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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
25th April 1866.*

No. 411. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 2nd March 1866, No. 1,454:—

Read the following letter from the Collector of Coimbatore, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 21st February 1866, No. 47.

1. At the instance of the Superintending Engineer, Seventh Division, I have the honor to forward, for submission to Government, a plan and estimate for a Bandypettah or Cart stand proposed to be constructed at the Pothanoor Railway station.

2. As connected with this subject, I beg to lay before the Board, for such orders as they may deem proper, the marginal correspondence touching the compensation due for the land taken up for the site of the above building, as well as for a Chuttrum and Police buildings. The history of the case is as follows.

To the Superintending Engineer, Seventh Division, dated 15th July 1864, No. 142.
From do. 15th August 1865, No. 26.
To do. 27th November 203.
From do. 2nd December 142.
To do. 14th December 210.
From do. 12th January 1866, .. 50.

3. In June 1864, the Superintending Engineer handed over to me, for countersignature, the plans and estimates of the proposed Chuttrum and other

Police station house.
Bandypettah.
Chuttrum.

buildings, together with a Survey of the ground required for their site. The area of land selected for the three buildings noted in the margin, was found to be

344½ "Coolies." It was private property held on puttah by certain individuals, and consisted of valuable wet cultivation. The compensation due to the owners was settled at five Rupees per "Cooly," the rate at which payment was previously made for similar land in the neighbourhood. As land was becoming scarce at Pothanoor, the site was at once taken possession of, on behalf of Government, with a view to prevent future difficulties. The aggregate amount of compensation for the 344½ "Coolies" came up to Rupees 1,720-5-0, and in returning the plans and estimates with my countersignature, I requested the Superintending Engineer to make due provision for the same in his estimates. Colonel Walker appears to have laid the subject before Government in his letter, No. 63, dated 18th July 1864, but no orders were passed as to the payment of compensation, nor was any allotment of funds made.

4. In the interim Government, in their Proceedings of the 10th March 1865, No. 529, Revenue Department, called for a report as to whether the Choultry at

Board's Proceedings, 29th March 1865, No. 53.
Letter to Board from Collector, dated 31st March 1865, No. 53.
Board's Proceedings, 10th May 1865, No. 2,367.
To Board, 21st June 1865, No. 118.
Government Proceedings, 11th August 1865, No. 1,869.
Communicated by the Board under date 15th idem

Pothanoor could be completed from the surplus proceeds of the tolls on the road from that place to the Hills. Then ensued the correspondence noted in the margin, and in my last letter to the Board, dated 24th June 1865, No. 118, I recommended the immediate payment

of the value of the land to the owners. In their Order of 11th August 1865, No. 1,869, Government ordered that the project for the construction of the Choultry be abandoned, but the question of compensation for the land was not touched.

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5. With his letter of the 18th August 1865, No. 26, the Superintending Engineer forwarded to me, for submission to Government, the plans and estimates for the works noted in the margin,

1. Bandypetta.
2. Chuttrum.

with certain alterations and additions in the plan of the Chuttrum, as proposed by the Consulting Engineer for Railways, and in returning them to Colonel Walker, I stated that, as the project for the construction of the Chuttrum was ordered to be abandoned, the transmission of the plan and estimate for the same was unnecessary, but that arrangements should be made for the payment of the compensation for the site. The respective portions of the land utilized for the Police station and Bandypetta amounted, as then ascertained, to "Coolies" 45-10½ and 48-14½, and the

• Minus the 250 Rupees sanctioned in the Government Order of the 27th October 1865, No. 3,238, Public Works Department.

Superintending Engineer was requested to make due provision* in the estimates for the appropriate portions of the compensation, with interest thereon from the

date on which the owners gave up the land. The remaining portion of the land, viz., "Coolies" 249-11½, was considered as the site intended for the Chuttrum, and the owners were requested to take it back, but they could not be prevailed upon to do so, as the best portion (the road frontage) had been used by Government, and they insisted on receiving money payment as originally agreed upon. I therefore proposed that the amount due for this latter piece of land, viz., Rupees 1,452-8-6, should be paid from the District Road Fund, to be eventually re-placed in the event of the land being required for any other public purpose, and to this step I requested the concurrence of the Superintending Engineer, in order to enable me to apply for the sanction of the Board of Revenue.

6. In reply, Colonel Walker informed me that he had given orders to the Range Officer at Coimbatore to pay the sum of Rupees 250, sanctioned in Government Order, No. 3,238 of 27th October, on account of compensation for the ground taken for Police buildings, but in regard to the land for which a compensation of 1,452-8-6 was demanded, the Superintending Engineer thought that it was land taken up for the Bangalow compound, and as such, he suggested that its value should be realized by sale of the old Bangalow at Coimbatore. This opinion was come to apparently under a misapprehension on the part of Colonel Walker. With a view, however, to ascertain the actual facts of the case, a careful inspection and measurement of the land was lately made by the Tahsildar, and the area of the sites for the Police station and Bandypetta, as marked on the survey received from the Engineer's Department, is "Coolies" 109-3¼ and 117-15 respectively, whereas the area actually utilized is only "Coolies" 45-10½ and 53-6¼ respectively. I suggested to the Superintending Engineer that the portions remaining unappropriated within the limits of the above two sites, should be taken up at once, and their value paid from the estimates of the respective works, and that the value of the portion intended for the Chuttrum should be paid from Local Funds. Colonel Walker does not agree to this step, and states that the ground already taken up is sufficient, and that the owners of the land should receive compensation only for the portion actually utilized.

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7. According to the particulars given in paragraph 2 of my letter to the Superintending Engineer, dated 14th December 1865, No. 210, the aggregate extent of land taken up for the Police station, Bandypetta, and Chuttrum, is "Coolies" 311-14, and the amount of compensation is Rupees 1,709-6-0. To this must be added Rupees 313-6-2, being interest at twelve per cent. per annum from 21st June 1861 to December 1865 inclusive, making in all Rupees 2,022-12-2; against this sum Rupees 380 are provided in the estimate for the Bandypetta now forwarded, and Rupees 223-3-3 have been received from the Public Works Department, through the Superintendent of Police, on account of the site for the Police station, making in all Rupees 603-3-3. The balance still due is Rupees 1,414-8-11. As already stated the owners refuse to take back the unappropriated portion of the land, and request payment of the full amount due with interest. I therefore request the Board's orders on the subject. The best plan, I think, will be to utilize the full extent of the sites for the Police station and Bandypetta as marked on the survey, and pay their value from Imperial Funds, while that portion which was intended for the Chuttrum should be paid for from Local Funds to be re-placed whenever it may be utilized for any other Government work at a future period.

8. A rough sketch of the three sites in question, is herewith forwarded for the Board's inspection. The portion originally intended for each building, and that actually utilized, is duly marked thereon. As the owners of the land are anxious for the payment of their dues, I request early orders on the subject. The land is bounded on the west by the road leading to the Railway station, and on the east by a water channel. The most valuable portion of it is obviously the road frontage, the whole of which has been taken up by the Police and Bandypetta sites, thereby cutting off all access to the remaining portions of the land, and deteriorating their value very much. In fact, the owners of the land would not have agreed to part with the land now taken up, except at a far higher rate of compensation than that asked by them on the whole extent.

9. The extent of land originally marked for each site, and the value thereof with interest thereon, are shown in the following Statement.

	Area of land marked on the plan.	Price at five Rupees per cooly.	Interest at 12 per cent. per annum from 21st June 1861 to 31st December 1865.	Total.
		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Police station	109 3¼	546 2 9	100 2 1	646 4 10
Bandypetta	117 15	589 12 3	108 2 0	697 14 3
Chuttrum	114 11	573 7 0	105 2 1	678 9 1
	311 14	1,709 6 0	313 6 2	2,022 12 2

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

ABSTRACT.—Copies of correspondence between the Collector and the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, regarding compensation for land taken up for the sites of Police station, Bandypetta, and Chuttrum at Pothanoor.

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ENCLOSURES Nos. 2 to 4.

ABSTRACT.—Estimate, Plan, and Rough Sketch of land taken up for sites.

The plan and estimate will be submitted for the sanction of Government, with the Board's recommendation that the Collector be at once authorized to disburse the whole amount of compensation for the entire site, the charge being distributed as proposed by him.

No. 412. ORDER THEREON, 25th April 1866, No. 979.

Local Funds, No. 8.
Civil Works.

1. Payment is sanctioned of Rupees 2,022-12-2, of which Rupees 616-4-10 is debitable to the Police Budget. The remainder will be defrayed from the District Road Fund.
2. The Cart stand is sanctioned, also at the expense of the District Road Fund. It would be well, however, to construct it in rear of the Police Station and form a road to it, so as to afford a good frontage for the remainder of the land. A fee should be charged for the use of the stand, and the expense of keeping it clean, &c., be thus defrayed. The number of entrances is insufficient.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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 PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

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 17.5.1861 (C) 2151
 Dated 2nd March 1866.

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 Submitting for sanction-plan and estimate
 from Collector of Coimbatore for construction
 of a Bandypettah at Pothanoor Railway station
 and recommending that authority be granted
 to disbursement of whole amount of compensa-
 tion due for land taken up for that building
 and for Police station and Chuttrum at
 Pothanoor.

J. D. S.

14. Feb. Board of Revenue
 6. Dec. 1861
 11.12.1861

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 With order.