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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 8th April 1869.

Read the following:—

No. 188. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 15th March 1869, No. 1,749.

Read again Board's Proceedings, dated 25th November 1868, No. 8,321.

Read also the following letter from the Collector of Kurnool, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated on circuit at Nandial, 6th February 1869, No. 26.

WITH reference to Proceedings of the Board, No. 8,321, dated 25th November 1868, I have the honor to forward a copy of Mr. McCarthy's letter, No. 18, dated 2nd February 1869, and a revised estimate for the Choultry at Kistnamasettipilly, in the Cumbum Talook.

2. Having been in the Choultry on the 1st and the 4th of this month, I am convinced that it requires none of the improvements or additions recommended by Mr. Sharp; in fact, I think that a thatched verandah would be objectionable, for it would probably be burnt down by travellers, and in any case would constantly require repairs.

3. It is a neat square building, and is just such as is required for travellers.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From the Acting Head Assistant Collector, to the Collector of Kurnool, dated Cumbum, 2nd February 1869, No. 18.

WITH reference to your foot-note, No. 346, of the 9th December 1868, on a copy of the Board's Proceedings, No. 8,321, dated 25th November 1868, I have the honor to forward the enclosed revised estimate, procured from the Assistant Engineer in charge of this Range, for completing the Chuttrum at Kistnamasettipilly. The amount of the additional sum sanctioned for this purpose being Rupees 770, the excess expenditure is Rupees 54-11-11. Lieutenant Taylor states that Mr. Sharp had called on him for a comparative statement, and that this was the reason why the paper now sent in was not at first submitted.

2. In paragraph 3 of their Proceedings, the Board speak of the "work which, as appears from the Head Assistant's report, still remains to be done." As the Chuttrum is fully completed, I do not know what works they refer to, unless they be those suggested by the Head Assistant in the 7th and 9th paragraphs of his letter, embodied in the Proceedings in question. These are "placing a lean-to thatch on the exterior of the building," "building steps on the east and west sides of the verandah," and "raising and draining the open court-yard in the centre more than at present." But Lieutenant Taylor considers, (and, as it seems to me, with reason,) that these works are unadvisable, because he thinks a lean-to thatch would impede the circulation of the air, and that the construction of the steps recommended would interfere with the drainage of the Chuttrum. For these reasons no estimate has been framed for these works.

ENCLOSURE No. 2—Revised Estimate.

RESOLVED that the foregoing papers be submitted to Government, with reference to paragraph 3 of their Order, dated 21st July 1868, No. 2,011.

2. In a letter, dated 3rd October 1868, (embodied in the Board's Proceedings above quoted,) the Collector forwarded a letter from Mr. Sharp, the then Head Assistant, containing what purported to be a revised estimate for the Chuttrum at Kistnamasettipilly, such as was called for in the Government Order.

3. The Board observe that what was sent was merely a comparative statement explaining the excess expenditure incurred on the work up to the end of March

1868, and the Collector was requested to forward an estimate, showing the disposal of the amount already sanctioned, and also the cost of certain additional work recommended by Mr. Sharp.

4. It now appears that this additional work (which was to consist of verandahs,) has not been commenced, and the Board concur with the Collector in considering it unnecessary and inexpedient.

No. 189. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 25th November 1868, No. 8,321.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Kurnool, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated on circuit at Nandial, 3rd October 1868, No. 341.

WITH reference to the Board's Proceedings, No. 6,234, dated 31st August 1868, I have the honor to forward, for submission to Government, copy of a letter* from the Head Assistant Collector, reporting on the Chuttrum at Kistnamasettipilly, with a revised estimate as requested.

* No. 270, 19th September 1868.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From the Head Assistant Collector, to the Collector of Kurnool, dated Cumbum, 19th September 1868, No. 270.

I HAVE the honor to report, with reference to your foot-note, No. 243, of the 4th instant, on the Proceedings noted in the margin.

Proceedings Madras Government, Revenue Department, No. 381, of the 21st July, and Board's endorsement thereon of 31st August 1868.

2. I inspected the Kistnamasettipilly Chuttrum on the 9th instant. It is a square building, with interior verandahs, and an open court in the centre. The whole of the enclosed area is forty-five square-feet in extent, the verandahs are ten feet broad, and are covered with a tiled lean-to roof supported by pillars eight feet high on one extremity, and by the wall up the building twelve feet high on the other.

3. The floor of the verandah is well raised, and is paved with flat stones with an edging or facing of brick-in-chunam. The walls are composed of brick-in-chunam, two inches thick, as the Assistant Engineer informs me.

4. There are narrow folding doors on the north side facing the road of poor workmanship. I would suggest that doors are rather out of place in a building intended for the accommodation of all classes of travellers, as giving an opportunity to the first occupants of closing the building for their own convenience against after comers. A stove three feet high, or wooden bars to keep out cattle, appears to me to be a preferable arrangement for a building of this nature.

5. There is a wooden barred window about four feet by three feet, with shutters in the east, west, and south sides.

6. The building leaks at the corner valleys of the roof over the hip rafters. The jack rafters attached to the latter (as was pointed out to me by Lieutenant Taylor, Assistant Engineer of this Range,) have been only nailed to the hip rafters, instead of being mortised to them.

7. The open court-yard in the centre has not been sufficiently raised and drained. There are steps from it to the verandah only on the south side. They might be advantageously placed on the east and west sides as well.

8. The additional 770 Rupees, alluded to in the Proceedings under report, were spent chiefly in raising the walls and pillars two feet six inches in height, and in timber and roofing.

9. I would suggest that the accommodation of the Chuttrum would be increased at a very slight cost, by attaching thatched lean-to roofs to he walls on their exterior, so as to afford shelter from the rain to the carts and cattle of travellers. I regret that the absence of the one, and the sickness of the other of my English Writers, the press of business caused by their absence, and my moving about, have prevented my sending in this report before this. I enclose a revised estimate for the Chuttrum furnished to me by the Assistant Engineer, Cumbum Range.

Of which there is a good deal at Kistnamasettipilly.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.—Statement.

WITH the foregoing letter, the Collector forwards, for submission to Government, copy of a letter from his Head Assistant, who reports on the Chuttrum at Kistnamasettiplily, and sends what is called a revised estimate for the Chuttrum.

2. The Board observe that, instead of the revised estimate for the Chuttrum called for by Government, the Head Assistant Collector simply sends a comparative statement intended to explain the excess expenditure of Rupees 54-11-11, which was incurred on the work up to the close of March 1868, and which was sanctioned in paragraph 1 of Government Order, Revenue Department, dated 21st July 1868, No. 2,011.

3. Mr. Chase will, as required in the Proceedings of Government above quoted, now forward, for submission to Government, a revised estimate including both the amount already sanctioned in the supplemental estimate for completing the Chuttrum, and the excess expenditure and cost of the work, which, as appears from the Head Assistant's report, still remains to be done.

No. 190. ORDER THEREON, 8th April 1869, No. 961.

Miscellaneous.

ORDERED to be communicated to the Public Works Department, with reference to the Order, dated 21st July 1868, No. 2,011. The excess expenditure of Rupees 54-11-11 over the sanctioned estimate of Rupees 770 having already been passed, no fresh sanction is now needed for the revised estimate.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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Revenue Department

No. 961-

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 8th Sept. 69

Read the following

Pro: of the Board of Revenue.

Submitting letter from Coll^r of Kurnool stating that additions recommended to be made by late A^t Asst^t Coll^r Mr. Sharpe to Kistnamasettipilly Choultry is unnecessary. — (R. E. 15th March 69 No. 1749.)

Ordered to be communicated to the Public Works Department, with reference to the orders dated 21st July 1868, No. 2011. The excess expenditure of Rs. 54-11-11 over the sanctioned

Rec'd. 1st Oct. 1869 [illegible]

REVENUE.

No.

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

&c. &c. &c.

Dated 1st Oct. 1869.

Rec'd. &c.

G. O., 8th April 1869, No. 681

COPY.

Nos. 183-184.

Endorsement by Circular, &c. Revenue Dispatch—Receipt of Proceedings, &c. Requesting that the contingent charges of Rs. 54-11-11 may be sanctioned, and the Public Works Department

sanctioned estimate of
Rs. 770 having already
been passed, no fresh
sanction is now needed
for the revised estimate.

14 Copies to the Asst Engineer with an Order to Despatch
21 Dft Deputy

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