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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 17th March 1857.

No. 11. Read the following letter from GEORGE ELLIS, Esq., Register to the Court of Foujdaree Udalut; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, dated 21st February 1857, No. 13.

SIR,

1. With reference to the Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, dated the 29th September last, No. 1052, I am directed by the Judges of the Court of Foujdaree Udalut to forward, to be laid before the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, the accompanying copy of a letter from the Acting Session Judge of Salem, dated the 5th Ultimo, with its enclosures, submitting further information regarding the site selected for the new Jail and Court Houses, together with a detailed Estimate which accompanied the Acting Session Judge's letter of the 5th Instant.

2. The Acting Session Judge reports that Mr. Cherry will not accept less than Rupees 12,000 for his House, and that the estimated cost for converting it into Court Houses amounts to Rupees 2,500, making a total of Rupees 14,500; that the Collector has already purchased 90 acres of land on the site selected, for Rupees 1,154, of which 51 on one side of the public road is intended for the new Jail, and 39 on the other side for the new Court Houses, the cost for the erection of the latter according to the accompanying plan, with the proportionate cost of the ground, being estimated at Rupees 15,500, making a difference of Rupees 1,000.

3. The Acting Session Judge is of opinion that the erection of new Court Houses on the new site is in every respect preferable to the purchase of Mr. Cherry's house, as the character of this building is unsuited for the purpose, it being impossible to ensure a free circulation, the want of which has a tendancy to induce disease and unhealthiness.

4. He also [illegible] location of the Choultry within the boundaries of either the Courts or Jail compound, and is also [illegible] proposed new [illegible] erection of a Bazar is not needed, as one will speedily spring up, many persons being [illegible] rations. [illegible] for ground in the neighbourhood for this purpose. is provided for .

5. The Judges, I am desired to state, fully I am not of opin the Acting Session Judge's opinion, beg strongly to recommend the erection of [illegible] Choultry as a place of temporary [illegible] the ground purchased by the Collector in preference to the purchase of in my judgment as already stated, and, as the plan of the new Court Houses is in their opinion an excellent [illegible] the present [illegible] it be adopted, and that for the reasons urged by the Acting Session Judge, the whole of the ground purchased be retained as Government property.

(Signed) GEORGE ELLIS,

Register.

From C. W. READE, Esq., Acting Session Judge of Salem; to G. ELLIS, Esq., Register to the Court of Foujdaree Udalut, dated 5th January 1857, No. 2.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to acknowledge your letter of the 6th October last, transmitting for my information, copy of an Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, under date the previous 29th September, and requesting my early attention to the points referred to in paras: 3 and 4 of the Proceedings of Government. I am further requested in your letter to submit a plan of Mr. Cherry's house, together with an Estimate of the cost of alteration for converting it into a Court House.

2. The first point on which the Government desire definite information, is the extent of ground required. I learn from the Collector that he has already purchased 90 acres in the locality selected, of which 51 are on one side of the public road and 39 on the other.

Vide letter and Statement appended A.

3. I submit a plan No. 1, shewing the exact position of this ground relatively both to Salem and to the Shevaroy Hills, and the extent purchased is also particularized by the red dots, it will be seen that the proposed site of the new Jails is on the side marked B, that of the proposed Courts is marked A.

4. The present Court Houses, Jails, Civil and Criminal Jail Hospital, and all other Judicial buildings occupy a space covering acres 7½, but in addition to similar new buildings, it is proposed

by the Foujdaree Udalut to erect a Choultry and Bazar, the former for the use of the Vakeels and those attending the Courts, and the latter I persume as affording a ready means of obtaining supplies, but I am not of opinion that a Bazar is needed, one will speedily spring up, and I understand that many persons are already in treaty for ground in the neighbourhood for the very purpose, while in the plan submitted for the new Court Houses, adequate accommodation is provided under the same roof for all Officials and others connected with the Courts; but if by a Choultry is intended a building as the temporary abode of persons in attendance before the Courts, I do not think this should properly form any part of the present Estimates, but ought to be wholly distinct, its location moreover should rather be contiguous to the public street or Bazar, and not within the boundaries of either the Courts or the Jail compound.

5. The existing Court Houses and the Zillah Jail are too near to each other, and to this cause may be attributed the absence of due circulation of the air in and around the latter. The public road and the town bound the Jail on two sides, while the Civil Court Houses bound it on a third, hence it is obvious that the present space which both buildings occupy is wholly insufficient, and to the want of free circulation thus occasioned, much of the disease heretofore prevailing amongst the Prisoners at particular seasons may reasonably be traced. I am therefore of opinion that to obviate similar objections arising hereafter, the new Courts and Jail should be quite distinct from each other, and located as in the plan, so that the one may not possibly interfere with the free circulation of the air in and around the other; and as the entire site covering 90 acres has been purchased for Rupees 1,154 I do not think that this extent will prove more than it is desirable to retain as Government property.

6. If any portion is given up it will at once be bought by others, and all kinds of huts, houses and shops, from which the place is at present perfectly free, will soon shew themselves, and since sanitary grounds alone have induced the Government to incur the great expense of removing the Prisoners and the Court Establishments, it would be most unwise to run any risk merely to save the cost of a few acres of ground.

7. The vicinity of the new buildings will soon be thickly populated, people are sure to congregate as near as they can; hence by retaining all the ground as I propose, the great desideratum of keeping the masses at a proper distance is secured, and even if sickness were to visit the neighbourhood, the inmates of the Jails and of the Hospital as well as the servants of both Establishments might thus escape infection; a very reasonable expectation when we know the provocative as well as preventative causes of Cholera, and of other similar epidemics. I am therefore averse to relinquishing any portion of this land at present. When the required buildings are completed, the authorities will be in a position to judge of the propriety of doing so, and there will then be no difficulty in disposing of any surplus quantity, and at a higher rate than it has cost the State.

8. As observed in the Minutes of Consultation closely connected with the question of the extent of ground is another, namely, whether the new Court Houses are to be built or whether Mr. Cherry's house is to be bought, and had I been favorable to the latter arrangement, I should have avoided the foregoing details of my reasons advocating the purchase of so large an extent of land.

9. The Plans Nos. 2 and 3, show Mr. Cherry's house as it is and as it will appear with the alterations and additions required to render it suitable as a Court House for the Civil and Subordinate Judges.

10. The estimated cost of these alterations and additions, is entered in the Plan (3,) and amounts to Rupees 2,500. Mr. Cherry, the owner of the House will not accept a less sum than Rupees 12,000, vide letter annexed marked B, making the total cost of Mr. Cherry's property Rupees 14, 500.

11. The outlay to be incurred in erecting new Court Houses on the Plan* No. 4, which the Engineer has prepared in communication with myself is estimated at Rupees 15,000, the difference in favor of the purchase of Mr. Cherry's house is comparatively trifling, only Rupees 500, to which however must be added 500 Rupees, the proportionate cost of the new ground, while there can be no question as to the superior suitableness of the new Courts in every respect; I am therefore not pre-

*This is forwarded separately in a Tin case per Banghy.

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pared to recommend the purchase of Mr. Cherry's house, and it may be urged in further objection that its situation from the proposed Jails is more distant than will be the new Court houses as exhibited in plan 1. The extent of ground belonging to Mr. Cherry's house is about the same as will surround the new buildings.

12. It will be seen that the new Courts are in the form of a Latin cross, and the Engineer of the District approves of this plan, and it will, I think, be an excellent model for all future buildings of the kind. It is simple in its architecture, and combines under one roof every requisite for both Establishments, an advantage secured without the one in the least degree interfering with the other, while there will be free circulation and ventilation of air throughout the entire building, and on completion it promises to present an elegant and striking appearance.

13. It is true that Mr. Cherry's house can be made to answer all the purposes of a Court, but the character of the building not being suited, every thing must necessarily be confined, and it is impossible to ensure that free circulation and ventilation which is so desirable in this country, and the want of which must have a tendency to induce disease and unhealthiness.

14. I would draw attention to the remarks of Mr. Gahagan‡ on this point, he is of opinion with me that in every way the proposed new Court Houses will far exceed in actual value the excess of their cost over and above the sum to be paid for and expended on the property of Mr. Cherry, while the superior suitableness of the one to the other admits of no question, it therefore only rests with the Government to decide whether these advantages are to be sacrificed for the sake of one thousand Rupees, which is the estimated difference between the cost of the proposed new buildings with the ground, and that of Mr. Cherry's property, including the additions and alterations.

15. It will be observed that ample space is provided for Vakeels and others in attendance, whether witnesses or Prisoners, and consequently, I am not of opinion that any outside building is required unless it is is thought necessary to erect a Choultry as a place of temporary residence for suiters and others, in which event the building should in my judgment as already stated be outside the Court compound, and the cost cannot be appropriately included in the present estimates. In the belief that it is proposed to abolish the office of Moofty Sudr Ameen, it will be observed, that I have made no provision in the accompanying Plans for a Court for that Officer.

16. It is hardly posible that either the new Court Houses or the Jails can be completed before the next 18 months or 2 years at the earliest date, and even if Government were to resolve to purchase Mr. Cherry's property which no doubt could be prepared within a shorter period, it would neither be desirable nor proper to remove the establishments until the new Jails were ready for the transfer of the Convicts, consequently in point of time, nothing would be gained by the purchase of Mr. Cherry's house.

17. I believe I have afforded all the imformation required of me, and with the Plans and Estimates accompanying, I trust I have been sufficiently clear, but before concluding, there is one other point to which I ought perhaps to refer. The question will hereafter arise as to the disposal of the existing Judicial buildings and the ground attached. Excepting the Jail, these buildings are for the most part sound and substantial, and they occupy a very desirable site in the centre of the town of Salem.

18. The Court Houses with the immediate adjoining premises and out-buildings would be admirably adapted for a Zillah School, after pulling down the present Jail which could not be turned to any account, and which has long been in a dilapidated state, but if it be decided to sell all this Government property, I would suggest that it be offered to the Railway Company; they have at present a considerable Depôt at Salem, but they are possessed of no property of their own as they hold on rent the Premises now in their occupation. I think they would gladly become the purchasers at a fair valuation, and the sum thus realised would be set off against the outlay for the proposed new Establishments. Under any circumstances this property ought not to be hastily got rid of, for adverting to the increasing trade of Salem, and to the eligibility of the sites occupied by these Government buildings for all mercantile purposes, I am of opinion that so soon

‡ Vide letter marked C. which will be sent hereafter, so soon as it is returned by Mr. G. who applied for it in view to adding something.

as the Railway is completed, they will be greatly enhanced in value and may then possibly realize a sum equivalent at least to one-half of the entire amount of the estimates now submitted.

(Signed) C. W. READE, *Acting Session Judge.*

(True Copy.)

(Signed) GEORGE ELLIS, *Register.*

Statement of Lands to be occupied for the new Salem Jail and for new Court Houses in the Village of Asthumputty, in the Salem Talook.

Whether intended for the Jail or the Court Houses.	Whether Enam or Moottah Lands.	Extent. Land.			Extent. Assessment.			Value of the Lands.			Value of the houses standing on the Land. Number.	Value.			Total of Columns 4 and 5.			Remarks.
1	2	3						4			5				6			7
		Acres.	G.	A.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.		Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	
Jail	Moottah	29	22	4	37	12	2	405	0	0	5	52	0	0	457	0	0	
	Enam	9	37	11	18	12	5	125	0	0	0	0	0	0	125	0	0	
		39	19	15	56	8	7	530	0	0	5	52	0	0	582	0	0	
Court Houses	Moottah	48	2	5	95	12	9	542	0	0	0	0	0	0	542	0	0	There is a well in No. 62 of this Land.
	Enam	2	17	15	7	13	8	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	
		50	20	4	103	10	5	572	0	0	0	0	0	0	572	0	0	
Total......	Moottah	77	24	9	133	8	11	947	0	0	5	52	0	0	999	0	0	
	Enam	12	15	10	26	10	1	155	0	0	0	0	0	0	155	0	0	
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Salem, Collector's Office, 8th January 1857.

(Signed) H. A. BRETT, *Collector.*

From H. A. BRETT, Esq., Collector of Salem; to C. W. READE, Esq., Acting Civil Judge of Salem, dated 8th January 1857, No. 11.

SIR,

With reference to Extracts from Minutes of Consultation, dated the 1st and 29th September 1856, authorizing me to secure at once the full extent of ground required for the new Court Houses and Jail, I have the honor to enclose a statement of the lands chosen for the two sites, and to state that all the lands included in the statement have been purchased on behalf of the Government, with the exception of one spot, measuring 9-37-11, in respect to which no final arrangement has yet been effected. I request you will be so good as to forward the statement with the Report you are about to make regarding the new buildings.

(Signed) H. A. BRETT,

Collector.

B.

From J. W. CHERRY, Esq., to C. W. READE, Esq., Acting Judge of Salem, dated Vellum, 1st December 1856.

SIR,

In reply to your letter of the 27th Ultimo, received this day, I beg to state that I am unable to accept a lower sum than 12,000 Rupees for my property at Hustimputty.

(Signed) J. W. CHERRY.

C.

From Lieutenant T. E. GAHAGAN, District Engineer of Salem; to C. W. READE, Esq., Acting Civil and Sessions Judge of Salem, dated 2nd February 1857, No. 529.

SIR,

2 Enclosures
1 Plan
2 Estimates.

1. I have the honor to forward the accompanying Plan and Estimate (Rs. 15,000,) for constructing new Court Houses at Salem.

2. The cost of altering and enlarging Mr. Cherry's Bungalow would be about 2500 Rupees, which sum, added to Rupees 12,000 (the price of the Bungalow,) would make it's total cost Rupees 14,500; or only 500 Rupees less than is required for an entirely new building of handsomer exterior and better internal arrangements.

(Signed) T. E. GAHAGAN, Lieut.

District Engineer.

No. 12. ORDER THEREON, No. 298; dated 11th March 1857.

The letter recorded above is in reply to a reference made to the Court of Foujdaree Udalut, in Extract Minutes Consultation 29th September last, respecting the quantity of land available at the site of the new Jail and Court Houses intended to be erected in the Salem Zillah, and the advisability of purchasing Mr. Cherry's house.

2. The Foujdaree Udalut, submit a letter from the Acting Session Judge in which he states that the Collector has already purchased, for Rupees 1,154, 90 acres of land, of which 51, on one side of the public road, are allotted to the Jail; and 39, on the other side, to the Court Houses. But it is observed that the Collector intimated to that Officer that no final arrangements had been made in regard to a piece of this land measuring acres 9-13-11. The Government quite concur with the Foujdaree Udalut and Mr. Reade that the whole of the 90 acres should be secured and retained as Government property in order to allow a free circulation of pure air and to prevent the erection of private houses too near the Jail. The Collector will be instructed accordingly through the Revenue Department.

3. In regard to the purchase of Mr. Cherry's house, the Acting Session Judge is of opinion that the erection of new Court Houses is in every respect preferable. Mr. Cherry, he states, will not accept a less sum than Rupees 12,000, and the cost of the addition and alterations necessary to render it suitable for the accommodation of the Civil and Subordinate Judges' Courts,

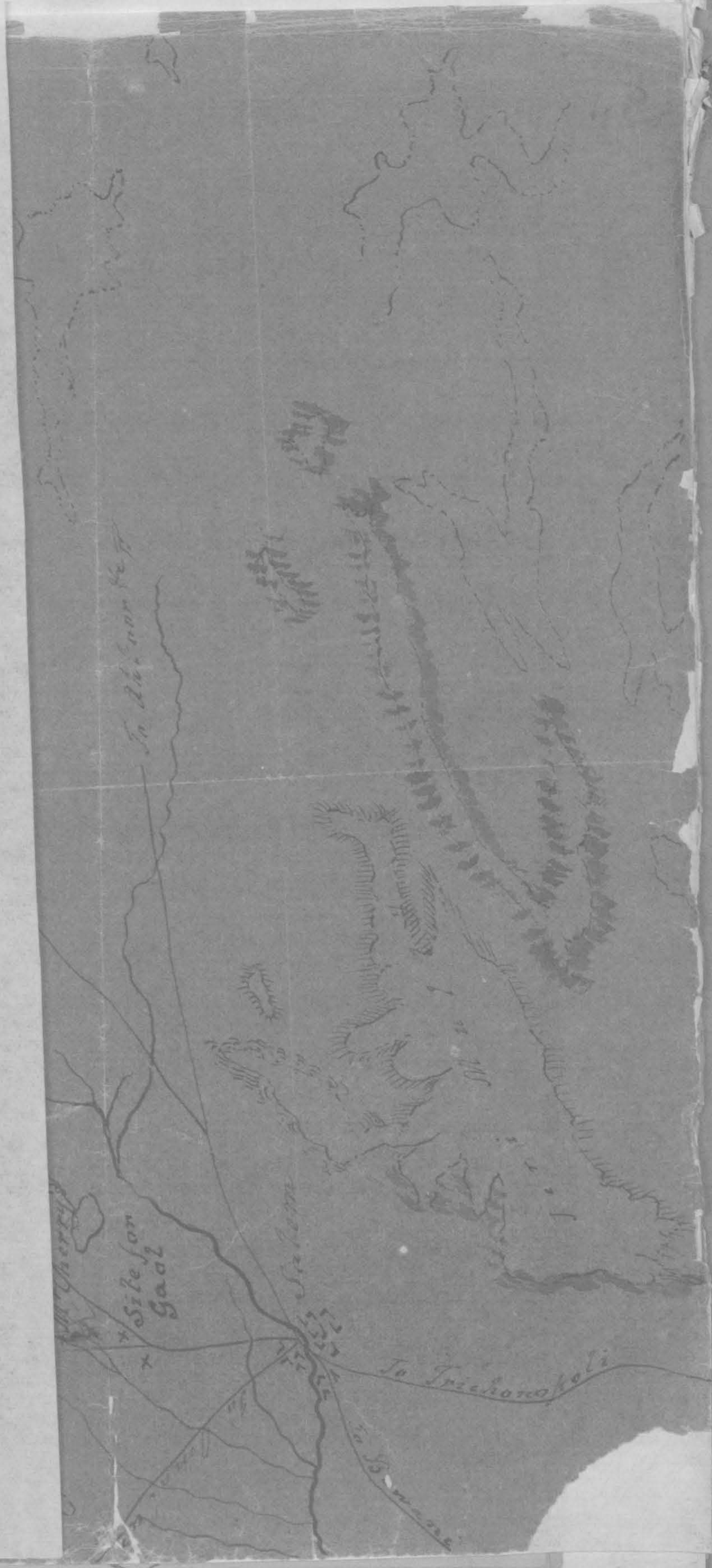
is estimated at Rupees 2,500, making in all Rupees 14,500. The house is at some distance from the new Jail, and the character of the building is said to be such as to make it impossible to secure a free circulation of air and ventilation. The proposed new building, of which a Plan, approved by the Engineer, is submitted, is in the form of a latin cross, and is to be of simple architecture, combining, under one roof, every requisite for the Establishments of both the Courts without the one, in the least degree, interfering with the other. Its cost is estimated at Rupees 15,000, exclusive of the price of the ground. The difference in the cost of these two buildings thus is trifling, while the latter is in every respect so much better adapted than the former for the purpose contemplated; that Government accede to the recommendation of the Court of Foujdaree Udalut and direct that the Plan and Estimate be returned to the Session Judge, that they may be forwarded by the District Engineer to the Central Office Public Works for submission to Government in the usual course, the work being entered in the Budget of 1858-59.

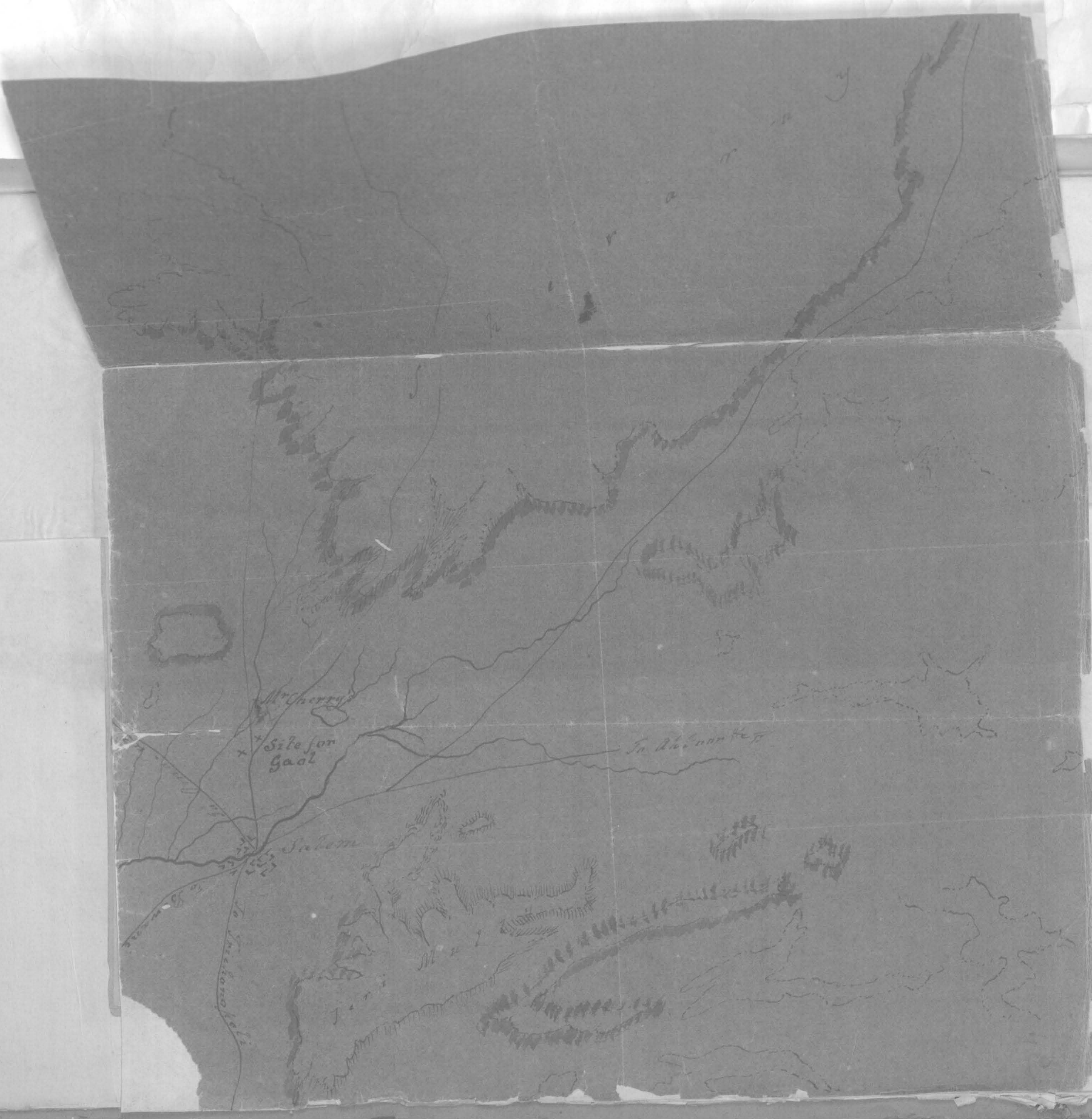
4. The Acting Session Judge is not of opinion that it is necessary for Government to construct a Bazar in the vicinity of the new Jail and Court, as he understands that many persons are already in treaty for ground there for the purpose; and in regard to the construction of a Choultry, he remarks that adequate accommodation is provided in the Plan now submitted for all officials and others connected with the Courts. He is however of opinion that if by a Choultry is intended a temporary abode for persons in attendance before the Courts, it should not form any part of the present estimates but be wholly distinct, and that its location should be contiguous to the public street or Bazar and not within the boundary of either the Courts or the Jail. The Government under the circumstances stated, are disposed to concur in this view.

5. With reference to the concluding para: of the Acting Session Judge's letter, the Director of Public Instruction will be requested to report whether the present Court Houses at Salem with the immediate adjoining premises and out buildings are adapted for a Zillah School, and could be made use of for that purpose when vacated; which however will not be for the next two years.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge

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Site for Gaol
To Ahtoor &c
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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 17th March

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Exd. F. Cartledge

Salem 13 Aug 1856

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My dear Pycroft

Arriving here on Saturday week have seen the site selected for the gaols, I also rode in by the other site, seen the new bungalow, recommended in one of the letters from thence. Although now agree that the spot on the road to the Missionary Cherry's house is the best and I think taking all things into consideration the choice is the very best that could have been made, the ground is high and dry and the distance from the town sufficient without being too great for the purpose, I have been the last two days going over the plans and details with Mr Gahagan, who enters fully into my views and will I hope have an approximate estimate ready before I leave the place, which I hope to do on Thursday; my conestimated at Rupees 2,500, making in all Rupees 14,500. The house is

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accordance with Mr. [illegible] and [illegible]
on a room then went to urge that the
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in a separate cell should be adhered
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yond that so doing prevails to a
great extent; I was in preparing
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design [illegible] in the [illegible]
of the Court, evidently made without
reference to the climate and their
difficulties. Building is [illegible]
to any [illegible] expense here and Mr.
[illegible] is quite willing to adopt
any economical suggestion, one
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ought to be included of the [illegible]
and an additional payment made
to the [illegible] for its loss, I really
hope that the situation will [illegible]

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purpose of giving you details [illegible]
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[illegible] 180 [illegible] for each
[illegible] that the
[illegible] prison [illegible]
[illegible] will increase that there
[illegible] strength [illegible]
[illegible] I feel to
[illegible] difficulty and doubt
[illegible] healthy site for a Central jail
to the South, that any new gaol, in
any station, I would make capable
of extension.

It does not belong to me, but
if Cherry chooses [illegible] take 12,000 Rs for
his house and premises I think
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Court; the godowns will make a

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is estimated at Rupees 2,500, making in all Rupee 14,500 . The house is

insufficiently [illegible] for,
Witnesses &c, which you [illegible].
The situation is further from the
town than the Court [illegible] &c, by
perhaps 1/2 or 3/4 mile, but in other
respects the building is well suited
& of course is not sufficiently [illegible]
buildings
to the Court [illegible] I write [illegible]
the gaol.

At Coimbatore I selected a
site, of several suggested by Mr [illegible]
& Thomas, in an [illegible]
any proposition to remove that
gaol which I regret to say [illegible]
its character.

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[illegible] offered the site selected
here.

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been delayed: but [illegible]
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doubled. The total is Rs 77,600 Rupees
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to 20 or 25 according to the price of [illegible],
the pillars &c, plastering &c may also
be greatly reduced, the latter is charged
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[illegible] & have seen [illegible]
Pay for it. All the [illegible]
may be more [illegible]
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of the hospitals and stores by the
in the enclosed buildings [illegible]
and other deductions made.
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are, as in other instances, allowed for

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upper story [illegible] but it will [illegible]
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Engineers say they can build for 15 English
[illegible] these [illegible]
[illegible] The [illegible] however
will furnish a fair criterion.

I have [illegible] complaints of
the delay in paying [illegible], they generally
live on credit and their creditors defer
[illegible] the rates of charges greatly on
[illegible] if they are kept without pay for
a month. I never heard of any [illegible]
[illegible] charge [illegible] do I see that payments
might not be made in advance of
credit. on the responsibility of officers
in charge. If this could be done it would
be a great boon to many.

Please direct your manager to
send any [illegible] to Trichinopoly

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I shall be obliged by your mentioning
to Lord Harris & to Mr. Montgomery what
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it would be a very good thing to give
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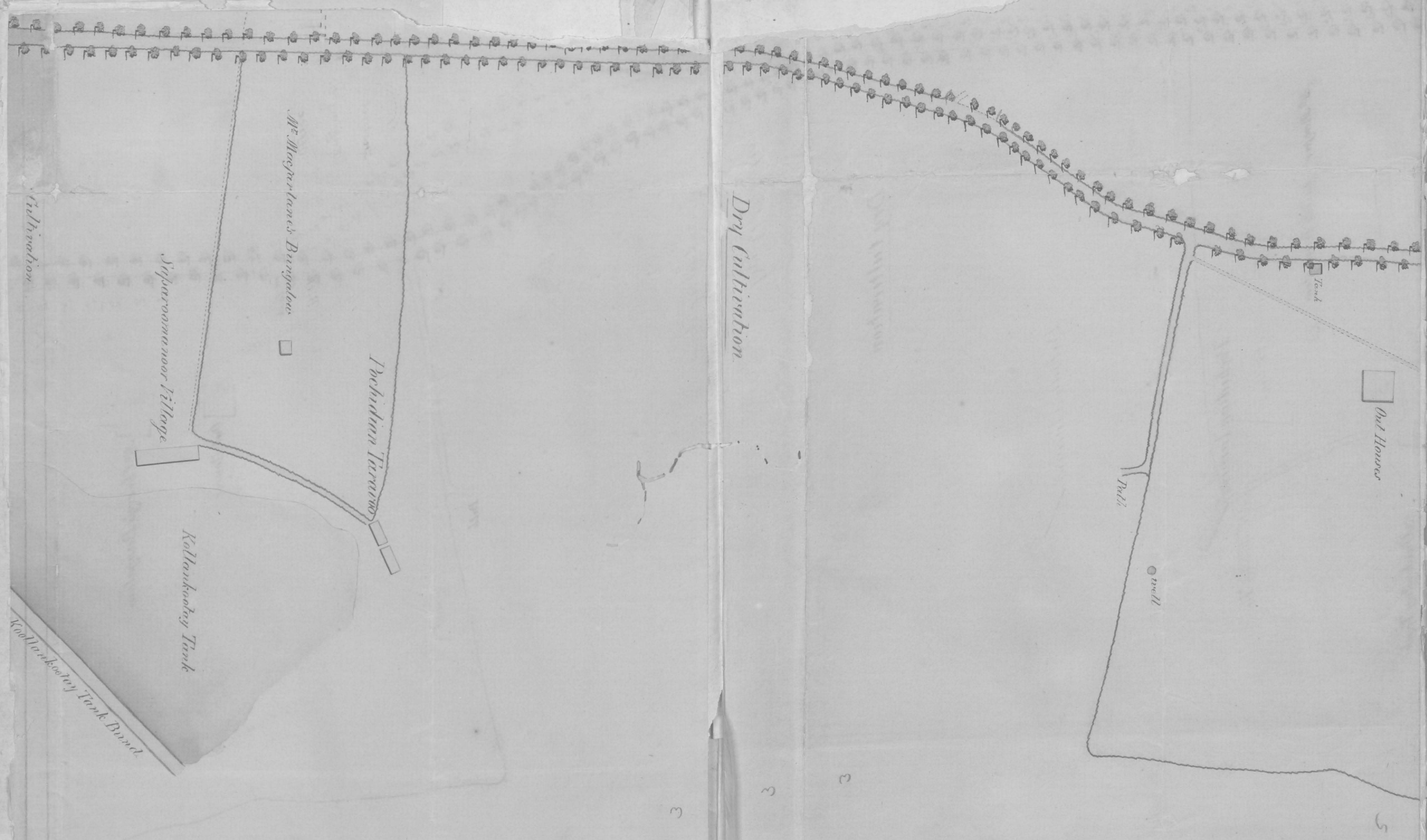
Very sincerely Y.



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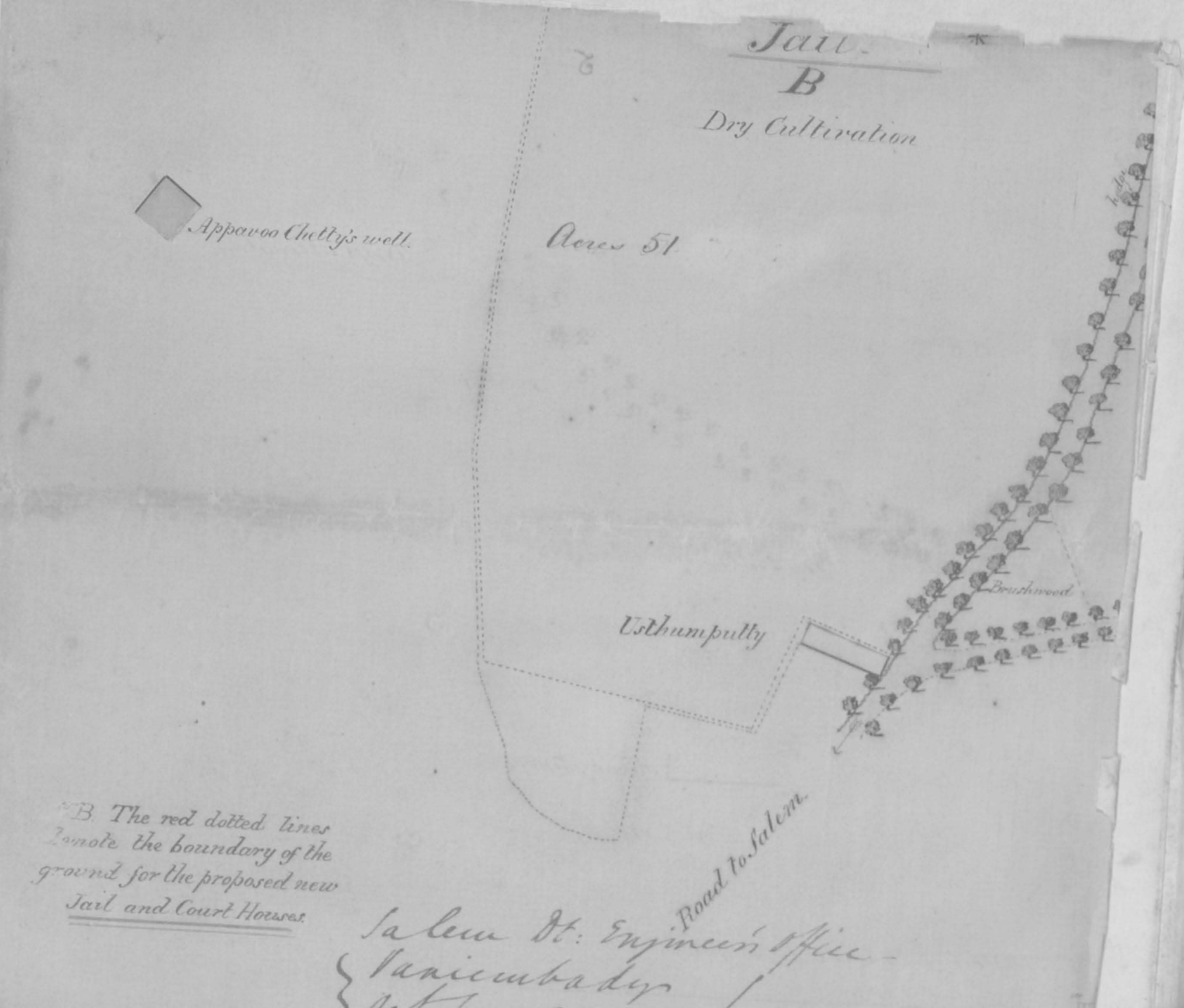

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denote the boundary of the
ground for the proposed new
Jail and Court Houses

Salem Dt: Engineer's Office
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October 27. 1850

In
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In J. Cons. No. 183 of 57-
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in a letter from
the Assistant Civil Engineer
in charge of
Salem District
No: 374 of the 29th October

to the
Civil & Sessions Judge
of Salem.

closure No. 1-

letter from the
of the Foujdaree
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Plan of the proposed
Site for the new Jail;
and Court Houses near
Salem.

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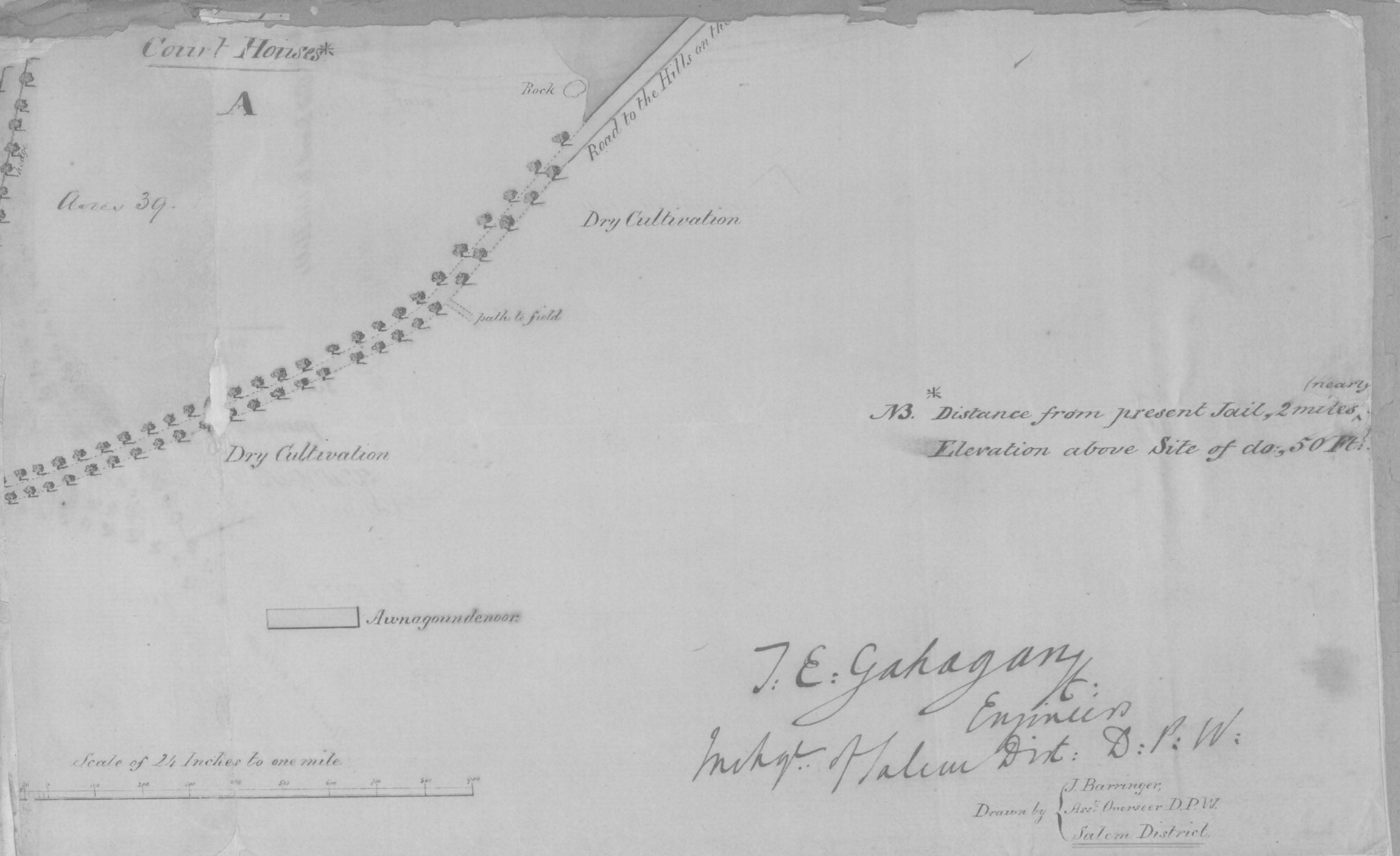

N.B. * Distance from present Jail, 2 miles (nearly)
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Drawn by { J. Barringer,
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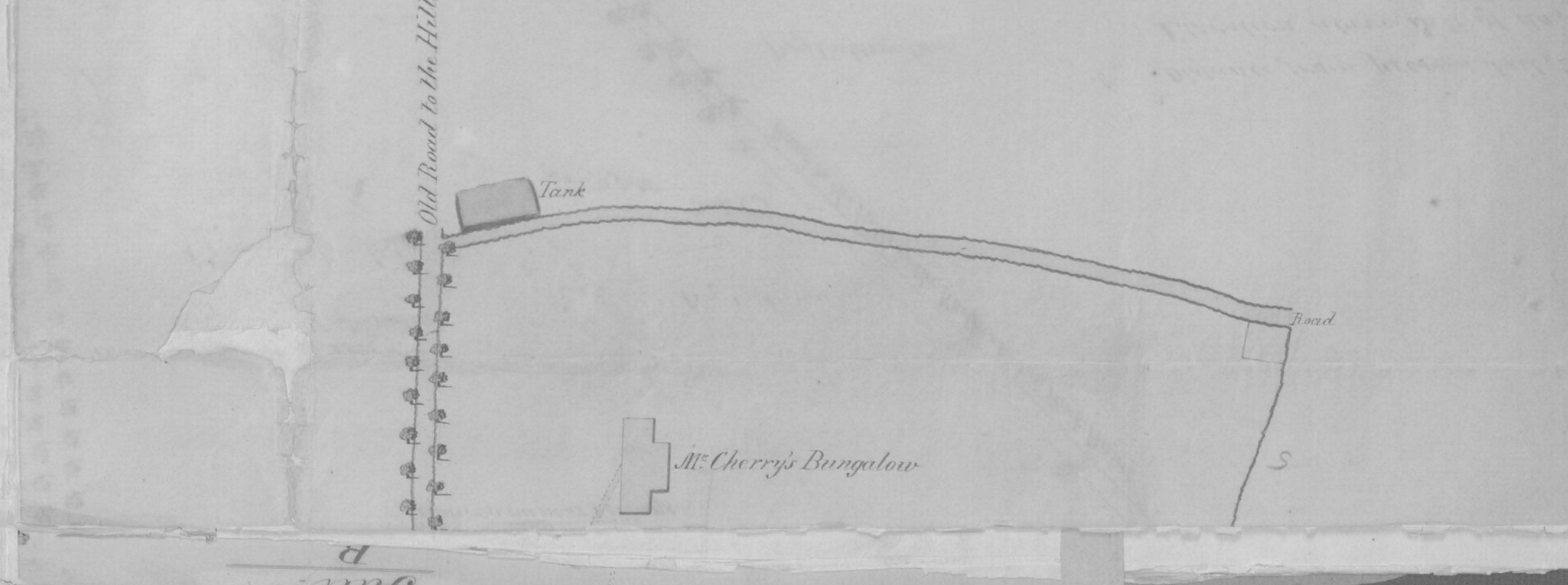

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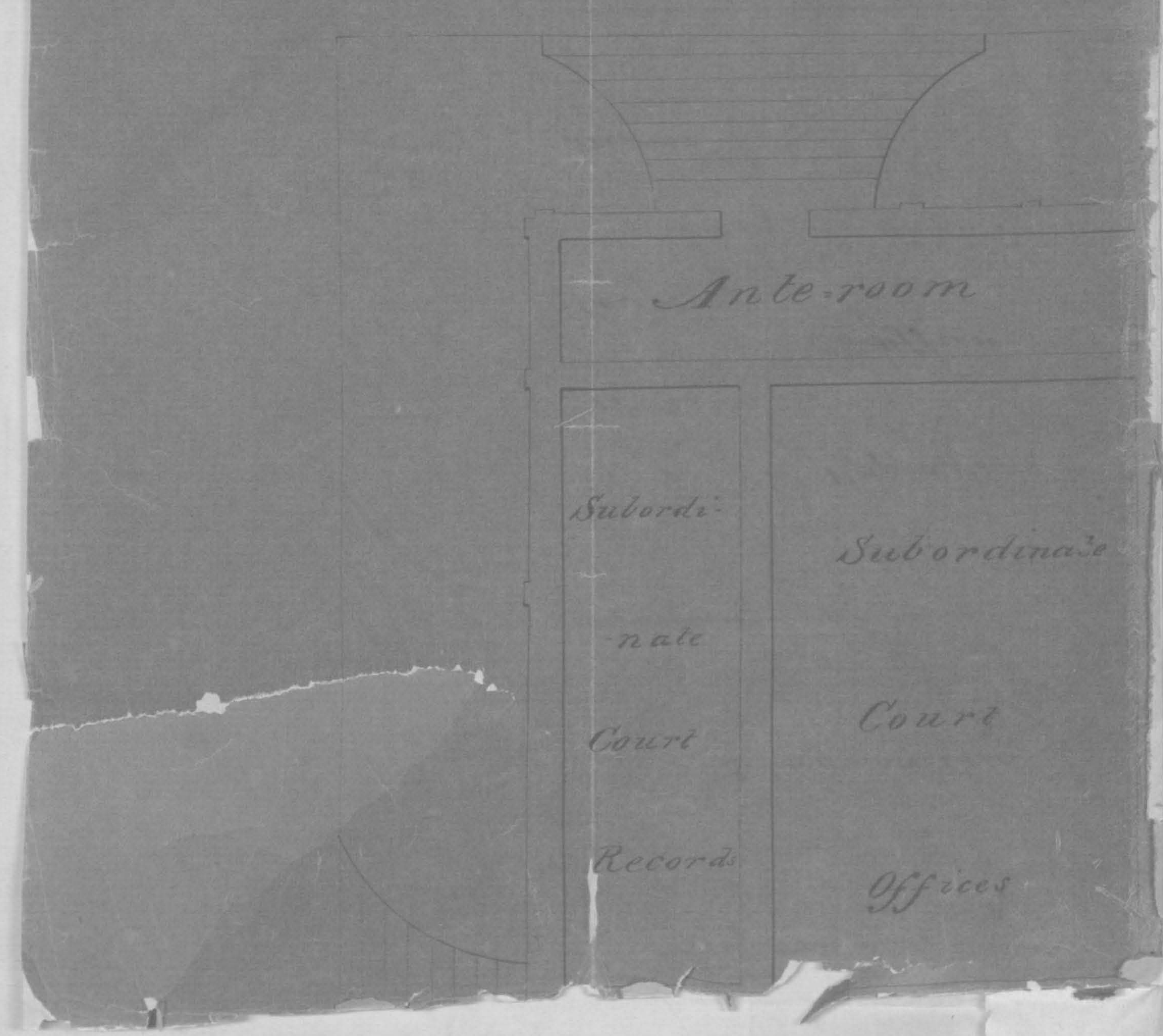

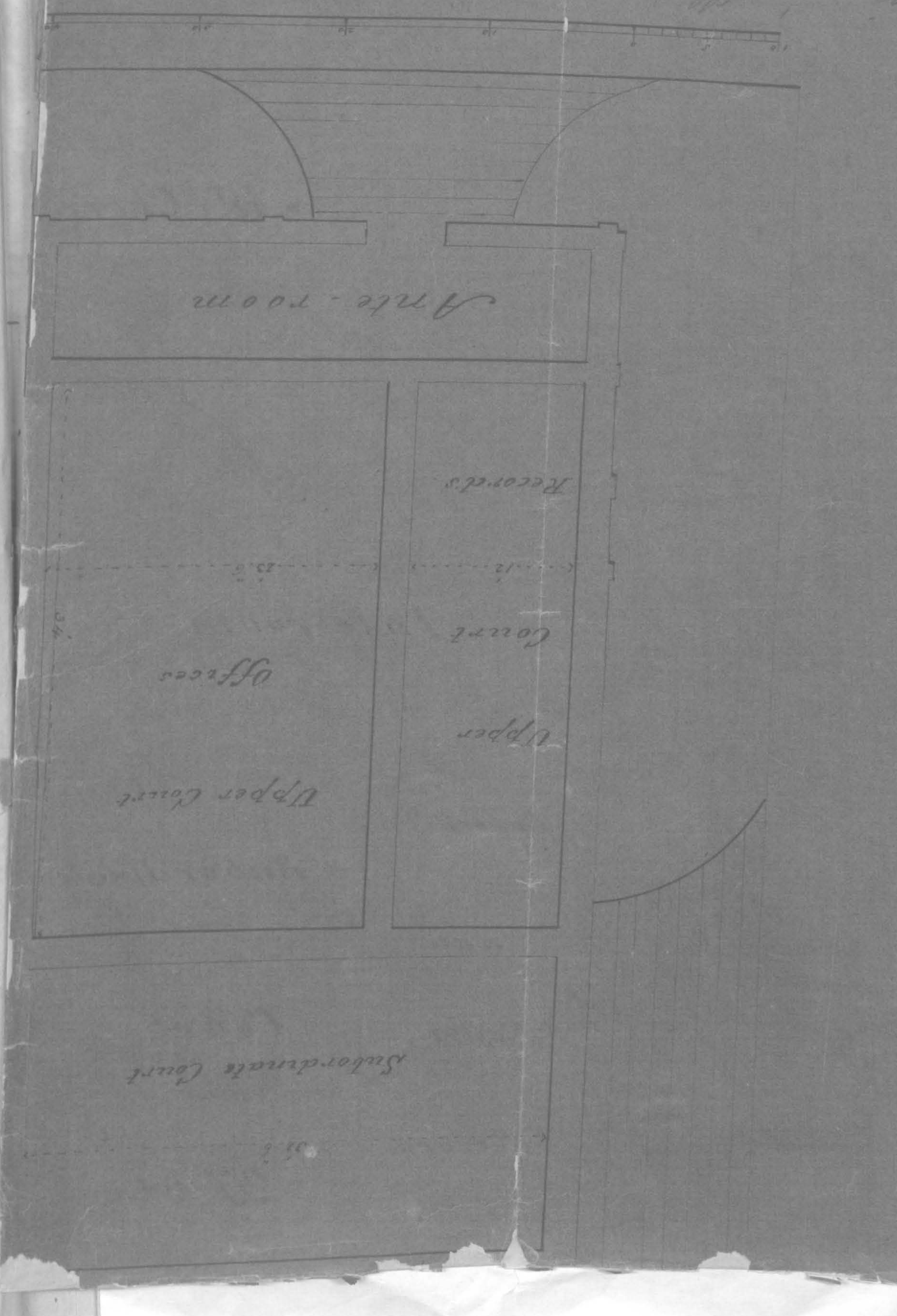

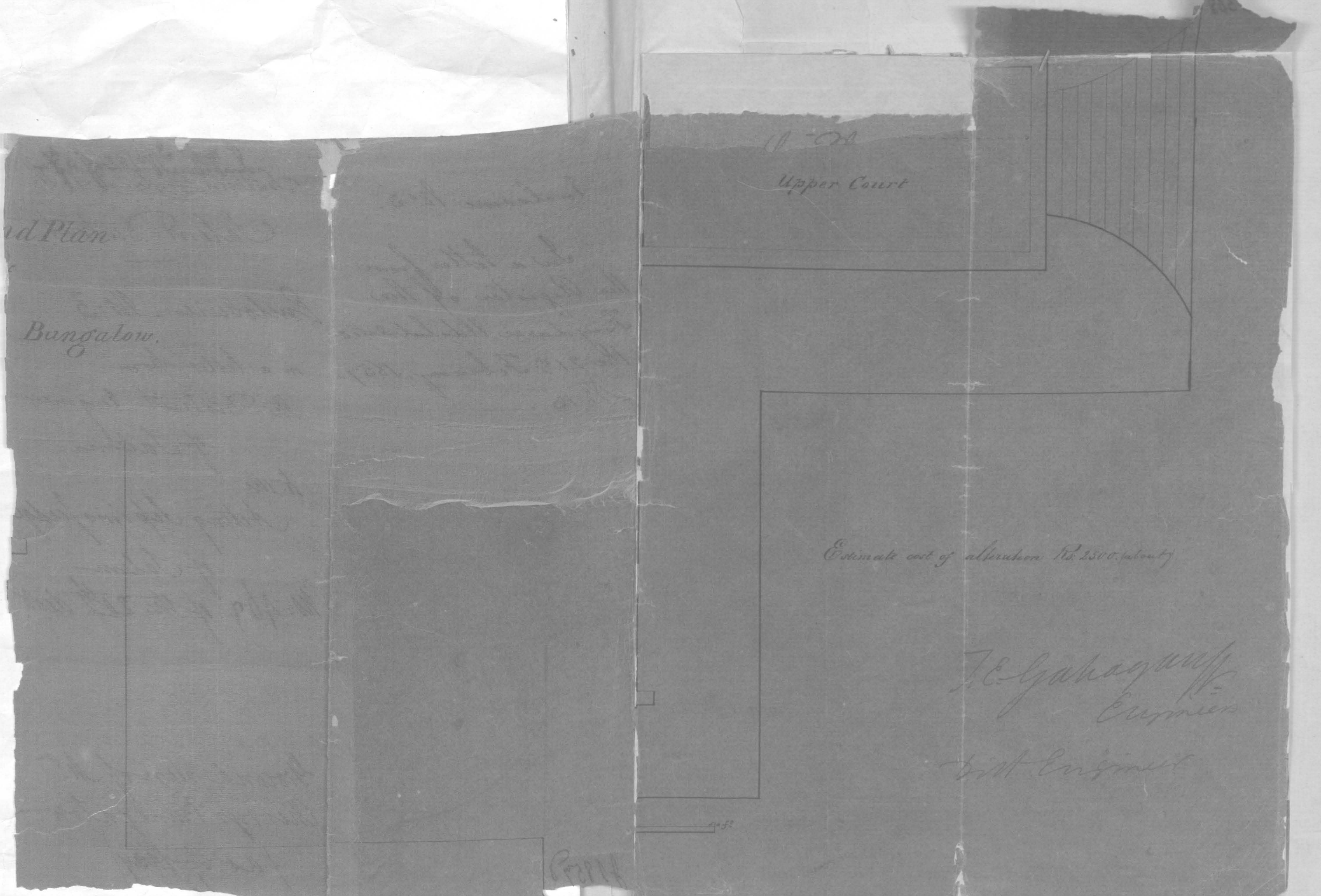

Estimate cost of alteration Rs. 2500 (about)

J. E. Gahagan
Ex. Engineer

Dist. Engineer

Judicial Department

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Dated 11th March 1857.

Read the following letter from the Register to the Court of Foujdaree Udalut.

(Here enter 21st February 1857 № 13)

The letter recorded above is in reply to a reference made to the Court of Foujdaree Udalut, in E. M. C. 29th Sept. last respecting the quantity of land available at the site of the new Jail and Court Houses intended to be erected in the Salem Zillah, and the advisability of purchasing Mr Cherry's House.

2. The Foujdaree Udalut submit a letter from the Acting Session Judge in which he states that the Collector has already purchased, for Rupees

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Enclosure No 3.

In a letter from the Register of the Foujdaree Udalut dated the 21st February 1857 No 13.

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Salem District

Enclosure. No 3

in a letter from the District Engineer of Salem to the Acting Session Judge of Salem No 467 of the 20th Decr

Ground plan of Mr Cherry's Bungalow (as it may)

1154, 90 acres of land, of which 51, on one side of the public road, are allotted to the Jail and 39, on the other side, to the Court Houses. But it is observed that the Collector intimated to that officer that no final arrangements had been made in regard to a piece of this land measuring acres 9. 13. 11. The Government quite concur with the Foujdaree Adalut and Mr Reade that the whole of the 90 acres should be secured & retained as Government property in order to allow a free circulation of pure air and to prevent the erection of private houses so near the Jail. The

Collector will be instructed accordingly thro' the Revenue Dept.

3. In regard to the purchase of Mr Cherry's House, the Acting Session Judge is of opinion that the erection of new Court Houses is in every respect preferable. Mr Cherry, he states, will not accept a leſs sum than Rupees 12,000, and the cost of the additions and alterations necessary to render it suitable for the accommodation of the Civil and Sub. Judges Courts, is estimated at Rs 2,500 making in all Rupees 14,500. The house is at some distance from the new Jail, and the character of the building is said to be such as to make it impossible to secure a free circulation of air and ventilation. The proposed new building, of which a plan, approved by the Engineer, is submitted, is in the form of a Latin cross, and is to be of simple architecture, combining, under one roof, every requisite for the establishments of both the Courts without the one, in the least degree, interfering with the other. Its cost is estimated at Rs 15,000, exclusive of the price of the ground.

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The difference in the cost of these two buildings thus is ~~so~~ trifling while the latter is in every respect so much better adapted than the former for the purpose contemplated ~~than~~ ~~therefore~~, that Government accede to the recommendation of the Court of Foujdaree Adawlut and direct that the ~~necessary steps be taken in the Public Works Dept. for the execution of the work~~

x plan and estimate be returned to the Session Judge, that they may be forwarded by the District Engineer to the Central Office Public Works for submission to Govt. in the usual course, - the work being entered in the budget of 1858/9.

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4. The Acting Session Judge is not of opinion that it is necessary for Government to construct a Bazar in the vicinity of the new Jail and Court as he understands that many persons are already in treaty for ground there for ~~their very~~ the purpose; and in

regard

regard to the construction of a Choultry, he remarks that adequate accommodation is provided in the plan now submitted for all officials and others connected with the Courts. He is however of opinion that if by a Choultry is intended a temporary abode for persons in attendance before the Courts, it should not form any part of the present estimates but be wholly distinct, and that its location should be contiguous to the public street or bazar and not within the boundary of either the Courts or the Jail. ~~As the new buildings will be but 2¼ miles from the Town, and as the Acting Judge anticipates that there~~

The Govt, under the circumstances stated, are disposed to concur in this view.

vicinity will soon be thickly populated the erection of a Chowltry at the public expense does not appear to Government to be necessary.

5. With reference to the concluding para of the Acting Session Judge's letter, the Director of Public Instruction will be requested to report whether the present Court Houses at Salem with the immediate adjoining premises and outbuildings are adapted for a Zillah School,— and ~~if they be whether he~~ could be for that purpose make use of ~~them~~, when vacated, which however will not be for the next two years

Copy to Court of Foujdaree Adawlut with Plan & Estimate (returned) Desp.d 18th
" Public Works Department — & Rev Dep.t — Desp.d 18th
" para 5 to Director of Public Instruction. } Desp.d 18th

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