

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
31st October 1870.*

Read the following :—

No. 362. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 20th December 1869,
No. 9,333.

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of the Madras District, to the
Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Sydapet, 8th December
1869, No. 443.

I HAVE the honour to forward copy of a letter* received from Mr. Wilkinson,
the late Acting Sub-Collector, recom-
* Dated 4th September 1869, No. 235. mending the grant of certain land on
rent free tenure as an endowment for a chuttrum at Mamundur in the Maduran-
takum Taluq.

2. It will be seen from Mr. Wilkinson's report that the chuttrum in question
is situated on the southern trunk road, and, although not one affording accommo-
dation to all classes, and therefore not entitled to a regular grant according to the
chuttrum rules, it is nevertheless very useful to travellers, more especially during
the rainy season, when the Palar is in flood.

3. The land is occupied partly by the chuttrum and partly by a garden
attached to it. It is in extent cawnies 3-14-6, assessed at Rupees 8-8-6.

4. The chuttrum was built in the days of the Mootahdar, who allowed the
founder and his heirs to enjoy the land rent free. The same indulgence was
allowed even after the reversion of the Mootah to Government until Fasli 1275
by remitting the assessment year by year in favour of the owner of the chuttrum.
In Fasli 1275, for the first time, Mr. Cockerell, the late Acting Sub-Collector,
declined to grant the remission usually allowed, on the ground that the remis-
sion was unauthorized and irregular, and charged full assessment on the land. In
consideration, however, of the length of time during which the owners of the
chuttrum enjoyed the land rent free, and the usefulness of the institution, as also
of the small extent of land involved, I beg to recommend that the request of the
present owner of the chuttrum may be granted, and the land hereafter treated as
a regular endowment for the chuttrum, and a title-deed issued for the same under
the Inam rules.

5. Mr. Wilkinson states that, although the full assessment has been charged
upon the land since Fasli 1275, none of it has been collected. I therefore beg
that in case that the Board should resolve upon granting the land as an endowment
for the chuttrum, I may be permitted to strike off the arrears from the accounts.

6. As regards the bridge referred to in Mr. Wilkinson's letter I am of
opinion that it may be constructed, the expenditure being met from the " Reserve"
under the District Road Fund. Should the Board see no objection to this
proposal, I request that they will be pleased to accord their sanction to my placing
a sum of Rupees 150 at the disposal of the Acting Sub-Collector for the
construction of the bridge.

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ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From the Acting Sub-Collector, to the Acting Collector of the Madras District, dated Chingleput,
4th September 1869, No. 235.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of the late Collector's letter† of the 13th July last, enclosing a petition from the owner of the Mamundur choultry, and requesting my opinion as to the expediency of applying for an endowment to the choultry.

† Enclosure returned.

2. The choultry stands at the 40th mile-stone on the trunk road No. 8 to the south of the Palar. It only affords accommodation for Brahmins and Sudras, and no endowment under the Chuttrum Rules can therefore be applied for.

3. Ten miles north of this choultry is that of Singapermal Kovil, which enjoys a grant of about Rupees 60; and affords accommodation to all classes. To the south of Mamundur there are two endowed choultries, one at Shanur, six miles, the other at Madurantakum, ten miles distant. The former of these is now little frequented, and the latter affords accommodation to all classes.

4. The Mamundur choultry thus appears to be useful for travellers, situated as it is half-way between Singapermal Kovil and Mamundur, there being no choultry in Chingleput. The great utility of the choultry, however, situated as it is close to the southern bank of the Palar, is during the rainy season when the Palar floods prevent all travellers from the south from proceeding often for days together. This will be remedied when the bridge, the construction of which has now commenced, is completed.

5. The Tahsildar reports that from the days of the Zemindar up to Fasli 1275, the assessment of the land on which the choultry stands, and of the topes attached to it, amounting to Rupees 8-8-6, was annually remitted. From that Fasli the Teerwa has been charged, though not collected. I think the same indulgence should be granted now as formerly, and the Teerwa, Rupees 8-8-6, annually remitted.

6. The owner has also addressed a letter to me, requesting that a bridge may be constructed across the Pazamuttur channel, (which runs between the road and the chuttrum,) so as to afford travellers easy access to the choultry. It appears that this channel obliges travellers to take a circuitous route of about a quarter of a mile through the tope to reach the choultry, and thus, especially during dark nights, is difficult and dangerous.

7. Considering therefore that the choultry is kept up for the public at the expense of the petitioner, I think that his request is not unreasonable, and should you be able to place at my disposal Rupees 150 from Local Funds, I will order the immediate construction of the bridge.

THE Collector should submit a ground-plan of the chuttrum.

No. 363. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 19th September 1870,
No. 5,791.

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of Madras, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Sydapet, 5th May 1870, No. 145.

I HAVE the honour to forward herewith the ground-plan of the chuttrum at Mamundur, as required by the Board in their Proceedings of the 20th December 1869, No. 9,333.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Ground-plan.

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SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

2. There is at Mamundur on the southern trunk road near the Palar a chuttrum which was constructed when the village formed part of a permanently settled estate. During the time of the Mootahdar the founder of the chuttrum appears to have held the site and a garden attached to it, in all cawnies 3-14-6, rent-free. Even after the resumption of the village by Government, the assessment, Rupees 8-8-6, was annually remitted until Fasli 1275, when the Sub-Collector, regarding the remission as irregular and unauthorized, directed the full assessment to be charged. Nothing, however, has since been collected.

3. At Sanoor, six miles distant from Mamundur on the same road, there is an endowed chuttrum, but it is little frequented.

4. The Sub-Collector observes that the Mamundur chuttrum affords accommodation only to Brahmins and Sudras; but from the plan it appears that accommodation is also provided for Mussulmans and Christians, and that it is intended to build a place for Pariahs also.

5. In consideration of the long period during which the land has been held rent-free, and of the usefulness of the institution, as also of the small amount involved, the Collector recommends that the land be assigned free of assessment as an endowment for the chuttrum, and that the arrears of assessment now due be remitted.

6. Under the peculiar circumstances of the case the Board support the Collector's recommendation.

7. As regards the bridge which the Collector proposes to construct, the Board observe that the District Road Fund being in debt, no expenditure from the "Reserve" can be sanctioned; but should the Collector be able to suggest any other source from which the charge can be met, they will be prepared to sanction the work.

No. 364. ORDER THEREON, 31st October 1870, No. 1,678.

Land Revenue.

As it appears that the chuttrum was originally built in a permanently settled estate, the Government, as a special case, sanction the assignment to the chuttrum of the land at present attached to it rent-free, together with remission of the arrears of assessment which have accumulated since Fasli 1275.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue,
,, the Accountant-General.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Revenue Department

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Under date the 31st October 1870

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