Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 12th March 1862.

No. 198. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department 28th February 1862, No. 326 :—

Passing orders on letter from District Engineer, Tanjore, forwarding for sanction an Estimate for making certain alteration and addition to the Surja Mahal. (Vide Public Works Proceedings, 28th February 1862, Nos. 442, 443.)

No. 199. ORDER THEREON, 12th March 1862, No. 550.

The removal of the window and construction of the stair-case are sanctioned.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following Endorsement of the Deputy Chief Engineer, Southern Circle, dated Chepauk, 21st February 1862, No. 10,813.

Read the following letter from Captain R. F. OAKES, District Engineer, Tanjore, to Colonel W. I. BIRDWOOD, Deputy Chief Engineer, Southern Circle, dated Nallicheri, 4th February 1862, No. 287:—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to forward for sanction an estimate of Rupees 615, for removing the bow window on the east face of the upper story of the Surja Mahal and for providing a double flight of steps up to the window, which will now be converted into a door and will form the entrance to the Collector's Office room.

Vide plan which accompanied letter No. 119, dated 1st August 186', and Report.

2. The only entrance at present is by the stair-case which leads into the western room, and the Collector has therefore to pass through the western and centre rooms in which his Office establishment is provided with accommodation before he can reach his own Office room.

Vide paragraph 2 of Report and Inspection Report of 19th September 1861.

3. The removal of the bow window has become necessary, because notwithstanding the recent repairs to the building, it is found that the weight of the bow window is still acting as a drag on the eastern wall, and has re-opened the cracks in the walls and in the roof which have recently been repaired. The stair-case will act as a buttress, and will support the eastern face and check its tendency to fall outwards.

4. Under the head of Repairs the Collector has lately sanctioned an estimate of Rupees 650 for enclosing the small verandah on the western side of the building in the upper story, and for covering in the stair-case which leads to the roof of the building, the former will afford more accommodation to the Collector's Office and will render it unnecessary to repair the roof over the present entrance to the Surja Mahal, and the latter will prevent leakage on the stair-case, above which the upper stair-case which is not water tight passes.

5. Provision can be made for the stair-case from the allotment of funds for this year if the estimate is sanctioned early.

Nos. 2,176, 261, and 1,609, dated 20th October 1860, 8th February and 23rd August 1861.
1 Original letter from the District Engineer No. 287, dated 4th February 1862.
1 Plan.
1 Specification.
1 Abstract estimate, Rupees 615.

1. Submitted to Government with reference to their Proceedings marginally noted, with the recommendation of the Deputy Chief Engineer, Southern Circle, that the accompanying plan and estimate, amounting to Rupees 615, for removing the bow window and providing steps on the east side of the Surja Mahal, enclosing verandah on the west side, and covering roof of the upper stair-case, may be sanctioned, from the general funds at the disposal of the District Engineer of Tanjore, for expenditure during the current official year.

2. Government will observe that the removal of the bow window has become necessary, inasmuch as its weight is acting as a drag on the eastern wall, and has re-opened the recently repaired cracks in the walls and roof. The proposed stair-case will answer as a buttress, support the eastern face, and check its tendency to fall outwards.

3. The estimate, which has been examined in this Office and found correct, has been countersigned by the Collector in token of his approval. The rates given in it are those prevailing in the Tanjore District, and are moderate but sufficient to carry out the work and the early sanction of Government is solicited thereto.

(Signed) W. I. BIRDWOOD, Colonel,
Deputy Chief Engineer, Southern Circle.

ORDER THEREON, 28th February 1862, No. 326.

1. Referred for the consideration of the Revenue Department.

2. It is observed that in sanctioning the estimate of Rupees 650, referred to in paragraph 4 of the District Engineer's letter, the Collector has exceeded the powers given him in paragraph 5, Clause III of Chapter XXIV of the New Code.

(True Extract.)

W. H. Morsley Lieut.-Colonel,
Secretary to Government.

To the Revenue Department. *with 3. Encls.*

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