

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,

16th April 1873.

No. 61. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 3rd April 1873, No. 518:—

Read the following letter from G. VANSAGNEW, Esq., Collector of Nellore, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 5th March 1873, No. 464:—

ADVERTING to the Board's Docket, No. 863 (Miscellaneous), of 12th ultimo, on G. O., Revenue Department, dated 5th February 1873, No. 30, I have the honour to report that the probable cost of the Nellore Telegraph Office, as hitherto maintained, is Rupees 2,036 for 1873-74.

2. The probable receipts calculated on the average of the last twelve months is Rupees 1,036. It is, however, to be noted that there has been a marked increase in the collections of the last six months.

3. The anticipated deficit is thus Rupees 1,000.

4. If the rent of office (Rupees 360) be deducted, the deficit would be reduced to Rupees 640.

5. At a meeting of the Municipal Commissioners held yesterday, it was resolved, if necessary, to provide accommodation for the Telegraph Office and Signaller in a part of a house which the Commissioners have newly rented for their office, and are just about to occupy. This accommodation will be sufficient.

6. The native merchants of Nellore are a singularly unenterprising class; and I have ascertained that no aid is to be hoped for from them. Messrs. Arbuthnot & Company, on being communicated with through their local agent, say that.

On the subject, if a definite sum was required from the public, and the rest of it was forthcoming, they might probably be willing to pay Rupees 10 per mensem. Upon chance subscriptions of European residents it would be useless to rely. It rests, therefore, with the Government to decide whether it is worth while to maintain telegraph communication with Nellore at a possible cost to the State of some Rupees 500 or 600 per annum. Here we all naturally think it is, and anxiously trust that the Government will take the same view.

SUBMITTED to Government, with reference to G. O., dated 5th February 1873, No. 30, Revenue Department.

2. The Board think it very desirable to maintain telegraphic communication with Nellore, and would accept the proposed arrangement.

No. 62. ORDER THEREON, 16th April 1873, No. 405.

Miscellaneous.

COMMUNICATED to the Public Works Department.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,

Acting Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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