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No. 123. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 17th May 1871, No. 2,060 :—

Read the following letter from the Collector of Salem, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd April 1871, No. 1,040.

I HAVE the honour to reply to the Board's Order (Miscellaneous), No. 644, of the 23rd February last.

2. When recommending the restoration of the Topoor chuttrum I was fully aware that similar accommodation on the line of railway was very much wanted ; but I did not consider that the convenience of one set of travellers should be sacrificed for that of another. Topoor is on a line of road very much frequented by travellers, and the traffic on it is very considerable. It is situated at the foot of a tedious and lengthy ghaut, and there is hardly anything like shelter for a tired traveller in the village of Topoor which consists only of a few huts. The chuttrum at Topoor is a pressing want, and I therefore urge the Government to pass orders for building this chuttrum as soon as possible.

3. As regards accommodation on the line of railway, it is very much needed at the Salem and Jollarett railway stations. The town of Salem is $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles from the station, and third-class passengers, who arrive by the train which reaches the Salem station at 8-30 P.M., have to stay there till 9-45 A.M. the next day. The only shelter near at hand is the outer verandah of the station premises, which is exposed to all the inclemencies of the weather.

4. Jollarett is the junction of the Madras and Bangalore Lines, and passengers must necessarily stop here for hours together. They have no shelter of any kind, and it is very important that accommodation should be provided.

5. In the Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated the 16th December 1867, No. 2,993, the Government sanctioned 10,700 Rs. for chuttrums at Salem and Jollarett from the accumulated Topoor Chuttrum Endowment Fund. I cannot ascertain why the works were not carried out then and there, or why no action has up to this time been taken in the matter. The Superintending Engineer, in letter, No. 119, of the 6th January last (copy enclosed), states that no steps were taken by his department, as the works had no place in the Proceedings of Government, No. 3,958, of the 21st December 1867.

6. In paragraph 3 of letter, No. 192, of the 11th July 1867 (embodied in Government Proceedings, 16th December 1867, No. 2,993), the late Collector mentioned that the Topoor Chuttrum Funds, credited to Government up to that time, amounted to more than 17,000 Rs. The annual amount of saving credited to Government account being Rs. 1,750, the funds have now risen to Rs. 24,000 and upwards. The estimates for all the three chuttrums, namely, Topoor, Salem, and Jollarett, fall much below this sum, and I would therefore strongly urge that orders may be issued for the immediate construction of the three chuttrums.

7. I have not by me the plans and estimates of these chuttrums ; but, considering the amount of estimate, namely, Rs. 4,900, for the Jollarett chuttrum, I doubt if it would afford adequate accommodation for the numerous travellers that I understand halt at this place. It will probably be advisable to have the estimates and plans for all the three chuttrums revised. The lapse of time that

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has taken place since these estimates were originally framed (in one case ten years) renders the revision the more necessary.

8. I have already reported upon the site on which it is proposed to place the Topoor chuttrum. At Salem there is a good site within 200 yards of the railway station premises, and the land already belongs to Government. Jollarpett is in the Yellagerry Muta, and the guardian of the Mutadar is, I understand, willing to part with a piece of his putcut (holding) for a site for the chuttrum, on the understanding that the assessment of the land is struck off the peishcush.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From the Executive Engineer, for Acting Superintending Engineer, 5th Division, to the Collector of Salem, dated Cuddalore, 6th January 1871, No. 119.

In reply to your letter, No. 182, of the 22nd December last, I have the honour to state that as Government, in passing orders on Proceedings of the Board of Revenue regarding the erection of chuttrums at certain stations, had not sanctioned, in their Order, No. 3,958, of the 21st December 1867, the construction of the chuttrums at Sooramungalum and Jollarpett, no steps have been taken by this department in the matter.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government, with reference to Government Order, dated 21st February 1871, No. 327.

2. The Collector maintains the expediency of building a chuttrum at Topoor, and the Board agree with him; on the other hand, he points out that there is more real need of chuttrums at the Salem and Jollarpett railway stations that Government have sanctioned Rs. 10,700 for building them from the accumulated Topoor Funds in 1867, and that the accumulations, or rather savings, are more than sufficient for all three buildings.

No. 124. ORDER THEREON, 10th June 1871, No. 1,031.

Miscellaneous.

SANCTION is granted for the construction of all three chuttrums, on revised estimates, out of the savings of the Topoor Chuttrum Funds.

2. The plans and estimate will be first submitted to Government.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Accountant-General.
„ the Public Works Department.

Ed. F. R. Bantleman.

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PROCEEDINGS, 17TH MAY 1871, No. 2,060.

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No. 2,060.

Chuttrum at Topoor—in Salem District.—Letter from Collector, maintaining expediency of restoring, pointing out need for Chuttrums at Salem and Jollarpett Railway Stations, and stating that savings of Topoor Chuttrum funds are more than sufficient for the three buildings, submitted for orders of Government.

Sanction is granted for the construction of all three Chuttrums, on revised estimates, out of the savings of the Topoor Chuttrum Funds. The plans + estimate will be first submitted to Government.

14 To the M. P. Secy. Govt. 11-12
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No. 292. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 27th November 1867, No. 7,734 :—

Read the following letters :—

From the Collector of North Arcot, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Chittoor, 25th July 1867, No. 195.

Board's Proceedings, dated 5th July 1867, communicating Order of Government, dated 22nd June 1867, No. 1,874, Public Works Department.

1. I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of the paper noted in the margin, in which I am directed to report what proportion of the estimated cost* of the three Choultries, which it is pro-

* Rupees 6,300 each.

posed to build at Arconum, Arcot, and Vellore Railway Stations, should be provided from Local Funds. Of these three Choultries, that proposed for the Arconum station has by far the first claim to attention.

2. Arconum is, as the Board well know, the point from which three lines of railway radiate, and the influx of native travellers, from all parts of the country, is necessarily very large and continuous. Arconum itself is a small native village, in which there is no place of accommodation of any kind whatsoever for strangers. Unlike Arcot and Vellore stations, which are within (to natives) easy walking distance of Wallajapet and Vellore, respectively, there is no town of any size for ten miles round Arconum.

3. Thus, the necessity of providing accommodation for native travellers at this point is probably greater than at any other along either of the lines, and I believe this want would have been supplied ere this by private liberality, had it not been generally understood that Government had already sanctioned the immediate erection of a suitable building.

4. My opinion has already been canvassed by the Consulting Engineer for Railways respecting the proportion of the cost of a Choultry at Arconum, which should be debited against Local Funds. I then replied that I could not understand on what principle it was proposed to charge the whole or part of such expenditure against Local Funds, and observed that, as Arconum was the point where three lines of railway meet, the Choultry there would be for the accommodation of the general travelling public, and not a place of mere local resort. I still hold this opinion, but in case it may not be admitted to its full extent, I would now propose that one-third of the estimated cost should be charged to Local Funds.

5. No provision has been made in the Local Fund Budget to meet such a charge, but if my proposition be accepted, the amount could easily be made good from other items.

6. The other two Choultries for Arcot and Vellore might stand over for a year or two longer, without much inconvenience to native travellers. In their case the contribution from Local Funds might fairly enough be set down at half their cost, as they are situated at single railway stations, and are much more local in their character and purposes than the building at Arconum would be.

From the Collector of Salem, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 11th July 1867, No. 192.

1. With reference to the Order of Government, dated 28th June 1867, No. 1,439, communicated by the Board on the 5th instant, I have the honor to state

Certain Choultries in Salem District—
Their construction on revised estimates out of
the savings of the Topoor Choultrum Funds, sac-
tioned.

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Nos. 123-124.

Dated 10th June.
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G. O., 10th June 1871, No. 1,031.

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THE BOARD OF REVENUE,
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that the estimates for the construction of the two Chuttrums referred to cannot be met from Local Funds. All the available sum under Local Funds have been already allotted for different works properly chargeable to these Funds. The Chuttrums proposed to be built at Jolarpet and Sooramungalum, I venture to observe, are works which have no claim upon Local Funds, being expressly for travellers, and should fairly be provided for in the Imperial Budget.

2. In regard to the Chuttrum at Sooramungalum, I beg however to draw the attention of the Board to the correspondence noted in the margin. From this the Board will see that it was decided to transfer the funds available for the Toppur Chuttrum to the one to be built at Sooramungalum. The Chuttrum at Toppur was endowed by the Mysore Government in the year 1698-99, with a money* allowance of Rupees 1,750 per year. This, like all the other money grants, was continued by the British Government. The amount was up to 1851 expended in providing food to travellers, in keeping the Chuttrum in repair, and in maintaining an establishment for cooking the food, and for lighting and keeping the Chuttrum clean. In 1851 Mr. Phillips discontinued, with the sanction of the Board,

Pay per month.			
	RS.	A.	P.
1 Cook	4	0	0
1 Water Brahmin	3	0	0
1 Masalchee	3	0	0
1 Sweeper	2	8	0
Oil, &c	4	0	0
16 8 0 x 12 = 198.			

the distribution of food on the ground that it was abused, and reduced the establishment and other expenses to the standard specified in the margin. The surplus, after deducting this expenditure, has been from 1851 carried to the credit of Government. The Chuttrum having fallen much into disrepair, the Public Works Department in 1860 prepared an estimate for the construction of a new one, amounting to Rupees 5,400, and submitted the same for sanction, when the Board called upon the Collector to report whether the Chuttrum should be built at Toppur or elsewhere on the line of railway, and whether it was worthwhile repairing the present Chuttrum. Mr. Brett, in his letter to Board of the 6th December 1860, No. 305, stated that no decided opinion can be given till the railway has been opened for some time, and that a part of the Chuttrum might with advantage be kept in repair. The Board, in their Proceedings of the 17th December 1860, No. 5,917, agreed with Mr. Brett in his opinion. No repairs have however been since made to the Chuttrum, and it is now almost in ruins. Lately, in their Proceedings of the 6th November 1865, No. 7,112, the Board have allowed Pangalore Venketachelliah, the Abkarry Renter of Salem, to restore the Chuttrum at his private cost. The establishment and lighting, which cost Rupees 198 per annum, has been discontinued from the 1st instant under my orders.

3. From the foregoing it will be seen that there are funds available for the Chuttrum at Sooramungalum, and indeed for both the Chuttrums, as the surplus, credited to Government account from the Toppur Chuttrum Funds, amount up to

* It appears that the Mysore Government set apart certain villages, which were resumed by Colonel McLeod at the assumption of the country, and the endowment was commuted into this money grant.

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the end of last year to more than 17,000 Rupees, after deducting the establishment of 198 for the Chuttrum, and 304 Rupees for the Police Establishment on the ghaut.

From the Collector of Coimbatore, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 11th July 1867, No. 163.

1. I have received the Board's Proceedings of the 5th instant, No. 4,210, communicating the Orders noted in the margin.

2. In paragraph 6 of the Government Order, No. 1,874, Public Works Department, Colonel Walker is authorized to proceed with the construction of the Chuttrum at Errode from Imperial Funds to the extent of one-half of the estimate,*

leaving the other half to be provided from local sources by the Revenue Department. This latter portion of the estimate, or Rupees 3,600, can be provided from the sum of Rupees 11,762, the estimated reserve from the receipts of Road Cess, as shewn in the estimate forwarded with my letter of the 12th ultimo, No. 134.

3. Adverting to paragraph 7 of the Government Order above quoted, I beg to refer the Board to the Government Proceedings of the 11th August 1865, No. 1,869, Revenue Department, from which it will be seen that the project for the construction of a Chuttrum at Pothanoor has been abandoned for the reasons therein set forth.

From the same Officer, dated 23rd July 1867, No. 175.

1. In continuation of my letter of the 11th instant, No. 163, I have the honor to forward a revised plan of the Choultry to be built at Errode, together with an estimate, and to request that the formal sanction of Government may be obtained for the same.

2. The plan in question has been drawn up by the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, at my request, in such a manner as will afford separate accommodation for four different classes of natives. It is proposed to construct the Chuttrum in two different ranges of buildings, of which one is intended for Christians, Mussulmans, &c., and the other for caste natives. The extent of accommodation which each building is capable of affording, and other particulars, are fully explained in the accompanying original letter from Colonel Walker.

3. The total estimated cost stands as already sanctioned—

	RS.
Choultries	6,000
Privy	780
Price of ground	420
Total	7,200

One-half of this sum can, as already reported by me, be allotted from the District Road Fund, the other half being sanctioned from Imperial Funds. The Superintending Engineer has given orders to the Range Officer to commence the collection of materials at once, and the work will be put in hand as soon as they are ready.

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4. In paragraph 3 of their Order of 23th June 1866, Revenue Department, No. 1,579, Government remark that they are disposed to think that the site selected by the Superintending Engineer is too small in extent, and desire that the point be re-considered before any land is bought for the purpose. With reference to this, Colonel Walker writes as follows :—

“ I am disposed to think that Government have come to an erroneous conclusion as to the adequacy of the site which I have proposed, caused by my own failure to draw the ground-plan to scale, though I thought I had guarded against misapprehension by quoting the dimensions of the site in my letter for comparison with those of the building in the plan. I have now shewn the exact space that the latter will take up ; and whether that space is wanted for the Chuttrum or not, it should be appropriated for public purposes before it becomes a nuisance, by being made the site of a Parcherry as at Pothanore.” I have myself visited the site on several occasions this year, and consider it amply sufficient for the intended purpose. It has been made over to the Public Works Department, and the compensation due to the owners will be settled shortly.

5. Adverting to the concluding paragraph of Colonel Walker’s letter, herewith sent, the necessary orders will be sent at once, for negotiating for the transfer to Government of the detached pieces of land alluded to, and the result will be reported to the Board in due course.

6. The orders of Government in paragraph 2 of their Proceedings of the 28th June 1866, No. 1,579, regarding the formation of a tope in the neighbourhood of the Chuttrum, will be duly attended to.

From the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, to the Collector of Coimbatore, dated Annoor, 18th July 1867, No. 49.

1. I have the honor to request that you will obtain the formal sanction of Government, for the accompanying revised plan of Native Choultry at Errode, which I have drawn up at your request, that accommodation might be provided separately for four different classes of natives.

1 Plan of Chuttrum.
1 Estimate No. 15, Rupees 6,000.
1 Sketch of ground.
1 Old plan of Chuttrum.

2. The plan shews a double Choultry, one of two, whereof one will stand in the front, and the other in the back-field of the approved site, as shewn on the survey which I send ; the former to be the “ No Caste ” Choultry for Christians, Mussulmans, &c., the latter the “ Caste ” Choultry for Brahmins and others.

3. The main feature of each single Choultry is that it will provide accommodation for four family groups each of five women and children in rooms 12 x 12, which allows an average of nearly 30 superficial feet per head ; between which rooms is a space 27 feet square, only partially shut in by breast-walls, accommodating twenty men at 36 superficial feet each. Total in each Choultry,

Women and children	...	...	...	20
Men	...	...	...	20
				40
				4
In four Choultries	...	...	...	160

If thought proper, breast-walls may be built as pencilled on the plan, further to add to privacy and shelter in the open spaces of the buildings.

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4. The total estimated cost stands as already sanctioned—	RS.
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Privy	780
Price of ground	420
Total...	7,200

5. No delay in construction need occur by this reference, as the Tahsildar gave me over the ground on the spot, and I instructed the Range Officer at once to commence the collection of materials.

6. I take this opportunity of renewing my request in letter No. 16, of 21st July 1866, that all the detached pieces of ground, colored red on the survey, may be taken up on behalf of Government, and paid for with Local Funds, to prevent their being occupied by squatters, and becoming nuisances to the railway and town.

P.S.—The original Choultry plan is forwarded for comparison with the revised one ; its area under cover is rather less than that of the latter.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.—Estimate.

ENCLOSURE No. 3.—Sketch.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 4 and 5.—Plans.

From the Collector of Malabar, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Calicut, 29th August 1867, No. 149.

1. Adverting to Government Order, dated 22nd June 1867, forwarded with the Board’s Proceedings, dated 5th July 1867, I have the honor to submit a few brief remarks on the subject of accommodation required for native travellers by rail in this district.

2. The Local Funds are so urgently required for communications and really local purposes, that I must deprecate falling on them where the provision of funds so clearly and appropriately lies with the Government and the Railway authorities.

It is not the people of the locality who want these Chuttrums. They can well get on without them. It is the travelling public who are strangers to the place and people, that require public accommodation, and may fairly, I submit, look for it from the Imperial Government and the Railway authorities, whose interests so much and so directly depend on the extent to which the public travel and use the rail.

3. The Board are well aware that the whole Local Funds of the district are allotted for the year on works of importance, whilst, if there were any unallotted surplus, there are many other works to which it should at once be devoted. There are consequently no Local Funds available for Railway Chuttrums, and the funds expected in 1868-69, as the Budget for that year to be submitted very shortly will shew, are also fully appropriated.

The plans and estimates are returned.

4. I beg to enclose copy of a Memorandum from the Acting Head Assistant Collector on the subject, with reference to his division.

Remarks.

Beyypore.—There is hardly any public accommodation available.

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The whole of the ground about the station is taken up by the Railway premises, and there might be some difficulty in getting a suitable site, save at some little distance.

A Chuttrum is very much wanted for native travellers.

The Station Hotel meets the wants of Europeans.

Perpenangadi.—A small station; public accommodation not required at present.

Tanur.—There is a Government Musafarkhana some 200 yards from the station. There are many native houses in the vicinity. The Mapilla town of Tanur is half a mile or so from the station, and a public choultry has recently been erected by subscription by the people.

Further public accommodation not required.

Tirur.—There is little accommodation, public or private, available nearer than Betatpudian-gadi, two and a half miles off. There, there is a Chuttrum.

A site could be had near the station, and the erection of a Chuttrum is desirable.

It would be well to have also a small rest-house suitable for European travellers, as the water communication to Cochin starts from this station.

Kuttipuram.—There is a Chuttrum at Kangapoya, about half a mile from the station. The station is little frequented.

Further public accommodation not required.

Pattambi.—There is a Chuttrum near this station.

Shoranoor.—Accommodation is obtainable without difficulty in the villages or houses to be found near this station; and the absence, consequently, of a Chuttrum here is not felt by travellers. Further, the passenger trains pass this station only during the day time, and do not stop at it for any length of time.

Ootapalam.—There is a Chuttrum near this station.

Lackady.—Accommodation is obtainable without difficulty in the villages or houses to be found near this station, and the absence, consequently, of a Chuttrum here is not felt by travellers. Further, the passenger trains pass this station only during the day time, and do not stop at it for any length of time.

Parly.—As above.

Palghaut.—There are bazaars and native houses near the station, and accommodation is obtainable on payment by Brahmins and Sudras of high caste, at the village of Kalpatti, about one mile from the station. A good site for a Chuttrum could be had close to the station.

A Chuttrum is desirable, but the need is not emergent.

Vide also Head Assistant Collector's Memorandum.

Kanjikode.—One or two Chuttrums exist near this station.

Walliar.—As above.

(Signed) G. A. BALLARD,
Collector.

Memorandum from the Acting Head Assistant Collector, to the Collector of Malabar, dated Palghaut, 9th August 1867, No. 308.

Adverting to the Collector's Memorandum, No. 1,635, dated 10th July last, the Acting Head Assistant Collector has the honor to state that of the Railway Stations (as shewn in the margin) within this division, accommodation in the way of Chuttrums exists near the Walliar, Kanjikode,

Ootapalam, and Pattambi Railway Stations. At the others accommodation can be had without difficulty in the villages or houses to be found close by. The Acting Head Assistant Collector is of opinion that no Chuttrums or resting-houses are required in any of the stations in his division, as the train which brings passengers does not stop at any of the stations for a length of time as would induce through-travellers to seek resting-houses at any of the stations, while travellers who leave

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the train at any station find accommodation in the neighbourhood. Persons arriving can also often reach their village or destination on the same day, as none of the trains pass at a late hour.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 2 to 7.—Plans and Estimates.

1. In the Order of Government, dated 28th June 1867, No. 1,439, communicating their Proceedings in the Public Works Department, dated 22nd idem, on the subject of constructing Chuttrums at certain Railway Stations, the Board were desired to consider and report what assistance could be afforded from Local Funds towards their erection. These orders were forwarded to the Collectors concerned for report, and their replies are recorded above.

*Arconum.
Vellore.
Arcot.

2. The Collector of North Arcot states that of the three Chuttrums,* proposed to be built in his district, that at Arconum has by far the first

claim to attention, as it is the point from which three lines of railway radiate, and the influx of native travellers is very large and constant; but as the Chuttrum would be for the accommodation of the general travelling public, and not a place of mere local resort, he proposes that only one-third of the estimated cost of the work should be charged to Local Funds.

3. The propriety of the Local Funds bearing a portion of the charge being admitted by the Collector, the question of the proportion which they should bear is a matter of minor importance. On the principle already adopted by Government in the case of the Errode Chuttrum, the Board recommend that a moiety of the charge, viz, Rupees 3,150, may be allowed from the current year's reserve.

4. As regards the other two Choultries, Mr. Robinson is of opinion that they might stand over for a year or two longer, without much inconvenience to native travellers, and that the contribution from the Local Funds towards their construction might fairly be set down at half their cost. The Board trust that a provision for these Choultries may be made in the coming year's Budget.

5. The Collector of Salem reports that the charges on account of the Railway Chuttrums in his district cannot be met from the Local Funds, as the whole amount available has been allotted to different works which are properly chargeable to that source. He, however, proposes that the Chuttrums at the Salem and Jolarpet stations, be erected from the surplus of the Toppur Chuttrum endowment which, up to the end of last year, amounted to more than 17,000 Rupees.

6. This Chuttrum was endowed by the Mysore Government in 1698-99, with an annual money allowance of Rupees 1,750, which was continued when the country came under British rule. The original object of the grant was to provide both for the repair of the Choultry and for food for pilgrims and others travelling from Benares to Ramasweram by the Toppur ghaut. In 1851, abuses were reported to exist in the management of the Chuttrum, and the Government in their Order, dated 24th June 1851, No. 1,432, authorized the discontinuance of the distribution of food, and a reduction in the establishment, but at the same time expressed their intention to keep the building itself in repair.

7. In 1860, the Chuttrum having fallen into serious disrepair, an estimate for the construction of a new one was submitted by the late Chief Engineer,

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Department of Public Works, but it was returned with an intimation that except

Board's Proceedings, dated 17th December 1860, No. 5,917.

repairing the old Choultry to the extent necessary, no further step should be taken in the matter, till experience should have indicated the direction in which traffic was likely to be mainly developed by the opening of the railway. From the Collector's present letter, it appears that no repairs even have since been made to the Chuttrum, and that it is now almost in ruins. The Board have, however, on the recommendation of the

Board's Proceedings, dated 6th November, 1865, No. 7,112.

Collector, allowed one Bangalore Venkatachelliah, the Abkarry Renter of Salem, to restore the Chuttrum at his own cost, and Mr. Pochin now states that the establishment and lighting, which cost Rupees 198 per annum, has been discontinued from the 1st July 1867.

8. Under the above circumstances, the Board see no objection to the appropriation of the Toppur Chuttrum Funds

	RS.
Sooramungalum	5,800
Jolarpet... .. .	4,900
	10,700

to the erection of the Chuttrums named in the margin, and request that the Government will be pleased to accord their sanction to the arrangement.

9. Of the two Chuttrums proposed to be erected in the Coimbatore District, the one at Pothanoor has been abandoned, as a wealthy native undertook to erect a Chuttrum at that station at his own expense.

10. The second at Errode is now estimated to cost Rupees 6,000. As directed in the Orders of Government marginally noted, a moiety of this amount is provided for in the second Supplemental District Road Fund Budget of the current official year, which was submitted for the sanction of Government, with the Board's Proceedings, dated 6th November 1867, No. 7,246.

11. In paragraph 3 of their Proceedings, dated 28th June 1866, No. 1,579, the Government remarked that the site selected for this Chuttrum was too small, but from the Collector's second letter recorded above, it appears that Mr. Grant is satisfied, from his own personal observation, that the space selected is quite sufficient.

12. The original amount of the estimate was Rupees 7,200, but it has now been reduced to Rupees 6,000, according to the revised plan of the Chuttrum prepared by the Superintending Engineer. The Board approve of the revised plan, and accordingly recommend the reduced amount for the sanction of Government. The estimate and plan are submitted.

13. The Collector of Malabar states that the Local Funds of his district are so urgently required for communications and really local purposes, that he must deprecate trenching upon them for the cost of the erection of Railway Chuttrums, which, in his opinion, should be undertaken by Government and the Railway authorities. Mr. Ballard submits a list of Railway Stations with a remark opposite

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to each station, shewing the extent of the accommodation available for Railway passengers.

14. Of the three Chuttrums mentioned in Government Order, Public Works Department, dated 22nd June 1867, No. 1,439, as appertaining to the Malabar District, that at Beypore is most needed; while the erection of those at Tirur and Palghaut, though desirable, may conveniently be postponed. The provision of accommodation at the remaining stations, referred to in Mr. Ballard's list, does not seem necessary either from the circumstance of there being other Chuttrums in existence, or from their proximity to villages, where the travelling public generally obtain accommodation without difficulty.

15. Whatever may be the force of the argument of the Collector as to the impropriety of charging to the Local Funds for any portion of the cost of these Chuttrums, the Board are not disposed to depart from the principle laid down in the case of the Errode Chuttrum.

16. In Government Order, Public Works Department, dated 6th July 1867, No. 2,022, the estimated cost of the Chuttrum at Beypore is given as follows:—

	RS.
Family Choultry	2,880
General do.	1,800
Two latrines for Choultry and for the bazaars, at 700 Rupees each	1,400
Total...	6,080

The family choultry and the latrine for it, at a total cost of Rupees 3,580, were sanctioned in Government Order, Public Works Department, dated 21st January 1865, No. 201. Estimates for the general Chuttrum and for the latrine near the bazaar at Beypore, amounting in the aggregate to Rupees 2,500, are herewith submitted for the approval of Government, and the Board accordingly resolve to request that sanction may be accorded for a moiety of the total estimated cost of the Chuttrum and latrines, viz., Rupees 3,040, from the current year's reserve of the District Road Fund.

17. To summarize the above, sanction is solicited for the undermentioned works being carried out from the source indicated opposite each:—

<i>North Arcot</i> Chuttrum at Arconum, moiety of the estimated cost, Rupees 3,150.	To be met from the current year's District Road Fund Reserve.
<i>Salem</i> Chuttrum at Salem and Jollarett, Rupees 5,800 and 4,900.	To be met from the Toppur Chuttrum surplus funds.
<i>Coimbatore</i> Chuttrum at Errode, moiety of the estimated cost, Rupees 3,000.	Provided for in the second Supplemental District Road Fund Budget.
<i>Malabar</i> Chuttrum at Beypore, moiety of the estimated cost, viz., Rupees 3,040.	To be met from the current year's District Road Fund Reserve.

Also for the estimates, amounting in the aggregate to Rupees 8,500, for the Chuttrums at Errode and Beypore, and for the latrine near the bazaar at the latter place.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
16th December 1867.

It will of course be necessary to provide from the Imperial Budget Rs. 3,150 for North Arcot, and 6,040 for Malabar and Coimbatore, to meet the balance of cost of the Chuttrums in these three districts.

No. 293. ORDER THEREON, 16th December 1867, No. 2,993.

Miscellaneous.

1. The Government sanction the provision from the District Road Funds of the moiety of the estimated cost of the Chuttrums to be erected at Arconum, Errode and Beypoor, the amount so appropriated aggregating Rupees 9,190, and to be met by a corresponding grant from Imperial Funds in the Public Works Budget.

2. The provision of Rupees 10,700 from the accumulated Topoor Chuttrum Endowment Fund, now in deposit, for the erection of Chuttrums at Salem and Jolarpet Railway Stations, is also sanctioned.

3. The plans and estimates, which seem suitable, will be transferred to the Public Works Department for sanction and for the necessary orders to provide the balance of the cost from Imperial Funds, with reference to Proceedings of Government in that Department, dated 22nd June 1867, No. 1,874.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

It will of course be necessary to provide from the Imperial Budget Rupees 3,150 for North Arcot, and 6,040 for Malabar, to meet the balance of cost of the Chuttrums in these two Districts.

(True Copies and Extract.)

Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with plans and estimates.

„ the Collector of North Arcot.
„ the Collector of Salem.
„ the Collector of Coimbatore, with one enclosure.
„ the Collector of Malabar.
„ the Superintending Engineer, Fourth Division.
„ the Superintending Engineer, Fifth Division.
„ the Superintending Engineer, Seventh Division.

Exd. J. Wright.

The Govt. sanction the provision from the District Road Funds of the moiety of the estimated cost of the Chuttrums to be erected at Arconum, Errode, & Beypoor - the amount aggregating Rs. 9,190. & to be met by a corresponding grant from Imperial Funds in the P.W. Budget.

The provision of Rs. 10,700 from the accumulated Topoor Chuttrum Endowment Fund now in deposit for the erection of Chuttrums at Salem & Jolarpet Railway Stations is also sanctioned.

The plans & estimates of the same will be transferred to the P.W.D. for sanction & for the necessary orders to provide the balance of the cost from Imperial Funds - with reference to Proceedings of Govt. in that Dept. of 22 June 67. No. 1,874.

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