

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	86	Press ~~Mis.~~
¹⁶⁸⁻⁶⁹ Dated	11-1-	1868.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
11th January 1868.

No. 168. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Judicial Department :—

Passing orders on letter from the Collector of
Malabar, submitting plan and estimate for
repairs to the Deputy Collector's Office at
Manantoddy. } (Here enter 6th January 1868, No. 9.)

No. 169. ORDER THEREON, 11th January 1868, No. 86.

Miscellaneous.

Communicated to the Revenue Board.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) F. BRANDT,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Judicial Department, No. 9.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
6th January 1868.*

No. 14. Read the following letter from the Collector of Malabar, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Cochin, 9th December 1867, No. 153.

I have the honor to forward a letter* from the Special Executive Engineer, Wynaad, covering a plan and estimate for proposed repairs to the Deputy Collector's office at Manantoddy.

* In original.

2. An estimate† for the work was prepared under Colonel Walker's orders when Wynaad was under him, but was returned for revision and possible reduction. Neither from Colonel Walker nor

† Rupees 4650.

from the previous Range Officer did I hear such accounts of the building as Captain Kennedy now gives. I certainly understood that the considerable expenditure proposed would provide a permanent and satisfactory structure.

3. When revising the estimate Captain Kennedy expressed doubt as to the expediency of repairs. I then informed him that it would be, of course, undesirable to expend a large sum in repairs that would not be of a permanent character; but that if permanent repairs could be effected for the money I did not see the use or desirability of going to the much greater expense of a new building.

4. The enclosures are a reply to my communication.

Captain Kennedy does not give any idea of what a new building would cost, but I was informed by the Range Officer that, in his opinion, it would cost at least Rupees 10,000, and I believe it would come to still more. If about Rupees 1400 were got by the old materials therefore the new building at Rupees 10,000 would cost a net sum of Rupees 4000 more than the proposed repairs.

5. I do not consider the present building inconvenient if put in a thorough state of repair, though I dare say a better might be devised if a new one is determined on.

If then the proposed repairs will give a permanent structure, I think they will meet all requirements.

If the repairs will not afford a permanent structure, though why they should not does not appear, I entirely agree with Captain Kennedy that a new building is necessary.

I submit the matter for the orders of Government, which I solicit as soon as possible.

From Captain R. B. KENNEDY, Special Executive Engineer, Wynaad, to the Collector of Malabar, Calicut; dated Luckadio, 5th December 1867, No. 561.

In forwarding the plan and estimate for the repairs proposed to the Deputy Collector's Cutcherry at Manantoddy, I cannot refrain from expressing my opinion on the imolicy of incurring so large an expenditure on a building that both the present and late Deputy Collector consider ill-adapted for carrying on the business of their office; and I am very far from being satisfied that even with this, or any other expenditure in repairs, the permanent safety of the building will be secured. The walls for the upper four feet have been bulged by the thrust of the roof, and when this is the case, there is much reason to fear that the damage has extended even lower.

2. Mr. Underwood tells me that he could obtain temporary accommodation for carrying on his duties, and I strongly recommend that rather than incur expense in patching up a building never

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intended, and not adapted for the use it is put to, it would be better economy to build entirely new. The old materials would be of some value, tending to lower expense, and a much more satisfactory job made of the work.

3. By reference to the plan it will be seen that the whole of the verandah pillars will have to be removed; the same with the back verandah walls, and that of the west room, and more than one-third of the main walls, besides the quoins and bondings of the end, and party-walls. The roof must be entirely taken off, and the wood-work must be new; the plastering of the whole building will have to be renewed; and the floor cannot but be so much damaged during process of repair, that it also will have to be mended. This latter item has not been inserted in the estimate, but will, I am sure, be an unavoidable contingency. In fact, I look upon the proposed work as very like putting a new back and front to a coat, and leaving the buttons and lining.

4. I have forwarded the estimate in compliance with the wishes expressed by you, but I beg to record my strong doubt as to the sufficiency of any such repairs to an old building so seriously injured; and shall be obliged by your forwarding this letter on to Government when the plan and estimate are submitted.

No. 15. ORDER THEREON, 6th January 1868, No. 9.

The Governor in Council is of opinion that a new office is required for the Deputy Collector at Manantoddy, and that meanwhile no expensive repairs should be made to the existing office buildings.

(True Extract).

P. N. M. S.

Chief Secretary.

To the Collector of Malabar, with plan and estimate.
,, Revenue Department.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

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