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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
6th December 1867.*

No. 120. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Public Works Department :—

Requesting Collector of South Canara to furnish }
explanation, through Revenue Department, } (Here enter 29th November 1867, No. 3,719.)
in respect to the Sub-Magistrate's neglect con- }
nected with the Cutcherry at Bellatangady. }

No. 121. ORDER THEREON, 6th December 1867, No. 2,913.

Miscellaneous.

The Board of Revenue will obtain
and submit a report from the Collector of
South Canara on the conduct of the Sub-
Magistrate in question.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) F. BRANDT,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Public Works Department, No. 3,719.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
29th November 1867.*

No. 673. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Camp at Moodbideree, 12th November 1867, No. 128 :—

1. I have the honor to forward herewith an original letter from the Mangalore Range Officer, with accompaniments, giving a full report of the circumstances under which the newly constructed Cutcherry for the Sub-Magistrate at Bellatangady, in the Canara District, has met with such injuries as to necessitate its partial dismantling and re-construction at a cost of Rupees 380, as per estimate and plan accompanying. The building was sanctioned in G. O. of the Revenue Department, No. 3,043, of 16th December 1865, to cost Rupees 700; which was exceeded by less than 5 per cent., although superior material was used in its pillars, which alone prevented its total destruction.
- 1 Lieutenant Thompson's letter, No. 610 of 12th August 1867, with three copies of letters to the Collector.
3 Reports of Mr. Overseer Rodrigues, dated 19th June, 16th and 17th July 1867.
1 Plan.
1 Estimate No. 9, Rupees 380.

2. I have purposely refrained from forwarding these papers till after I had personally inspected the building, and satisfied myself that the materials and workmanship were quite as good as allowed for in the sanctioned estimate. This I did on the 9th instant, when I gave orders for the work being taken in hand at once, on the estimate herewith forwarded, in anticipation of the sanction of Government. It provides for the use of laterite in chunam in the walls to be re-built, to avoid the evil consequences of future neglect. Funds can best be provided by a transfer from the head of "Minor New Works," "Civil Buildings," "Malabar."

From the Executive Engineer, No. 1 or Mangalore Range, to the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, Coimbatore, dated Mangalore, 12th August 1867, No. 610.

1. I have the honor to forward herewith an estimate, amounting to Rupees 380, for the repair, or rather the re-construction of the Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry at Bellatangady.

2. It is necessary to take down the whole of the roofing, and as the Cutcherry was constructed in continuation of the Police station, the roof of the latter has become partly damaged and strained also. I have, therefore, allowed in my estimate for dismantling and putting up again one-third of the Police station roof. On my inspecting the building on the 24th ultimo, I found that the Police Constables had left the station house, as they considered the roof to have been so much strained as to be unsafe.
- 3 Letters from Mr. Overseer Rodrigues.
1 Plan.
1 Estimate.

3. The walls colored yellow on the accompanying tracing are those which have given way, and which it will be necessary to re-build from basement level. Those colored with Indian ink being inner walls were sheltered from the rain, and are still strong and good, they do not, therefore, require to be re-built. The walls of the station house are uninjured, and have been left uncolored in the tracing.

4. The Cutcherry was constructed for the Bellatangady Sub-Magistrate at a cost of Rupees 731-10-3, and was completed on the 29th March 1867. On the 10th of May following, the plastering of the floor and walls being thoroughly dry, I reported the building to the Acting Collector of South Canara (then Mr. W. S. Whiteside) as being fit for occupation. Copy of my letter No. 505 of May 10th, 1867, is herewith enclosed. The Sub-Magistrate, however, does not appear to have ever occupied the building, nor to have taken any measures to protect it from the monsoon until it had become a complete wreck.

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5. The Overseer in charge of the Bellatangady Sub-division (Mr. M. Rodrigues) first reported the neglected state of the building to me in his letter No. 73, dated June 19th, 1867, which I forwarded to the Acting Collector (Mr. H. S. Thomas) with my letter No. 565, of June 25th, 1867.

6. The Sub-Magistrate still taking no steps to secure the building from injury, Mr. Rodrigues forwarded another report, No. 78, of 16th July 1867. I forwarded this at once, with a tracing of the building attached, to the Acting Collector, accompanied by my letter No. 587, of July, 18th 1867.

7. A few days later I received a third report from the Overseer, informing me that the whole of the western wall had fallen in, &c., and stating that he had himself taken measures to prevent the complete collapse of the building, by endeavouring with the assistance of the Sub-Magistrate and Police Inspector to prop up the roof, &c. This last letter upon the subject from the Overseer (No. 79 of July 17th, 1867,) I did not forward to the Acting Collector, as I knew that nothing further could then be done than to inspect the building and prepare an estimate as soon as possible for its re-construction.

8. I have not yet received any reply from the Acting Collector to my two letters, Nos. 565 of June 26th, 1867, and 587 of July 18th, 1867, respectively, forwarding to him for perusal the Overseer's letters Nos. 73 and 78. I therefore enclose only *copies* of the Overseer's letters Nos. 73 and 78, his letter No. 79 of 17th July 1867 is, however, forwarded to you in original.

9. I can vouch for the Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry having been thoroughly well built, I inspected it several times in the course of construction, and always found that the materials being used were good and sound, and the workmanship excellent. Indeed, the whole building must have fallen ere this had not the pillars supporting the roof on the monsoon sides been built of laterite in chunam, instead of laterite in mud. Provision for the latter only was made in the estimate sanctioned by Government, but I found that chunam could be substituted for mud in the pillars without the estimate being exceeded, the substitution was accordingly made.

10. The collapse of the building is simply owing to its having been utterly neglected. It is absurd to imagine for an instant that a new and high mud wall, with the weight of a substantial roof of timber and tiles resting on it, will, if unprotected, withstand the violence of a South Canara monsoon, the building being, moreover, in rather an elevated and perfectly exposed situation. The timely expenditure of two or three rupees in putting up cadjan tatties to screen the walls from rain would have kept a good building whole and sound, and have saved Government the expense of its re-construction.

From the Executive Engineer, No. 1 or Mangalore Range, to the Acting Collector of South Canara, dated 10th May 1867, No. 505.

1. I have the honor to inform you that the new Cutcherry for the Bellatangady Sub-Magistrate has been completed, and may now be occupied.

2. If the building at present at Bellatangady used as a Cutcherry by the Sub-Magistrate is a Government one, and is no longer required by you for public purposes, I shall feel obliged by your directing the Sub-Magistrate to hand it over to the Public Works Department, viz., to Mr. Overseer M. Rodrigues, in charge of the Bellatangady Sub-division.

From the Executive Engineer, No. 1 or Mangalore Range, to the Acting Collector of South Canara, dated Mangalore, 26th June 1867, No. 565.

At the end of March last, a new Cutcherry was completed at Bellatangady for the use of the Sub-Magistrate at that place, and on the 10th May following it was reported by me in my letter No. 505, to your predecessor, as being ready for occupation. I have the honor to forward, for your perusal, letter No. 73* of June 19th, 1867,

* Requested to be returned.

from Mr. Overseer M. Rodrigues, Public Works Department, and to request that you will be good enough to direct the Sub-Magistrate to take charge of the building without further delay.

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From the Executive Engineer, No. 1 or Mangalore Range, to the Acting Collector of South Canara, dated Mangalore, 18th July 1867, No. 587.

1. In continuation of my letter No. 565, of 26th June, I have the honor to forward herewith a letter,† accompanied by a plan, which I received from Mr. Overseer M. Rodrigues. I

† Original to be returned.

have only to remark that as I inspected the Cutcherry frequently in course of construction, and once or twice since its completion, I can vouch for its being thoroughly well built.

2. All mud walls, and particularly new ones, will sustain injury more or less if left exposed to the violence of the south-west monsoon, but as the Cutcherry was completed long before the monsoon, there appears to be little excuse for the Sub-Magistrate not having taken all due precautions to protect it from injury.

From Mr. M. RODRIGUES, Overseer, to the Executive Engineer, South Canara, Mangalore, dated Bellatangady, 19th June 1867, No. 73.

1. The Sub-Magistrate has taken no charge of the new Cutcherry, and the building which was completed in March last, appears to have been left for some time in storing grass, firewood, &c., for supplies, and usual monsoon-tatties are not erected as yet, the outer-walls are all wet by the rain; if immediate measures will not be taken, the walls will be injured, as they are mud walls plastered with chunam; the shutters of the windows being left open all this time and exposed to the showers of rain, they do not shut as they ought to be, and this is the way that the Overseers are blamed.

2. The old Cutcherry is still in his charge, and the monsoon repairs are in progress. I have officially written to the Sub-Magistrate on the 17th instant, requesting him to undertake the usual work of the monsoon-tatties to the new Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry, also to answer me about the estimate for shelves, which I had submitted to your office.

3. The state of Charmaddy road and ghaut will be reported in my next.

From Mr. M. RODRIGUES, Overseer, to the Executive Engineer, South Canara, Mangalore, dated Bellatangady, 16th July 1867, No. 78.

1. This is my another report upon the Bellatangady Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry. Portion of the wall has fallen down this morning. I have just returned from Uppinangady after the inspection of the monsoon work done to the road from Bellatangady to Uppinangady. I have personally reported the Sub-Magistrate the above circumstances, who says that "he cares very little about the said building," this expression he has made in his open court.

2. He also said that he has reported to Mr. Roupell that the building would fall down on account of mud wall. No monsoon-tatties are erected as yet. Had tatties been erected ere this the building would not be injured. He still holds his office in the old building.

3. I beg to enclose the plan of the above building: the red ink mark on the plan is the part given way. The rain pours very much since last three days. I am starting to Charmaddy to-morrow.

From Mr. M. RODRIGUES, Overseer, to the Executive Engineer, South Canara, Mangalore, dated Bellatangady, 17th July 1867, No. 79.

1. My letter of yesterday's date was despatched at 3 p. m., in which I had reported that a portion of the wall of the Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry was fallen in the morning. At 6 p. m. the whole western wall, marked in red ink on the plan enclosed in my letter No. 78, was given way with two main pillars. The wall on the south side is cracked, and the plastering almost all fallen down; this morning with the assistance of the Police Inspector and the Sub-Magistrate, I have given such number of junglewood posts that would require to keep the roof safe, and tatties erected for the remaining portion of the wall, with the materials, coolies, &c., supplied by them. The verandah pillars are cracked, and the roof inclining outwards.

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2. I have deferred my intention of proceeding to Chermaddy this day, on account of the above circumstances.

No. 674.

ORDER THEREON, 29th November 1867, No. 3,719.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 92.

1. With this letter the Superintending Engineer of the 7th Division submits a plan and estimate amounting to Rupees 380 for the partial re-construction of the Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry at Bellatangady in the South Canara District.

2. The erection of this building was undertaken under the sanction conveyed in G. O. No. 3,829, dated 21st December 1865, and the work is reported to have been completed in all respects in a satisfactory manner on the 29th March last. On the 10th May following, the Assistant Engineer in charge of the Range informed the Collector that the building was ready for occupation, but it appears that the Sub-Magistrate never occupied the premises, and neglected moreover to take the most ordinary precautions to protect the building from the effects of the monsoon. This neglect has resulted in the disaster now reported, but before passing final orders, the Government desire to be furnished with the Collector's explanations, which will accordingly be called for through the Revenue Department. Meanwhile, Colonel Walker's proceedings reported in his letter above recorded are approved.

(True Extract.)

Wm. A. D. Dr

Colonel, R. E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.

„ Revenue Department.

„ Accountant General.

„ Controller of Public Works Accounts.

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The Secy of Govt.
Lik obtain &
submit a report
from the Col. of S.
Canara on the
conduct of the Sub.
Magistrate in question*

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

*14 copies to the Secy of Govt. with the letter 29/11/67
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