

# MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

*Revenue* DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 623

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,  
21st March 1865.*

No. 358. Read the following letter from R. A. DALYELL, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 8th March 1865 :—

SIR,

1. I am directed by the Board of Revenue to inform you, that they have learnt with great regret that the Government have not been pleased to enter in the Budget, recently submitted to the Supreme Government, the sanctioned estimate for the improvement of the Board's Office at Chepauk.

To Government 3rd August 1863.

2. As far back as August 1863, the Board brought to the notice of Government that "the heat, glare, and general discomfort of the existing accommodation upstairs was excessive," and that the arrangements in regard to the Assistants in the lower story were very inconvenient. The Government, on the Board's application, at once directed the preparation of a plan and estimate for the erection of some suitable rooms for the Members and Secretaries on the sea front, and the required estimates were accordingly submitted in the following October, and approved of in the G. O. noted in the margin.

24th October 1863, No. 1,923.

3. This sanctioned estimate was entered in the Budget for 1864-65, but funds for it were not granted by the Supreme Government, and on the 24th of October last, after having made a full trial of the accommodation at present allotted to them, the Board again addressed the Government on the subject, requesting that the estimate might be entered in the Budget for 1865-66. They took the same opportunity of pointing out to Government another very strong objection to that portion of the building at Chepauk, in which the rooms of the Members and Secretaries to the Board are placed, viz., that the south front of it was exposed to the full force of the sun during office hours, and that the venetian shutters were altogether insufficient as a defence against the excessive heat. They therefore requested that sanction might be granted for the erection of a verandah on that front. The Government were again pleased to direct that the sanctioned estimate for the upper story should be included in the Budget for 1865-66, and that an estimate for a verandah on the southern side of the building should be prepared.

G. O. 15th November 1864, No. 2,083.

4. The Board are not aware for what reasons the orders just referred to have not received attention in the Department concerned, but I am directed to state that they trust some means may be taken to prevent their being subjected for a third year to the great discomfort which they underwent during the hot weather of last year.

5. I am directed to remark, that much might be done to improve the accommodation now allotted to the Board in the building, as it stands, if the whole range of rooms on the upper story were transferred to them, the Secretary to Government in the Department Public Works, with his establishment, being provided with an Office elsewhere. At present this Officer and his Deputy are occupying the eastern end of description of gallery running east and west, and divided into compartments by wooden partitions about seven feet high, and in consequence the rooms occupied by the Board are shut out from the east wind. The Board believe that the original intention of Government was to make over the whole of this gallery to the Board, and if this could now be done, a freer circulation of air throughout the upper story might by some management be secured, and the Members and Secretaries would be relieved in part from the heat and discomfort to which they have been hitherto exposed, though so long as they have to sit in rooms formed by temporary partitions only, they must submit to the inconvenience which results from every conversation in one room resounding through the whole range. I am to add, in conclusion, that the Board would be glad to have the south verandah commenced at once, if the small sum required (Rupees 10,460) cannot immediately be made available for the construction of the new rooms.

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ORDER THEREON, 21st March 1865, No. 623.

**Miscellaneous.**

1. The estimate for the additional rooms to the Board's Office was omitted from the Budget owing to want of funds.
2. The location of the Public Works Department in the Government Office will remove the necessity for this additional accommodation; and as this arrangement is also otherwise desirable, it will be immediately carried out, under arrangements to be settled by the Secretaries in the several Departments.
3. Orders will be issued in the Public Works Department for the construction of a verandah on the south face of the Board's Office, if funds can be made available during the year.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.  
,, the Public Works Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

The estimate for  
the additional rooms  
for the Board's Office was  
omitted from the  
Budget owing to  
want of funds.  
It is not likely that  
the sum required  
for this purpose will  
be available; but it

I shall have a  
piece for a  
can that in the  
I side may be  
fully available  
in the course of  
the year and this  
project will be  
~~improved~~ carried  
in the D.P.W. with

the separate question  
of locating the  
P. W. Sec.  
for the

The D W Department  
will be removed <sup>immediately</sup> from  
the Chepauke building  
to the Fort's under  
an arrangement to be  
settled by H. S. C. C.  
- Carver in the second  
Dept.

For Order.

The improvements  
mentioned by the H. S. C. C. are  
really necessary & have  
been sanctioned by the H. S. C. C.  
of money, I conclude, is  
the sole cause of their being  
been left out of the Budget  
of 1865/6. It is not likely  
that 10,000 Rs. the cost of  
the new works will become  
available during the year  
but the smaller expenditure  
for the permanent night  
perhaps be procured.

This may be referred  
to the D. P. W.

The P. W. Secretary  
should be in the post  
office - but there is no  
money to provide the re-  
quisite additional ac-  
commodation - and its  
consequence must mean  
while he can be treated  
equally with that of  
the Post Office  
L D S

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The proposed veranda South of  
the Board's Office - should I think  
be built at once, if funds can be  
found for the work. - and there can  
be no doubt. I apprehend, that the location  
of the P. W. Dept. of the Secretariat should  
be under the same roof with the other  
departments - and the arrangement is  
feasible. This change effected, I doubt  
whether the Board would want more  
accommodation

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I believe that the D. P. W. Secretary  
might be housed with the Post Office  
and I think that this should be  
done. It was ordered some  
time ago - but somehow the  
order was allowed to fall  
into abeyance. J. D. S.

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15. Dec. 185. 189

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Pro. of Govt. for March  
W. 668.

From  
The Secretary to the  
Board of Revenue  
to  
The Secretary to Govt.  
Revenue Department.

Dated 8: }  
Despatch 8: } March 1805.  
Recd. 9: }

Pro. of Govt. Pub. Works. Dept.  
78. April 1865. C. 795.

No.  
19623. 21 March

With an Order  
Regarding the exclusion of the  
sanctioned Estimate for the improve-  
ment of the B. Office, from the  
Budget for 1865. It is to be long the  
claim is already made regarding  
the inconvenience of the present  
accommodation and trusting that  
if funds are not available for the  
construction of the new rooms,  
sanction may at least be accorded  
for the immediate commencement  
of the South Verandah.

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from the heat and discomfort to which  
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that the Board would be glad to have  
the South verandah commenced at  
once if the small sum required (Ru-  
pees 10,400) cannot immediately be  
made available for the construction of  
the new rooms.

Revenue B. Office,  
Madras,  
8. March 1805.

I have the honor to be,  
Sir

Your most obedt. servant

R. D. Subba  
Secretary

To  
J. D. Sir C.  
Secretary to Government  
Revenue Department

C. B. Chetty  
C. B. by C. Govindoo

21st March  
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The Estimate for the  
additional rooms to  
the W. Office was omitted  
from the Budget owing  
to want of funds.

The location of  
the P. W. Dept. in the  
present office will re-  
move the necessity for  
the additional ac-  
commodation. and as  
this arrangement is also  
the most desirable, it  
will be immediately  
carried out, under  
arrangements to be  
settled by the Secy  
in the several Dep'ts.

Orders will be  
issued for in the PMD  
for the construction of a  
Veranda on the S. side of the  
W. Office, if funds can be  
made available during the year.

The Public Works Dept. 21st March 1863

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