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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
19th October 1867.

No. 382. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 9th October 1867, No. 6,472.

Read the following letter from the Collector of North Arcot, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Chittoor, 20th August 1867, No. 225 :—

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Proceedings of the Board, dated 16th May last, directing me to report precisely what alterations it is proposed to make in the present arrangement of the Collector's Cutcherry at this station, and why they are considered advisable.

2. The proposed alterations are marked in yellow in the accompanying plan, and are these :—

First.—Formation, at the eastern angle of the present building, of an Assistant's Office room, with private chamber and closet attached, marked No. (1) in the plan.

Second.—The addition to the Collector's business room of a private chamber and closet marked (2) by walling off a small part of the main hall where the English and Vernacular Clerks sit, and opening a communication with the Collector's room at the point marked with a cross.

Third.—The extension of the main hall just referred to by removing the wall at E., and adding to it a room (3) now used by the Assistant.

Fourth.—The enlargement of the room now occupied by the Treasury Deputy by taking in part of the existing verandah, and thus providing accommodation for the Clerks of the Treasury Registration of Assurance and Yeomiah Departments.

Fifth.—The projection of a new Office room for the Treasury Deputy, with private chamber and closet attached, marked (4).

Sixth.—Improvement of the light and ventilation of the Printing Press-room by means of rows of glazed attic windows, and increasing the accommodation by taking in a room at one extremity.

3. And now to answer the Board's question why these alterations are considered advisable.

4. The want of space in the main hall and Treasury Officer's room has, for years past, been a just cause of complaint. In the main hall, the Clerks of the English and Vernacular Correspondence Departments of the Military, Pension, and Death Registration Departments are huddled together in a manner which not only interferes with the despatch of business, but must be even prejudicial to health. By the extension* of this hall, as shewn in the plan, not only will the loss of space at the other extremity be made good, but considerable additional accommodation secured.

* Marked (3).

5. The room now occupied by the Treasury Officer it is proposed to give up to the Clerks of the Registration of Assurances and Yeomiah Departments, who under existing arrangements sit in the same room with the Deputy Collector to his great inconvenience. Under this re-distribution of existing accommodation, it becomes necessary to add two new rooms† at either extremity, one for the use of the Assistant, and the other for that of the Deputy Collector.

† Marked (4).

6. The necessity of the private accommodation provided in the plan for the Collector's and Assistant's room will be obvious. The Cutcherry is situated at a considerable distance from our private houses; and, under existing arrangements,

there is not even the most ordinary provision for comfort and decency. That this state of matters has been tolerated by my predecessors, and for years by myself, is no argument in favor of its longer continuance.

7. The Printing Office, as now constructed, is wanting in all three essentials of light, air, and space. The cheapest mode of remedying these evils is that provided for in these estimates, namely, rows of glazed attic windows to open and shut, and the addition of the room marked A. in red pencil in the small plan by removing the wall which now separates it from the Printing Office. This room A. is now filled with Pymaish and other valuable records, for which there is no space in the regular Record-room. It has, therefore, become necessary to provide for the small addition to the Record-room marked (5) in the side sketch given in the larger of the accompanying plans.

8. Having thus, I trust, explained to the satisfaction of the Board the nature and necessity of the contemplated improvements, I beg earnestly to solicit their support of my proposition, and hope it may be found practicable to allot funds from Imperial sources for the early execution of the work.

9. The plans and estimate are herewith returned.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 1 and 2.—Plans.

ENCLOSURE No. 3.—Estimate.

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1. Government, with their Proceedings, dated 1st May 1867, No. 983, forwarded for the Board's remarks a plan and estimate for addition to the Collector's Cutcherry at Chittoor. These Proceedings were communicated to the Collector for full report as to the necessity for the alterations.

2. The foregoing letter is his reply, which together with the plans and estimate is now submitted to Government, with the Board's recommendation that the alterations be sanctioned.

3. The Board observe that in the attic proposed to be added to the Press-room, there is no protection afforded to the glazed windows against the glare of the sun. Without this, the proposed addition would probably make the room hotter than it was before, and the Board would suggest that the eaves of the roof might be projected some two or three feet, which would shelter the windows without much additional expense.

No. 383. ORDER THEREON, 19th October 1867, N. 2,461.

Miscellaneous.

1. Communicated to the Department Public Works, with reference to the endorsement in that Department, dated 26th April 1867.

2. The Government approve the proposed work with the slight modification suggested by the Board, viz., the prolongation of the eaves of the new roof to the Printing Office so as to shade the clerestory windows.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Rev. 1867. Department.
Revision of Establishment for Collectorate Cutcherry at Chittoor

No 5756.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 9th October 1867.

No. 6,472.

Submitting to Government estimate for additions to Collectors cutcherry at Chittoor North Arcot district with Board's recommendation that the alterations be sanctioned; and suggesting that the eaves of the roof might be projected some two or three feet.

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