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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
28th October 1873.*

No. 315. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 6th October 1873, No. 2,028 :—

Read the following letter from W. S. FCSTER, Esq., Acting Collector of the Godavery District, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cocanada 10th September 1873, No. 296 :—

I HAVE the honour to forward a statement showing the progress of trade in the port of Cocanada for the past twelve years, from which the Board will observe that it has been steadily increasing, owing to which the accommodation at the Sea Custom-house was found totally insufficient, for there is only one godown, measuring 103 by 12 feet, and consequently it has been the practice for some time past to allow most part of the cargo imported by native vessels to be landed at the merchants' wharves and deposited in private godowns of the Agents of the vessels until cleared by the owners or consignees; thereby not only entailing considerable extra work on the inadequate establishment of the Custom-house, but also loss in wharfage fees, and I have no doubt in many cases loss of revenue to Government by the evasion of duty. Under these circumstances, I consider it very desirable that additional accommodation should be afforded for the storing of all goods that are imported, and herewith enclose a plan and estimates, amounting to Rupees 5,800, which I have had prepared by the District Engineer, for three godowns to be erected in the Custom-house compound, and trust the Board will see the necessity for the additional accommodation, and obtain the sanction of Government for the expenditure.

2. It will be observed that the duty fell off considerably in 1872-73, but this was an exceptional year owing to heavy rains and consequent failure of the gingelly-seed crop.

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ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Statement.

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ENCLOSURE Nos. 2 and 3.—Estimates.

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ENCLOSURES Nos. 4 and 5.—Specification reports.

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ENCLOSURE No. 6.—Plan.

THE Board believe that Custom-house accommodation, such as the Collector of Godavery now recommends, is a general and increasing want at the outports. A question arises, however, as to the class of building which it will be best to erect, whether closed godowns or sheds. The estimates now submitted are for godowns of a substantial and permanent character. They will be submitted to Government, and the Board recommend that sanction be granted for the construction of the buildings.

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No. 316.

ORDER THEREON, 28th October 1873, No. 1,209.

Miscellaneous.

Public Works Order, dated 24th March 1873, No. 916, communicated to the Board with Revenue Order, dated 28th idem, No. 188, being followed.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

R. A. DALYELL,

Acting Secretary to Government.

THE plans and estimates will be returned to the Board of Revenue in view to the course laid down in the

Submitting to Govt
for sanction plans and
Estimates from Collector
for provision of additional
accommodation for goods in
at Coimbatore in Godown Port
Sea Customs house, by
erection of three godowns
in compound of Customs
house, at a cost of Rs. 5,800.

H. E. 6th October 1873 No. 2,028

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Revenue

Examine Order dated
7th idem No 188, being
followed

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Plans for addⁿ
accommodation in Sea
Custom House Compound
Cocanada, G.O.
Dec 1873

Govt. of 1873 Madras.

To REVENUE.

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

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G. O., 28th October 1873, No. 1,209.

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Sea Custom-house at Cocanada, in Godavery District.—Returning to the Board of Revenue plans and estimates for the erection of godowns in the compound of the —, in view to the course laid down in the Public Works Order, dated 24th March 1873, No. 916, being followed.