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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
16th June 1868.*

No. 367. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 23rd May 1868, No. 3,831.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Malabar, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Calicut, 21st April 1868, No. 102:—

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erecting a proposed Reading-room at that station. The plans* of the proposed

building are forwarded separately. Funds appear to be forthcoming.

2. The undertaking is one which deserves every encouragement. There seems no lack of support to commence with, and the flourishing condition of the Palghat Provincial School gives promise, amongst other things, that future subscribers will not be wanting.

3. The site the residents desire is one on which the late Exhibition was held. It is very suitable for the purpose, being at the verge of the Fort glacis, open on all sides, and central in situation.

4. I had proposed to build the Head Assistant Collector's Cutcherry at this spot. The erection of a Cutcherry was Govt. Order, dated 30th January 1865, No. 145. sanctioned as noted, but funds have not

been provided. The want of a Cutcherry building is not felt, as the house usually occupied by the Head Assistant Collector of the station has very fair detached accommodation for the purpose; when it is determined that a Cutcherry should be commenced, another site can doubtless be found, and I see no objection to the one now applied for being given up for the proposed Reading-room.

From the Head Assistant Collector, to the Collector of Malabar, dated Palghat, 16th April 1868, No. 155.

1. In accordance with the intimation conveyed in your demi-official of the 2nd instant, I have the honor to lay before you the following facts relating to the Reading-room proposed to be established at this station.

2. A meeting was held on the 10th ultimo, well attended by European and Native residents, at which it was resolved that a donation and subscription list should be opened, and that a club should be formed for taking in English and Vernacular books, periodicals and papers, and that application should be made to Government for permission to build the room on the site used for the late Exhibition, with the view of laying out the ground so as to be an ornament to the town. On its being intimated to the Subscribers that the said site had been already fixed on for a Head Assistant Collector's Cutcherry, a very strong hope was expressed that Government might be induced to reconsider the matter, and to allot this site for the Reading-room instead, for which purpose I have the honor to solicit your favorable recommendation, if you see no objection to the plan.

3. The amount of donations promised is Rupees 760, of which Rupees 470 has already been paid.

4. The amount of monthly subscriptions promised is Rupees 33.

5. The proposed building, (plans* of which are enclosed,) is estimated to cost Rupees 900 - furniture about Rupees 300. I think there is

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der of the sum required. As the building would certainly be an ornament to the town, it has been proposed in the Municipal estimates for the ensuing year to allot Rupees 500 as a contribution,

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(for purposes other than those specified in Section 25 of the Act,) and if Government will give their sanction to this expenditure, there cannot be the least difficulty about funds.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 2 to 6.—Plans.

Submitted with a recommendation that Government will grant the site required for building a Reading-room for the Palghat Public Library. The ground desired by the members was fixed as a site for the Head Assistant's Cutcherry, but the building has been postponed, and Mr. Ballard reports that another site can readily be found. It might be provided that the ground should be open to the public on reasonable restrictions, and should revert to Government if the Library collapses.

No. 368.

ORDER THEREON, 16th June 1868, No. 1,682.

Miscellaneous.

1. The Government are willing to grant a site for the proposed library, but not the site selected for the Head Assistant's Cutcherry.
2. The proposal to allot Municipal funds in aid of the cost of the building will be disposed of in the Public Department.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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(True Copies and Extract.)

Shanmugam
Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with five plans.

Copy to the Collector of Malabar.

Exd. J. Wright.

As the Govt. understand that the library is the open only to subscribers and not to the general public - they are not prepared to grant a free site for it. L.H.

I would grant the site as it costs the Govt. nothing. This the library is not itself a public one. I would not grant a contribution or permit the Municipality to do so. N.

I am indisposed to grant the site selected for a Head Assistant's Cutcherry tho I would willingly give any other site - Cutcherry a contribution of 500 Rs. from Municipal funds should be allotted to - W.D. N.

*Permitted
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Submitting with recommendation letter from Collector of Malabar forwarding Head Assistant Collector's letter requesting that a certain site at Palghat may be granted to residents for building a reading room and Public Library.

No. 3,831.

Consent
No. of the Board of Revenue
1907 Aug 16/68

Dated 23rd May 1868.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

No. 1,861.

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Collector.

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