

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
4th April 1873.*

No. 24. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 6th March 1873, No. 324:—

Read the following letters:—

From G. D. LEMAN, Esq., Acting Collector of the Kistna District, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Masulipatam, 16th January 1873, No. 82.

* Sent by to-day's Banghy Post.

I HAVE the honour to forward, herewith, the plan* of the cutcherry as it was proposed by Mr. Boswell to alter it.

2. The arrangements have my approval, and if carried out will provide, as I believe, all the space that is needed.

3. The upper floor will contain the rooms for the Collector, his Assistant, and the Treasury Deputy; the lower floor will accommodate the office. The Sheristadar and his office will occupy the right part of the main building in rear—two rooms, and the corresponding two rooms to the left rear will be for the Account Department and Clerks.

4. The front room to the right below will be for the Salt Deputy or any other officer who may come in from the district to the Huzur, the two wings in rear will be the English and Vernacular Record-rooms.

5. I should have preferred more similarity between the two buildings which will constitute the Treasury and Stamp-rooms; but the old building that is to be converted is so peculiarly ugly an erection that I do not wonder that an imita-

THE estimate is submitted for the orders of Government. The proposed alteration seems suitable, but the site of the present cutcherry is very inconvenient to the public.

2. With reference to the Collector's remarks as to the propriety of changing the head-quarters from Masulipatam to Gunttoor the Board believe that the time has come for revising the arrangement come to in 1864, and if Government will entertain the proposal for a change the Board will ascertain in detail the necessary arrangements and the cost. In such case sanction for the present estimate should be deferred.

No. 25. ORDER THEREON, 4th April 1873, No. 389.

Miscellaneous.

BEFORE dealing with this estimate the Government desire to have before them the detailed information which the

Board propose to procure in paragraph 2 of their Proceedings.

2. It is observed that the Board have apparently omitted to deal with the application made in paragraph 3 of the Collector's second letter.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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Madras by one day's post. Even if the proposed railway from Hyderabad to Bezwada were complete it would not alter my opinion that Guntoor is more fitted for the head-quarters of the district than Bander.

10. If the Government determine on the change I should propose to turn the head-quarter division of Gudivada, Repalli, and Bander into the sub-division, making the Sub-Collector live at Bander, and would make the present sub-division of the district—Bapatla, Sattenapalli, and Guntoor—the Collector's charge.

11. A new cutcherry will then be required at Guntoor, and the cutcherry that is here will have to be put into repair for the Sub-Collector.

From the same officer, dated 23rd January 1873, No. 122.

WITH reference to the Board's telegram of 26th March 1872 sanctioning the construction of a new Press-room at a cost of Rupees 400, I have the honour to forward a bill (with plan) of actual expenditure incurred to complete the same countersigned by the Range Officer.

2. The total cost amounts to Rupees 591, the amount of money already drawn from the Treasury being Rupees 350.

3. I request sanction for the excess Rupees 241 being met from General Savings and from the Rupees 200, the estimated cost of the Native Record-room sanctioned in Miscellaneous Proceedings, No. 4,345, of 18th June 1872, which remains unexpended as the original estimate being quite inadequate has been returned to the Department; and it cannot be added to. Standing back, as they both will do, they will be hidden from view, in a great measure, by the new wing.

6. The waiting-rooms will certainly be a boon to people coming to the cutcherry on business; they are necessary as being so far away from the native town: there is literally no building where any one can shelter who comes on business to the office. The drinking water that is in the compound is brackish, and the gift of a conduit and Kistna reservoir will be much appreciated.

7. I feel it my duty, while submitting this plan and before Government finally decide that Masulipatam is to be the head-quarters of the district, to bring to notice that except that it is the largest town in the district it has no claim whatever to this distinction. The causes that influenced Government after the cyclone in 1864 to direct that this should remain the head-quarter station for the most part no longer exist: they were—in addition to the one fact that the town was a large one and it had of old been the Civil head-quarters—that a Regiment was to be stationed here, a jail existed, and a cutcherry. The Regiment is gone, the jail is in ruins, and will cease to be used this year. The cutcherry has now to be rebuilt at a cost of Rupees 34,180. Bander is not centrally situated to the rest of the district (the Palnad post occupies seven days); it is not specially accessible, is not of much importance as a seaport. The District Engineer will in future, I am informed, live at Bezwada, forty miles away.

8. Bezwada cannot be made the head-quarter station, but Guntoor seems to me more fitted than Masulipatam for the purpose.

9. It is central, nearer to the Engineer at Bezwada; though not as large as Bander, it is quite as important a town. There is a larger European community there; the Judge lives there, and the jail is there situated; it is nearer

W 389.
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2. It is observed that the Bd have apparently omitted to deal with the application made in para 3 of the Col's second letter.

Let from
under
MS.

14/4/73. Des. Secy. J. B. 14.4.73.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 737

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From Pres. M. of Rev. C. H.

Dated 6. March 1873.

FOR ORDERS.

We have no money - so
I will ask the Govt. to
do what they wish in
from 2. of their power!

yes
W. B.

I. O. P.

FOR ORDERS.

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C. No.

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MARCH.

No. 324.

Collector's Cutcherry building—in Kistna District.—Letter from Collector forwarding plan and estimate for improving — and proposing change of head-quarters from Masulipatam to Guntoor, submitted for orders of Government.

With Order
No 389-4 April/73

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Govt. of {1873} Madras

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated April 4th.

Read.

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G. O., 4th April 1873, No. 389.

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APRIL.

Nos. 24-25.

Collector's Outcherry in Kistna District.—
Board of Revenue to submit the detailed information which they propose to procure in connection with it.