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No. 147. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Public Works Department, dated 10th September 1872, No. 2149 :—

Certain transfer and allotment of funds for the Cutcherries and Sub-Jails at Cooppum, Vencatagherry Cottah, and Arcot sanctioned with remarks.

No. 148. ORDER THEREON, 11th October 1872, No. 1398.

The Governor in Council sanctions an additional grant of Rupees (5,000) five thousand from the Provincial balance for the construction of the Cooppum and Vencatagherry Cottah Offices.

2. The Accountant-General will arrange for placing the amount at the disposal of the Department of Public Works.

(True Extract.)

Acting Under Secy. to Govt.

To the Public Works Department.
,, Magistrate of North Arcot.
,, Inspector-General of Jails.
,, Accountant-General.

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

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To

THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

&c., &c.,

Dated October, 11th.

Read.

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G. O., 11th October 1872, No. 1398.

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Sanctioning an additional grant of Rupees 5,00
from the Provincial balance for the construction
the Cooppum and Venkatagherry Cotteh Su
Magistrates' Offices.

Read the following letters :—

No. 137. From the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 3rd July 1872, No. 1,400 :—

ADVERTING to paragraph 3 of the Proceedings of Government, No. 244, dated 29th May 1872, I have the honour to report that the Acting Collector of North Arcot considers that the construction of Taluq Cutcherries and Sub-Jails at Cooppum, Venkatagherry Cotah, and Arcot should have preference over the other buildings provided in the Budget.

2. In the statement appended to my letter No. 1,134, dated 12th June 1872, I pointed out a net saving of Rupees 7,089 in the grants for the buildings provided in the current year's Budget. To this may be added a further sum of Rupees 10,000 to be taken from the allotment for the Cutcherry at Gooriattum, thus raising the available amount to Rupees 17,089, which may be distributed to the three buildings named by the Collector in the following proportions :—

			RS.
Taluq Cutcherry and Sub-Jail at Coo ppum			4,000
Do.	do.	at Venkatagherry Cotah	4,000
Do.	do.	at Arcot	9,089
			17,089

No. 138. From the Acting Collector of North Arcot, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Camp at Palmanair, 13th August 1872, No. 36.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your memorandum of the 2nd instant, and to inform you in reply that I am perfectly aware of the existence of the order to which you allude regarding incomplete works; but the Superintending Engineer having under instructions from Government, as contained in their Order in the Public Works Department, dated 29th May 1872, No. 244, requested my opinion as to whether I would propose any, and what, changes in regard to the buildings entered in the Budget, with a view to providing funds for the execution of those more urgently required, I informed that officer in my letter of the 20th June last, No. 156, that I was of opinion that the Cooppum, Venkatagherry Cotah, and Arcot Cutcherries and Subsidiary Jails demanded a priority of construction over the other new public buildings proposed to be constructed in this district.

2. The Collector has never been consulted prior to the preparation and submission of the Imperial Budget of this district by the Superintending Engineer of the division as to what buildings were more urgently required. Had this been done the three buildings above referred to would not only have long ago found place in the Budget but would now be in a fair way towards completion.

3. On the last occasion that I inspected the Sub-Magistrate's Office at Cooppum, I found that the accommodation afforded by the building was of the most disgraceful description. The office accommodation of the Sub-Magistrate consisted of an old verandah fast tumbling down with a pandal or thatched shed in front. There is only one long narrow room for the confinement of convicted and under trial prisoners, which is always occupied by male prisoners. I was informed on inquiry that any female prisoners, whether under trial or convicted, have to sleep outside with the constables, composing the guard, and I have received information that instances have occurred in which constables, taking advantage of the opportunity so afforded them, have behaved improperly toward the females thus placed in their custody. This information of course *may* be incorrect, but it is nevertheless quite possible, and by no means improbable, that female prisoners at the Cooppum Subsidiary Jail have been insulted while at the mercy of their guards; and I, therefore, consider it most advisable that this Cutcherry and Subsidiary Jail should be put in hand forthwith, and pushed on to completion as rapidly as possible.

4. The present building at Venkatagherry Cotah is anything but a suitable one for a Sub-Magistrate's Office. It is small and affords but little accommodation, and taking into consideration the insalubrity of the climate of that part of the district, it is very desirable that some better office accommodation should be provided both for the Sub-Magistrate and for the parties attending his Court; and I may here observe that Mr. Rhenius, Inspecting Post Master, has in his letter No. 1,475, dated 5th August 1872, brought prominently to my notice the extreme inadequacy of the accommodation now provided for the Post Office in the hovel that is dignified by the term Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry. The Deputy Post Master has to do his work sitting amongst, and crowded by, the parties attending the Sub-Magistrate's Office in Magisterial or Revenue cases. It is very necessary that in the new building a small additional room should be provided for the Deputy Post Master's Office.

5. The third building to the construction of which I would give preference is the Arcot Taluq Cutcherry. The present building is the oldest one of its kind in the district. It is a small old-fashioned mud building, quite unsuited to the requirements of the present time. It is fast falling to decay, and is not worth repairing. The taluq is, next to Wallajah, the largest and the most important in the whole district, and there is always a large concourse of people attending the office. I am strongly of opinion that its reconstruction should not be delayed. I may add that the Sub-Magistrate at Calastry has now a tolerably good Cutcherry, while the same official at Narrainavanam is extremely well accommodated in the old Taluq Cutcherry at that station. He is to be transferred to Poothoor when the new Cutcherry is built, but there need be no hurry in the matter; and as the sites for the new buildings have not yet been made over to the Public Works Department or the walls commenced, there will not be I hope much actual loss by letting the construction of the two Cutcherries stand over for some time longer.

6. The Superintending Engineer's letter No. 1,400, dated 3rd July 1872, which accompanied your memorandum under reply is herewith returned.

39. ORDER THEREON, 10th September 1872, No. 2,149.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 11.

THE sums necessary to complete the under-mentioned Cutcherries and Subsidiary Jails in North Arcot District in previous orders been allotted for them, namely :—

—	Estimate.	Previous Expenditure.	Balance to complete.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
lastry	10,810	6,216	4,594
andiwash	7,020	3,701	3,319
othoor	10,810	4,937	5,873
ipaty	7,190	5,586	1,605
ittoor	8,120	4,037	4,083

2. In addition to which appropriations towards the completion of two other r buildings have been made to the following extent, namely :—

—	Estimate.	Previous Expenditure.	Allotment.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
bloor	27,900	18,880	7,089
oeriattum	28,140	10,943	17,197

3. The Collector and Superintending Engineer now advocate allotments for other Cutcherries and Jails as follows, namely :—

—	Estimate.	Previous Expenditure.	Allotment.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
Cooppum	11,500	377	4,000
Venkatagherry Cotah	11,230	570	4,000
Arcot	24,900	6,656	9,000

4. But while the latter recommends a transfer of funds for Nos. 8 and 9 No. 6, the former would stop work with Nos. 1 and 3 on the ground that able accommodation is already available, and that the sites for the new dings have not yet been made over to the Public Works Department, or the s commenced. Considering the expenditure already charged against the dings, the Government presume there must be some mistake in this statement, request the Superintending Engineer to explain how matters really stand.

5. Meanwhile a transfer of Rupees 9,000 from No. 7 to No. 10 is sanctioned, Rupees 4,000 each allotted for Nos. 8 and 9, whereof Rupees 3,000 is available

from the Reserve under Civil Buildings, and provision of the remaining Rupees 5,000 will be taken into consideration in the Financial Department.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division.
,, Revenue Department.
,, Controller of Public Works Accounts.
,, Financial Department.
,, Judicial Department.
,, Collector of North Arcot.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

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To

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,

4TH DIVISION.

&c., &c., &c.

Dated September 10th.

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G. O., 10th September 1872 No. 2,149.

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