Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 11th May 1871.

No. 142. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 26th April 1871, No. 1,740 :—

Read the following letter from the Collector of the Godavery District, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Ramachendrapur, 20th March 1871, No. 88.

I HAVE the honour to forward copy of a letter, just received from the Acting Sub-Collector, on the very insufficient office-accommodation he has. I know from personal observation that he no more than states the actual facts of the case.

2. With regard to the building called the Government Museum, it is undoubtedly the best site for the Sub-Collector's Office. The keeping it up at Government expense as a Museum is a mere farce, and I consider a waste of Government money.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From J. D. B. GRIBBLE, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector, to the Collector of the Godavery District, dated Rajahmundry, 15th March 1871, No. 37.

I HAVE the honour to bring to your notice the state of the office-accommodation of the Sub-Collector.

2. With reference to the same subject I beg also to draw your attention to the correspondence noted in the margin. You will observe that the building of a suitable Office has been approved, but that the erection has been delayed. Since the correspondence referred to no repairs have been made.

1 Government Proceedings, dated 10th July 1867, No. 2,059.
1 Mr. Horsfall's letter to Collector, 2nd October 1868, No. 61.
1 Government Proceedings, dated 22nd May 1869, No. 1,439.

3. Annexed is a plan of the building, from an inspection of which you will observe that there are only three rooms. One room is entirely filled with records, and so scanty is the accommodation that the dufters are piled up to the roof. This day only a reference to some papers of three years date was necessary, and half a day was required to get at the necessary bundles. The middle room is occupied by six Clerks and a Copyist, and during the hot weather, and when the hot wind blows on the unsheltered verandah the Moochee and Attender sit there also. The room has in addition several almirahs for which there is no place in the record-room, and when the space occupied by these is deducted, you will observe that each occupant of the room has a considerable smaller allowance of cubic feet than by Government orders allowed to a convict. The third room is occupied by the Sheristadar and the Clerk who works under his orders, and is more than half filled by the table sanctioned for the Sheristadar's use in Board's Order, No. 5,464, dated 26th August 1870.

4. It will, therefore, be seen that not only is the accommodation for the office establishment of a very poor description, but that there is absolutely none for the Sub-Collector. My Cutcherry is daily attended by from fifty to a hundred natives, and at present during Jamabandi time, by many more. In order, therefore, to provide office-accommodation, I have been compelled to pitch tents.

5. In the absence of office-accommodation, I am empowered to draw tentage when my own tents are pitched for that purpose. I shall therefore do so, and beg that you will sanction the same. I would, however, draw your attention to the great saving there would be to Government were the Sub-Collector's office (so urgently needed) at once commenced, I shall, of course, be prepared myself to pay the rent of the building now rented by Government for the office, since if I draw tentage, I am bound to supply the whole accommodation.

6. Hitherto the Sub-Collector has been unmarried and held office in his house. I cannot do so any longer, and I therefore feel the want of a suitable office, more than my predecessor. I shall

feel this want the more since the whole of my office-work during the ensuing hot weather will have to be performed under canvas.

7. All the other Courts have suitable buildings, and I know of no other house fitted for an Office except the one now occupied by the Government Museum. I do not, however, know whether Government would be prepared to sanction the use of this building as an Office.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.—Plan.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

No. 143. ORDER THEREON, 11th May 1871, No. 830.

Miscellaneous.

THE removal of the contents of the Museum at Rajahmundry to the Sub-Collector's Office, and the occupation of the Museum premises by Mr. Gribble as a temporary arrangement, is suggested by that officer, but is not noticed by the Collector or the Board. The Board will call for full information about it, and submit the result as early as possible.

(True Extract.)
(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

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To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated May, 11*th*.

Recd.

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G. O., 11*th May* 1871, *No.* 8[illegible]

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Nos. 142-143.

Office for Sub-Collector of Godavery.—Mr. Chisholm's attention called to the orde requesting him to submit a plan for the building Board of Revenue to submit full information with reference to the Museum premises at Rajahmundry.

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