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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
27th November 1876.*

No. 512. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 20th November 1876, No. 2,895:—

Read the following letter from Colonel W. H. HESSEY, Superintendent of Revenue Survey, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Chepauk, 13th November 1876, No. 3,523-108:—

AGREEABLY to sanction conveyed in G.O., dated 3rd March 1876, No. 306, I have the honor to submit a detailed estimate, with plan, for the construction of a house for photographic purposes.

2. In a letter from the District Engineer printed with the above Government Order it was stated that the building would cost approximately Rupees 3,500.

3. The Board, in their Proceedings, No. 286, of the 31st January 1876, ordered the submission of an indent for an additional camera and equipments. The estimate I now submit provides for the accommodation of two cameras at a cost of Rupees 6,100, or 2,600 Rupees more than had been anticipated, when only one camera had to be provided for.

4. The difficulties attendant on working in the present rooms, or rather closets, have been already stated in detail in Colonel Priestley's letter, No. 3,779-169, of the 22nd December 1875. During the hot weather photographic operations came almost to a standstill. From the 15th April to 15th June few photographic transfers were tolerable, and none were satisfactory. The ordinary temperature of the rooms was 98°, rising occasionally to 104°.

5. Major Sargeant was in hopes that on the return of cold weather he might be able to make up for lost time. The recent rains however have flooded the rooms. The wooden roof leaks in every direction; to work in the rooms is simply impossible.

6. I earnestly beg that sanction may be given for the commencement of the photographic house without delay.

7. On cessation of rain work will be of course resumed, but it will be liable to interruption at any time. If however a new house be not ready by the end of March, it will be more economical to suspend photographic work altogether for a time than to attempt to carry it on under such adverse circumstances.

8. I would not venture to press the matter at such a time were it not that I am convinced that it will in the end be more economical to incur the temporary outlay than to allow important work to be delayed.

9. In explanation of the delay in submitting this estimate, I have to state that it was received from the District Engineer on the 9th instant.

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ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Plan.

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ENCLOSURE No. 2.—Estimate.

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SUBMITTED to Government with reference to G.O., dated 3rd March 1876, No. 306.

2. The Board recommend that the estimate be sanctioned, and they hope that it will be found possible to make an immediate appropriation of funds, so that the

building may be completed before the hot season. It is urgently required; the photographic work is most important, and it cannot be carried on satisfactorily if at all under the conditions described by Colonel Hessey.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

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

No. 513.

ORDER THEREON, 27th November 1876, No. 1,823.

Miscellaneous.

SANCTIONED.

2. The question of provision of funds will be considered in the Public Works Department.

3. The Government consider this work urgently necessary. The health of those working is seriously endangered for want of space and air.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Secretary to Government.

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

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From,

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(True copy & extract)

W. H. Hesse

Acting Secretary

To The Secretary to Government

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2. The question of
the Board of Directors
is now under consideration
and will be decided
at the next meeting
of the Board of Directors
on the 22nd inst.

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