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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
24th March 1876.*

No. 376. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Revenue Department, dated 18th February 1876, No. 228 :—

No. 376-A. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 25th January 1876, No. 212.

Read the following letter from W. S. WHITESIDE, Esq., Collector of North Arcot, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., District Engineer to the Board of Revenue, dated Chittoor, 18th December 1875, No. 681.

I HAVE the honor to state that a few weeks ago, I directed the Tahsildar of the Palamanair Taluq to inspect and bring me certain information regarding the new Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry now being constructed at Venkatagherrikota, of which division he was then in charge. The Tahsildar who proceeded to the place returned to say that he was not permitted to enter into the building by the Public Works Department peon in charge of it, who first falsely informed him that he had not the keys of the building, and then said in a very insulting manner that, although he had the key, he would not comply with the Tahsildar's request, as he had no instructions from his superior to do so. I then in my letter, No. 541, dated 23rd ultimo, copy of which is herewith forwarded, brought the conduct of the peon to the notice of the District Engineer, who, in justification of the man's conduct, tells me that the Tahsildar had no authority to inspect a building under construction by his Department. Copy of the officer's letter, No. 3,225, dated 7th instant, on the subject is enclosed.

2. I am unable to agree with the revenue officer of the Tahsildar's position. The Collector, has no authority to enter or interfere with a building that is under construction by the Public Works Department, for eventual use of the Revenue Department. On the contrary, it appears to me that revenue officials should have the freest right of access to such buildings in course of erection, for the purpose of making remarks they make would, in many instances, prevent future correspondence and alterations of the buildings after completion by the Public Works Department.

3. I have therefore the honor to request that you will be good enough to obtain an expression of the views of the Board of Revenue on this matter.

ENCLOSURE

From W. S. WHITESIDE, Esq., Collector of North Arcot, dated 18th December 1875, No. 681, to Captain J. PENNYQUICK, R.E., District Engineer of North Arcot, dated 23rd November 1875, No. 541.

It has been brought to my notice by the Tahsildar of the Palamanair Taluq, that a few days ago when he was at Venkatagherrikota, of which division he is in charge, he proceeded to inspect the new Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry now being built there; and finding the peon in charge to open them, but was refused. On inquiry, it was at once found to be false, and the peon in an insolent manner that it was true he had the keys, and that he had no instructions to allow the Tahsildar to enter. The peon, Mahomed Sahib, replied in a very insulting manner that he was in his charge, but that he had no authority to allow the Tahsildar, whom I had specifically directed to enter, to do so.

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instructed to bring me certain information
inability to tell me what I wanted. I feel
impertinence to ensure your taking prom

the cutcherry, returned to me and explained his
that I have only thus to inform you of the peon's
of the same.

Copy.)

(Signed) W. S. WHITESIDE,
Collector.

From Captain J. PENNYCUICK, R.E.
Esq., Collector of North Arcot, c

In reply to your letter No. 541, of
your view of the circumstances mention

2. The Tahsildar has no authorit
department, and the peon was perfectly

3. Any information which you may wish
charge of the Public Works Department, t

No. 2.

Engineer, North Arcot, to W. S. WHITESIDE,
amanair, 7th December 1875, No. 3,225.

tant, I regret to say that I am unable to concur in
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pect a building under construction by another
preventing him from doing so.

for, regarding this or any other work under the
obtained by application to this office.

Copy.)

(Signed) W. S. WHITESIDE,
Collector.

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2. It seems to the Board that
and that the Tahsildar was ent
events in common courtesy
scarcely be expected that good
acts, similar to that complained
Engineers.

(True

Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Acting Secretary.

Miscellaneous.

Captain Pennycuick complained of
Works Department will be comm
Board of Revenue.

It will be considered in the Public
Works Department whether there was
any justification for the conduct of
collector. The action taken by the Publi
due course to the Collector through the

act.)

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

No. 377. ORDER THE

ESTABLISHMENT, No

with the matter referred to
in examining himse

arch 1876, No. 749.

His Grace the Governor in Council
considers that Captain Pennycuick was
tirely wrong in his manner of dealing
lector. The Collector was per
building in

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2. Captain Pennycuick will severely
and for disrespectful conduct to the Tahsild

3. Whenever possible it is desirabl
tions should be given by local Heads of
subordinates in charge of Public Works
want of such notice is not in any way to
position in the public service.

(True I

Major-General, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To District Engineers.
To the Revenue Department.
" Military
" Public, &c., Departments.

Exd. S. T. Austin
Clerk

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Prosser Department

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Govt. of 1876, Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

THE DISTRICT ENGINEERS.

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Dated March 24th.

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Encl.

G. O., 24th March 1876, No. 749.

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Nos. 376-377

Sub-Magistrate's Cutchery at Venkatas
gherrikota, North Arcot District.—Consider-
ing Captain Pennycuik, R.E., wrong in
defending the conduct of his peon in prevent-
ing an inspection of the —. Previous notice
of intended inspections of buildings unde-
r construction to be given by Local
Departments to Public Works.

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