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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 5th November 1866.

No. 116. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department:—

Passing orders on Revenue G. O. approving plan and estimate for improving the Sea Custom House, Post Office, and Master Attendant's Office at Tuticorin. } (Here enter 20th October 1866, No. 3,359.)

No. 117. ORDER THEREON, 5th November 1866, No. 3,006.

Miscellaneous.

Communicated to the Roard of Revenue.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Public Works Department, No. 3,359.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 496. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Revenue Department, dated 9th October 1866, No. 2,729:—

Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 3rd October 1866, No. 7,085.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Tinnevelly, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 11th July 1866, No. 254.

1. With reference to the Board's Proceedings, No. 170, dated 10th January 1866, I have the honor to forward, herewith, copy of a letter from the Superintending Engineer, together with a plan and estimate, for improving the Sea Custom House, Post Office, and Master Attendant's Office at Tuticorin.

2. I have lately visited the spot, and have satisfied myself, that the additions proposed are much needed, and that they are well suited to the requirements of these offices; at present the Master Attendant's Office consists of two small rooms on the ground floor, and there is no place for the aquaria, which are now lying in store in the Custom House; the Master Attendant's room is shut in on three sides by buildings, and in front by the flagstaff; the upper room proposed would command a good view of the shipping, and the verandah would furnish shelter, greatly needed by sailors and others, who have now to stand about in the sun, while waiting for papers or orders. The Custom House consists of one room with front and back verandahs, and godowns in the rear; the constant influx of people having business with the Superintendent, must tend to distract the clerks, who are seated in the same room; the accommodation proposed for the Superintendent on the upper story, will give him a respectable office, as well as a large room for the clerks; the Post Office, now in a small room at one corner of the Custom House, will be nearly doubled in size by the proposed addition; the room upstairs intended for the ex-officio Collector of Sea Customs (the Head Assistant Collector,) may be occupied by the Customs' clerks, while the Salt Deputy Collector has the room below (the present Custom House); for the Assistant's Office is close by, and he will not really require this room, while the Government wish the Salt Deputy Collector's Office to be on the lower story, so as to be readily accessible to the people. The godowns and verandahs at the back of the Customs House are neat and in good repair; but the verandah flooring requires edging with granite, as the soft coral edging now used is crushed by barrels and heavy weights rolled on to it; it would also be an improvement to lay down a granite pavement from the shore end of the Jetty to the Custom House, as the deep sand now prevents the use of trucks to the great injury of some packages; the cost of this granite edging and pavement would be inconsiderable, (within 400 Rupees,) as I can supply stone ready dressed from the old fort at Palamcottah, the charge being merely for cartage and setting; and I, therefore, request to be allowed to add this to the estimate. The Head Assistant's Office is inconvenient and ill-adapted to the purpose, but I have received no plan or estimate for its improvement; this might be separately considered hereafter, the offices for which plans and estimates have been received being more urgently in need of additions.

From the Officiating Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, to the Collector of Tinnevelly, dated Shunmuganadi Bridge, 18th June 1866, No. 327.

1. The plan and estimate for additions to the Government Offices at Tuticorin reached me last night, and, at the same time, I received your letter No. 90 of the 13th instant, asking for the same; and I have the honor to forward the plan, with estimate of Rupees 6,900, for your approval, without further delay. The estimate, you will see, has corrections made in pencil, as I am not satisfied with some of the details of dimensions of wood-work; there are also alterations made in red ink in the Range Office, but these do not affect the general design or features of the estimate; a fair copy of the estimate will be made previous to its submission to Government; but I think it as well to let the papers go to you as they are, without losing more time in copying them first.

2. The project would have been ready very much sooner, if it had not happened that Major Paxton left Tinnevelly on sick leave; and the arrangements were not properly settled, till I went to Tuticorin at the end of March. I then had the advantage of conferring with Mr. Storr, the Master Attendant, and, a few days after, with Mr. Wedderburn; and the plan has been drawn up in accordance with their wishes. The alteration consist in removing the roof and building an upper story over the present Custom House, widening the front verandah, and enclosing the south end of it, as an extra room for the Post Office.

3. One of the rooms upstairs will add to the accommodation for the Superintendent of the Custom House, and the other will be available for the Head Assistant Collector, for the transaction of his duties at the Custom House.

4. At the Master Attendant's Office one long upper room is to be built above the present office for the Master Attendant's own use, with a verandah in front, and over the aquaria room, which is an additional room thrown out on the south of the present Office; communication is also made between the upper verandahs of the two buildings, so as to give access without the necessity of going downstairs.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) R. K. PUCKLE,
Collector.

Submitted to Government, with reference to Government Order, dated 28th November 1865, No. 2,945, Revenue Department, and with the Board's recommendation that the plan and estimate be sanctioned, including the Collector's proposal to lay down a granite curb to the Customs godowns verandah, and a granite pavement from the shore end of the Jetty to the Customs House, as the additional expense will be inconsiderable, cut stone being available for the purpose from the Palamcottah Fort.

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1. Approved. Orders will be issued in the Public Works Department for the early execution of the work.

2. Meanwhile, the aquaria should be unpacked and placed in a thatched shed or other suitable place, and the experiments, for which they were procured, be initiated without further delay.

(True Extract.)

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

No. 497. ORDER THEREON, 20th October 1866, No. 3,359.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 96.

1. Communicated to the Superintending Engineer of the 8th Division, who will submit a revised estimate for sanction with as little delay as practicable.

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2. To admit of the work, which is urgently required, being at once undertaken, the Government resolve to place a sum of Rupees 4,000 at the Superintending Engineer's disposal from the Reserve under "Civil Buildings."

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division,
With one Plan and three Estimates and one Certificate.
,, Accountant General.
,, Controller of Public Works Accounts.
,, Revenue Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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