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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
24th March 1869.*

Read the following:—

No. 642. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 7th January 1869, No. 44.

Read the following letters:—

From the Collector of Coimbatore, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Ootacamund, 16th May 1868, No. 143.

1. With reference to paragraph 3 of the Board's Proceedings of the 8th ultimo, No. 2,658, I have the honor to forward copy of a letter from Mr. J. W. Minchin, dated 28th idem, from which it will appear that the Planters' Association at Ootacamund has ceased to exist for a long time. He states that the letter written to him by the late Acting Collector, Mr. MacGregor, was circulated among most of the Planters whose estates are in communication with Ootacamund by the line of road leading by Neddivuttum and Pyeara, and that it appeared that most of these gentlemen would be willing to subscribe for the erection of the proposed accommodation for their coolies travelling on the road, but that they wanted some definite estimate of the cost of the buildings, that they might know what was wanted of them.

2. He now applies for it, and I have written to the Executive Engineer, Northern Range, for the same; so soon as it is received, it will be forwarded to the gentlemen concerned through Mr. Minchin, and the result reported to Board in due course.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From J. W. MINCHIN, Esq., to the Collector of Coimbatore, dated Ootacamund, 28th April 1868.

1. In answer to your letter, No. 122, of 25th instant, referring to the Government Order of 15th October 1866, No. 2,802, on the subject of the building of Chuttrums between Ootacamund and Neddivuttum, I have the honor to inform you that the Planters' Association of Ootacamund has ceased to exist for a long time.

2. That the letter written to me by Mr. MacGregor was circulated among most of the Planters whose estates are in communication with Ootacamund by the line of road referred to. That it appeared that most of these gentlemen would be willing to subscribe for the erection of the proposed accommodation for their coolies travelling on the road, but that some definite estimate of the necessary cost of the buildings should be given them, that they might know what was wanted of them.

3. If you will favor me with some statement of the probable cost of the Chuttrums, I will send the particulars to Mr. Ouchterlony and the other Planters most interested in their construction.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) A. WEDDERBURN,

Collector.

From the Commissioner of the Neilgherries, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Ootacamund, 30th September 1868, No. 33.

1. The Board in their Proceedings of 1st July 1868, No. 4,833, paragraph 4, express a hope that the subject of permanent Chuttrums for Native Travellers on some of the roads up here should be considered at an early date, so as to admit of their construction before the next monsoon.

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2. The two temporary sheds (one at the Craigmores cutting, and the other at the sandy nullah on the Seegoor road) built with the sanction of the Board, in their Proceedings under reply, are tiled buildings, have done their work well, and are still in good order and likely to last for some years to come. I would not, therefore, recommend any more permanent erections in those places.

3. Mr. Ouchterlony out of his own funds, in 1867, erected a Chuttrum at a cost of more than 600 Rupees, on a sheltered and most convenient site, between Ootacamund and Pycara (where the old tappal hut formerly stood) and the Chuttrum has fully answered its purpose during these last two monsoons.

4. Mr. Ouchterlony authorises me to say that he will be happy to make over his Chuttrum to the Government, feeling certain that there will be better security for its being devoted to its intended object, if kept under Government control. He says that there is a man in charge of the Chuttrum on three Rupees a month, who keeps a petty bazaar, and has often requested Mr. Ouchterlony for permission to grow a few potatoes.

5. I would suggest that I should be allowed to take over the Chuttrum from Mr. Ouchterlony, and that, in company with Colonel Farewell, I should be permitted to select a convenient spot between Pycara and Neddivuttum for another Chuttrum to be built by Government.

6. With the two Chuttrums mentioned in paragraph 2, Mr. Ouchterlony's Chuttrum and the one proposed to be built between Pycara and Neddivuttum, I think that the wants of Native Travellers in the monsoon season will be amply provided for.

7. With regard to the care of these Chuttrums, I think that it would be desirable to give the men in charge a certain plot of potatoe ground neighbouring the Chuttrum, free of rent-charge in lieu of a monthly salary. Such a mode of payment would be more likely to secure the permanent service of a better class man, and thereby be some guarantee for the good treatment of storm-stayed travellers.

In his letter, the Commissioner requests permission to take over on behalf of Government a Chuttrum, constructed by Mr. Ouchterlony at a cost of 600 Rupees on the road between Ootacamund and Pycara, and to allot to the man in charge, a plot of ground for cultivation.

2. He also requests permission to select a site for another Choultry between Pycara and Neddivuttum.

3. In their Order of the 30th July 1866, No. 1890, the Government admitted that shelter for travellers on the road from Ootacamund to Neddivuttum in addition to the Choultries at the latter place and Pycara was urgently required, but demurred to providing it, alleging that the Planters should be called on to do so.

4. A good deal of correspondence has passed without any result, and in the meantime Mr. Ouchterlony has, with great public spirit, provided at his own cost the necessary building at one of the two sites proposed.

5. Mr. Brecks reports that the building is suited to the purpose, and there seems no reason, therefore, why any very large expenditure need be incurred at

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the site between Pycara and Neddivuttum, though of course the additional distance over which materials have to be carried will somewhat enhance the cost.

6. The Board would recommend that the Government authorise the Commissioner to construct a similar building on whatever he may, in connection with Major Farewell, determine as the most eligible site, and that they allot a sum of 500 Rupees for the purpose.

7. Mr. Brecks will no doubt be able to raise the further sum necessary from Planters, who it appears are willing to contribute.

8. If this proposal is acquiesced in, there will be every prospect of the building being available before another South-West Monsoon shall have come to add its victims to the already large number of Coolies who, for want of some shelter near this spot have lain down by the road-side to die.

No. 643. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 25th February 1869.

Read the following letter from the Commissioner, Neilgherry Hills, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Ootacamund, 19th February 1869, No. 23.

1. With reference to Proceeding's of Board of Revenue, dated 7th January 1869, No. 44, I have been out with Colonel Farewell and selected a suitable site for a Chuttrum between Pycara and Neddivuttum. I have also addressed the Planters on the subject of raising funds to supplement the 500 Rupees recommended for sanction by the Board.

2. To-day I received the enclosed letter from Messrs. Vertue and Minchin. There can be no doubt, I think, but that the additional 500 Rupees will be raised. Time presses if we are to get the building up before the next monsoon. Will the Board authorize my beginning in anticipation of the Government sanction?

From Messrs. VERTUE, MINCHIN, and Co., to the Commissioner of Neilgherries, dated Ootacamund, 18th February 1869.

1. We have the honor to enclose an Order for Rupees one-hundred and fifty, as our subscription towards the building of a Chuttrum between Pycara and Neddivuttum.

2. We have addressed the other gentlemen that promised to subscribe to this Chuttrum, requesting them to send their money to you at once.

3. Mr. Ouchterlony having made over his Chuttrum to the public, is very liberal.

4. We have no doubt that the Rupees 500 you require will be soon sent to you.

Under the circumstances stated by the Commissioner, the Board sanction a commencement being made in the way of preparation of materials and so forth for the Chuttrum between Pycara and Neddivuttum in anticipation of sanction.

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No. 644.

ORDER THEREON, 24th March 1869, No. 828.

Miscellaneous.

Under the circumstances stated by the Neilgherry Commissioner and the Board of Revenue, the Government sanction the contribution of Rupees 500 for the erection of a new Chuttrum between Pycara and Neddivuttum.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
" the Public Works Department.
" the Accountant General.

Ed. G. A. Turton.

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BOARD OF REVENUE, MADRAS.
1869.

PROCEEDINGS, 7TH JANUARY 1869, No. 44.

Received 19th

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JANUARY.
No. 44.

100000 24 March 1869

Chuttry—proposed to be constructed by Neilgherry Commissioner between Pycarah and Neddivuthan.—Recommendation to Government to allot Rupees 500 for,

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Memo:
on Nos 884 & 609.

From Colly to Board
dated 16th July 1866 No.
181.

The Board
in their Pro: dated 6th
July 1866 notices the
large numbers of deaths
on the road between Mas-
sachusetts and Portau-
rean, and the collector
reports that except at
the two places alluded to
where commodious and
comfortable chattrams
have been erected for
native travellers, the road
is so poor to the great
force of the South-west
monsoon, and that the
deaths which have taken
place, are to be attributed
solely

solely to the great ex-
posed generated by the
high wind and rain.
He therefore suggests
the erection of two more
huthams, one midway
between Reddivatham
and Eycara, and another
between the latter place
and Potacamund, and
the Board recommended
the proposal. But
the Govt remarked that
the road in question is
almost exclusively
used by coolies belong-
ing to coffee planta-
tions in the Wynad, that
the Govt have already
gone to the expense
of erecting two huthams;
and that the planters
may fairly be expected
to provide the additional
shelter.

Pro: of 21st July 1866

Pro: of 30th July 1866,
no 1890.

From Colly, dated
21st Sept^r 1866 no
96.

shelter which is
urgently required. Mr.
Grant was requested
to place himself in
communication with
the Southern Wynad
Planters Association
on the subject. The
Collector reports that
the "Planters are willing
to assist in any mea-
sure for erecting
buildings of refuge
along the road, but, for
the following reasons, they
consider that the obli-
gation to aid attaches
to Govt; first, that the
line in question is and
always has been the
high road of the coun-
try between this place
and stations below the
Shant.

Chaut and on the
Western Coast; second,
that in the very posi-
tion of their localities
of cultivation, this
same road could not
be employed by them
for any purposes of
traffic, were it not
that the condition of
the public highways
below the mountains
is such that no wheel-
ed conveyance can
possibly travel along
them; third, that the
Govt. Chinchona planta-
tions at Neddivattam
occupy no mean share
in the traffic between
the two points; and
lastly, that every fa-
cility of intercourse can
be secured along

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of Govt. Chinchona
plantations at Neddivattam
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the two points; and
lastly, that every fa-
cility of intercourse can
be secured along

Order dated 15th
Sept 1866, No. 2802.

along this line
tends to bring direct
advantage to the
Govt, in creating a
greater demand
for the waste lands
that it traverses, and
the cultivation of
which is an im-
mediate benefit to the
State, but the Govt.
undoubtedly that they
have sufficiently
fulfilled their obli-
gations by construct-
ing the line at
Neddivattam and
Pykara, and that
they

more than 1000 Rs. on a sheltered
and most convenient spot be-
tween Ootacamund and Pykara,
and requests to be permitted to
take charge of it, and in
company with Colonel Frere
to select a convenient spot
between Pykara and Neddi
vettem for a new Chattram
to be built by Government;
and that he thinks, that
the proposed building with the
three already noticed, will
amply provide for the wants
of Native travellers during
the monsoon.

3. The Board recom-
mend that a sum of
Rupees 500 be allotted
for the proposed new
Chattram, leaving it to Mr.
Brace to raise the further
sum necessary from the
Planters. They do not
express

Board's Progs. dated 7th Jan, 1864
N^o 141

From Comd to Board dated 14th Feb
1864

Board's Progs. dated 5th Feb, 1864

express any opinion as to
taking charge of Mr. Quist's
Chattram nor do they allude
to Mr. Brace's proposal
to give the men in charge
of these buildings a certain
plot of profitable ground free
of rent, in lieu of a monthly
salary.

4. In a later letter, the
Commissioner reports that a
site has been selected for
the new Chattram, that he
has received Rs. 150 from
Messrs. Vithal and Attinchi,
that he has no doubt that
the additional 500 Rupees
will be raised, and requests
permission to commence
the building in anticipation
of the sanction of Government.

5. The Board have
accordingly authorized him
to take steps for the collection
of

of materials and so forth for
the new Chattram.

b. The point for considera-
tion is whether the Government
will now pay Rs 500 which
appears to be half the cost of
the building, in supersession
of their Resolution dated
15th October 1866, No 2502
promising to contribute only
a third thereof.

Mr. Campbell has refused
seeing the liberal manner
and Nandanallam has been
treated for the convenience of
the European shelter class
of Travellers - See also the
5000. W.D. P. R. P.

Revenue Department

No. 828.

Proceedings of the Madras Govt
under date the 22nd March 1869

Read the fol-
lowing Pro: of the Bd of
Revenue -

Recommending
to allot Rs 500 for the
Shoultry proposal to be
constructed by the Neighbouring
Communities between Pyeard
& Reddivattam.

(H.E. of the Jang
1869 No. 44) -

Authorizing Com-
mittee of the Shoultry
in anticipation
of Govt sanction.

(H.E. 25th Feb
1869) -

Under the cir-
cumstances stated by
the Neighbouring Commis-
sioners and the Board
of Revenue, the Govt
sanction the contribu-
tion of Rs 500 for the
erection of a new
Chattram between
Pyeard

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