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9. The Board therefore submit the matter for the favorable consideration of Government.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Acting Secretary.

No. 155. ORDER THEREON, 14th August 1875, No. 1,233.

Miscellaneous.

The Government resolve to grant 2,000 Rupees for the repair of the buildings as an act of grace. It will be clearly

understood that no further expenditure under this head can be incurred.

2. The Collector will take measures for ensuring the proper expenditure of the money.

3. Orders for provision of funds will be issued in Public Works Department.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) A. MACGREGOR,
Acting Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. W. J. Lewis.

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To the Collector, Rajahmundry.

Govt. of 1875

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To THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

No. 141,

Dated August, 1875.

Recd.

G.O., 14th August 1875, No. 1,233.

AUGUST.

Nos. 154-155.

Buildings in Ramachendrapur Fort in the Godavery District at present used as a residence by the ex-Zemindar. Granting Rs. 2,000 for the repair of the — as an act of grace, on the understanding that no further expenditure under this head can be incurred, directing the Collector to take measures for ensuring the proper expenditure of the money, and requesting Public Works Department to provide funds.

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Acting Secretary.

To the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Copy to the Acting Collector of the Godavery District.

Exd. W. J. Lewis.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 2972

From B^d of Rev

Dated 14 July 1875.

FOR ORDERS.

I do limit the
 Rs. 2000 of the disposal of
 the zemindar for
 the repairs of the buildings in
 the District. He is
 allowed to occupy
 the buildings at a
 nominal rent of Rs.
 per annum. Res

I do this - but I
 will require the zemindar
 to undertake all future
 repairs. We should
 when future he called
 upon to spend money
 in repairing a building
 and we receive a
 nominal rent of Rs.
 per annum. Res

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 that no further expenditure under this
 head can be incurred.

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 Orders for provision of funds will be issued P.W.D. Alu

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BOARD OF REVENUE,
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PROCEEDINGS, 14TH JULY 1875, No. 1,958.

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Received 30 July

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No. 1,958.

Buildings—in Ramachendrapur Fort in Goda-
 very District, purchased by Government and
 allowed to ex-Zemindar as a residence at a
 nominal rent.—Letter from Collector regarding
 zemindar's application for Rupees 2,000 from
 Government Treasury for repairing certain—
 submitted to Government with remarks.

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I have heard the Dr
 Cross but it is not the
 true & true name
 of the person -
 I don't think
 that they will be
 as intended - at
 all events I will
 send the Coll. a
 Mrs. J. before long so
 S. J. M.

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FOR ORDERS.

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For
Council & interests
that it was
to apply & report