

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
15th April 1868.*

No. 260. Read the following letter from the Collector of North Arcot, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Chitttoor, 18th March 1868, No. 18 :—

1. I have the honor with reference to the Orders of Government noted in the margin, regarding certain sanitary improvements to the Chuttrum near the Tripetty Railway Station, to state that the owner of this chuttrum has reason,
Dated 10th August 1867, No. 2,438, Public Works Department.
Dated 10th October 1867, No. 2,389, Revenue Department.

I think, to consider himself an ill-used man. There is, I find, a local clique, who make it their business to get up a cry against him, and he has been so persistently hunted for more than a year, that he shut up the place very recently in sheer disgust, and was only induced at my earnest solicitation to re-open it. He has spent all his little capital on the place, and since pressure was first put on time, he has done much for the improvement of the building and premises. He has never had any model of a latrine furnished to him, and naturally hesitates to spend money on an appliance which he well knows the great majority of pilgrims frequenting the choultry would never make use of. In this I believe he is not far wrong. It is no argument that because caste men and women use the Railway latrines under circumstances which leave them no option, they will therefore do violence to their feelings and prejudices when their time is their own, and there is the open country around them.

2. I believe that the proprietor is really desirous of doing all that his means will permit for the improved cleanliness and comfort of the building, and that as the new pettah around it takes shape, he will gradually fulfil these further requirements. The choultry has no pretension to be called a first class building of the kind, but in the meantime it is the sole place of public accommodation, and but for it travellers would be put to the very greatest inconvenience and discomfort. I venture, therefore, to express a hope that Government will not for the present insist on any further degree of pressure being put on the proprietor of this choultry beyond what he becomes liable to under the provisions of the Police Act, which has been extended to this new settlement.

3. In conclusion I beg to submit, for the consideration of Government, copy of a letter which I have received from C. Kistnaswami Pillay, the son of the proprietor, C. Appacootty Pillay.

No. 261. ORDER THEREON, 15th April 1868, No. 972.

Miscellaneous.

1. Under the circumstances stated, the Government consider that the cost of doing what is still necessary to perfect

the sanitary arrangements at the Tripaty Choultry may well be contributed from Local Funds.

2. The Collector will submit an estimate for the sanction of the Revenue Board, and will also forward to Government, in the usual form, through the Board, an application for an endowment under the rules towards the maintenance of the Chuttrum.

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3. The Government assume that the building, judging from what it is said to have cost, is deserving of an endowment.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Collector of North Arcot,
„ the Revenue Board.
„ the Accountant General.
„ the Department Public Works.

Ed. S. T. Augustin.

Mount Road
16th January 1868

J. D. Robinson Esquire

Collector of North Arcot

Sir,

I beg on behalf of My Father, who is now in Annam to acknowledge the receipt of your Off^{ce} Memorandum of the 17th Ultimo No 297, and to state that, in accordance with your wishes, orders were sent on the 1st Instant to open the Tripally Choultry for the accommodation of the travellers.

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The delay in acknowledging the Memo in question was occasioned by a reference having been made to My Father at Annam on the Subject, under whose express orders the Choultry was closed, on the receipt of your Off^{ce} Memo of the 22^d November 1867 No 294, in which it was distinctly intimated that the Dy Magistrate would be instructed to have recourse to Magisterial action against My Father, if he did not take immediate steps to put the Main drain of the Chuttram into thoroughly efficient orders.

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The Chuttram, you are aware, was created out of purely charitable motives, to afford

accommodation and shelter for the Native travellers generally, and more especially for the pilgrims and others who visit the lower and upper Temples to perform their sacred vows. It must also be borne in mind that my father undertook to build the Chuttram at a time when it was under the contemplation of Government to raise one at their expense, and therefore it will be seen that my father act relieved Govt from incurring a large expenditure of Eight thousand Rupees.

The Chuttram, as matters stand at present has become a source of great vexation and repeated annoyance to my aged father, so much so as to induce him, though much against his will, to order its closing and thus avoid the threatened impending trials under the Penal Code.

I have heard with much pleasure that in the beginning of last year you have submitted a favourable report to Govt regarding the state of the Choultry, but I am afraid that your mind has since been prejudiced against it by the reports of some designing and evil minded persons at the place. My father has done all he could to put the Chuttram in such order as would secure every comfort and convenience to the Native travellers and

pilgrims frequenting it, and has also issued stringent orders to his Gymasta at the Chuttram to keep its Compound clean at all times, but I regret to state that he is really unable to spend any further sum of money in the improvements suggested to be made to the main drain of the Choultry and which no other proprietors of similar Institutions under the British Flag are required to carry out.

I hear that Government have very recently authorized the erection of Chuttrams at Arcot, Erode and some other principal Railway Stations, the cost thereof being met partly from the Imperial Funds and partly from the Local Funds.

In the case of the Tripathy Chuttram you are well aware, Sir, that Government have not to this moment contributed even a pie towards its erection, or the Sanitary improvements of the place, and my father, being now very much reduced in circumstances respectfully and earnestly begs that Government will be good enough to issue orders for carrying out such out doors Sanitary improvements as may be considered necessary to the Chuttram

And thus relieve him from his present
anxious, distressed and disheartened
state of mind.

Leaving the rest to your kind and
impartial consideration and with my
father's and my best respects to you.

I beg to remain &c
(Signed) C. Kistnasamy Pillay
(True Copy)

J. B. M. C. M.
Collector.

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Enclosure in

a letter from the
Collector of S. A.
to the Chief Secy
to Government
dated 18th March/68

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