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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 27th February 1863.

No. 396. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 10th February 1863:—

Read the following letter from C. A. ROBERTS, Esq., Acting Collector of Madras, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Madras, dated Sydapet, 5th February 1863, No. 38.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to report the steps taken with regard to paragraph 6 of the Municipal Commissioners' letter of the 19th December last, accompanying the Order of Government No. 24, of the 8th ultimo, communicated by the Board in their Proceedings of 15th ultimo, No. 230.

2. The relative advantages of the ground to the north and west as sites for the proposed new Salt Kotars had already been fully discussed by the Salt Deputy Collector in his letter to Mr. Cunliffe of the 18th November last, a month previous to his being aware of the objections raised by the Municipal Commissioners and to their suggestion under reply, and on Mr. Cunliffe's report, the Board concurred in the opinion that the site named by the Salt Deputy Collector was far preferable to the other two.

3. After carefully inspecting the various sites in question, I could not but arrive at the same conclusion, and placing myself in communication with the Municipal Commissioners, wrote* them on the 22nd ultimo, urging Mr. Smith's views and pointing out that the strip of ground to the east of the Canal was in every way so much the most advantageous, especially as involving far less expense to Government than either of the others, that were they prepared to waive their claim to the ground they had already occupied, I would gladly urge the liberal remuneration by Government of the expenses they had incurred.

* Copy enclosed, No. 24 of 22nd January 1863.

(Copy.) 4. In reply, I have received the accompanying letter conceding the ground in question under certain conditions, which after another inspection of the neighbourhood by Major Bell, Mr. Horgan, the Engineer to the Municipal Board, and myself, have been modified as follows.

5. The Municipal Commissioners consent to relinquish the bastion marked A in the accompanying plan, and alluded to in the latter part of paragraph 4 of their letter to Government under consideration, and to remove the dock and platform mentioned in paragraph 7 of the same, from the north to the south of the Trevelyan cut, provided Government will compensate them with the sum of Rupees 3,263-6-0 for the loss and expenses entailed on them by these arrangements. Particulars are entered in the estimate accompanying this letter.

(Copy.)

6. The ground to the west is separated from the present Kotars by the Railroad, and has moreover been asked for by the Railway Company for their own purposes; that to the north is very low and at a still greater distance. I am very decidedly of opinion that the selection of the site A is in every respect judicious, and even with this proposed outlay at the commencement, an economical measure, as a heavy additional monthly charge for supervision and guarding the salt heaps is thus avoided.

7. I would therefore repeat Mr. Cunliffe's request, confirmed by the Board in their Proceedings above mentioned, and submit for the favorable consideration of Government that the Municipal Commissioners should be indemnified in the sum they ask, and that additional storage room for Salt should be provided on the site originally proposed.

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1. Ordered to be submitted to Government in continuation of the Board's Proceedings dated 24th November and 6th December 1862, and with reference to the Government Order thereon, dated 9th December 1862, No. 2,567, Revenue Department, and to the further Government Order dated 9th January 1863, No. 53, Revenue Department.

2. The Board recommend that the compensation proposed by the Acting Collector be sanctioned, and included in the estimate for constructing the new Platform, and that the site formerly recommended be adopted and the work carried out.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 27th February 1863.

No. 397.

ORDER THEREON, 27th February 1863, No. 421.

Under the circumstances stated by the Acting Collector of Madras, the Government approve the arrangements recommended in paragraph 2 of the Board's Proceedings, and sanction the proposed compensation of Rupees (3,264) three thousand two hundred and sixty-four to the Municipal Commissioners. Further orders will be issued from the Public Works Department in regard to the preparation of the estimates for the platforms and the payment of the sum above alluded to.

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

FORM B.

Daily Rainfall as registered throughout the year 18 at
in the District

Approximate North Latitude.....	Height of receiver of Rain gauge.
Ditto East Longitude.....	Above Sea Level Above surrounding ground.
Usual hour of measurement.....	feet feet.
Kind of gauge used.....	Direct distance from Sea Coast, miles.

It is particularly requested that the general nature of the soil for some miles around; the distance from and bearing of any considerable hill or mountain range, with its approximate height; or the same particulars relative to any river in the vicinity, stating roughly its average width; or any other peculiarities of position may be communicated to the Government Astronomer at Madras for his information and guidance.

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greatest fall inches, on Rain fell on days

ORDER THEREON, 11th February 1863, No. 156.

In this letter the Astronomer makes certain suggestions in regard to the register of rain and other Meteorological records, with a view to their being turned to practical account by accurate digestion and compilation of the results obtained in different parts of the Presidency.

2. As regards the rain reports the measures recommended are the adoption of a new fo (A) for recording the rainfall in future; the preparation in a prescribed form (B) of compl copies of all registers hitherto kept at each separate station; the improvement of the gauges n in use by the substitution of a half pint graduated glass for the common tin ounce measures; adoption at a few principal stations of an improved copper gauge of the same standard as is e ployed at the Observatory; all gauges being in future issued through the Observatory, where th will be duly tested, numbered and registered. The necessary orders for carrying out these su gestions will be passed in the Revenue Department. A number of forms, A and B, printed foolscap paper, will be supplied to the same Department for distribution to the Collectors.

3. In respect of Meteorological Observations, Mr. Pogson reports that, as yet, no Barom trical or other records have been communicated to him by any Officers of the Medical Depar ment, and he suggests certain points, as, for instance, temperature, humidity, velocity and dire tion of wind, and amount of ozone, on which the co-operation of such gentlemen would be mo acceptable. These remarks will be referred to the Principal Inspector General Medical Depar ment, who is requested to state what assistance may be looked for from the Zillah Surgeons. M Cole will, at the same time, explain why no copies of the Meteorological registers, received fro the Zillah Surgeons, have, as directed by Government in their Order of the 28th July las No. 889, paragraph 2, been yet furnished to Mr. Pogson.

4. In lieu of employing extra hands to examine and reduce the various old records, th Astronomer recommends, as a preferable and more economical arrangement, that some of th best Assistants on his establishment should be entrusted with the duty, and that for such add tional labour, which can only be undertaken after office hours, they should be proportionabl remunerated. This suggestion is generally approved, but Mr. Pogson will submit the amoun of the remuneration which he may deem proper for each case for the special sanction of Govern ment.

(True Extract.)

G. J. Cuntl

Chief Secretary.

To the Government Astronomer.
" Revenue Department,
(with Order No. 889.)
" Principal Inspector General Medical Department.
" Department Public Works.
" Superintendent Government Press.

Exd. T. McMootry.

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[Minute Sheet & Extract]

Secretary

To Chief Secy to Government
Revenue Department
with 4 enclosures.

Pro. 9 January 63 Nos 99-100

Rev^d 1863. Oct^r
Pro: of Gov^t for February.
Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

Dated 10th
Recd 12th } February 1863.

Sent to Govt
Oct:

Submitting with Board's recommendation, letter from the Collector of Madras, reporting the impropriety of indemnifying the Municipal Commrs on account of the ground required for the extension of the Madras Salt Hotah.

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With enquiries

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Under the circumstances stated by the Acting Collector of Madras, the Govt approve the arrangement recommended in para 2 of the Board's Pro: and sanction the proposed compensation of Rs 3,264 three thousand two hundred and sixty four to the Principal Commissioner. Further orders will be issued from the Public Works Department in regard to the preparation of the estimate for the platforms and the payment of the sum above alluded to. J.N.S.

Govt Sec^y
27th Feby 1863.

To, The Board of Revenue Dep^d 28
The Public Works Dept
The Public Dept for the Pre[illegible]

Items are forthwarded amounting to Rupees Rs. Salt Hotahs sent in daily by the Central store keepers Office. Rs. Miscellaneous Receipts for which Bills have been rendered by the Salt Master