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Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 20th March 1867.

No. 327. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 8th March 1867, No. 1,437.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Nellore, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 21st January 1867, No. 10:—

1. With reference to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 29th June 1866, No. 4,436, stating that they will be prepared to forward to Government, with their recommendation, the plan and estimate for the erection of a Salt Cutcherry at Krishnapatam on the model of the Madura buildings, I have the honor to forward the plan received from the Collector of Madura, together with an estimate, amounting to Rupees 1,100, prepared by the Executive Engineer of the Nellore Range for constructing a new Cutcherry.

2. I enclose a copy of Mr. Smith's letter, dated 8th instant, No. 288, forwarding the estimate; and request that the Board will be pleased to obtain early sanction for proceeding with the work, as part of the present building is reported to have fallen down.

From the Executive Engineer, 1st or Nellore Range, to the Collector of Nellore, dated Camp at Sarvapelly, 8th January 1867, No. 238.

1. As requested in your letter, No. 284 of 11th ultimo, I have the honor to submit an estimate, amounting to Rupees 1,100, for constructing a Salt Cutcherry at Krishnapatam.

2. In the standard plan you were so good as to forward for my guidance, no windows are shewn; I have allowed for two to be fixed in the positions marked A. and B. on it; if you consider these superfluous, the estimate will be reduced to Rupees 1,079.

In pencil.

3. You will observe, the estimate provides for the masonry being of brick and chunam *throughout*, and the doors, windows, and bressummers of teak; the first outlay may appear high but ultimately it will be found more economical than building with cheaper and inferior materials.

4. The plan that accompanied your letter, No. 299 of 21st ultimo, is herewith returned.

Enclosure No. 2.

Abstract.—Plan of Salt Cutcherry at Sholiagoody, Madura District.

Enclosure No. 3.

Abstract.—Estimate for a Salt Cutcherry to be built at Krishnapatam.

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1. In the Budget Statements of Salt Works, submitted by the Collector in January 1865, and entered in Board's Proceedings, dated 21st July 1865, No. 4,226, a sum of Rupees 1,000 was included as the estimated cost for building a new Salt Cutcherry at Krishnapatam.

2. This item was approved by the Board; and Government, in their Proceedings dated 16th June 1865, No. 1,676, Public Works Department, called for an estimate for this and other works.

Letter No. 256, dated 26th October 1865.

3. The Collector accordingly submitted a plan and estimate for a new Salt Cutcherry which was to cost Rupees 1,907. The Board considering this estimate too high requested the Collector to obtain a plan of the Cutcherry at Madura, which cost only Rupees 120.

Board's Proceedings, No. 7,514, dated 23rd November 1865.

4. Mr. Dykes obtained the plan, but in his letter dated 24th April 1866, No. 115, he observed that the requirements of the Salt Cutcherry at Krishnapatam called for a more commodious building than that which was found sufficient in Madura where the building was merely used as a place of sale; and pointed out, moreover, that while the first estimate forwarded provided for a building of permanent materials, the Madura Cutcherry was built merely of mud and palmyra leaves.

5. The Collector was then informed* that he was mistaken in supposing that the Madura Cutcherries were only places of sale, as they were the Division Cutcherries in which the cash chests and records were secured; and he was requested to report whether there were any special reasons why the simpler plan adopted for the Madura building would not answer equally well at Krishnapatam.

* Board's Proceedings, No. 3,570, dated 22nd May 1866.

6. The reasons given by the Collector† not being deemed sufficient by the Board, he was requested to forward, for transmission to Government, a plan and estimate on the model of the Madura building. This he has now done, and although the price is still very much in excess of the cost of the Madura Cutcherry, still, as the new building is to be of durable materials, and is, therefore, likely to be more permanent than the cheaper kind, the Board recommend the plan for the sanction of Government.

† Letter No. 164, dated 31st May, recorded in Board's Proceedings, No. 4,435, dated 29th June 1866.

No. 328. ORDER THEREON, 20th March 1867, No. 662.

Separate Revenue, No. 19.
Salt.

1. Approved.
2. Orders will be issued in the Public Works Department for the execution of the work.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 7,514.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 23rd November 1865.

Read the following letter from J. W. B. DYKES, Esq., Collector of Nellore, to R. A. DALYELL, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 26th October 1865, No. 256:—

1. At the request of the Superintending Engineer of the Division, I have the honor to submit a plan, estimate, and specification report for constructing a new Salt Cutcherry at Krishnapatam, and request that the Board will be pleased to pass it on with their approval for the sanction of Government in due course.

2. The necessity for this building having been explained in my letter to the Board of the 21st January last, No. 16, (paragraph 4,) it was recognised* by them, and included in the Salt Works Budget of the current year; and the Government in paragraph 3 of their Order, Public Works Department, 16th June† 1865, No. 1,676, called for the estimate for this and other works for which they had not up to then received the estimates in the order of their importance.

* Board's Proceedings, dated 21st July 1865, No. 4,226.

† Board's Miscellaneous Circular, No. LXXVI., dated 30th June 1865.

3. Further explanation as to the necessity for the work would be superfluous, and it only remains for me to add that the plan adopted is the plan of the present Pakala and Dugarazupatnam Salt Cutcherries in this District, which are comparatively modern buildings, and are found to afford the requisite accommodation, and answer the purpose for which intended.

4. The Superintending Engineer informs* me that funds for the work will be applied for in the Budget for 1866-67, *now under preparation* in his office.

* His letter, No. 57, dated 13th October 1865.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Plan.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.—Estimate.

ENCLOSURE No. 3.—Detailed estimate.

ENCLOSURE No. 4.—Specification report.

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1. The Collector is requested to obtain a plan of the Madura Salt Cutcherry, and to report why the same plan cannot be adopted for the Cutcherry proposed to be constructed at Krishnapatam. The Board observe that the Madura Salt Cutcherry cost only 120 Rupees, and that it is approved by the Police Officer, and is convenient as being placed at the entrance to the platforms.

2. Mr. Dykes should put himself in communication with the Collector of Madura on the subject, without further delay.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

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

To J. W. B. Dykes, Esq., Collector of Nellore.

Exd. J. Wright.

1865. Department.

No.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated 23rd November 1865.

No. 7,514.

Requesting the Collector of Nellore to obtain a plan of the Madura Salt Cutcherry, and to report why the same plan cannot be adopted for the Cutcherry proposed to be constructed at Krishnapatnam.

No. 3,570.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 22nd May 1866.

Read the following letter from J. W. B. DYKES, Esq., Collector of Nellore, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Krishnapatnam, in Guduru Taluk, 24th April 1866, No. 115 :—

1. With reference to the Board's Proceedings of the 23rd November last, No. 7,514, I have the honor to state, that I put myself in communication with the Collector of Madura, and obtained from him a plan and estimate of the Salt Cutcherry referred to by the Board, which I enclose for their consideration.

2. The building is of sun-dried brick, and covered with palmyra leaf, and similar sheds can be put up in this District, at Krishnapatnam, for Rupees 159, which is about 18 Rupees more than the enclosed Madura estimate. The cost here would, however, vary at the different stations according to the distance from which the material required is procurable, but in no case is it thought would it exceed 200 Rupees, and the Acting Deputy Collector in charge of the Salt Department is of opinion, that sheds of this kind at all the places of sale would be a great convenience to the salt servants, who will be out in the sun the best and hottest part of the day, especially if the places of sale are to be concentrated as proposed by the Board.

3. The plan and estimate, however, forwarded for the Board's approval, with my letter of the 26th October last, recorded in the Board's Proceedings under reply, is for a Divisional Salt Cutcherry, where the records and in-door work of the Division were to be kept and performed and the treasury located, not for sheds for sales.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 1 and 2.—Plan and Estimate.

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1. Mr. Dykes is in error in supposing that the Madura Cutcherries built at the gateway or entrance to the salt platforms are only places of sale. They are the Division Cutcherries in which the cash chest and records are secured, and are highly approved by the Police as efficient and safe places of custody, quite secure, and easily guarded.

2. Mr. Dykes will, however, report if there are any special reasons which call for a superior building being erected at Krishnapatnam, and why the simpler Madura building will not do.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary.

To the Collector of Nellore,
with Plan and Estimate returned.

Exd. J. Wright.

No. 4,436.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 29th June 1866.

Read the following letter from J. W. B. DYKES, Esq., Collector of Nellore, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 31st May 1866, No. 164:—

1. In reply to the Board's Proceedings, dated 22nd instant, No. 3,570, requesting me to report if there are any special reasons which call for a superior building being erected for a Salt Cutcherry at Kristnapatam in this District, and why the simpler Madura building will not do, I have the honor to state that the platforms at Kristnapatam are at some distance from the village; there is no water available, and to have a Cutcherry so placed would be inconvenient.

2. The Cutcherry would be convenient for the Police on guard; but as regards the work to be done by the Gumastahs, and their walking out to the platform to write accounts, and conduct the current office work, the case is different.

The Board are of opinion that the reasons assigned by the Collector, for desiring to have an expensive building for the Salt Cutcherry at Kristnapatam, are by no means conclusive. For an establishment of equal strength, and for sales as extensive as at Kristnapatam, the Madura Cutcherries are found to be quite sufficiently commodious. All the office work at the Madura Pans is done in these buildings; and the Board see nothing in the nature or extent of the work at Kristnapatam to call for any more costly structure. The work of the Gumastahs should be done on the spot, and not at a distance from the Kotar. The Board will accordingly be prepared to forward to Government, with their recommendation, the plan and estimate of a Salt Cutcherry for Kristnapatam, on the model of the approved buildings adopted in Madura.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

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

To the Collector of Nellore.

Exd. J. Wright.

Requesting Collector of Nellore to report whether there are any special reasons for erecting at Kristnapatnam a Divisional Salt Cutcherry superior to those in Madura District.

No. 3,570.

Dated 22nd May 1866.

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No.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 29*th June* 1866.

No. 4,436.

Stating that the Board will be prepared to forward to Government with their recommendation the plan and estimate for the erection of a Salt Cutcherry at Kristnapatam Nellore on the model of the Madura buildings, as the reasons as signed by Collector for an expensive one not being conclusive.

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Copy to the Collector of Nellore.

Read, J. Wright,

No. 1,437.

Recommending with remarks for sanction estimate and Plan for construction of Salt Cutcherry at Krishnapatam Nellore district.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 8th March 1867.

No. 1,437.

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