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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
23rd October 1866.*

No. 297. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Public Works Department, dated 15th October 1866, No 3283.

Calling for a report upon the alleged unsuitableness of the Moonsiffs' Court-house at Streevigoondum, in Tinnevely District. (Vide Proceedings, Public Works Department, dated 15th October 1866, Nos. 349—351.)

No. 298. ORDER THEREON, 23rd October 1866, No. 1679.

To be recorded.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

Ed. J. Tulloch.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
15th October 1866.*

Read the following papers:—

No. 349. From the Officiating Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Madura, 5th September 1866, No. 875.

1. I have the honor to submit for sanction a plan and estimate of Rupees 600, for additions and slight repairs required at the Moonsiff's Cutcherry at Streevigoondum, in the Tinnevelly District.

—1 Plan.
1 Abstract Estimate.

The building is valued at present at Rupees 600, and the improvements, estimated at nearly the same amount, constitute a new work.

2. It is proposed to lengthen the Cutcherry to afford more room, and to include in the additional length a small room 6 by 7 feet, for the safe custody of records, &c., the verandah being thrown out beyond the new portion of the building.

3. The estimate has been prepared at the request of the Civil Judge of Tinnevelly, and I can provide the funds as follows:—

Unappropriated balance under the head Minor New Works	Rupees 592
Civil Buildings	8
By transfer from Minor New Works Communications	8

Total Rupees 600

Referred to the Judicial Department.

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

Fort Saint George,
11th September 1866.

No. 350. From the Civil Judge of Tinnevelly, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Streevigoondum, 20th September 1866, No. 493.

1. I have the honor to return the plan and estimate, for the improvement of the Moonsiff's Court at Streevigoondum, received with Mr. Under Secretary Grose's Memorandum of the 14th instant.

2. The alterations were proposed before my appointment to this District, and as my opinion on the matter has been required, I thought it desirable to visit the Court myself.

3. I do not approve of the proposed alterations, for the simple reason that I am of opinion that it would be throwing good money after bad. The Court is a dark den, utterly unfit for the purposes of a Court, and the improvements proposed, or in fact any improvements, will not make it fit for use.

4. The Court is one in which there is a very large amount of business; to-day, a Small Cause day, there were twenty-five cases for hearing, and there are seventeen Vakeels. There is no room for any one, and as for publicity, which is one of the most important requirements in a Civil Court, or in fact in any Court, it is totally impossible in such a wretchedly confined place.

5. Besides the above objections, the Moonsiff and every one complains, as is obviously true, of the extreme heat of the wretched place, of its being so dark that

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after 4 it is perfectly impossible to see, and of the noises and nuisances which arise from the huts which closely surround it on.

6. The improvements proposed will add no space worth mentioning, and will not admit of greater publicity.

7. The Collector, who is here, tells me that a new Cutcherry has been sometime sanctioned for the Taluq, to be built on the other side of the river, and that it is this year in the Budget. Should that be built, and the present Taluq Cutcherry be given over to the Moonsiff for his Court, nothing could possibly be more desirable. The building of the Taluq Cutcherry as it stands now would give room, light, air, and publicity to the proceedings of the Court, and with one or two removals of walls, not then required, would be perfect.

8. Therefore if the new Cutcherry is at once commenced, I should recommend that the Moonsiff should wait.

9. Otherwise, I hardly know what to recommend; the Moonsiff says he has been complaining for the last four years of the wretched place he has now, and it is so unfit that it would be hard to compel him to continue to conduct his business in it for an indefinite period. As a temporary measure a good pandal, or open shed, might be erected for about 100 Rupees over the small compound on the west of the present hut, and there the business of the day could very well be conducted, the present building being used for the records and for the Goomastas to work in. This would ensure air, space, and publicity, and it is the only device I can suggest.

Transferred to the Public Works Department, with reference to the docket from that Department, dated 11th ultimo.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
3rd October 1866.

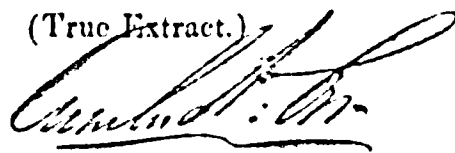
(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

No. 351. ORDER THEREON, 15th October 1866, No. 3,283.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 63.

The letter from the Civil Judge of Tinnevely above read will be communicated to the Officiating Superintending Engineer of the 8th Division who will, in communication with the Collector, report upon the alleged unsuitableness of the Moonsiff's Court house at Streevi-goondum, and the inexpediency of carrying out the proposed improvements to it. He will also report at an early date on the proposals made in paragraphs 7 to 9, quoting the correspondence regarding the new Taluq Cutcherry to which Mr. Child refers.

(True Extract.)



Colonel, R. E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division.

.. Collector of Tinnevely.

.. Judicial Department.

.. Civil Judge of Tinnevely.

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Calling for a report
upon the alleged
=mistakenness of the
House of Commons in
advising Parliament in
January 1811 -
1812 Oct 1816 No 1699.