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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Revenue DEPARTMENT

G.O. No.
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No. 186. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 14th December 1874, No. 3,612:—

Read again Board's Proceedings, dated 16th April 1874, Miscellaneous No. 2,544.

Read also the following letter from J. HUNTER-BLAIR, Esq., Collector of Madras, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 4th November 1874, No. 268:—

WITH reference to Board's Proceedings, dated 16th April 1874, Miscellaneous No. 2,544, I have the honor to report that D. Nagogee Row, the owner of the building on the Mount Road rented for the Deputy Collector's Office, is unwilling to make any outlay whatever on alterations necessary for the safe custody of the treasure lodged therein. Copy of the Deputy Collector's letter on the subject, dated 30th April 1874, No. 536, is enclosed:

2. I have ascertained from the District Engineer that the requisite improvements would approximately cost about Rupees 2,140; but I cannot recommend this heavy outlay being made by Government on a building, which is not its property.

3. It will, I consider, be sufficient for all purposes if a barred room secured by iron railings is fitted up, and a cash-chest, such as that referred to in G. O., Public Works Department, dated 9th July 1874, No. 1,828, provided for the custody of treasure. Besides being less costly, the advantage of this arrangement is that the cash-chest and iron bars can be removed if Government vacates the building.

4. The Deputy Collector in his letter, dated 22nd September 1874, No. 1,416, makes the same proposal, but does not ask for a cash-chest. I think one is necessary.

5. The proposal has the approval of the Acting Commissioner of Police. The cost, exclusive of the cash-chest, is estimated at Rupees 192-5-0.

6. I, therefore, request that orders may be issued for the supply of the railings and cash-chest.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From R. RAGOONATH ROW, Deputy Collector, to J. HUNTER-BLAIR, Esq., Collector of Madras, dated 30th April 1874, No. 536.

WITH reference to your docket No. 251, of 20th instant, and its enclosed plan which is herewith returned, I beg to inform you that D. Nagogee Row is unwilling to lay out any sum for the improvement of the buildings of this office, but is prepared to agree not to raise the rent thereon so long as he allows Government to occupy the building. I enclose his letter to me.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. HUNTER-BLAIR,
Collector.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government Revenue Department,
15th January 1875.*

Deputy Collector's Office. The Commissioner of Police represented that it was necessary to provide a safe room for the treasure, and was obviously right.

3. It is now proposed to fit up a room secured by iron railings at a cost of about Rupees 192-5-0. The Collector thinks there should also be a cash-chest, and the Board agree with him. The cost of a cash-chest lined with quarter inch iron is stated in the letter disposed of in G. O., dated 16th April 1874, No. 448, Revenue Department, to be Rupees 480. The Board are informed that the Superintendent of Stamps has a spare safe which might be used. He will report if this is the case.

4. The sanction of Government is requested.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Secretary.

No. 187.

ORDER THEREON, 15th January 1875, No. 90.

Miscellaneous.

SANCTION is accordingly granted for
Rs. 192-5-0. Funds will be provided by
the Public Works Department.

(True Extract.)

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

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

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No. 3,612.

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Hunter Blair No 42575

Govt. of Madras
REVENUE.

To THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Esq., Esq., Esq.

Dated January 1875.

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 15th January 1875, No. 90.

JANUARY.
No. 186-187.

Deputy-Collector's Office at Madras.—Sanctioning Re. 192-5-0 for fitting up a room in the — for the safe custody of treasure.

me that the Treasury cannot be efficiently guarded until a guard room is provided for the men, and certain alterations are made in the portion of the building where the Treasure is now kept. I fully agree with him - indeed the insecurity of the present Treasury struck me the first time I entered the futcherry. I enclose a copy of his letter and a plan showing the present and proposed Treasury rooms as well as the proposed guard-room.

The chief objection to the present Treasury room is that it does not admit of the guard moving round it, and that two of its walls form the outer walls of the building. The proposed room will be principally secured with iron bars, and will be very easily guarded.

2. The owner of the premises D. Nagojee Rao, was asked whether he would execute these alterations at his own expense for

for an additional rent of 5 Rupees per mensem for every 1000 Rupees of outlay, but he is not willing to do so for less than $12\frac{1}{2}$ Rupees per mensem for every 1000 Rs. which is exorbitant.

3. Under these circumstances I beg to recommend the alterations proposed being carried out at the expense of Government - an engagement being taken from Nagojee Rao not to raise the rent as long as Government occupy the building. Should the Board approve the alterations I will submit an Estimate of their probable cost.

I have the honor
Madras Collector's Office } E. J. A. McLeod
31st March 1874 } Secy. of Madras

N^o. 1219 of 1873-74.

From,

The Commissioner of Police
Madras

To,

The Collector of Madras

Sir,

Referring to your N^o. 175 and

G. O. therewith forwarded, I have the honor to request you will be good enough to take the requisite steps for providing a guard-room at the Futcherry for the men and re-arranging the position of the building where the Treasure is deposited in the manner recently approved of by us after personal inspection. Till this is done, the Treasury cannot be effectively guarded, nor the men supplied.

Police Commissioner's Office } I have seen
Madras 19th March 1874 } E. W. B. Dreuer
Commissioner of Police
[True copy]
E. J. A. McWebster
M. Collector of Madras

With reference to para 2 of the Collector's letter, the Board observe that Nagjee Row could scarcely have been expected to undertake the alterations for an additional rent of 5 Rs per mansion for every 1,000 Rupees expended which would be at the rate of only 6 per cent on the outlay. The

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The Collector is accordingly authorized to ascertain whether Nagjee Row will accept 12 per cent or an additional rent of Rs. 10 per mansion for every 1,000 Rs. of expenditure.

If he will not do this, he should be asked if he will execute the engagement described in para 3.

The work should be done under the supervision of Officers of the P. W. D. or at all events should be subject to their approval and valuation.

[True copies & Extract]
(Signed) J. Grose
Secretary

To
The Collector of Madras with plan.

[True copy]

J. Grose
Secretary

W. L. Lockyer

C. M. Narasimha Chetty

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Enclosure in Proceeding
of the Board of Revenue
the Secretary to Govt
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Copy of Board's Pro-
ceeding dated 16th April
1874 Miscellaneous 72 2544.