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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
5th January 1865.*

No. 46. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 19th December 1864, No. 8,098.

Read again Board's Proceedings, dated 21st April and 25th May 1864, Nos. 2,413 and 3,201. Read also the following letter from J. SILVER, Esq., Collector of Tinnevely, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 1st December 1864, No. 452:—

With reference to the Order of Government, dated 22nd May 1863, No. 890, communicated to me by the Board on the 26th idem, I have the honor to forward a plan* and an estimate,

* Sent separately.

amounting to Rupees 27,000, prepared, at my request, by the Superintending Engineer, for constructing a new Cutcherry for the several departments of the public service at Tuticorin, according to the ground plan approved of by the Board in their Proceedings of the 25th May last, and I request that the early sanction of Government may be obtained for the same.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 1 & 2.—Plan and Estimate:

1. Ordered that the above papers be submitted for the consideration of Government.
2. The proposed building is intended to afford office accommodation and residence for the Telegraph Department at Tuticorin, and also office accommodation for the Deputy Collector, the Master Attendant, the Sea Customs Department, and the Post office.
3. The necessity for the new buildings is explained in the Collector's letter dated 13th May last, and its enclosure.
4. The estimated cost appears large, but the arrangement is probably far more economical than that of separate offices for each department.

No. 47. ORDER THEREON, 5th January 1865, No. 17.

Miscellaneous.

1. The Government do not approve of the proposed arrangements. A Deputy Collector's Office ought to be on the ground floor, where the people can have ready access to him, and it will be very inconvenient to place four different Departments, one of which requires quarters for residence, in the same building.

2. Two-thirds of the lower floor of the proposed building will suffice for the Deputy Collector and Sea Customs offices, and the plan and estimate will be revised accordingly.
(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
By the Secy.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 2418.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 21st April 1864.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Tinnevely, dated Trichendoor, 6th February 1864,
No. 50:—

1. With reference to an Official Memorandum from the Board of Revenue, dated the 27th ultimo, No. 93, I have the honor to state that the delay in forwarding a Plan and Estimate for the construction of a Cutcherry for the use of the Deputy Collector stationed at Tuticorin is owing to the Superintending Engineer not having as yet furnished the same to me.

2. Mr. Underwood having proposed that suitable buildings to accommodate the other Departments of the Public Service at Tuticorin; such as the Sea Customs, Post Office, Master Attendant's Office, and Telegraph Office, should be erected in connection with the Deputy Collector's Cutcherry, and as I am fully aware that increased accommodation for these Departments is greatly needed, in consideration of the yearly increasing importance of Tuticorin, I discussed the subject personally with the Master Attendant, the Deputy Collector, and Major Paxton, and we agreed that it would be advisable to erect these buildings under one roof, as they could be built at a far less expense than that required for constructing separate buildings for the respective Departments; and I therefore requested the Superintending Engineer to make the necessary provision for these buildings, also in preparing the Estimate for constructing a Cutcherry for the use of the Deputy Collector at Tuticorin. I trust this will meet with the Board's approval. Each Department will of course bear its share of the estimated amount.

3. I have now again requested Captain Moberly to expedite the transmission of the necessary Plan and Estimate, which when received will be submitted to the Board.

Assuming the necessity for providing additional accommodation for all the departments specified, on which point fuller information will be necessary before the Plan now under preparation can be finally approved by the Board, the Board must of course approve of the Plan which shall combine efficiency with economy of cost.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary.

To J. Silver, Esq., Collector of Tinnevely.

Exd R. H. Lee.

No. 3,201.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 25th May 1864.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Tinnevely, dated 13th May 1864, No. 187 :—

1. Adverting to the Board's Proceedings dated 21st April 1864, No. 2,418, I have the honor to forward for the approval of the Board, a ground plan of the building intended for the Government offices at Tuticorin, transmitted to me by the Superintending Engineer, and of which I highly approve.

2. With reference to the Board's order above quoted, I beg to state that I am fully aware from my own personal knowledge of the locality, of the necessity of increased accommodation for the Sea Custom Department, Post Office, and Master Attendant at Tuticorin, while for my Deputy Collector there is no Government accommodation, a house being rented, and I believe this applies also to the Telegraph Department. I had often discussed the subject with Mr. Underwood and Captain Phipps, but lest there might be any point overlooked by me in writing to the Board, I requested my Deputy, Mr. Underwood, who is on the spot to send a full report, copy of which is annexed to this letter. Mr. Underwood's report enters so fully into the subject, that it leaves me nothing to add, except that I entirely agree with him in his remarks.

3. As regards efficiency combined with economy of cost, Major Paxton, Executive Engineer, was of opinion that it would cost much less to have one building erected to accommodate all departments, than to erect separate buildings.

4. If the plan is approved by the Board, I request it may be returned to me, that a detailed estimate may be prepared.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From W. E. UNDERWOOD, Esq., Deputy Collector, to J. SILVER, Esq., Collector of Tinnevely, dated Tuticorin, 9th May 1864, No. 65.

1. I have the honor, in reply to your letter No. 483, dated 2nd May 1864, forwarding Proceedings of the Board dated 21st April, No. 2,418, to report the necessity of providing additional accommodation for all the departments of the public service in Tuticorin.

2. The Sea Customs at present is conducted in a godown building on the beach, the accommodation provided being one room, of no size, very dark, and in a very dilapidated state. The trade of the place has within the last few years increased so rapidly, it has lately been found requisite to enlarge the godowns considerably. The Customs room is very insufficient in size for carrying on the work, so much so that to prevent over-crowding the rooms, the petty collections are often made outside in the verandah in the godown yard. Moreover, considering the number of ships that now frequent the port, and the number of European and Native Merchants trading, it is absolutely necessary that a more fit place for the conduct of the Customs work should be afforded. The room has a nasty damp smell, has to afford accommodation for the Superintendent and four Clerks, besides three or four volunteers, all huddled up together in a corner doing their work. I have heard that Merchants and Captains of vessels complain, when having business in the Custom House, and there have been from a dozen to twenty natives inside on business of feeling sick from the closeness and smell in the room, and of the accommodation afforded.

3. As regards the Master Attendant's Office, this adjoins the Customs, is built level with the ground, very damp; a dark low building, the dampness of course cannot make it very pleasant to this officer for conducting his work, and is also destructive to valuable property, such as charts, &c., air pumps, &c., under his charge. The building being of coral stone the chunam is continually falling off, giving the rooms a very dirty appearance.

4. I now come to the subject of a Cutcherry for myself; this would be for many reasons better built as proposed in the plan than separately.

Enclosed in this letter is a copy of the ground plan of the building intended for the Government offices at Tuticorin, transmitted to me by the Superintending Engineer, and of which I highly approve.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE

Dated 21st April 1864.

No. 2,418.

Remarking on the promised plan for the construction of a Cutcherry for the Deputy Collector at Tuticorin.

My dear Sam:
Would it be worth
while to throw in a
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the step W. does perhaps
the P-master General
will take, of causing
his useless old Post Office
records to be destroyed
rather than carry them
over to the proposed new
Post Office? - by Sam J. May
24 Dec. Addressing

P. D. Sim

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

Secretary.

To J. D. Sim, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D.,
with copy of Board's Proceedings, dated 21st April 1864, No. 2,418,
and 25th May 1864, No. 3,201.

Copy to J. Silver, Esq., Collector of Tinnevely.

Ex. J. Wright

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No. 3318

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,
The meeting of the Board of Revenue,
5th November 1833 at 12 o'clock.

Dated 15th December 1864.
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Submitting for consideration with remarks letter from the Collector of Tinnevely forwarding for sanction Plan and Estimate amounting to Rupees 27,000, for the construction of a new Cutcherry for the several departments of the public service at Tuticottin.

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