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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
31st March 1869.*

No. 714. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Judicial Department :—

Concurring in the opinion of the Subsidiary Jail
Committee that Rupees 4,600 is too large a
sum for a Subsidiary Jail site at Prodatur,
and requesting the Collector to select some
other site. (Here enter 17th March 1869, No. 441.)

No. 715. ORDER THEREON, 31st March 1869, No. 863.

Miscellaneous.

COMMUNICATED to the Revenue Board.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. WELLESLEY,
Acting Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Judicial Department, No. 441.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
17th March 1869.*

No. 191. Read the following letter from the Subsidiary Jail Committee, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 12th March 1869, No. 299.

With reference to our Report, No. 141, of 25th June last, on the Subsidiary Jail requirements of the District of Cuddapah, we have the honor to submit the accompanying copy of a letter from the Acting District Magistrate, by which it will be seen that, as the site chosen for the new Office and Jail at Prodatur has been condemned by him on sanitary grounds, he has selected two others marked A and AA on the enclosed plan. It will be observed that 4600 Rupees is the sum which the Acting Magistrate proposes to pay for either of the abovementioned sites; against which he estimates 2000 Rupees as the possible "large fancy price" for the old Cutcherry building.

2. We do not feel justified in recommending so large an outlay for a site with only the possible contingency of an offset.

3. We would suggest that Mr. VansAgnew should be instructed to select some other ground.

From G. VANSAGNEW, Esq., Acting Magistrate of Cuddapah, to the Subsidiary Jail Committee; dated Cuddapah, 8th February 1869, No. 161.

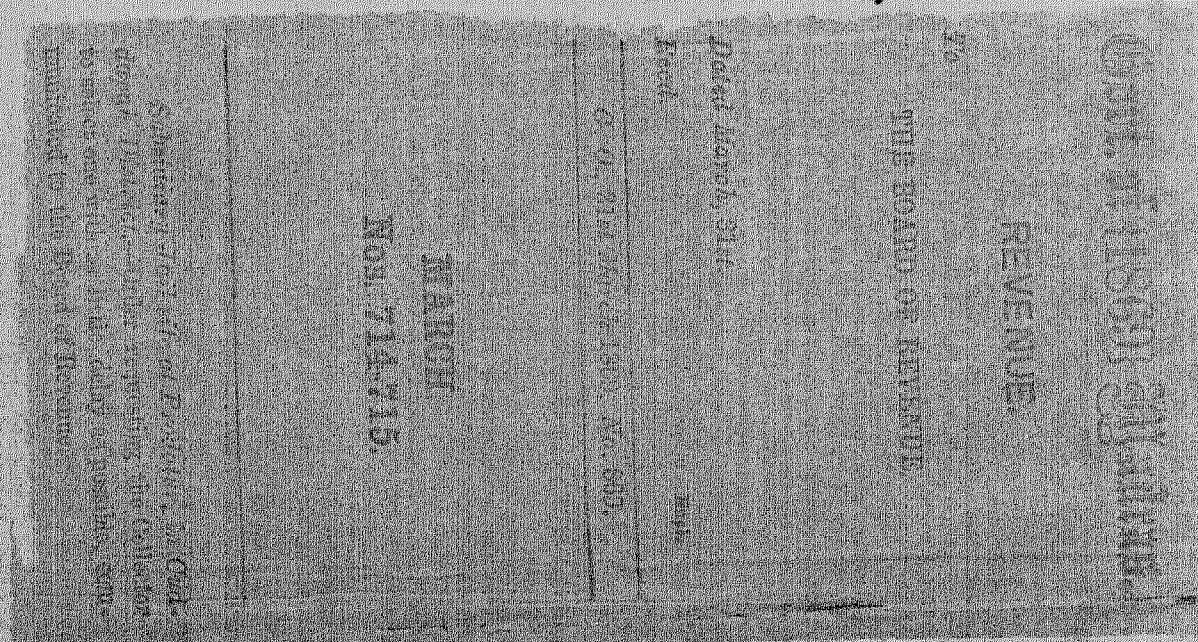
You are aware that, after you approved the site originally selected for the Taluq Cutcherry at Prodatur, I sent Mr. Sim during the holidays a draft letter, propounding a scheme suggested by the Deputy Collector, involving a change of site, but that having at your request inspected the same personally, I withdrew my proposal, and demi-officially informed Mr. Sim that the Superintending Engineer and myself after inspection were of opinion that the best plan would be to alter the site originally marked A on the enclosed plan to AA, and to this Mr. Sim in a demi-official note agreed in your names.

2. Having to trouble you again on the subject, I advert to what has gone before in order to remind you that in the draft letter to which I have referred, and which was not ultimately recorded, I mentioned that Deputy Collector Royapah Puntooloo had resorted to Act VI. of 1857, and that the arbitrators had awarded Rupees 1158 to the owners of original site A.

3. I have now to mention that the owners at once entered a protest against that award, on the ground that it had been precipitately made without due enquiry, and that, owing to the proposed partial change of ground from A to AA, I have inquired into the matter, and I believe ascertained the true facts, which are that the arbitrators did undoubtedly greatly undervalue A. With my present knowledge I cannot, as representing the Government, insist upon acting upon this award, for to do so would savour of very sharp practice.

4. The price asked by the owners for either A or AA is Rupees 4600. It seems that the land was, when they purchased it for Rupees 520, deeply covered with sand drift from the river; that they have spent nearly Rupees 5000 in improving it; and in addition have built a very fine cut-stone well upon it at a cost of Rupees 1800. This well, which is useless without the land, we wish to take up, was valued by the arbitrators at Rupees 800, although it could not be built, at present rates, under about Rupees 3000. The land is now rented out by them for Rupees 186 per annum, and as they justly observe, Rupees 184 at only four per cent., represents a capital sum of Rs. 4600.

5. If the land is to be taken up I consider the owners to be entitled to this sum; indeed, taking into account the natural reluctance of the proprietors to give up the land at all after all the trouble and expense they have bestowed upon it, I am surprised at the moderation of their demand; but as the sum is considerably larger than the Government usually have to pay for such sites, I refer the matter to you, and in the meanwhile have desired the Public Works Department to stop their operations.



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6. In case you object to paying so large a sum for this site, I am really at a loss what to recommend. Prodatur is closely circumscribed by the broad sandy bed of the Pennar on the south, and by wet cultivation on every other side. I rode round the whole place with the Superintending Engineer, the Range Officer, and Tahsildar, and there is literally not another spot in the vicinity of the town where we could recommend the Cutcherry being built, while the interior of the town is crowded to a degree, and in every way objectionable.

7. I may, however, mention as a setoff to the cost of a new site that that of the present Cutcherry is valuable, and might reasonably be expected to fetch from Rs. 1500 to Rs. 2000 at auction. Large fancy prices are obtained for town sites. I have known three and four times as much realized for such sites as was expected. On the whole, therefore, as there appears to me to be no alternative between buying the site, and removing the Cutcherry to some other locality more inconvenient in every respect in the Taluq, I am disposed to recommend that I be authorized to pay the amount.

No. 192. ORDER THEREON, 17th March 1869, No. 441.

The Government concur with the Subsidiary Jail Committee in their opinion that Rupees 4600 is too large a sum for a Subsidiary Jail site, and request the Collector to select, with as little delay as possible, some other site.

(True Extract).

R. M. S.
Chief Secretary

To the Collector of Cuddapah, with sketch.
" Committee on Subsidiary Jails.
" Revenue Department.

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