

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT

G.O. No.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
4th March 1870.*

No. 23. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 10th February 1870:—

Read the following letter from the Collector of North Arcot, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Panapak, 3rd February 1870, No. 46.

I HAVE the honour to report, for the information of the Board, that the Mahant, sole Trustee of the Tirupathi Pagoda, has, at my personal solicitation, most liberally placed at my disposal the large sum of Rupees 12,000, on the understanding that 10,000 are to be laid out at Upper Tirupathi on the restoration of "the dome of a Thousand Pillars" and the improvement and embellishment of the town and its approaches. The remaining Rupees 2,000, as agreed at our interview, were to be expended in completing the numerous improvements which have been going forward for years past in Lower Tirupathi.

2. The whole amount was handed over to me, during the interview, in Government Notes, and has been placed to the credit of Road Fund in my Treasury Accounts.

3. Under the rules for the administration of these funds no work can be undertaken unless an estimate has been framed and sanctioned, and the project finds place in the Budget-Estimate of Charges.

4. As I purpose very shortly to apply for a year's leave on Medical Certificate, and the donation was made in the full belief that I should myself initiate and direct operations, I beg that these formalities may be dispensed with in so far that I be permitted to make such allotments at both places as may be required to set in motion the several works before my departure from the country. I make this request with the more confidence as no grant-in-aid is sought, and Government would not therefore appear to have any further voice in the matter than that the donation should find place in the Accounts and the expenditure be exhibited as incurred in the ordinary Progress Reports and other periodical Returns.

5. The Board are aware that "The Hill" has in a manner been thrown open to Europeans by a recent Order of Government, but as I do not desire to be the first to break through the prestige of centuries, I propose, as an initiatory step, to procure, through Captain Edgewood of the Civil Engineering College, a trained Surveyor (who should be a man of caste) to prepare a plan of Upper Tirupathi with a full specification list of the several works required for the restoration of "The Dome" and other buildings adjoining the temple and for the improvement of the street and approaches to the town.

6. I propose shortly to ask Government through the proper channel to acknowledge this liberal addition to former donations made by the present and late Mahants, but in the meantime solicit the Board's early instructions in regard to my power over the fund thus specially entrusted to myself for expenditure.

The Board have received this announcement of the liberality of the Tirupathi Mahant with great satisfaction.

2. Under the circumstances of the case they have no hesitation in recommending Government to dispense with the rules regarding the previous submission of estimates so far as regards the expenditure of the Mahant's donation.

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3. Estimates should nevertheless be submitted as soon as possible, and all expenditure must appear in the Accounts in the usual way.

No. 24. ORDER THEREON, 4th March 1870, No. 310.

LOCAL FUNDS, VOL. I.
Civil Works.

The Government are gratified at the disposition which the Mahant has shown on this and former occasions to turn to practical utility the funds at his disposal, and desire to offer him their thanks for his donation. But, if full justice is to be done to his liberality, it would not, in their opinion, be wise to commence expenditure, until a plan of operations has been framed and revised by competent agency.

2. Mr. Robinson is therefore authorized to procure the services of a trained Surveyor in the manner proposed in paragraph five of his letter, but the plan thus prepared, if approved by the Collector, should be submitted through the Superintending Engineer of the Division to Government, and a special estimate of charges should be forwarded for sanction through the same channel. It is hoped that by expedition in preparing and submitting the plan and estimate, Mr. Robinson will be enabled to be present in the district, while the proposed improvements are being carried out.

(Text Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,

Acting Secretary to Government.

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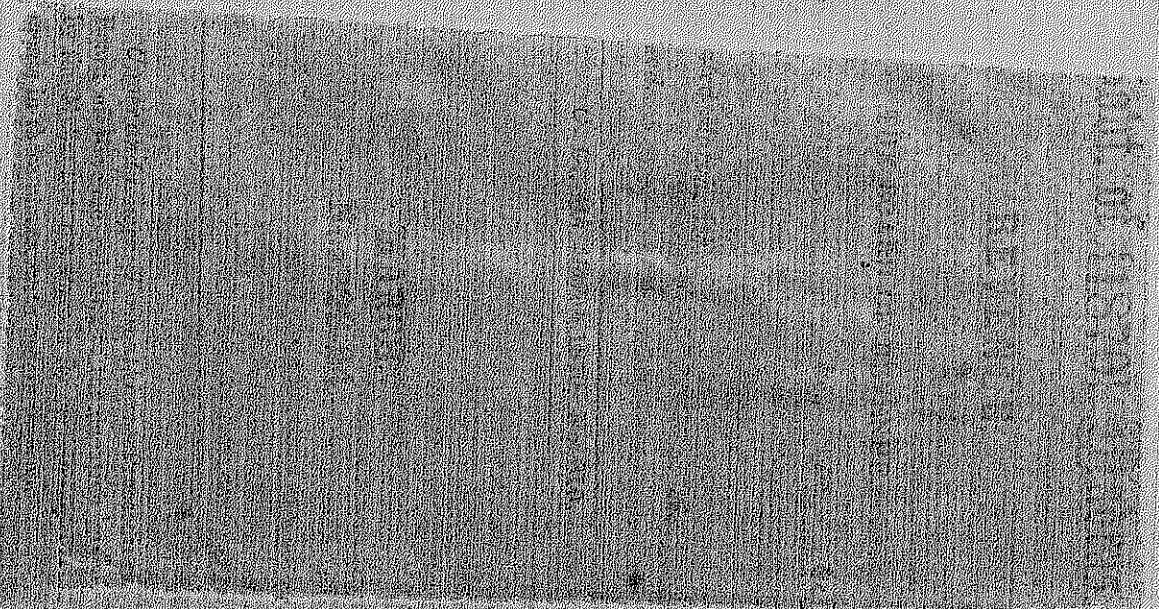
Dated 10th February 1870.

FOR ORDERS.

I see no advantage in expending money until plans & estimates have been prepared & received professional sanction. The resolution of a dome at a cost of 10,000 Rs. is a considerable work & the plan on which it is undertaken should be carefully considered.

Lajee. We should send high caste natives who are engineers & explain on the subject. P. M. A. J.

North West Frontier
P. M. A. J.
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FOR ORDERS.

N^o 310-

The Department

Proceedings of the Madras Govt

Under date the 4th March - 1870

Read the following

Proceedings of the Bd. of Rev.

Submitting letter reporting
that the Mahant of Tirupathy
Pagoda has placed Rs 12,000 at his
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improvements in Upper & Lower
Tirupathies, in N^o Arcot District

H^o 10 February 1870

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