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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 1579 Press ~~Mis.~~

Dated 28. 6. 1866.

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Read the following papers :—

No. 581. Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department.

Requesting orders from the Revenue Department for the assignment, from Local Funds, of half of the estimated cost of constructing a Chuttrum at the Errode Railway station, and for the establishment of the necessary arrangements for its repair and maintenance from that source. } (Here enter 8th March 1866, No. 783.)

No. 582. From the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated Coimbatore, 9th June 1866, No. 40.

1. In forwarding the plan called for in your Office Memorandum, No. 63 of 17th May, I submit also a Survey sketch of the ground at Errode, adjoining the Errode Railway Terminus, which I have caused to be prepared since receipt of G. O. No. 783 of 8th March. And with reference to which I have to recommend that the Collector of Coimbatore be instructed at once to take up the remainder of the ground marked A, B, C, D, not already occupied by the new Post Office, paying down from Local Funds the purchase money required for it, and for the well in its rear.

1 Plan of Errode Chuttrum.
1 Survey Sketch.
1 Plan of Latrine.
1 Estimate.

2. The spot in question has a frontage of 180 feet, exclusive of the Post Office, and is 218 feet in depth, and 230 feet wide in the rear, which dimensions, though moderate, are adequate to hold the Chuttrum and its latrine. From A to B is a fall of 3½ feet, from A to C, 10 feet, and from A to D, 2 feet, on account of which an addition will have to be made to the estimate on account of extra basements, raising it to Rupees 6,100. I have also had the latrine estimated for on the plan approved for Beypoor, and submit the estimate of Rupees 780 for sanction of the excess of Rupees 80 on that roughly calculated. The well will also require slight repairs. Altogether the grant should not be less than Rupees 7,000, exclusive of the cost of site, which I put down at Rupees 200.

3. Of the two sites marked on the Survey by the Range Officer, as suitable for the Chuttrum, one is out of the question from being across the rails, the other is very good, but obtainable only at a great cost. The pink lines on the sketch shew how very little choice there is of building ground immediately adjacent to the Railway. And I cannot recommend any site on the other side of the Vodai nullah, between the station and the town, until I see my way to the supply of funds for the bridge sanctioned in G. O. No. 1,811 of 29th June 1865. I have, however, addressed the Government on this subject quite lately, and if my proposal is favorably received, there will be a larger choice of ground for sites than at present exists.

Rupees 5,010, sanctioned for Vodai Bridge in G. O. No. 1,739 of 2nd June 1866.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 28th June 1866.

No. 583. ORDER THEREON, 28th June 1866, No. 1,579.

Local Funds. No. 13.
Civil Buildings.

1. Ordered that the above papers be communicated to the Revenue Board, who will arrange for the provision, from Local Funds, of a moiety of the estimated cost of the Errode Chuttrum and site, amounting to Rupees 7,200.

2. The Government will be prepared to grant the usual landed endowment for its maintenance, and the Collector's attention should be at once directed to the formation of a Tope in its neighbourhood from the District Planting Fund.

3. As regards the site, the Government are disposed to think that that selected by the Superintending Engineer is too small in extent, and desire that the point be re-considered before any land is bought for the purpose.

4. The enclosures to the Superintending Engineer's letter will be transferred to the Department Public Works, with copy of these Proceedings.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Acting Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. S T. Augustin.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 24th November 1865.

No. 598. Read the following letter from the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department (Railway), to the Secretary to Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Simla, 28th October 1865, No. 981 R:—

1. Referring to the Despatch No. 58, dated 19th September 1865, addressed by the Government of Madras to the Secretary of State, recommending that the Railway Companies should be permitted to execute out of their capital such works as the construction of feeder roads and choultries for Native travellers in the immediate vicinity of the principal Railway stations, I am directed to communicate the views of the Government of India, and to state that the Secretary of State has also been addressed in the same sense.

2. Regarding the construction of feeder roads by Railway Companies, the Government of India has, on a previous occasion, expressed an opinion adverse thereto, and the Secretary of State has concurred therein. It is true that this was done in the interests of the Companies, to relieve them of a burden which it was considered had been placed on them unduly, but the principle is as fairly applicable in the one case as the other, that it involves an objectionable application of the funds of the Company.

3. The Government of Madras is already aware, from the correspondence that passed in the case of the proposed hotel at Coimbatore, of the views of the Secretary of State as to the application of capital funds to the construction of hotels generally; within which category choultries may be fairly included. As already intimated, such conveniences should, wherever possible, be provided from Local Funds. But it is believed that the Local Funds of the Madras Presidency are as yet too poor to provide the whole cost of such buildings, as to the necessity of which at some of the Railway stations the Governor General in Council entertains no doubt.

4. Under these circumstances, the Government of India would have no objections to the making of moderate grants-in-aid from Imperial Funds, within the limit of the annual Budget grant, towards the construction of choultries where urgently required on Railways, as also of minor feeder roads leading to them; but leaving the repair and maintenance in both cases to be borne by Local Funds. Such a practice is not generally to be approved, but it is the less objectionable, perhaps, in the case of guaranteed Railways, as the effect of the provision of such conveniences on the revenue yielded may be such as to diminish the payment of guaranteed interest.

No. 599. ORDER THEREON, 24th November 1865, No. 3,568.

RAILWAY, No. 55.

Recorded, pending the receipt of a reply to the Despatch to the Secretary of State No. 58, dated 19th September 1865.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 180. Read the following Endorsement of the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 28th February 1866, No. 98 :—

Read the following letter from the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, to the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 27th February 1866, No. 129.

1. Adverting to my letter of the 2nd August 1865, to Colonel Anderson, No. 551, I have the honor to inform you, that I learn from the Agent and Traffic Manager of the Great Southern of India Railway, that the extension of that line to Erode will probably be open for traffic in January of next year.

2. As a large third class traffic is expected between the two lines, I shall feel obliged by your taking steps to expedite the construction of a choultry, at Erode.

1. In paragraph 1 of Order of the 10th July 1865, No. 1,933, Government regretted their inability to provide funds for the choultry proposed to be constructed at Erode; and in paragraph 2 it was observed that, with reference to Order dated the 24th March 1865, No. 201, in the Financial Railway Department, it was in contemplation to address the Secretary of State on the subject of the provision of funds for the construction of Choultries at the different Railway stations from the Railway Company's Capital.

2. For the reasons now urged by the Agent and Manager, I would recommend that, pending the receipt of a reply from the Secretary of State, provision be made, if possible, in the Public Works Department, for the construction of the Choultry alluded to.

(Signed) J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, Major, R. E.,
Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways.

No. 181. ORDER THEREON, 8th March 1866, No. 783.

RAILWAY, No. 21.

1. In pursuance of the authority which is conveyed in paragraph 4 of the letter from the Secretary to the Government of India, recorded in the Order under date the 24th November 1865, No. 3,568, the Government will be prepared, after the 1st May next, to grant, from *Imperial Funds*, a moiety (viz., Rs. 3,100) of the cost* of constructing a Chuttrum at the Erode Railway Station on the plan submitted with the letter from the Superintending Engineer of the 7th Division, No. 10, dated 15th May 1865.

* Rupees 6,200.

2. Orders will be issued in the Revenue Department for the assignment, from *Local Funds*, of the other half of the estimated cost of the work, and for the establishment of the necessary arrangements for the repair and maintenance of the Choultry from that source.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.
" Revenue Department, with No. 3,563 of 1865.
" Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.
" Accountant General.
" Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Revenue Department

No 1579

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 28th June 1866.

Read the following papers.

Fm. Madras Govt. P.W.D.

Requesting orders from the Revenue Depart. for the assignment from Local Funds, of half of the estimated cost of constructing a Chuttram at the Erode Railway station, & for the establishment of the necessary arrangements for its repair & maintenance from that source.

(Here enter 8th March 1866, No 983)

From the Supt. Engr. 4th Divn.

Forwards Plan and report regarding Erode Chattrum.

(Here enter 9th June 1866, No 40.)

Ordered that the above papers be communicated to the Revenue Board who will arrange for the provision, from Local Funds,

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Revenue 1866 Despatch
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