDWOOD, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

Chepauk,
23*rd October* 1862.

To the Revenue Department with G. O. No. 1,549, *dated* 14*th August* 1861.

No. 24. ORDER THEREON, 3rd November 1862, No. 2,339.

The Governor in Council sanctions the expenditure of an additional sum of Rupees 1,150, which is required for the completion of the Sea Custom House in course of erection at Negapatam.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

14 August/61 No 1549.

Referred to the Accountant
Revenue Department

Col. C.E.

Secretary to Govt. G.&W.

Chepauk
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From
Lt. Col. J. Cuthbertson 1862
Off. Chief Engr. &c

To Colo. W. J. Birdwood C.B.
Secretary to Govt. G.&W.D.

No 104

Dated 19th
Rec'd 24th } October 1862
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Submits for sanction, a revised Estimate of Rs. 1150. for completing the Sea Custom House at Negapatam in the District of Tanjore.

No 2339-3 Nov

Letter and order

No. 2339.

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