Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 21st February 1871.

No. 248. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 20th January 1871, No. 281:—

Read the following letter from the Collector of Salem, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 14th December 1870, No. 283.

With reference to the Proceedings of Government, under date the 13th August last, No. 1,254, communicated in the Board's Order (Miscellaneous) No. 562 of the 24th idem, relative to the ruined Chuttrum at Toppoor, I have the honour to submit the copy of a letter received from the Sub-Collector on the subject.

2. Mr. Price recommends, for the reasons set forth in his letter, that the Chuttrum should be built at Toppoor, but proposes to alter the present site. I agree with Mr. Price in both points.

3. The present site is condemned on the ground of its being low and unhealthy, while the proposed one is open, well raised, and within only 200 feet of the river and 200 yards of the Police Station-house.

Enclosure No. 1.

From J. F. PRICE, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector, to the Collector of Salem, dated Oossoor, 7th December 1870, No. 674.

With reference to your letter and dockets marginally noted, and in continuation of my letter, No. 609, dated 5th ultimo, I have the honour to forward a plan showing the site of the old Toppoor Chuttrum, and to express my opinion as regards the advisability of altering the site.

Docket No. 572, dated 24th June 1870.
Letter do. 876, do. 8th October do.
Docket do. 1,013, do 3rd Nov. do.

2. The Chuttrum should certainly be at Toppoor, as a halting place is required at the foot of the ghaut, and as it is the only village on the line of road for a distance of at least ten miles either way.

3. The Tahsildar of Darampury is of opinion that the Chuttrum should be re-built on the present site, his grounds being that it is conveniently near the river and safe.

4. I do not agree with him, my chief reason being that the old site is as feverish and unhealthy as it can be; that it is as nearly as possible the lowest point of the caldron in which Toppoor is situated; and that being so low, it has no drainage, and was, before the rail opened, a hot bed of cholera, which even now, when it breaks out, always visits the Chuttrum.

5. I think that the new Chuttrum should be built on the corner of the Government tope facing the bridge, and which I have marked with red pencil. This spot is near the road and bandy-stand, which the old Chuttrum is not, and, though not quite so close to the water, it is only about 200 feet from it, which is quite enough. The site is open and well raised, and there will be, in a very few years, a fine Tamarind tope around it. As for its security, I think that, with a Police station barely 200 yards off, no fears need be entertained on that score.

Enclosure No. 2.—Sketch.

Submitted to Government with reference to Government Order, 13th August 1870, No. 1,254.

2. The Board agree with the local officers as to the change of site.

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No. 249. ORDER THEREON, 21st February 1871, No. 327.

Miscellaneous.

THE Board of Revenue are requested to ascertain from the Collector whether, in considering the expediency of altering the site of the Chuttrum now at Toppoor, the plan of removing it to the immediate vicinity of the railway has received his attention.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Ed. F. R. Bantleman.

Revenue Department.

Pro.s of the Madras Govt. dated

Under date the 21st February 1871

Read the following

Proceedings of the Board

of Revenue

Submitting letter from Collector forwarding one from Sub Coll.r objecting to reconstruction of Chuttrum at Toppoor in Salem District, on ground that it is unhealthy & proposing a new site.

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14 Feb Board of Works 27 Feb 1871

Recommending Removal of Chuttrum at Toppoor in Salem District.

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To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated February 21st.

Recd. Encl.

G. O., 21st February 1871, *No.* 327.

Vide No. 1711 from Board of Revenue dt. 17 May 1871

FEBRUARY.

No. 248-249.

Chuttrum at Toppoor in Salem District.—Board of Revenue to report whether, in considering the expediency of altering its site, the plan of removing it to the immediate vicinity of the railway has received the attention of the Collector.