

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	731	Press
352-56 Dated	21-3-	N. 1868

Not to be folded or roughly handled

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
21st March 1868.*

Read the following :—

No. 352. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 21st September 1866,
No. 6,771.

Read the following papers :—

Board's Proceedings, dated 6th June 1866, No. 3,883.

Letter from the Collector of Coimbatore, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue,
dated Ootacamund, 13th August 1866, No. 206.

1. Adverting to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 6th June last, No. 3,883, I have the honor to report that I am unable to ascertain from my records the date of the construction of the Chuttrum at Oonjaloor. It was most probably built during the days of the Mahommedan Government. It appears that, in the years marginally noted, it was slightly repaired.

Year of repair.	Sum expended.		
	RS.	A.	P.
1824	3	8	0
1828	26	11	3
1830	28	0	0
1831	17	13	0
Total...	76	0	3

2. The Government sanctioned a sum of Rupees 270-4-0 to be laid out on its repair in 1853; but it seems that Mr. Thomas, my predecessor, did not consider the building worth repairing; so that from that time up to the present date it has been decaying more and more.

	Rupces.
Chuttrum Manager	2
Sweeper	1
Saderward	—
Total monthly expenditure ...	7
Total annual outlay ...	84

3. A sum of Rupees 84 was annually spent, as marginally noted, on behalf of the Chuttrum by Government till the 31st of May 1866.

1. The refund of Rupees 247 to the villagers who contributed that sum is sanctioned.

2. If, as Mr. Grant states, Mr. Thomas did not consider the Chuttrum "worth repairing" in 1853, it could not have been in "good order," as remarked in the statement furnished to the Board with the Acting Collector Mr. Cherry's letter, dated 16th August 1858, No. 139.

3. The Collector will take a timely opportunity as the railway between Erode and Caroor progresses, of considering the question of a new Chuttrum to re-place the old one now ordered to be demolished, and the materials sold. Mr. Grant will also state whether or not any endowment beyond the payment of establishment was attached to the Chuttrum.

No. 353. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 6th March 1868,
No. 1,647.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Coimbatore, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 30th January 1868, No. 33.

1. With reference to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 21st September 1866, No. 6,771, directing me to take timely opportunity as the railway between Erode and Caroor progresses, of considering the question of a new Chuttrum at Oonjaloor to re-place the old one, I have the honor to inform you that in

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
21st March 1868.*

my letter, No. 267, of the 9th October 1866, recorded in the Board's Proceedings
Dated 5th November 1866, No. 8,028. noted in the margin, I reported that
Oonjaloor was unnecessary. On further inquiry and consideration, however, I am
inclined to change my mind. Oonjaloor is on the right bank of the Cauvery, and
is about three miles from the Codoomody Railway Station. It is on the road
between Namacul in the Salem District, and Pulney in the Madura District, and is
much frequented by travellers. It enjoys the advantage of a weekly market, and
of a ford across the river. Under these circumstances, the Chuttrum should, I
think, be maintained in good repair for the accommodation of travellers of all
classes. There is, at present, one private Chuttrum in the village; but it is set
apart for the exclusive use of Brahmins. The sum of 247 Rupees raised by the
ryots for the repairs of the Chuttrum in question, and ordered by the Board to be

* 21st September 1866, No. 6,771. refunded to them, (vide Board's Proceed-
ings* noted,) is still in my Treasury, as
they (ryots) refused to take it back, and requested to be allowed to re-build the
Chuttrum. In my letter to the Board, dated 25th May 1866, No. 136, recorded in
their Proceedings, dated 6th June 1866, No. 3,883, I observed that the ryots
requested that their subscriptions might be supplemented by a grant from Govern-
ment. They are now prepared to carry out the necessary repairs at their own
cost, on condition that the old materials of the choultry are made over to them,
and that the sum of Rupees 247, already paid by them, is refunded to them. To
these propositions, I see no objection, and accordingly recommend them for the
favorable consideration of the Board.

2. There is a small tope within the compound, about 82 gulies in extent. It
is rented out for Rupees 80 a year. The parties who have now come forward to
repair the Chuttrum, request that the proceeds of the tope may be made over to
them to enable them to employ a Sweeper to look after the building. This request
may, I think, be complied with, on the completion of the Chuttrum in a satisfac-
tory manner.

1. Submitted for the orders of Government.

2. In a previous letter† the Collector reported that he was unable to ascertain

† Dated 13th August 1866, No. 296. from his records the date of the construc-
tion of the Chuttrum at Oonjaloor now
under consideration; that it was most probably built during the time of the Mahom-
medan Government, and that it was slightly repaired at an aggregate cost of 76
Rupees on four different occasions, from the year 1824 to 1831.

3. It also appears that Government sanctioned a sum of Rupees 270-1-0 for
the repairs of this building in 1858, but that Mr. Thomas, the then Collector,
considered it not worth repairing. Its condition thus became gradually worse from
year to year, until in 1866, upon the recommendation of the Superintending Engi-
neer, the Board sanctioned its demolition, the sale of its materials, and the refund
to certain ryots of Rupees 247, which they had privately raised among themselves
for its repair. The Government establishment, which had for many years been
maintained at the Chuttrum, at a cost of Rupees 84 per annum, was also discontinued
after the 31st May of the same year.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
21st March 1868.*

4. From the Collector's present letter, Government will perceive that Mr.
Grant has not acted upon the Board's orders, because, upon a re-consideration of the
matter, he thinks it very desirable that the Chuttrum should be maintained in an
efficient state, and that the ryots are willing to effect the necessary repairs entirely
at their own cost, provided the old materials are placed at their disposal and a
Government tope measuring about 2½ acres, which is now rented out for 30
Rupees per annum, is granted as an endowment for the maintenance of a Sweeper
at the Chuttrum.

5. The tope is situated within the compound of the Chuttrum, and as the
old establishment has been discontinued, the Board recommend that the offer of the
ryots be accepted on their own terms. The amount contributed by them should
be returned to them at once, but the tope should be made over to them only when
the Collector is satisfied with the repairs effected.

No. 354. ORDER THEREON, 21st March 1868, No. 731.

Miscellaneous.

The Board's proposals are sanc-
tioned.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Erd. S. T. Augustin.

disposal and a Government tope measuring about $2\frac{1}{2}$ Acres, which is now rented out for 30 Rupees per annum, is granted as an endowment for the maintenance of a Sweeper at the Chuttrum.

5. The tope is situated within the compound of the Chuttrum, and as the old establishment has been discontinued, the Board recommend that the offer of the ryots be accepted on their own terms. The amount contributed by them should be returned to them at once, but the tope should be made over to them only when the Collector is satisfied with the repairs effected.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

J. Grose
Sub-Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Rev. Dept.,
with copy of Board's Procs., dated 21st Sept. 1866, No. 6,771.

Copy to the Collector of Coimbatore.

Exd. J. Wright.

W.D. *In B.D. proposal*
Sanctioned
N. 20 March
16 Copies to the Secy of Rev. Dept.

16 Copies to the Secy of Rev. Dept.
16 Copies to the Secy of Rev. Dept.

Recommending to Government for acceptance
offer of the ryots in Coimbatore district to effect
requisite repairs to the Chuttrum at Ounjloor
at their own cost, and the granting of a Govern-
ment tope, as an endowment for maintenance
of a Sweeper at Chuttrum.

No. 1,647.

21. 11. 1866
21. 11. 1866
Dated 6th March 1868.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Department
for Govt. for Revenue
No. 818.