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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 17th March 1863.

No. 171. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 9th March 1863 :—

Read the following letter from W. S. HOOPER, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector of the Madras District, to C. A. ROBERTS, Esq., Acting Collector of the Madras District, dated Karunguli, 28th February 1863, No. 26.

SIR,

1. I had the honor of addressing your predecessor when I was last at this station, regarding the state of the Tahsildar's Cutcherry here, and my letter was forwarded to the Revenue Board, and by them to the Government, when orders were issued that such repairs as were found necessary should be carried out on emergency.

2. I this morning again visited the Cutcherry, and was surprised to find that it was apparently much in the same state as when I last saw it, but on asking the Tahsildar, I was informed that an estimate amounting to 50 Rupees had been made, and that the amount was supposed to have been spent in the repairs. He then pointed out that the holes in the walls had been filled up with mud; that some fresh bamboo props had been put under such of the beams as seemed most likely to come down at once; that some pieces of bamboo had been put into the roof here and there, and that in one place where the whole wall of the buildings seemed to be coming down, some palmyra trees had been fixed against it by way of buttresses.

3. I do not consider that any thing has been done to render the Treasury more secure, for it is as easy to push mud out of a hole as to put it in. The fact is, that it is merely waste of money attempting to patch up such a ruin. I beg to refer you to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 7th January 1861, where you will find that the Board "observe that so long "ago as May 1859, the state of the building was reported as being so ruinous as to be discreditable "as a public office."

4. I am unable to conceive why there should be such delay in erecting a suitable Cutcherry. Madurantakum from its situation always must be the Cusbah of this Talook. The building now occupied is a ruin with an insecure Treasury, and with no lock-ups whatever for the custody of prisoners. A common bazar shop is now occupied by the Police and the prisoners both those under trial, and those convicted, male and female, are kept in a small dark room without any window or ventilation.

5. I therefore trust that you will urge on the Board the absolute necessity for the erection of a new Cutcherry with accommodation added for the Police, and that steps may be taken for the commencement of the work immediately.

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No. 75.

Forwarded to the Board of Revenue, with reference to the previous correspondence referred to in their Proceedings No. 613 of the 30th January 1863.

TRIVELLORE, 5th March 1863. (Signed) C. A. ROBERTS, *Acting Collector.*

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

Ordered to be submitted to Government with the Board's request that the Department Public Works may be called on to furnish an estimate on emergency for an entirely new building, the work to be carried out with the least possible delay.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

No. 172. ORDER THEREON, 17th March 1863, No. 531.

1. Transferred to the Department Public Works for the early preparation of the necessary plan and estimate.

2. The remarks of the Acting Sub-Collector as to the nature of the repairs effected will be also considered in that Department.

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

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their Proceedings No. 613 of the 30th January 1863.

Madras Collectors Office
On Circuit
Trincollore, 8th March 1863.

Signed C. A. Roberts
for Collector

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Government Branch.

Ordered to be submitted to Government with the Board's request that the Superintendent Public Works may be called on to furnish an estimate on emergency for an immediately new building the work to be carried out with the least possible delay.

A true Copy & Extract

Secretary

To J. D. Sim Esqr
Secretary to Government
Revenue Department.

Collectorship
Dept. Public Buildings.

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

Dated 9th Sept 9
Rec'd 11th. March 1863.

Requesting that the Department of Public Works be called on to furnish an estimate or emergency for an entirely new building for the Mirzapur Custom Salay Cutcherry.

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Transferred to the Department Public Works for the early preparation of the necessary plan and estimate.

The remarks of the Asst Collector as to the nature of the repairs effected will be also considered by that Department.

Hon'ble Geo. F. 17th March 1863.

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