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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
24th April 1877. No. 1,404.*

No. 573. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Revenue Department, dated 16th April 1877, No. 2,165 :—

Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 13th April 1877, Miscellaneous No. 5,407, on letter from the Collector of Malabar, dated 20th March 1877, No. 63.

With reference to Board's Proceedings, Miscellaneous No. 1,894, of the 8th ultimo, communicating G.O., No. 581, of the 1st idem, regarding the selection of a site for the proposed Range Office at Cannanore, I have the honor to forward for your information copy of a letter* from the Acting Sub-Collector on the subject, and to observe that it appears that the latter officer is not responsible for the delay that has occurred.

Read letter from the Sub-Collector of Malabar, dated 15th March 1877, No. 166.

With reference to your foot-note to Board's Miscellaneous No. 1,894, of the 8th ultimo, communicating Order of Government, of the 1st February, No. 581, I have the honor to point out that the delay in procuring a site for the new Range Office at Cannanore is not attributable to me, and the District Engineer misinformed Government when he wrote "have written repeatedly to Revenue authorities with reference to site, but cannot get them to take the necessary steps nor do they give any reason for not doing so. The Sub-Collector is, I believe, the officer with whom the responsibility for the delay rests."

2. As you are aware there is no Government waste land in Cannanore, and though there is what is called Government land in contradistinction to private jennm, it has all been alienated for terms of years, so that if Government wish to acquire a site for any purpose they must make the best bargain they can with a land-owner or occupant.

3. The first application made to me was in January 1876, when I was asked to endeavor to bring Sultan Ali Rajah to terms for a vacant bungalow site in the heart of the cantonment. Sultan Ali Rajah did not wish to sell or let the land, but offered to sacrifice his interests to those of Government, and asked to be informed of the conditions which Government proposed to offer. I objected to this site, as it is in the middle of the lines of the European Regiment, and I thought it would be much better not to place ourselves under an obligation to Ali Rajah. However, I commenced negotiations with him, and, though he declined to sell the land outright, he offered to rent it at Rupees 50 per annum. This the District Engineer considered too high and called on me through you in October to select other sites. Through the Local Officer, the Tahsildar, I discovered a site suitable in every way for the Range Office, but the owner demanded Rupees 1,200 for it. It is a bungalow site belonging to Government, granted on quit-rent in 1847 for a term of fifty years. As, however, no money had been placed at my disposal, and no intimation given as to the limit the District Engineer would go to for a site, I could not conclude the purchase with the owner, and I therefore, several months ago, wrote to Mr. Dobson, suggesting that he should take the negotiations into his own hand, for he could bid cheaper than I could, and he

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knew, what I did not, what price he could afford to give for the land. The matter has been for several months in his hands, and I know that he has been trying to purchase the site. If there has been delay, therefore, it has not been on my part.

4. I think it will be clear that I have done all that I was asked to do. I was asked to obtain Sultan Ali Rajah's terms, and I did so. I was then asked to procure another site, and I pointed one out, and it rests with the Range Officer to say whether he will buy it or not.

SUBMITTED to Government with reference to the order quoted.

2. The Sub-Collector appears to have done all that lay in his power in regard to the selection of a site for the Range Office at Cannanore.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

COMMUNICATED to the Public Works Department.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Offg. Chief Secretary.

No. 574.

ORDER THEREON, 24th April 1877, No. 1,404.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 47-AA.

COMMUNICATED to the District Engineer, Malabar.

2. Had the suggestion of the Sub-Collector that the Public Works Department should take the negotiations into their own hands been made through the Collector to the District Engineer, this misunderstanding would have been avoided.

(True Extract.)

SA [Signature] Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

To the District Engineer, Malabar,
" Revenue Department.

Exd. T. D. Ryan.

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The Range Office at Cannanore, Malabar
District.—Proceedings Revenue Department
communicating report explaining the cause
of delay in the location of a site for the
construction of the District Engineer's

No 2475 the Revenue of 16-5-77