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No. 161. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 4th August 1874, No. 2,0[illegible]5:—

Read the following letter from R. I[illegible]AVIDSON, Esq., Acting Collector of Ganjam, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Tootipuram, 5th June 1874, No. 108:—

The old Tahsildar's Cutcherry at Chicacole, built eleven years ago at a cost of Rupees 4,260, is now unoccupied, as the Office [illegible] transferred to a new building recently built for the purpose.

2. As both the Post and Telegraph Offices at Chicacole are located in rented buildings, inquiries were made as to whether the building in question could not be made available for either or both of them.

3. The District Engineer has stated in his letter, dated 28th February 1874, No. 55, that as the old Government building which was formerly used as a Post Office but which was subsequently abandoned as unfit, is again to be repaired at a cost of Rupees 310, and restored to its former use, the old Tahsildar's Cutcherry is not required for a Post Office, but at the same time he expressed his opinion that the Cutcherry in question might be converted into a Telegraph Office, subject to certain alterations.

4. The Superintendent of Telegraphs, Ganjam Division, however, objected to the proposed transfer on the ground that he understood the locality was considered unhealthy, and at his request I have obtained the opinion of Surgeon Gillespie on the subject, and you will observe that for the reasons given in the enclosed copy of his letter, he condemns the building as unfit for a residence, and the Municipal Commission of Chicacole will likewise have nothing to do with it.

5. Under these circumstances, the building cannot be turned to any useful purpose, and I am, therefore, reluctantly compelled to recommend its sale by auction together with the site on which it stands.

6. Mr. Lever, the Department Public Works Range Officer at Chicacole, remarks with regard to the building in question, that he does not consider there is "anything of value (in it) further than the roof, doors, windows, and ventilators," and that he thinks the building "would realize if sold by public auction from 700 to 800 Rupees" and that "the sooner it is sold the better, as (he thinks) it will fetch less amount if kept any longer unsold."

7. It is certainly to be regretted that a public building of this description, built at no small cost to the State, should be sacrificed, but I see no alternative under the circumstances explained, and I therefore request the Board's permission to sell it at public auction.

8. I should also mention that compensation has yet to be paid for the land on which the Cutcherry under notice stands; the matter has been allowed to lie over for an inordinate length of time, but the Acting Principal Assistant-Collector is now settling the amount of compensation.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From Surgeon D. GILLESPIE, in Medical charge, Civil Station, Chicacole, to W. F. GRAHAME, Esq., Principal Assistant-Collector, Chicacole, dated 26th May 1874, No. 15.

IN acknowledging the receipt of your docket No. 93 of 13th May 1874, I have the honor to inform you in reply, that I have not given any written opinion as to the unhealthy locality in which the old Tahsildar's Cutcherry is situated.

2. I have inspected the building on the 23rd instant, it is situated on the eastern part of the town and by the southern side of the [illegible]pore road, about a mile from the present Telegraph Office. Boun[illegible]on east[illegible]side by [illegible]nd under wet cultivation, within about 150 yards, and is in level with the said [illegible].

3. I cannot sufficiently ensure its dryness [illegible]hen all around is flooded during the rains, the ground floor of the building is not much rai[illegible], the rooms are small and insufficiently ventilated.

4. In the vicinity I am informed de[illegible]d bodies are burned, and smoke from these bodies blows towards the building.

5. During rains the drainage from the upper or eastern part of the town flows just a few yards from this, as the ground slopes towards the site of the building.

6. From the above circumstances, as well as from the low, swampy state of the ground, I am of opinion that the locality cannot but predispose to morbific agents likely to [illegible] therefore consider it quite unfit for a dwelling house especially for a European.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) W. F. GRAHAME,
Acting Principal Assistant-Collector.

(True Copy of a Copy.)

(Signed) R. DAVIDSON,
Acting Collector.

THE Board resolve to recommend Government to sanction the sale by auction of the old Tahsildar's Cutcherry at Chicacole.

2. The estimated cost of this Cutcherry was Rupees 4 310, (G. O., dated 5th October 1861, No. 1,833). It was built under the superintendence of Sub-Engineer Colquhoun, (G. O., dated 8th March 1862, No. 468, Public Works Department,) and was completed on the 28th February 1862. In 1869 sanction was granted for converting the old Zillah Jail, (G. O., dated 10th April 1869, No. 582;) into a Taluq Cutcherry and now there is no use for the Cutcherry built in 1861-62.

3. It was expected that the building would be useful as a traveller's bungalow, but the site is so unhealthy that the municipality will have nothing to do with it, and the building itself must be a poor one, for the Range Officer reports that there is nothing of value in it except the roof, doors, windows, and ventilators.

G. O., dated 16th November 1868, No. 1,787.

4. It appears that compensation has yet to be paid for the site of the Cutcherry. The delay has been inexcusable. The Collector proposes to sell the building *with its site*, but as the building will evidently be dismantled, not used as it stands, it may be possible to give back the site to its original owner, and save a portion of the compensation. The Collector should consider whether this is feasible.

No. 162. ORDER THEREON, 19th August 1874, No. 1,041.

Miscellaneous.

THE question whether the building should be sold with, or without, the site should be first settled, and the Government await the further information called for in paragraph 4 of the Board's Proceedings. Full explanation should be given for the delay in settling the compensation for the site.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. G. A. Turton.

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To

The BOARD of REVENUE.

Dated August 1874.

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No. 2,085.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 4th August 1874.

Read the following letter from R. DAVIDSON, Esq., Acting [illegible]anjam, to J. GROVE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Tootipuram, [illegible]e 1874, No. 103:—

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2. As both the Post and Telegraph Offices at Chicacole are located in rented buildings, inquiries were made as to whether the building in question could not be made available for either or both of these.

3. The District Engineer has stated in his letter, dated 28th February 1874, No. 55, that as the old Government building which was formerly used as a Post Office but which was subsequently abandoned as unfit, is again to be repaired at a cost of Rupees 310, and restored to its former use, the old Tahsildar's Cutcherry is not required for a Post Office, but at the same time he expressed his opinion that the Cutcherry in question might be converted into a Telegraph Office subject to certain alterations.

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(True Copies and Extract.)

J. Grose
Secretary.

To the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
" the Acting Collector of Ganjam.

Exd. G. A. Turton.

Received 11th August 1874

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PROCEEDINGS, 4TH AUGUST 1874, No. 2,085.

BOARD OF REVENUE
MADRAS.

AUGUST.
No. 2,085.

Tahsildar's Cutcherry, old—at Chicacole—in Ganjam District.—Government recommended to sanction sale of—by public auction. Collector requested to state whether site of building may not be given back to its original owner.

Revenue Department

No. 941

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT

Under date the 19 August 1874

READ the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

Recommending Government to sanction sale of old Tahsildar's Cutcherry at Chicacole, in Ganjam Dt. by public auction &c. — (R. E. 4th August 1874 — No. 2085.)

The question whether the building should be sold with, or without, the site should be first settled and the Government await the further information called for in para 4 of the Board's Proceedings. Full explanation should be given for the delay in settling

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To

The Board of Revenue

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