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No. 53. Read the following letter from Colonel A. J. M. BOILEAU, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 4th Division; to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 1st November 1864, No. 3870.

In reply to your Memorandum, No. 71, dated 21st October 1864, I have the honor to submit the following explanation of the measures taken by me, in reference to the preparation of a plan and estimate for a Deputy Collector's office at Poothoor, in the North Arcot District.

2. On the receipt of G. O., No. 355, dated 3rd February 1864, a tracing of the plan sanctioned for the Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry at Poonganoor was sent to the Collector, with a request that he would state whether the design might be adopted for the proposed building at Poothoor; in reply that Officer observed, that as it was in contemplation to put the Zemindaries under the charge of a Covenanted Assistant, who would hold his office in the same building as the Deputy Collector, it was very desirable that arrangements should be made for having one of somewhat loftier and more airy proportions than appeared necessary in a mere Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry. Copies were accordingly furnished of the plans of a Deputy Collector's Cutcherry in the Cuddapah District, and of a Head Assistant's and Deputy Collector's Cutcherry in the Madura District, which had been sanctioned by Government for construction this year; these, however, were also returned with copy of a letter, No. 19, dated 2nd May 1864, which the Collector had forwarded to the Chief Secretary to Government on the subject.

3. This letter was subsequently communicated to me with the orders of Government in the Public Works Department, No. 1531, dated 26th May 1864, in which instructions were given for the preparation of a plan and estimate for the construction, at Poothoor, of a *Sub-Magistrate's* Cutcherry, Police Station, and Subsidiary Jail combined, according to a rough design submitted by the Collector.

4. On the receipt of these orders information was called for from the Collector regarding the number of prisoners to be provided for, and as the Collector gave it as his opinion that a cubical space of 275 feet per man would be sufficient, while other officers* had proposed that 550 cubic feet should be invariably allowed in such cases, which the Sanitary Commission increased to 1000 cubic feet, a rough plan of a building, providing for the adoption of the views of the Sanitary Commission, was submitted to Government with my letter, No. 3159, dated 29th September 1864, with a request that instructions might be given as to the cubical space which should be allowed for each prisoner.

* Mr. Fraser, Acting Collector, and Dr. DeFabeck, Civil Surgeon, Chittoor.

5. On the 14th October 1864, the probable cost of such a building as that just adverted to was reported to the Secretary to Government in the Judicial Department, in reply to a requisition from him for the information, and I now await orders on the subject.

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Referred to the Judicial Department.

(Signed) C. A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,

CHEPAUK, *2nd November* 1864. *Secy. to Govt., P. W. D.*

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,*
*5th November* 1864,

No. 54. ORDER THEREON, 5th November 1864, No. 1606.

It is observed that orders were passed on this subject under date the 26th ultimo, No. 1541.

(True Extract.)

*Chief Secretary.*

Ed. J. Tullock

5th November 1864. No. 1606.

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