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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
22nd May 1863.*

No. 273. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd April 1863,
No. 2,348:—

Read the following letter from J. SILVER, Esq., Collector of Tinnevely, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 30th March 1863, No. 132.

SIR,

1. In reply to the Board's Proceedings of 16th February 1863, No. 962, calling upon me to ascertain whether a suitable building for a Cutcherry, can be obtained at a reasonable rent or price in Tuticorin, I have the honor to state, that the building in which the Deputy Collector at present holds his Cutcherry, is a separate house next the one in which he at present resides; it consists of two rooms with a long hall at the back, for which Mr. Underwood pays Rupees 10 a month, drawing extra tentage at Rupees 3 a day, for providing the accommodation. As Mr. Underwood reports this accommodation to be bad, the building I recommend to be engaged by Government for a Cutcherry, and which will afford accommodation for two Offices if need be, is an upstairs house in the town of Tuticorin, which has been newly repaired, and is situated opposite the Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry. The accommodation it affords, consists of four rooms on the ground floor, the largest 20 feet x 12, the others 13 x 12, and 15 x 12, the rooms upstairs being the same size. The rent asked is Rupees 40 a month, the Government to provide mats and cloth for the ceiling, if required, and the owner to keep the house in repair. The owner states he will wait for a reply till 30th April, after which he is to be at liberty to rent it to other parties if he pleases, and he does not specify any lease or term of years, for which it should be taken. I consider the rent high, about Rupees 30 would be a fair rent, but the man will not take less, and I recommend this house to be engaged, as the best arrangement that can be made.

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2. Mr. Underwood's proposals are inadmissible.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, Secretary.

No. 274. ORDER THEREON, 22nd May 1863, No. 890.

1. Sanctioned as recommended by the Collector and Board of Revenue.
2. A plan and estimate for an Office should be submitted as soon as possible.

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

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[Signature]
Secretary.

To J. D. Sim, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D.
Copy to J. Silver, Esq., Collector of Tinnevely.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Pro. Board of Revenue
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Dated 22nd April 1863
Despatched 28-4-63
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No. 2319.

Submitting a letter from the Collector of Tin-
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