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Sanctioning estimate for execution when funds are available estimate of Rs 20,499 for constructing a new Sea Customs House at Vizagapatam.

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Estimate of Rs. 20,499 for constructing a new — at Vizagapatam, sanctioned, with remark, for execution when funds are available..

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

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Read—the following papers :—

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Separate Revenue), Mis. No. 4431, dated 24th October 1896.

Read—again the following Board's Proceedings, Mis. No. 3866, dated 12th September 1896 :—

Read—letter from the Collector of Vizagapatam, Ref. on C. No. 2960, dated 26th August 1896.

Abstract.—Submitting plans and estimates for Rs. 21,100 for constructing a new Customs Office at Vizagapatam prepared by the Superintending Engineer, and requesting that the sanction of Government may be obtained to them.

Resolution—Mis. No. 3866, dated 12th September 1896.

The Collector is requested to consider whether it would not be better to have the Sea Custom Collector's room at the south-east instead of the north-east corner. Observation of what was going on at the backwater and on the sands where the manganese ore is now stocked would be improved by the alteration.

2. If this were done, the stairs might lead from the yard instead of from the open street as under the present arrangements.

3. The total cost is high, but a good deal of accommodation is provided for the Marine Department and for the Landing and Shipping Dues clerk. The Presidency Port Officer is requested to state whether he would consent to pay rent for the portion which his department occupies, say, Rs. 25 per mensem. The Collector is requested to ascertain whether the Landing and Shipping Dues Committee will pay a similar monthly contribution.

4. The attention of the Presidency Port Officer is called to the possibility of shifting the flagstaff to a position close to the new Custom House. The Board believes that no practical inconvenience to vessels approaching from the south would be caused by the change.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) EDMUND MILLETT,
Assistant Secretary.

Read—also the following letter from the Collector of Vizagapatam, Ref. on C. No. 3488, dated 12th October 1896 :—

In reply to Board's Proceedings (Separate Revenue), Mis. No. 3866, dated 12th ultimo, I have the honour to state that I agree with the Board in considering that it would be better to have the Sea Customs Collector's room at the south-east instead of the north-east corner. The Superintending Engineer, I Circle, who has been consulted by me, however, states that it was never intended to build the upper story end to the north. A copy of his letter, No. 514 V.Z., dated 8th instant, is submitted herewith for the Board's information.

2. Referring to paragraph 3, I beg to report that the Landing and Shipping Dues Committee is willing to pay rent for the rooms used by it, as prescribed by the rules laid in the Public Works Department Code, chapter X, paragraph 28, subject to a minimum of Rs. 10 per mensem. A copy of its resolution is enclosed.

3. The plans and estimates returned with the Board's Proceedings under reply are resubmitted herewith.

Read—also the following letter from the Presidency Port Officer, Madras, No. 1780/1984 M., dated 20th October 1896 :—

With reference to Board's Proceedings (Separate Revenue), Mis. No. 3866, dated 12th September 1896, I have the honour to state that I have no objection to the proposed contributions on account of rent being met equally from the District Port Fund and from the Landing and Shipping Dues Fund of Vizagapatam Port.

2. With regard to the proposed new site for the flagstaff at Vizagapatam, I think the present one is the most suitable, as a better view of vessels approaching the port is obtained therefrom.

Resolution—Mis. No. 4431, dated 24th October 1896.

The plans and estimates for the construction of a new Custom House at Vizagapatam are submitted to Government, with reference to G.O., Mis. No. 1462, Revenue, dated 10th April 1896.

2. The estimate amounts to Rs. 21,100 and includes Rs. 2,000 for compensation for land. The amount is somewhat large, but the Board thinks that it would not be advisable to erect a building barely sufficient for present needs at a place, the importance of which as a port is likely to increase as rapidly as Vizagapatam probably will. A considerable portion of the cost will also be covered by receipts as the Landing and Shipping Dues Committee has agreed to pay rent for the rooms used by it according to the rules laid down in the Public Works Department Code, chapter X, paragraph 28, and the Presidency Port Officer is willing to pay rent for accommodation provided for the Superintendent of Sea Customs in his capacity of Port Officer for the District Port Fund. These contributions will probably come to about Rs. 50 per mensem, which capitalized at 7½ per cent. to provide for repairs would come to Rs. 8,000.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) EDMUND MILLETT,
Assistant Secretary.

Mis. No. 4632, Revenue.

The plan and estimates are approved and transferred to the Public Works Department.

2. The Cuddapah slabs seem unnecessary at a place so many hundreds of miles from Cuddapah.

Fort St. George,
17th November 1896.

(Signed) LIONEL DAVIDSON,
Ag. Under Secretary to Government.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Separate Revenue), Mis. No. 354, dated 29th January 1897.

Read—G.O., Routine No. 58, Revenue, dated 11th January 1897.

Resolution—Mis. No. 354, dated 29th January 1897.

In reply to the Government Order read above, the Board begs to explain that its reasons for believing that the trade of Vizagapatam is likely to increase rapidly are as follows.

2. Notwithstanding the completion of the East Coast Railway and consequent decrease in the import of railway materials, the total value of the trade for the last three years has been as follows:—

	Rs.
1893–94	29,04,455
1894–95	31,88,227
1895–96	38,83,221
1896–97 to end of December	32,41,366

During the past year about 48,000 tons of manganese ore was exported. It is understood that the company concerned expect to ship 80,000 tons during 1897.

3. The Board has heard that the Maharaja of Vizianagram has undertaken to guarantee the interest on the cost of constructing the smaller Vizagapatam harbour project and that proposals on the subject will shortly be laid before Government.

4. It is also understood that a concession for the construction of a broad gauge line from Vizianagram to Párvatípuram has been granted to Mr. H. G. Turner and that a similar concession has been refused in the case of his proposed railway from Vizianagram to Bimlipatam, the Secretary of State declining to allow anything but a narrow gauge line for this project. This will render the construction of the proposed Bimlipatam railway impossible except at a heavy loss, as once the heavy traffic of the interior gets into the broad gauge wagon it will not tranship or to a different gauge leading to an inferior port. The result will be the transfer of all the Bimlipatam trade to Vizagapatam at an early date.

5. The Board trusts that the facts mentioned above will be considered sufficient to justify its remark as to the probability of a rapid increase in the trade of Vizagapatam.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) EDMUND MILLETT,
Assistant Secretary.

Mis. No. 915, Revenue.

Transferred to the Public Works Department with reference to its memorandum No. 33 C., dated 5th January 1897.

15th February 1897.

(Signed) G. STOKES,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

Note by the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department.

The provision made in the estimate for Cuddapah slabs for cornice work has been omitted and ordinary cornice work substituted with reference to paragraph 2 of the endorsement in the Revenue Department, Mis. No. 4632, dated 17th November 1896. This substitution will reduce the estimate by Rs. 736.

2. The sections of the rolled steel girders being slight, they have been increased as shown below and will entail an extra cost of Rs. 135:—

(*a*) Customs, Landing and Shipping clerk's rooms, 15″ × 5″ against 12″ × 5″ provided in the estimate.

(*b*) Customs godown for consignment, 13″ × 5″ against 10″ × 4½″ provided in the estimate.

(*c*) Collector's room, upper floor, 15″ × 6″ against 12″ × 5″ provided in the estimate.

3. The estimate as thus revised is recommended for sanction.

(Signed) D. McNEIL CAMPBELL, Col., R.E.,
4th December 1896. Chief Engineer.

ORDER—No. 680 W., dated 9th March 1897.

The estimate, amounting to Rs. 20,499, as altered by the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, for constructing a new Sea Customs House at Vizagapatam is sanctioned for execution when funds are available.

2. Attention is drawn to the Chief Engineer's note recorded above.

3. This sanction has been registered as Provincial No. 158 W. of 1896–97 and classified as Civil Buildings—Original Works.

(True Extract.)

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, I Circle, with thirteen enclosures.
„ Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
„ Revenue Department.

Exd. C. M. Thumbuswamy.

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