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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 28th April 1857.

No. 89. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 3rd April 1857, No. 1028.

Read Extract Minutes Consultation Public Works Department, dated 14th January 1857.

(Here enter No. 90.)

The Board have carefully examined the Plans of Talook Cutcherries received with the above Extract Minutes Consultation and consider them well adapted for the accommodation of the Talook establishments while they are certainly great improvements on the existing style of such buildings.

2. The only suggestions the Board have to offer are the following.

They would propose that the Treasury rooms should be entirely surrounded by a strong railing, so that the guard would be beyond the reach of a surprise. This might apparently be done without difficulty by throwing the room a little further back—a railing might then be carried round from the end of the "Armory" by the front of the Treasury to the end of the "Lumber room." With such a protection a few peons armed with muskets could hold out against a large number of assailants and surprise would be impossible without a very culpable degree of negligence on their part. The Board would also remark that the general defensibility of the buildings which is one object in view, would be increased by turrets or projections having grated windows at the angles. The fire from these would sweep along each face of the building and command every approach to it. At present forcible entry might be attempted at any window and to guard all these in case of an attack as supposed by "a gang of plunderers or of a riotous mob" would require a strong body of peons. Such additions as the Board here suggest would enable a few peons occupying only the angles of the building to guard the whole line of wall with its numerous windows and prevent any attempt at scaling. The appearance of the Cutcherries might be improved by sightly structures at the corners. The same object might be gained by having two such buildings at the front corners and a square or circular projection in the middle of the back wall.

3. The Board would recommend a light verandah over the outer windows of the Post office room, so that parties merely wishing to post or receive letters need not enter the Cutcherry enclosure. They presume that the "Prison rooms" are ventilated through the roof.

4. They would also suggest the addition of a Necessary in a convenient locality outside the building.

5. The Lumber room G, might be assigned for records, and the Armory divided so as to answer the purposes of a Lumber room as well as Armory.

6. Beyond the above and perhaps the addition of a water pundal the Board have no suggestions to offer.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Acting Secretary.

No. 90. ORDER THEREON, No. 789; dated 25th April 1857.

The suggestions made by the Board of Revenue in their Proceedings recorded above appear to be very good. But before passing final orders on the subject, the Government resolve to refer the communication to the Chief Engineer for his opinion. Colonel Faber will also be good enough to report what additional cost each of the improvements proposed by the Board of Revenue will involve in the case of each of the four standard plans.

(Signed) H. FORBES,
Acting Secretary to Government.

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For Orders

Public Works' Department No 703-

Extract from the Pros: of the Board of Revenue 3d April 57-

The suggestions by the Bdy Rd- are very good. I suspect- that the planking taken with insurance has cost a good deal- but inquiry ought to be made of the Chf Supt.

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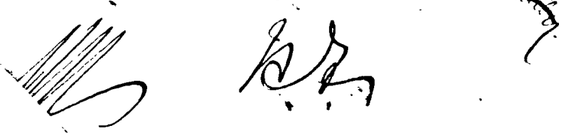
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Referring to the Chief Engineer the Communication of the Board of Revenue, and requesting to report, what additional cost each of the improvements to the Talook Cutcherries proposed by them, will involve in the case of each of the four standard plans.

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