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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No.	1959	Press ~~Mis.~~
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No. 271. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 1st July 1868, No. 4,846.

Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, dated 2nd April 1868, No. 877 :—

ABSTRACT.—Stating that the Government do not consider that the rules for the endowment of Choultries erected by private beneficence, are applicable to the case of Choultries built from Local Funds, and that it does not appear that any such endowments are needed for the five halting sheds in Malabar District.

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1. The Board beg to request a re-consideration of the decision of Government, conveyed in the above Order, to withhold the customary endowment from Choultries built from Local Funds.

2. The Board submit that, as the object of Government in granting these endowments is to encourage the establishment of these most useful and much appreciated conveniences for native travellers, it is of no real consequence whether a Choultry be erected by the beneficence of a private individual, or by the united contributions of the community at large. The essential considerations are those embodied in the Chuttrum rules, viz., that the buildings shall afford accommodation for all classes of the native community; that they shall be really requisite; and that they shall be constructed from other than Government funds. The Road Cess is, in fact, the aggregate of the contributions of the people at large, and a grant from it for the construction of a Choultry meets the objects which Government have in view as fully as the contribution of an individual. Save in a few exceptional instances, where Government waste may not be available, the endowment is no more than the grant of land now unproductive.

3. The great convenience of Chuttrums to native travellers cannot be overestimated, especially in a climate like that of Malabar; but the demands on the Road Fund are heavy and yearly increasing, and the Board trust Government will not withhold the trifling encouragement and assistance now proposed.

4. The "halting sheds" of Malabar are really Choultries, open to all travellers, and will require a sweeper to keep them clean, as well as annual repairs. They will be enlarged as traffic increases.

No. 272. ORDER THEREON, 14th July 1868, No. 1,959.

Miscellaneous.

At Teriot.
Kalpetta.
Sultan's Battery.
Manjeri.
Nelambur.

Under the circumstances now urged by the Board of Revenue, the Government resolve to accede to their recommendation that the five halting sheds or Choultries noted in the margin be granted the usual endowments.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 2336

From Pro: of the Bd of Rev.

Dated 1st July 1868.

FOR ORDERS.

There is no doubt much truth in the reasons now assigned by the Board. and as sheds (choultries as they might with propriety have been denominated) are much needed for travellers in the rainy season of Malabar, I am disposed to think the Govt might make the grant of land asked for improvements - W.R.

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Farm orders

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Under the circumstances now urged by the Board of Revenue the Govt resolve to accede to their recommendation that the five halting sheds or chaultries noted in the margin be granted the usual endowments

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