Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
25th October 1873.

No. 259. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 26th September 1873, No. 1,958 :—

Read again Board's Proceedings, dated 23rd November 1872, No. 2,257.

Read also the following letter from W. S. FOSTER, Esq., Acting Collector of the Godavery District, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cocanada, 25th August 1873, No. 268 :—

I HAVE the honour to report that the Police Lines and Station-house at Pinaguduru, sanctioned in the Board's Proceedings, dated 23rd November 1872, No. 2,257, have been constructed by contract under the superintendence of the Salt Deputy Collector. The work having been finished a completion certificate has been applied for to the Executive Engineer of the No. 1 Range regarding the Police Lines.

2. This officer has sent the enclosed certificate; but, observing that there was some difference between the plan and the length of the building, I called upon the Deputy Collector for explanation, whose reply (copy) I beg to enclose.

3. The length of the building is shorter than that allowed for in the plan because the huts have been built in three blocks instead of four and thus length of the two end verandahs has been saved.

4. I beg to forward plan and estimate originally prepared by the Public Works Department and request that the expenditure (Rupees 4,560) incurred may be sanctioned.

5. The work having been executed by contract as per accompanying bond no detailed account is sent.

6. The sum of Rupees 260 estimated for for the construction of the Station-house being below the sum authorized no completion certificate is considered necessary.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From L. VENKATAPPIAH, Salt Deputy Collector, to W. S. FOSTER, Esq., Acting Collector of the Godavery District, dated Pinaguduru, 19th August 1873, No. 68.

WITH reference to Assistant-Engineer Mr. Larminie's remark in the completion certificate (herewith returned) for the Police Lines at Pinaguduru, to the effect that the total length of the buildings was found to be twenty-seven feet less than the length shown in the plan, I have the honour to explain as follows.

2. The length of the lines according to the plan is 818 feet and that according to the measurement of the buildings taken by myself is 805 feet, or thirteen feet less than the plan. Eleven feet of this deficiency has occurred owing to the buildings being constructed in three instead of four blocks as was intended originally, saving thereby two verandahs, each four feet and six inches broad, and one mud wall two feet and six inches thick. The reason for this departure from the plan is because the ground on which the fourth block would have to be built is very low and there is no provision in the estimate to raise it. In consideration of this saving, however, I have made the contractor to put in the middle of the mud walls 126 wooden posts for the beams to rest on, a thing which has not been provided for in the estimate, and the cost of these posts is, in my opinion, at least equal to the value of the work saved.

3. The deficiency of the remaining two feet, which is less than quarter per cent. on the whole and less than half an inch for each building, may be attributable to the stretching of the

tape a little tighter at the time of marking out lines in the first instance than when the measurements are taken after the work is completed.

4. From the remark of Mr. Larminie in question it appears that his measurement of the buildings came to 791 feet only, or fourteen feet less than mine. This difference might have occurred, I should say, by that gentleman using, as I am informed by the Salt Superintendent that was present with him, a measuring rod of nine feet, with which it is more difficult for a lascar to measure correctly than with a measuring tape.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) W. S. FOSTER,
Acting Collector.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.—Completion Certificate.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 3 to 5.—Plan, Estimate, and Specification Report.

ENCLOSURE No. 6.—Contract Bond.

THE Board consider the report contained in the Collector's letter extremely satisfactory.

2. A good range of huts has been constructed at an average cost of Rs. 91 per hut: they have tiled roofs, and the construction is favourably reported on.

3. They resolve to submit the report to Government as they have been struck with the great difference in cost between these huts and the estimates for similar huts lately submitted to Government (after those estimates had been repeatedly returned for revision) in Madura and Tinnevelly.

Proceedings of Board, dated 1st September 1873, No. 1,726.

No. 260. ORDER THEREON, 25th October 1873, No. 1,180.

Separate Revenue, No. 12.
Salt.

COMMUNICATED to the Public Works Department, in continuation of G. O., dated 14th October 1873, No. 1,101.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Public Works Department.
,, the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
with five original enclosures and Board's Proceedings, dated 24th Nov. 1872 No. 2,257.
,, the Acting Collector of the Godavery District.
Copy to the Inspector-General of Police.

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

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PROCEEDINGS, 26TH SEPTEMBER 1873, No. 1,958.

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Sent to P.W. Dept

Received 4th October/73

SEPTEMBER.
No. 1,958.

Police Station-house and Constables' Huts —at Pinaguduru Salt-pans in Godavery District.—Collector's report of completion of — by contract under superintendence of Deputy Collector of Salt Department, viewed with satisfaction and submitted to Government.

With order

Govt. of 1873 Madras

REVENUE.

To

THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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Dated October 26th.

Recd. Encl.

G. O., 25th October 1873, No. 180.

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