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Government of Madras.

Revenue - DEPARTMENT.

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Dated	5th	July	1869.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
5th July 1869.

No. 62. Read the following letter from the Sub-Secretary to the Board of Revenue, to the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Madras, 26th April 1869, No. 2,820:—

I AM directed by the Board of Revenue to request that Government may be moved to re-consider the orders conveyed in Government Order, 12th March 1869, No. 679.

2. The Board respectfully submit that the limit of Rupees 60 was fixed with reference to Chuttrums built under ordinary circumstances by private individuals.

3. The Chuttrums at Arconum and Erode were built by Government for the convenience of the extraordinary number of passengers who will use the Railway. They cost Rupees 6,300 and Rupees 7,200, respectively. Half the amount was contributed from Imperial and half from Local Funds.

4. It is obvious that Rupees 60 per annum, or Rupees 5 a-month, cannot command a sufficient establishment even to keep these buildings clean, far less to make them as useful to travellers, as they were intended to be. If no larger maintenance allowance can be granted, the Board fear that the money which has been expended on the Chuttrums will be found to have been uselessly thrown away.

5. It has been ascertained that the requisite sums cannot be provided from Local Funds. The receipts of the Endowment Fund in North Arcot in 1867-68 were Rupees 1,280, and the expenditure Rupees 1,280. The receipts in Coimbatore were Rupees 5,281, and the charges Rupees 5,381. The complete returns for 1868-69 have not yet been received. There was a small surplus in each district in February, but not more than must be kept in hand for repairs.

	RS.
North Arcot,...	1,079
Coimbatore,...	3,226

No. 63. ORDER THEREON, 5th July 1869, No. 1,916.

Miscellaneous.

UNDER the circumstances stated by the Board of Revenue, the Government resolve to apply to the Government of India for sanction to make exceptions from the Chuttrum Rules in the case of large and useful Railway Chuttrums. The maximum value of the endowment in the case of these Chuttrums will be fixed at Rupees 180 per annum, or Rupees 15 per mensem.

2. The Board will instruct the Collectors to make the best arrangements possible for keeping the Chuttrums at Arconum and Errode in proper order, till the answer of the Government of India is received.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT,
FORT SAINT GEORGE,
5th July, 1869.

No. 1,917.

No. 64.
To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

Miscellaneous.

WITH reference to the Proceedings of the Government of India, dated 6th August, 1863, No. 3,584, investing this Government with power to make grants of waste land, bearing an assessment not in excess of 60 Rupees (not 60 acres as erroneously stated in the correspondence) for the maintenance of Chuttrums, I am directed to forward, for the consideration and orders of the Right Honourable the Governor-General in Council, copies of the papers noted in the margin, regarding the insufficiency of such grants in the cases of large and useful Chuttrums at Railway Stations.

Procs. of Govt., dated 12th March 1869, No. 679.
Do. ,, 5th July ,, ,, 1,916.

2. The Government having had frequently to notice the great inconvenience to which Native travellers, by the Railway, are put by want of proper accommodation at the principal stations along the lines, authorised the erection of suitable Chuttrums at these places. Two of these buildings at the important junction-stations of Arconum and Errode have just been completed, half of their total cost* having been paid from the Local Funds, and half from Imperial Funds. Arconum is a junction-station where the Main or South-West Line, the North-West Line, and the Tramway from Conjeveram meet; and Errode is the junction-station of the South-West Line and the Great Southern India Railway. The number of travellers assembling at these places is very large, and it is necessary that arrangements should at once be made for maintaining order and cleanliness in the buildings.

* Arconum, ... Rupees 6,300
Errode, ... ,, 7,200

3. The Government of India have already ruled that expenses connected with the maintenance of the Chuttrums are to be met from Local Funds; but these funds in the two districts (North Arcot and Coimbatore) in which the Chuttrums are situated, are inadequate to meet any such permanent expenditure as will be needed. The Board of Revenue accordingly propose that waste land, assessed at Rupees 150 and 170, should be assigned to the Chuttrums at Arconum and Errode, respectively.

4. The Government sanctioned an endowment of the value of only Rupees 60 in each case, and instructed the Board to obtain some aid from the general Chuttrum or Endowment Fund of the district. But the Board point out that any assistance from Local Funds is impracticable; that the limit of 60 Rupees was fixed with reference to Chuttrums built under ordinary circumstances; that the two under notice were erected for the convenience of the extraordinary number of passengers who use the Railway; and that it is obvious that 60 Rupees per annum, or 5 Rupees

Revenue Department.
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Memo: for Orders
on No. 1407. —

The circumstances
under which the order
of 12th March 1869 No. 679
was passed are explained
in the annexed Memo-
randum. Orders are
requested as to whether,
for the reasons stated
by the Board in their
present letter, application
is to be made to the
Government of India
to allow this Govt to
make exceptions from
the

Financial 1869 Department.

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From Government of
Fort St. George.

Dated 5th July. } No. 1,917.
R. } Enclosures.
6 grave copies.

D. No. } Progs. { D.
L. No. } { No.

Recd the 4th Aug 1869
Aug 9th Exd 2nd Sept

JULY.
No. 61.

Forwarding representations of the Inhabitants of the Nilgiris against the Rules in the Code of Civil Procedure extended to that District, for the exemption of Streams and Roads, and requesting that effect may be given to the Rules of Exemption as to Public and useful Railway Companies.

the Chuttrums Rules
in the case of large
and useful Railway
Chuttrums - It might
be considered necessary
to fix a maximum
limit to the endowment
of these latter Chuttrums
The cost of the establish-
ment proposed for
each of the two Chut-
trums at Arcoonum
and Erode amounts to
Rs. 13½ per mensem, or
Rs. 142 per annum
Taking this as a guide
the maximum limit
of the endowment
might

might be proposed at
Rs. 150. But this will
leave very little
margin; - perhaps 180
Rs, or 15 Rs per mensem
would be preferable.

Revenue Department.

Memorandum No. 3811 of 1868
89 of 1869.

would give the Station
Can give viz. Rs 60.0
to get the Telegraph
the Chattram fund. If
necessary get the balance
way as may
the S. G.

No. 1372 dated 2nd April 1868
in Mate
after
I agree to this
course proposed in
green ink.
27.2.69.

B.R. Pr. No. 1/2 dated July 68
A. 4846.

I think the Cutcherry
Rest house, Chauldrie
at such places as
Ryrum & Sirsha
is rather unfortunate

1. In these papers the Board proposes the endowments of waste land of the aggregate of Rs 50 & Rs 30 be granted for the Railway Chauldrums at Mycommund & Erode respectively.

2. These endowments are intended to encourage private benefaction, and the Govt declared that the rules on the subject are inapplicable to Chauldrums built from Local Funds - The Board however, explained that it is of no local consequence whether a Chauldry be erected by the beneficence of a private individual, or by the united contributions of the community at large; that the essential

special considerations are
those embodied in the Chaltram
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 Govt. funds; that
save in a few exceptional in-
stances, where Govt. land may
not be available, the endowment
is no more than the grant of
land now unproductive, and under
those circumstances, endowments
were sanctioned for certain
Choultries in Malabar, erected
from Local Funds.

3. The cost of the Chaultries
at Arcotnad, and Erode
was divided equally between
the Local and
Imperial

Govt of Madras
Lr. No. 1959
dated 9th July
1867 forwarding
Govt proposals
I should be inclined
to apply the
Govt. of India rules

Reg. of Govt. of 9th July
1867 No. 1959.

P. W. Order of 21st Dec.
1867, No. 3958.

Here proposals are
to be sanctioned by the
Govt. of India

Imperial Funds, but in
something the aid from
the Imperial Budget, the
Govt. expressly stated that
provision must be made
from the Local Funds for
the maintenance and re-
pair of the Buildings,
and promised to grant
the "usual landed
endowment". Any pro-
posals which the Board
may make conformably
to the rules are therefore
admissible, but they have
not hitherto been.

4. The maximum limit
for the endowment of a Chaultry
is master lands assessed at
Rs 60. The Board proposes
more than three that sum
in

in one case, and nearly three times in the other. The necessity for strictly adhering to the rules is very clear, and this Govt cannot alienate any portion of the Land Revenue except under these rules. The rules were passed in 1829, and the late Court of Directors, drew the attention of this Govt to the maximum limit of Rs 100, in para 34 of their Despatch, dated 25th April 1838, No 4, and in a subsequent despatch they remarked that the grants are to be made in conformity to the rules. The limit was invariably adhered to, & this Govt pointed out to the Board that it cannot be exceeded.-

From Govt of India
2/30th Octr 1863, No 1878.
para 2.

Pro: 2/11th Augt 1829
No 5162.-

Paras 39 of the Despatch
2/19th Augt 1840 No 12.

Orders 2/5th June 1847.
No 1667.-

5. The power to grant these enclosures was till 1863 vested in the Govt of India, but on a representation that the rules are precise and are strictly adhered to, they delegated it to this Govt, and the Secretary of State approved the

Do 4th Decr 1849 No 1159.

* To Govt of India 2/1st June 1863 No 933.

† From Do 2/11th Augt 1863 No 5023.

from Secy of State to Govt of India dated 31st October 1868, No 29.-

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the change on the understanding that it (the power) will only be exercised "in conformity with the established rules".

6. It must here be pointed out that there was a clerical error in para 6 of the letter to the Govt of India, dated 1st June 1868, No 933. The word "acres" instead of "Rupees" was introduced after 60, and that Govt in their reply dated 11th August 1868, No 5023, ~~re~~ vested this Govt with power to make grants of waste land not exceeding "60 acres" in endowment of Choultries. The assessment of the 60 acres might be a very large sum, and will be varying. The insertion of the word "acres"

"dcres" was no doubt a mistake.

7. Under these circumstances, the Board should perhaps be entitled to revise their recommendations so as to limit the grant in each case to be Rupees. This will however, be insufficient for the establishment proposed for each Chaplaincy. The Board might revise the Rs. expenditure from the general Buttrium or Endowment fund of the District to provide for the required establishment.

1. Clerk - Rs. 5 - 11 - 11.
1. Sweeper - " - 3 - 8 - 11.
1. Scavenger - " - 2 - 8 - 11.
Contingencies - " - 2 - 8 - 11.

Total - " - 13 - 8 - 11.

Total per annum - 162 - 11 - 11.

Annexe

Endowments of certain Chuttrums in N. Arcot Dist.

R.D. 5/1

11:1916.

Pro: of the Madras Govt.

Under date the 5th July/69

Read the following

Pro: of the Bd of Rev:

Requesting Govt to re-consider their order stating that they are unable to sanction more than Rs. 120 as endowments of Chuttrums at Arcotnum and Erode Railway Stations in N. Arcot Dist. — } M.E. 26th April/69 No 282.

Under the circumstances stated by the Board of Revenue, the Govt resolve to apply to the Govt of India for sanction to make exceptions from the Chuttrums Rules in the case of large and useful Railway Chuttrums — The maximum value of the endowment in the case of these Chuttrums will be fixed at Rs 180 per annum or Rupees 15 per mensem. —

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Copy of Govt Order

2. The Board will instruct the Collectors to make the best ~~for the~~ arrangements possible for keeping the Chuttrums at Arcotmm and Erode in proper order till the answer of the Govt of India is received. —

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Revenue Department

To

1917

The Secretary to the
Government of India
Finance Department

Sir,

With reference to the Proceedings of the Government of India dated 6th August 1863, No. 3584, investing this Govt with power to make grants of waste land, being an assessment not exceeding in excess of 60 Rupees (not 60 acres as erroneously stated in the correspondence) for the maintenance of Chuttrums

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Govt of Govt. dy 7/12 Home/63 No. 679
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Errode — " 7,200

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3. The Govt. of India have already ruled that expenses connected with the maintenance of the Chuttrums are to be met from Local Funds, but these funds in the two Districts (North Arcot & Coimbatore) in which the Chuttrums are situated are inadequate to meet any such permanent expenditure as will be needed. The Board of Revenue accordingly propose that waste land, assessed at Rs. 150 and

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5th Under these circumstances I am to request that this Government may be

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1 Sweeper — 3 — 8
1 Scavenger — 2 — 8
Ordinary Contingencies — 2 — 8
Total 13 — 8

be allowed to make exceptions from the Chuttrum Rules, in the case of large and useful Railway Chuttrums, by allowing endowments of the annual value of more than Rupees 60 but not exceeding Rs. 180. The cost of the establishment on the most moderate scale possible and ordinary contingencies amounts to Rs. 13-8 per mensem or Rs. 162 per annum as shown in the margin, and it is necessary that some such margin should be kept to meet the cost

of

of the usual Repairs
&c.

5 July 09

Sd Tidswell

Capt Tabor & Adams