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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
10th December 1874.*

No. 131. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 16th November 1874, No. 3,290:—

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Read also the following letter from J. H. GARSTIN, Esq., Collector of South Arcot, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cuddalore, 14th October 1874, No. 533:—

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2. A copy of this report has also been sent to the District Engineer with a request that he would include the work in his list of Civil Buildings requiring construction which he was required to submit in Government Order, dated 20th August last, No. 2,338, Public Works Department.

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3. Three rough estimates for the above-mentioned works are herewith submitted.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. H. GARSTIN,
Collector.

The foregoing papers are submitted for the orders of Government.

2. In a letter, dated 27th March 1874, No. 152, the Collector requested that sanction might be obtained for the erection of a new Custom-house at Porto Novo.

Board's Proceedings, dated 12th May 1874,
No. 1,101.

3. The Board, in reply, desired to know why a new Custom-house was required, and requested that a plan of the present building and a statement of the trade at the port for the last ten years might be submitted.

4. This the Collector did in a letter, dated 23rd June, No. 311.

5. It appeared that the trade of the port was but small, and that, with a Native Superintendent of Customs, a new Custom-house was not urgently needed.

6. The godown accommodation was, however, said to be insufficient.

7. The Board accordingly desired the Collector to report on the approximate cost of the increased godown accommodation required.

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9. A tiled shed for the protection of goods while being weighed in front of the Custom-house is also said to be wanted, but no estimate is given as to its probable cost.

10. The Board recommend that the proposed additions and repairs be sanctioned, but are of opinion that the weighing shed as proposed by the Superintendent of Customs is needlessly large.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Secretary.

No. 132. ORDER THEREON, 10th December 1874, No. 1,538.

Miscellaneous.

THE erection of the godowns is approved, and the Board will instruct the Collector to place himself in communication with the District Engineer for the submission of the detailed estimates and plans in the prescribed course.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Ed. A. Grubert.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 12th May 1874.

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I HAVE the honour to forward copies of two letters from the Acting District Engineer relative to the state of the existing Custom House Building at Porto Novo, and the probable cost of erecting a new one, and to request that the sanction of Government may be obtained for the preparation of plans and estimates for a New Custom House and Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry at that port.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From R. E. NORFOR, Esq., District Engineer, to J. H. GARSTIN, Esq., Collector of South Arcot, dated Cuddalore, 6th September 1873, No. 162.

With reference to your letter No. 218, of the 8th December 1871, to the address of the late Superintending Engineer, I have the honour to inform you, that the Custom House at Port Novo is considered unfit for any extensive improvements, such as erecting an upper story, etc., as the building is a very old one, and the walls (1½ feet thick) being cracked. If an upper is necessary, the building should be demolished, and a new one erected in its stead.

2. As regards the river bank, I am of opinion that the improvements lately sanctioned to the Jetty, and now in progress, will serve the object in view, and that no further improvements to the bank will be found necessary.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. H. GARSTIN,
Collector.

From the same officer, dated Cuddalore, 16th March 1874, No. 334.

I HAVE the honour to state with reference to your letter No. 49, of the 23rd February 1874, that the approximate estimate of the cost of constructing a New Sea-Custom Office at Porto Novo, as proposed by you, amounts to about Rupees 4,600. The Range Officer has been called upon to report the approximate cost of the improvements proposed to the Jetty, which will be communicated to you as soon as received.

2. In the meantime, I request you will be good enough to submit your proposal for the approval of Government, and obtain their orders in the Department Public Works for the preparation of the required plans and detailed estimates for the works, as required in paragraphs 84 and 85 of Chapter V. of the Department Public Works Code.

(True Copy)

(Signed) J. H. GARSTIN,
Collector.

THE Collector gives no reason whatever for believing that a New Customs House is wanted at Porto Novo. He should report on this point, submitting a plan of the present building, and a statement showing the extent of trade at the port for the last ten years.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Secretary.

To the Collector of South Arcot.

Exd. W. H. French

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REVENUE.

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Esq., Esq., Esq.

Dated December 10th.

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G. O., 10th December 1874, No. 1,538.

DECEMBER

Nos. 181-182.

Sea Customs judicious at Porto Novo, in South Arcot.—Approving the erection of the —, and directing the Board of Revenue to instruct the Collector to place himself in communication with the District Engineer for the submission of estimates and plans in the prescribed course.

No. 2,014.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 30th July 1874.

Read the following letter from J. H. GARSTIN, Esq., Collector of South Arcot, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cuddalore, 23rd June 1874, No. 311 :—

In reply to the Board's Proceedings of the 12th ultimo, No. 1,101, I have the honor to refer the Board to their Proceedings of the 15th November and 5th December 1871, embodied, respectively, in Proceedings of Government of the 20th November and 18th December 1871. In the former of their Proceedings quoted, the Board directed me to make recommendations for the improvement of the Custom House at Porto Novo, and in the latter, I was ordered to communicate with the Superintending Engineer as to the improvements proposed, which consisted of building an upper story. I did so, and the reply to my letter of the 8th December 1871 was forwarded to the Board with my letter of the 27th March 1874, No. 152, printed at the head of the Proceedings under reply. In that letter, the District Engineer says he considers a new building must be built if an upper story is necessary, and I in consequence asked him what it would cost; and, as he wanted the sanction of Government for the preparation of the plans and estimate, I wrote for such sanction.

2. I now submit a plan of the existing Custom House buildings and a statement of the trade of the port for the last ten years as directed.

3. I anticipate that when the Railway is made to Porto Novo, and a proper jetty constructed, that port will rapidly increase in importance. The facilities for landing and exporting cargo will then be greater than at either Madras or Pondicherry, because of the river admitting of shipments being made so much more easily, and it may then be necessary to have a Master Attendant there, and new buildings will be a necessity. At present with only a small trade and a Native Superintendent, the present buildings, although liable to be flooded when there are exceptionally high floods, and although the walls are cracked, will probably last for some years before they become dangerous to live in. The godown accommodation, however, is even now insufficient.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Plan.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.—Statement.

THE Board do not consider that, for the present, there is any necessity for a new building. The existing Custom House answers its purpose, and will probably last for several years to come.

2. The Collector should report what will be the approximate cost of the increased godown accommodation which is required now.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Secretary.

To the Collector of South Arcot.

Exd. A. Grubert.

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BOARD OF REVENUE
MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 12TH MAY 1874, No. 1,101.

Encl.

M. A. Y.
No. 1,101.

Custom House, New — at Port Novo in South Arcot District.—Collector to report necessity for —, and to submit a plan of present building, and a statement showing extent of trade at the port for last ten years.

Custom House, new—at Porto Novo, in South Arcot District. — Board do not consider there is any necessity for — at present, Collector to report what will be approximate cost of increased godown accommodation now required.

JULY.
No. 2,014.

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PROCEEDINGS, 30TH JULY 1874, No. 2,014.

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BOARD OF REVENUE
MADRAS.

No. 3,290.

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J. G. G. G.
Secretary.

To the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with Board's Proceedings, dated 12th May 1874, No. 1,101,
and 30th July 1874, No. 2,014, with its two original enclosures.
,, the Collector of South Arcot.

Exd. A. Grubert.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 10th December 1874.

READ the following Proceedings of
the Board of Revenue.

Recommending for sanction
proposed increase to, & improve-
ment of godown accommoda-
tion at the Sea Custom House at
Porto Novo, in South Arcot
District.

H. E. 16 November 1874, N. 3290

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the detailed estimates and
plans in the prescribed course.

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PROCEEDINGS, 16th NOVEMBER 1874, No. 3,290.

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NOVEMBER.

No. 3,290.

Godown accommodation—at the Sea Custom
House at Porto Novo, in South Arcot District.—
Proposed increase to, and improvement of—
recommended to Government for sanction.

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Improvement of
of Godwin's accom-
modation at the
Seaford House
at Port Hope, Ont.
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