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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 21st February 1867.

No. 276. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 13th February 1867, No. 875.

Read the following letter from the Collector of North Arcot, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Chittoor, 26th January 1867, No. 18 :—

Dated 23rd January 1867, No. 14.

1. In forwarding the accompanying copy of a letter from my Acting Head Assistant, I have the honor to request that the sanction of Government may be obtained to frame the necessary estimate for repairing and improving the Head Assistant's Cutcherry, which it has been roughly computed can be done for Rupees 500.

2. I know the building, (the property of Government,) and think the improvements and additions which Mr. Wilkinson proposes are most desirable. The building, as it stands at present, is quite unsuited to the class of cases to which Mr. Wilkinson more particularly alludes, and is indeed ill-adapted for the transaction of the more ordinary business of the Office.

3. If it can be done, I should be glad to be favored with sanction for the immediate execution of the work, in anticipation of a regular plan and estimate being submitted, as soon as the Range Officer can undertake their preparation.

From the Acting Head Assistant Collector of North Arcot, to the Collector of North Arcot, dated Ranepett, 23rd January 1867, No. 14.

1. I have the honor to request you will obtain the sanction of the Board to the expenditure of a sum of Rupees 500, in the repair and improvement of my Cutcherry.

2. The repair of the roof is much required, and Mr. Booth informs me that tiles require to be taken off and fresh rafters put in many places, or the whole will collapse.

3. The improvements I contemplate are merely a raised dais for the Magistrate, a witness box and a railed box for prisoners, without which no Court in a Presidency Town would be for a week, and I think you will agree with me, that in a large place like Arcot, on the line of rail, where many large cases with Counsel on both sides come on for hearing weekly, a Court should have these few additions, which certainly add to appearance of the administration of Justice, and prevent the anomaly of a Magistrate sitting at the same table with the Vakeels, or of the witness and prisoners being mixed up with the people in Court who may wish to hear the case.

4. I have submitted with this no estimate, as the present time, when the whole of the Office are out on Jummahbundy, is such a favorable time for the execution of the necessary repairs, that the expediency of their commencement at once is obvious, and as Mr. Booth tells me that he is sure the whole expense will not exceed Rupees 500, and that he will submit an estimate as soon as possible ; but at the close of the official year he has so many necessary estimates to get ready, that the preparation of this may be delayed for a week or two. Under these circumstances I would request you to obtain the early sanction of the Board to the expenditure of the above amount, that the work may be put in hand at once.

Submitted for the sanction of Government, as a special case. The estimate should be forwarded through the Public Works Department.

No. 277. ORDER THEREON, 21st February 1867, No. 424.

Miscellaneous.

The Government approve the proposed work, but the usual course must be observed for the submission of estimates.

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Public Works Department.
Lxd. S. T. Augustin.

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The Civil Engineer approves
the proposed work but the usual
conditions must be observed for
the submission of Estimates.

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21st October 1897

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