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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
16th May 1874.*

No. 153. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Revenue Department, dated 4th May 1874, No. 540 :—

Read the following :—

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 23rd September 1873, No. 1,913.

Read the following letter from C. G. MASTER, Esq., Collector of Ganjam, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Chetterpore, 26th August 1873, No. 1,941.

THE Port Conservator of Calingapatam having brought to my notice the inconvenience felt by shippers at that port for the want of a shed near the beach to store their goods, whereby they are at present often necessitated to undergo additional expense in having, owing to inclemency of the weather, to remove their goods back to their stores which are situated at an inconvenient distance, and then to re-convey them to the beach for shipment as opportunity allows, I referred the matter to the Master Attendant for his opinion as to whether the construction of such a shed was a legitimate charge on Government. As he has, in reply, expressed a decided opinion that a goods-shed of the sort suggested by Captain Farley is an indispensable requirement for a port like Calingapatam, where the merchants have to send their goods for shipment from a distance, and where communication between the ship and the shore is often likely to be interrupted, and that it devolves upon the Revenue authorities to provide merchants and others with such accommodation, a small fee by way of godown-rent being, of course, levied at a given rate per diem, I have the honour to refer the question for the Board's decision.

2. I enclose an extract from the Calingapatam Port Conservator's letter on the subject, dated 26th June last, No. 108.

3. Should the Board decide upon having a store-shed built, I will ask the District Engineer for an estimate. I fear it is too late to enter the work in next year's budget.

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ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Extract from a letter from the Superintendent of Sea Customs, Calingapatam, dated 26th June 1873, No. 108, suggesting the necessity of erecting a merchants' store-shed at Calingapatam near the beach.

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THE Collector will obtain and forward an estimate. The cost would appear to the Board to be a fair charge on Port Funds.

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 6th March 1874, No. 497.

Read again Board's Proceedings, dated 23rd September 1873, No. 1,913.

Read also the following letter from C. G. MASTER, Esq., Collector of Ganjam, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Kasibugga, 29th January 1874, No. 193.

IN accordance with the Board's Proceedings, dated 23rd September 1873, No. 1,913, I have the honour to forward herewith a plan, specification, and esti-

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mate, amounting to Rupees 3,770, for the construction of a store-shed near the beach at Calingapatam.

2. The amount to the credit of the Port Funds of this district is at present Rupees 44,046-5-11.

3. It will have to be decided whether the charge, if sanctioned, shall be borne by Port Funds or General Revenues.

4. The fee to be levied by way of godown-rent will also have to be settled.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 1 to 3.—Estimate, Plan, and Specification report.

THE Master Attendant will be requested to favour the Board with his opinion as to whether the shed should be paid for from Port Funds.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 15th April 1874, No. 869.
Read again Board's Proceedings, dated 23rd September 1873, No. 1,913, and 6th March 1874, No. 497.

Read also the following letter from J. B. CROWTHER, Esq., Deputy-Master Attendant, in charge Administrative Department, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 11th March 1874, No. 1,504:—

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge receipt of the Board's Proceedings marginally quoted, with three enclosures, which are herewith returned, relative to the construction of a goods-shed at Calingapatam in connection with the Custom-house at that port.

2. In compliance with the Board's request, I would point out that as the Customs revenues derived at our sea-ports are paid over to the credit of the State for imperial purposes, so in like manner the cost of building Custom-houses, or goods-sheds in connection with them, should be borne by the State; and this principle has hitherto been adopted at all ports, including Madras. The export duties at Calingapatam are expected to yield a revenue of no less a sum than 28,200 Rupees during the present official year, and, as the proposed goods-shed is for the express convenience of resident merchants, who have contributed towards the payment of export duties, it seems but reasonable and equitable that the State should provide such a shed out of Customs revenues.

3. The Collector of Ganjam has pointed out to the Board that the amount to the credit of the Port Funds of the district, at the time of writing, was Rupees 44,046-5-11; but the port of Calingapatam itself, I would observe, has but a small portion of this amount to its credit, viz., Rupees 5,758-10-10, on the 31st January last, while the Port dues collected during the last official year amounted only to Rupees 1,697-12-6.

4. For the foregoing reasons, I am of opinion that the cost of the shed should not be made chargeable on the general Port Funds.

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ON re-consideration, the Board are of opinion that the store shed which it has been shown is required near the beach at Calingapatam, should be paid for out of Provincial Funds.

2. The estimate, which amounts to Rupees 3,770, will be submitted for the favourable consideration of Government.

THE construction of a store-shed at Calingapatam at an estimated cost of Rupees 3,770 is approved.

2. It will be considered in the Financial Department whether funds can be assigned for the work from the balance under Provincial Funds.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Acting Secy. to Govt., Rev. Dept.

No. 154. ORDER THEREON, 16th May 1874, No. 852.

As soon as the Provincial Services Budget for 1874-75 is revised with reference to the recast accounts of the Accountant-General for 1872-73, it will be determined whether provision can be made for the work in question from the balance available under Provincial Funds.

(True Extract.)

[Signature]
for Acting Chief Secretary

To the Revenue Department.
Accountant-General.

Exd. J. Wright.

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Provincial Funds.—The assignment from Provincial Funds of the sum of Rupees 3,770 for a store-shed in connexion with the Custom-house at Calcutta is left for determination until the Provincial Services Budget for 1874-75 is revised.

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