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Approving with remarks the Board's proposals for utilizing as a general storehouse of stationery the Tondiarpet Distillery building recently vacated by the lessee Mr. Ry. C. Balakrishna Mudaliar.

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Submitting to Government proposals for the disposal of the Tondiarpet distillery building recently vacated by the lessee M.R.Ry. C. Balakistna Mudaliar by making it a General Store House of stationery, forms, tents, clothing, machines and other articles required by the Salt, Abkári and Customs Department.

ACCOUNTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
23 MAR 98
MADRAS

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE

(Separate Revenue).

Read—the following letter from BRYCE McMASTER, Esq., Acting Deputy Commissioner of Salt, Abkári and Customs Department, Central Division, to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Salt, Abkári and Separate Revenue, dated 24th January 1898, No. 404:—

With reference to Board's Proceedings, Sub. No. 6647, dated 18th December 1897, I have the honour to report that M.R.Ry. Balakristna Mudaliar vacated the Tondiarpet distillery premises on the 31st August 1897, but that he has paid rent only up to 31st May 1897, so that three months' rent is still due from him. The Inspector, Madras Town Circle, reports that demand notices have been issued to him but without any effect. However, as there is a deposit of Rs. 10,000 in our hands, the amount can be deducted from it, when repayment is ordered.

2. The buildings have not been made over in the same condition as that in which they were taken over as alterations have been made in them by the Distiller for the purpose of erecting still Nos. 1, 2 and 3 and for imbedding the wash tubs reported in my letter No. 5975, dated 15th October 1897. These alterations have to be set right at the expense of the distiller. Besides the alterations, the following repairs are necessary:—

(i) Plastering portion of the walls in and out of the building including compound walls.

(ii) White-washing throughout.

(iii) Petty repairs to doors, windows and gates, &c.

(iv) Cleaning the compound.

The Inspector, Madras Town Circle, has been requested to prepare an estimate for the above repairs which will be submitted to the Board as soon as received. In this connection, I request the Board's orders as to whether the alterations made by the distiller should be set right at his expense.

3. As regards the disposal of the building, I suggest that it may be used as a place of storage for clothing, tents, stationery and printed forms for the whole Presidency and that a suitable establishment may be appointed to look after them. The Inspector, Madras Town Circle, reports that the building is suitable for the purpose and that there will be sufficient room to provide quarters for an Assistant Inspector, a Sub-Inspector and hutting for some peons. If the Board will approve of this, I shall submit an estimate for effecting such alterations as may be necessary together with a proposition statement.

4. There are 65 cocoanut trees within the compound and since the evacuation of the premises by the Distiller, these trees are not being watered. I have directed the Inspector to at once arrange that this is done or else that the trees are rented out on condition that the renter waters them and trust my action is approved.

Resolution—No. 73, dated 5th March 1898.

The Board begs to submit to Government the following proposals for the disposal of the Tondiarpet distillery building recently vacated by the lessee, M.R.Ry. C. Balakistna Mudaliar.

2. As Government is aware, a large portion of the forms and registers required by the department is already printed by the Government Press and supplied, together with a large number of miscellaneous stores, on indent to offices up-country. The only place of storage for the stationery and other articles is a portion of the lower story of the Chepauk Palace buildings—an inconvenient place on account of its distance both from the Government Press and the railway stations—which is a source of considerable expense in cart-hire,—and much too small for the purpose intended. For the latter of these reasons the Board has had for some time to put off bringing into operation a scheme for concentrating the remainder of such printing as is of a general nature in Madras, thereby ensuring uniformity in forms and saving a considerable sum in striking charges in the District Presses.

3. In addition to these difficulties in the way of keeping stores in the Board's office, the Board will shortly require one of the two rooms in question for an extension of the record-room; and it has a proposal from the Postmaster-General before it to establish a branch Post Office in the other. In these circumstances it proposes to transfer the existing stock of stationery and forms and miscellaneous stores to the distillery building which is well suited and well situated for the purpose (being quite secure and close to the Mint Buildings) and, as soon as possible, to arrange for the concentration in Madras of all the printing of the Department as far as possible and the storage of the forms printed in the same place.

4. The clothing, tents and machines ordered by the Department are being stored at the Madras Depôt where there is no accommodation except that provided for machines in use (which suffer by the arrangement); and the Board proposes to transfer these stores also to Tondiarpet, thus making the distillery building a general store-house for all articles which are issued from Madras on indents. The Board, therefore, requests the sanction of Government to this arrangement and to such slight alterations in the building as may be necessary. The total cost of the same will be less than Rs. 500.

5. As regards the establishment necessary for checking indents and receiving and issuing stores the Board makes the following proposals. The present establishment in its own office consists of one clerk on Rs. 20 and a lascar on Rs. 8, the work being supervised by the Cash-keeper. Having regard to the magnitude of the operations under the Credit System which at present form part of the latter officer's duties the Board considers that, as far as he is concerned, the relief from supervision of form work is one to which he is fairly entitled and in addition that he should be allowed to retain the clerk, who has been giving such time as he could to the credit work even under the old arrangement, as well. The amount of credits outstanding in the Board's books at present amounts to no less than 58 lacs and it is too much to expect that the Cash-keeper with a single assistant should continue to do the account work for all this with the promptitude that has to be insisted upon. The lascar may be transferred to the new store-house. For carrying out the orders of the Clothing Committee a Sub-Inspector and three peons have been sanctioned under G.O., No. 3962, Revenue, dated 2nd October 1895. These men the Board considers should be transferred as they stand. The supervision in this case also has been an unfair burden on the Depôt Inspector, a great part of whose time is being taken from his legitimate duties in the arrangement and despatch of the tents, machines and clothing up-country; and he is fairly entitled to relief from the additional work which has thus been cast upon him.

6. It would be necessary, however, if the Board's proposal to transfer these stores to the distillery building is approved, to post a responsible officer to check the indents, &c., and generally do the duties hitherto performed by the Cash keeper of the Board's office and the Inspector of the Depôt circle. For this purpose the Board proposes the retention of the Assistant Inspector hitherto in charge of the distillery and would make him work directly under the orders of the Secretary. There will be full work for

such an officer if the issues of the various classes of stores are distributed throughout the year and there will be a considerable saving to set against the Assistant Inspector's pay in the items of cart-hire from the Government Press to the Board's office and back and of striking charges at District Presses. In these circumstances, the Board trusts that Government will see its way to sanction the proposal.

7. The necessary proposition statements in duplicate ~~are~~ enclosed.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. TODHUNTER,
Acting Secretary.

(True Copy.)

Ag. ~~Asst.~~ Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with proposition statements (through the Accountant-General), Madras.

Copy to the Deputy Commissioner of Salt, Abkári and Customs Department, Central Division.

Exd. P. Seetharam.

G.O. 3962 / 2.10.95.

C 4/5/98

B.P. No 73 dt 5.3.98 (C. No 2741)

To Say:.

The building in Tondiarpet (now hitherto utilized for a distillery, having been vacated by the distiller, who rented it for Rs 250 a month, the Board of Revenue proposes

(i) to utilize it as a general store-house for all articles, including forms issued on indent from Madras; and

(ii) to entertain an establishment consisting of an Assistant Inspr, a sub Inspector, a lascar and three peons for checking indents receiving and issuing stores.

2. The Sub-Inspector and three peons sanctioned for carrying out the orders of the Clothing Committee and the lascar doing duty in the Board's office will be utilized for this purpose. The only additional cost is in entertaining an Assistant Inspector on Rs 125. The total cost to Govt would be Rs 125 x 12 + 250 x 12 (rent) = Rs 4,500 a year.

3. The necessity for making these charges is fully explained by the Board

ward .. for orders whether the proposals may be approved.

Asst
5/98

The proposal is one that shd prove economical in the long run, besides the material advantages that it possesses

SK
7/5/98

1. Would it not be better at the A.I. shd have a clerk Rs 200 or 30 instead of a 6 Insps:—
When the dept was formed 3 S.Js were allowed spare. Are they still being kept on & what is being done with them? The idea was that they shd be available on special duty but there no required.

KD
5/5/98

To see:-

With reference to para 2 of N. this note, it is submitted that the three spare Sub. Inspectors are still retained. They are shown as attached to the Board's ~~now doing duty in the office of the Commissioner of Salt, Akkari~~ office ~~& Separate~~ — please see p. 255 of the Establishment list of the Salt, Akkari and Separate Revenue dept to put up; but whether they are doing duty in the office or are available for special duty is not known. For orders whether the Board may be asked.

KD
7/5/98

It may be assumed that they are so employed, but we may ask both the Hon'ble Members in the draft to the Govt.

SK 7/5/98

To see

Please see draft G.O. put up below for approval.

KD
9/5/98

Issue
SK 9/5/98

S.O. 73 dt 5-3-98 (Nos 2741)

G.O. No 2037 dt 9th May 1898.

The Board's proposals for utilizing as a general storehouse of stationery &c the Tondiarpet distilleries building, which has been recently vacated, are approved subject to the following remarks:-

(i) It should be reported whether it would not be better that the Assistant Inspector should have a clerk on Rs 25 or Rs 30 a month instead of a Sub. Inspector.

(ii) When the dept was organized, three sub. Inspectors were allowed as a reserve ~~and the idea then was that those~~ whose services ~~should be~~ might be available for special duty wherever and whenever required. It should be reported how their services are now being utilized.

KD
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