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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 22nd October 1864.

No. 272. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 30th September 1864, No. 6,439.

Read the following letter from V. H. LEVINGE, Esq., Collector of Madura, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 12th August 1864, No. 213 :—

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1. With reference to the Proceedings* of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, dated the 1st June, and the Order thereon, No. 937,† I have the honor to report that I visited Keelakarai, inspected the Custom House, landing place, and gave an interview to such of the chief merchants as chose to appear.

2. I find that the space in the Custom House is contracted by a room in it being occupied as a Police station, but it is the most convenient arrangement that the Police be located in the Custom House, as they guard the Treasury in which the Custom collections are secured, and they at the same time afford a security to the goods stored in the Custom House ; in lieu of the room occupied by the Police, another to be used as a godown or store should be built on to the east end of the Custom House, which can be easily done, and for which there is space.

3. Though the roof of the Custom House was lately repaired at a cost of some 400 Rupees, it leaks excessively as I was informed by the Sea Custom Superintendent, the Police and others attached to the Customs. The present is a terraced roof. I believe the best plan would be to remove the terrace, and to have a tiled roof substituted ; it is for the Department Public Works to propose the most economical sound roof.

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7. Some of the merchants complained of the position of the Sea Custom House, and wished to have it removed to a more central place ; others are contented with its position.

8. The Sea Custom House is situated at the eastern extremity of the town, which stretches along the coast for about three-quarters of a mile, and the coast is much indented.

9. One merchant offered the use of one of his buildings for a Custom House, but the position is bad, it is too far back from the sea, and the view of the landing place opposite it is intercepted by trees, hedges, and sheds, for the removal of which and purchase of the ground, heavy compensation would be claimed.

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ENCLOSURE No. 1.

ABSTRACT.—Original Petition of the merchants residing at Keelakarrai in Madura District.

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No. 273. ORDER THEREON, 22nd October 1864, No. 1,949.

Separate Revenue, No. 14
Customs.

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(True Extract.)

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

To the Public Works Department.
„ the Board of Revenue.
„ the Marine Department, with copy of No. 937.

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No. 6,439.

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Rec.d 14th June '64 No. 7.0.

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22d. Oct.r 1864.

Revenue 1864. Department.

Rec.s of Gov.t for Oct.r

No. 2659

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Rg. Madras Govt. P.W.D. & Govt. Orders Nos. 1102

Dated 30th September 1864.

Despatched 8th Oct.r

Received 10th Oct.r

C.-of-C. P.W.D. the 3rd inst.

No. 6,439.

Submitting, for information, letter from the Collector of Madura reporting the alterations and additions needed for the Custom House at Kelakarai.

Withdrawn Order Copy 28 Dec.r

Encl. J. Wright, 1.

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Secretary.

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