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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Revenue

DEPARTMENT

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

No. 94. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 1st June 1874, Miscellaneous No. 3,620 :—

Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel W. H. HESSEY, Acting Superintendent of Revenue Survey, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Chepauk, 29th May 1874, No. 1,372-64.

I REGRET to have to report that owing to the carelessness of one of the subordinates of the Survey a fire broke out in the photographic room attached to this Office at 3-30 P.M. The fire was speedily extinguished.

2. I have reason to believe that little damage is done to the photographic room. The ordinary work of the Survey Office will not be interfered with in any way.

3. From inquiries made by Captain Freeth, the officer in charge of the Photographic Establishment, I understand that the fire originated in a pan of charcoal which had been used to heat water for photographic purposes. The water required is generally heated by a spirit lamp; the supply of spirit had unfortunately run out, some delay having occurred in procuring a fresh supply, the photographer, without orders, and I may say contrary to orders, used a pan of charcoal on the central roof of the building. The man, when the fire was no longer needed, extinguished it, as he thought, and placed the fire chatty in a corner under a small thatched shed which covers the tank supplying water to the photographic room. The fire was first discovered by the photographer who was engaged inside the photographic room. There can be no doubt that the fire some how or other was communicated from the fire chatty to the thatch.

4. I have reported the accident to the District Engineer, and have requested him to be so good as to inspect the place and decide what repairs are necessary.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

2. The fire reported by the Superintendent of Revenue Survey was of trifling extent, and was soon put out, water being available in the neighbourhood; but it was sufficient to show that the building may be in danger from fire at any moment, and that fire-buckets and other appliances should be kept in readiness. Only a few sparks were blown down into the record-room before the fire was discovered and the shutters closed. Otherwise the interior might have suffered great damage, and it is so extensive and cut up into so many divisions that one or two fire engines might not have been able to stop the fire.

3. The Board are informed that the subject of protecting public buildings from fire is now before Government, and will be glad to know what is decided. The Chepauk Office will probably need special appliances.

No. 95. ORDER THEREON, 10th June 1874, No. 714.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government are glad to hear that the damage done was insignificant.

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2. The person to blame should be punished for his carelessness and disobedience of orders, which might have resulted in the destruction of the building.
3. All thatch should be removed forthwith and absolutely prohibited.
4. The last paragraph of the Board's Proceedings will be dealt with in the Public Department.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
" the Public Department.

- Pub. & Revenue Dept.

Ed. F. R. Bantleman.

Photographic room. The ordinary

Revenue Department.

Miscellaneous No. 3620.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
Dated 1st June 1874.

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REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Secy. Secy. Secy.

Dated June 10th.

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 10th June 1874, No. 714

JUNE.

Nos. 94-95.

Fire in Photographic Room of Revenue
Survey Office, Ohepauk.—Expresses pleasure in
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orders punishment of the person to blame, and
the immediate removal and absolute prohibition of
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J. Grose
Secretary.

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Copy to Madras

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Revenue Survey Office }
Chepauk } Signed, W. H. Hessey, Lieut. Col.
29th May 1874 - } Sg. Superintendent
Revenue Survey

Submitted for the information
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