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Government of Madras.

Political (Secret) DEPARTMENT.

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G.O. No. 413 Press Mis.

Dated 28 — 2 — 1930

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Read the following.

No. 37. Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, dated 24th December 1857, No. 6231.

Read the following letter from E. B. THOMAS, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated 10th December 1857, No. 615.

SIR,

1. With reference to Extract from Minutes of Consultation, dated 21st October last, No. 1978, conveyed in your Proceedings of the 30th Idem, I have the honor to forward copies of letter from the Sub Collector of this District dated 6th and 23rd Ultimo, containing the information called for in the Minutes of Consultation on several points, connected with the Sub Collector's and Sheristadar's, Cutcherry, Travellers bungalow, and Choultry at Caroor.

2. I beg to enclose an original letter from the District Engineer on the subject dated 30th November 1857, together with two Plans of the above buildings as called for.

Letter from M. J. WALHOUSE, Esq., Sub Collector of Coimbatore; to E. B. THOMAS, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, dated 6th November 1857.

SIR,

1. With reference to paras. 4 and 5 in Extract from Minutes of Consultation under date 21st October 1857, No. 1978, respecting the old and new Cutcherries at Caroor, I have the honor to report, that the old Cutcherry is held in a Muntapum attached to the Pashupate Swamy Pagoda at Caroor, upon the flat roof of which the rooms forming the Sub Collector's residence are built.

2. The aforesaid residence is regarded as Public property, consequently the Sub Collector though occupying it free of charge, draws no extra tentage whilst residing there. It was however built before the commencement of the present century by Mr. Wynch, at his own expense, and subsequently repaired and added to by Messrs. Grame, Kelso, Whish, Munro, and others at their own charges. It was also used as a Traveller's Bungalow. The grounds, for claiming it as Circar property, besides prescriptive right, appear to be Rupees 1,202-5 which has expended upon it by Government in repairs, new roofing &c., at different times from 1823 to 1852. The Sub Collector's head quarters were transferred to it in 1834. Of late years too it has been much improved at private expense, and a small one-roomed bungalow in the garden, the stabling &c., are private property.

3. The Mountapum, though the Cutcherry, Records &c., are contained within, and the Sub Collector's residence built upon it, belongs to the Pagoda, and is situated within the Pagoda precincts, between the great Gopram gate way and the body of the temple, directly overlooking the latter, Processions, ceremonies, the daily worship &c., take place immediately in its front. As a Cutcherry it has been repeatedly condemned by Engineer Officers and described as a "dark, dirty, bat infested choultry, with little or no light or air, that never should have been applied to its present purposes." The cutcherry occupies nearly all the body of the Mountapum which is 96 feet long, 38 feet broad, with 14 rows of supporting pillars. It is said to have been appropriated to its present uses, with the consent of the Durmakartas, when the Temples were under Government management, and was originally built for the reception of the Idol and ceremonies during the Dusserah Festival.

4. The present Sheristadar was never consulted in any way during the building of the new Cutcherry, nor was the plan ever submitted to him. It was completed before I joined the Subdivision.

Letter from M. J. WALHOUSE, Esq., Sub Collector of Coimbatore; to E. B. THOMAS, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, dated Oodomulcottah, 23rd November 1857.

SIR,

In reply to your letter of the 19th Instant No. 360, I have the honor to state that I consider the situation of the Traveller's Bungalow at Caroor, to be decidedly bad in every respect. It is

17th Dec 1857 Collector

low and near a dirty channel, made a common Sewer of by the inhabitants of the dirty houses on its banks. The newly erected chuttrum is close to it on one side, and on the other, between it and the abovementioned channel, is a standing place for bandies, a focus for all kinds of filth and noise. I can state from the personal experience of the last 2 or 3 years that when Cholera breaks out in Caroor it is always worst in its immediate vicinity, where too the first cases usually appear. I have myself known cases of sudden seizure amongst Traveller's servants soon after arriving there. This bungalow is one of the most frequented on the line between Trichinopoly and the Hills, and it is needless to say how annoying the above, detailed nuisances must be to the Travellers.

2. With respect to a more convenient and central place than Caroor for the Sub Collector's Head Quarters, I would observe that Konghiem occupies the most central situation in the sub-division ; Konghiem cusbah however is but an ordinary village, nor does the Talook contain any considerable town. Darapoorum is the next most central location, but objectionable on account of climate during half the year, and has also of late years been more visited with Cholera than the other Talooks. In the present year the disease has twice broken out there violently, once in February and again in September, and indeed has but just ceased. The Sub Collector's Head Quaters were transferred thence to Caroor in 1834 on the ground of the latter being near the boundary of 3 Districts. On the whole notwithstanding Caroor is at the verge of the District, yet as it is the largest town and in the most important Talook, I should not be prepared to advocate the removal of the Sub-Division Head Quaters from it.

3. The Extract Minutes of Consultation is herewith returned.

Letter from Captain P. M. FRANCIS, District Engineer of Coimbatore ; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Jackatallah, 30th November 1857, No. 236.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward the plans called for in Extract Minutes of Consultation No. 1978 dated 21st October 1857, and shall transmit them together with this through the Collector in order to enable that Officer to furnish the rest of the information required in para. 4.

2. With regard to the change of the site of the Choultry Assistant Supervisor Kistniah states that being desired by the Tahsildar of Caroor to express an opinion regarding the two sites he went with the Sheristadar of the Sub Collector's Cutcherry and the Tahsildar and observed that the spot fixed on the river bank would be submerged 3 feet in a high fresh and that the soil was so loose that it would cause great expense in laying the foundations and that there was no room for a compound to receive carts, also he considered that in case of any change being wished to be made in the precise site of the Ambravatty Bridge such intention would be hindered if the choultry were built.

3. That the Choultry would be on a low level and therefore not be brought prominently into the view of Travellers and it would have a steep approach to it from the level of the bridge road way. That the site was not approved by the community and that therefore the Tahsildar had the work executed on the other site of which the three Officers abovementioned entertained a favorable opinion in every way that he was not aware of the river site having been approved by the District Engineer or would have applied to authority before agreeing to any change.

I do not think the Marahmut Superintendent can fairly shift the responsibility on to the Tahsildar in this case.

4. That the Tahsildar is in this case responsible having taken a subordinate opinion in preference to a higher one and as it appears that he did not report the difference of view to the Collector for further orders.

No. 38. Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 5th January 1858, No. 55.

In Cons. 5th Jan. 1858. Read letter from the Collector of Coimbatore, dated 8th December 1857.

(Here enter No. 211)

Resolved that the above letter and its enclosures be laid before Government with reference to Extract Minutes Consultation 21st October 1857, P. W. D. Public No. 1978.

2. In the above Extract Government called for information regarding the old and new (Sub Collectorate) Cutcherries, the Traveller's Bungalow and Choultry at Caroor, the station of the Sub Division of Coimbatore.

3. The Plans of the Cutcherries, and information regarding the new one and the Choultry have apparently been furnished through the Chief Engineer and the letters submitted with these Proceedings refer only to the old Cutcherry and Traveller's Bungalow.

4. The former is a Muntapum of a Pagoda and is believed to have been appropriated for a Public office with the consent of the Dhurmakurtahs apparently before 1800 while the Temples generally were under Government management.

5. On the flat roof of the Muntapum, rooms have been built by successive Sub Collectors, and a Bungalow, stabling &c. added in the same manner. Thus the lower part of the building is the office, and the upper portion the residence of the Sub Collector. It is regarded as public property and has been repaired at Government expense at different periods between 1823 and 1852. The Sub Collector occupies it, free of charge but draws no extra tentage while resident in it.

Note. It was also used as a Traveller's Bungalow

6. Mr. Walhouse states that it has been repeatedly condemned by Engineer Officers as in every respect unsuited for the purposes of a Cutcherry, that it is situated within the Pagoda precincts, and that processions daily, and occasional ceremonies &c. take place immediately in front of it.

7. The unsuitability of the building and its situation seem to the Board to render its abandonment necessary. Whether the new Cutcherry can be made available can be easily determined by Government when the Plan of it is laid before them by the Chief Engineer.

8. The Board would however suggest that in deciding this question the position of Caroor at the very corner of the District should be taken into consideration. The Collector and Sub Collector are averse to any charge, but Konghiem appears to the Board a more suitable place for the Sub Collector's Official Head Quarters. If as would seem to be the case, Government must either make over the new Cutcherry at Caroor to the D. P. Works or provide other accommodation for the Engineer Stores, the question of the best station for the Sub Collector merits careful consideration.

Collector's letter Para 3. Enc. No. 2. Para 2.

9. The orders of Government will also be requisite as to the disposal of the old Cutcherry when no longer required for a Public office. It evidently forms part of the Pagoda, and the free use of it for more than half a century may be held, to have compensated Government for the cost of the repairs which according to Mr. Walhouse, have amounted only to Rupees 1,203 between 1823 and 1852. So far as Government are concerned therefore all claim to the building may be abandoned.

Para 2 of Mr Walhouses letter of 6th November.

Para 4 Enclosure 1,

10. Mr. Walhouse states that the *new* Cutcherry was completed before he joined the Sub-Division and that his present Sheristadar was not consulted as to its construction.

11. Mr. Walhouse's 2nd letter (enclosure No. 2) refers to the Traveller's Bungalow. The situation of this building is said to be decidedly bad and unhealthy. "It is low and near a dirty channel made a common sewer of, by the inhabitants of the dirty houses on its banks." The Choultry on one side of it is no doubt a great disadvantage, but the Board gather from Mr. Walhouse's letter that the Channel above referred to and the Bandy stand, of themselves, render the site in every respect ineligible. The Board presume some less objectionable situation could be assigned for bandies and perhaps the Channel could be turned or at least the other nuisances abated. It seems doubtful however whether after all the unhealthiness of the situation could be remedied and it is well known that Travellers are peculiarly liable to infectious diseases and especially Cholera while Journeying. The best course would certainly be to construct a fresh building of the second class on a healthier site. The Collector and Sub Collector however do not state whether such a situation is easily procurable, nor do they give their opinion as to

13th Dec 1857

Collector

Received

whether it would be best to build a new Bungalow. Information on these points has perhaps already been laid before Government with the Chief Engineers letter of the 4th September last, but as his opinion was expressly required in Para. 6 of the Extract Minutes Consultation under reply, Mr. Thomas should either have given his views or mentioned that Government were already in possession of them. This course he will now adopt meanwhile to obviate delay the Board will lay the papers before Government noting the number of persons who have halted at Caroor during 1856-57 was only 25 and a second class Bungalow would seem quite sufficient for the accommodation of Travellers on this line of road.

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

Resolved to forward to Government the copies of correspodence and plans received with the foregoing letter No. 615, dated 10th December 1857, with reference to Extract Minutes Consultation No. 1978 dated 21st October 1857, and with an expression of the Chief Engineer's opinion that all the Native Officers concerned are to blame for altering the site for the Caroor Choultry determined by the Civil Engineer which could hardly have been (as alleged) liable to submersion during freshes.

(Signed) C. E. FABER, Colonel,
Chief Engineer.

No. 39. ORDER THEREON, No. 163; dated 28th January 1858.

The reasons assigned by the Board for changing the Sub Collector's station are not considered by Government to be sufficient. Caroor, although on one side of the Sub Collectorate, is the largest Town within it, and has advantages over Konghiem as the residence of the Chief European authority.

2. The Government do not consider the objection urged by the Board to the position of the Sub Collector's residence to be such as should induce them to order that his Head quarters should be changed to another Talook. If personal inconvenience be felt, it is of course open to the Sub Collector to provide himself with another residence, but on public grounds, it does not appear to Government, that there is any call for interference, and it is not their wish that Caroor should be abandoned as the Sub Collector's Head Quarters.

3. If further public accommodation be required for the Sub Collector's establishment, application should be made in the usual manner and through the usual channel.

4. As regards the situation of the public Bungalow, it is remarked that, although the Board of Revenue called upon the Collector to state any facts that were within his knowledge which would tend to shew its insalubrity, none have been advanced by Mr. Thomas, and the Government cannot therefore admit that any necessity for change has yet become apparent. The Joint Magistrate should be directed to attend particularly to the sanitary condition of the Town, and particularly of the immediate neighbourhood of the Traveller's bungalow, and to put an immediate stop to the nuisances which are now represented to be common.

5. The Government cannot too strongly condemn the conduct of Assistant Supervisor Kistniah in having altered the site of the new Choultry without any communication with the District Engineer by whom it was originally selected, and they desire that their disapproval of his conduct may be communicated to him. The Government cannot pass unnoticed the fact that the change of site appears to have been wholly unknown to the District Engineer, or to any of the Executive Officers, until brought to notice by the Superintending Engineer.

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

No. 6231.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer in the Department of Public Works

Under date the 24 December 1857.

Read the following letter

No. 615.

To

Colonel C. E. Faber
Chief Engineer D. P. W.
Fort Saint George.

Sir,

With reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation dated 21st October last No. 1978, Order requesting Opinion of the 30th Ulto. thereon, I have the honor to forward Office of Letter from the Collector of this District dated 6th and 23rd Ultimo, enclosing the information called for in the Minutes of Consultation on several points, connected with the Sub Collector's and Sheristadar's Cutcherry, Travellers Bungalow, and Choultry at Caroor.

I beg to enclose an original letter from the District Engineer on the subject dated 30th November 1857, together with two Plans of the above Buildings as called for.

I have the honor to be &c.

(Signed) C. B. Thomas
Collector

Coimbatore
Collr's Office
19th Decr 1857

Received

Received & forwarded to Government
The Copies of Correspondence under flame referred to in the
foregoing letter No. 615 dated 10th December 1857, and 615
reference to Contract Marine Consultation No. 19758
dated 21st October 1857, under the impression of
the Chief Engineer's opinion that the Native Officers
concerned were to blame for allowing the Coal for the Escort
Steamer to be consumed by the Civil Engineer which Could
hardly have been (as alleged) liable to extinction
during freshes.—

I have &c.

Chief Engineer

To

The Secretary to Government
P. W. D.

From

M. J. Walhouse Esqre
Sub Collector of Coimbatore

To

C. A. B. Thomas Esqre
Collector of Coimbatore

Sir,

1 With reference to Paragraph 5th of the Contract from Coimbatore of Carcon Cutcherry under date 21st October 1857, No. 1978, respecting the old and new Cutcherries at Carcon, I have the honor to report, that the old Cutcherry as held in the Choultry from which the Sub Collector is about to remove is the property of Government.

2 The aforesaid premises are regarded as Public property, consequently the Sub Collector though occupying it free of charge, draws no house Rent while residing there. The same has been built before the commencement of the present Century by Hyder Ayuch, at his own expence, and consequently required much additional to lay. Hyder Ayuch, Tippoo, Purnia and others at their own charges. It has also much of a Travellers Bungalow. The grounds

for

Public Works Department
No. 4 Dated 24th August 1858.
Forwarded to the Collector of Coimbatore
for information and necessary action.
By Order
Chief Engineer

Coimbatore 24th August 1858.
Received and submitted to the Collector
By Order
Chief Engineer

Public Works Department
No. 1 Dated 28th January 1858.
Forwarded to
Lieut. Col. Pitt
Chief Engineer
By Order
Secretary

No 34

Coimbatore 25th January 1858.
Forwarded with reference to the accompanying
letter from the Sub Collector of Coimbatore
dated 23rd instant.
By Order
C. A. B. Thomas
Collector

C/o. Sub Collr 23rd

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right, appear to the Platform 1832-5-, which have
expended upon it by Government - in repairs, removing
-ing &c. at different times from 1823 to 1832. The
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in 1834. At latter part of it has been occasionally repaired
at private expense, and a small one-storied
bungalow in the garden, the building &c. are in repairable
property.

3. The Sub Collector, the Assistant, the Cutchery
Peons &c. are all housed within, and the Sub Collectors
Residence about 4 miles, by the Cart Road, and in
habited by the Regular Peons, Cashmen, Assistant
Cashmen, Jamadar, Duffadars, Sowars, Peons, Cooks,
Sweepers &c. Excepting a Compass Cutchery
near the Bridge, the Cutcherry, Treasury, Cashmen, Office
Peons &c. live in Cottages, on the Cutcherry Ground
a Cutcherry of Gardens, belonging to the Sub Collector
Officers and Cutcherry Peons, the Cutcherry Office
is situated in Shoulay, in the letter is required to any that
may be found to have been officially to the Peons of Purchases
The Cutcherry accepts annually all the Salary that
may be found which may be for Office Articles, with
the rows of Appearing Pulas, Office Articles &c. and
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Government management, and was originally built for
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the reception of the Hindoo Ceremonies during
the Dussera Festival.

4. The present Cutcherry was never
Consulted in any way during the building of the new
Cutcherry, nor was the plan ever submitted to them.
It was Established before Separation the Subdivision.

Examined
Sub Collector's Office
Feb 1835

Shaw Esq
Assistant to the Collector
Sub Collector

Shaw Esq
Assistant to the Collector
Sub Collector

To
C. S. Thomas Esq
Collector of Chingleput

Sir,
I do myself the honor to be
Your most obedient
humble servant
Shaw
Assistant to the Collector
Sub Collector

The within is my letter of the 19th Inst
Forwarded for the information of the Board of Revenue
the enclosure of the Hindoo Temple at Tiruvallam &
Tiruvallikeny both in my Cutcherry. The Cutcherry
at Tiruvallikeny Ground, was for some time after
the Cutcherry of the Assistant in Charge. The only
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Collector

Residence

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2 Next adjacent is a vast Compound and Entrance Place from Europe for Pilgrims to Gaya Pundas Parties should always that Compliance this Compound contains Bungalow however in bad an ordinary village Pakah Cochairy Considerable Town Durgahanna in this most vast Confined Locality, but objectionable in account of Cholera during the year, and Decades of days year since most Cholera from the other Pakahs. &c. this present year the deceased has since broken out there violently, once in February and again in September, and which has but just ceased. The Inhabitants

Heads

Heads Quarters once transferred thence to Barrackpore 1837 from the grounds of the Cantonments near the boundary of 3 Districts. In the suburbs notwithstanding Barrackpore is at the verge of the District, yet not in the largest town and the most important Inclosed, Cantonments not be prepared to advocate the removal of the Additional Head Quarters from it.

3 The Cantonments Barracks of Chinsurah is herewith forwarded.

Barrackpore 20th November 1837

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant
[illegible]
Captain
Assistant Quarter Master General

To
The Adjutant General
Department of the Army
Fort William

I have the honor to forward the
plans

Residency

Commencing at the Point where the Parishes of Broadchalke
& Ebbesborne Wake & Berwick St John & Tisbury & Chicklade
& Hindon & Fonthill Bishop & Donhead St Mary & Donhead St Andrew
meet & proceeding Eastward along the Boundary between the
Parishes of Broadchalke & Ebbesborne Wake & Berwick St John
& Tisbury & Chicklade & Hindon & Fonthill Bishop & Donhead St Mary
& Donhead St Andrew to

Revenue Department

No. 55

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 5th January 1858.

Read letter from the Collector of Coimbatore dated 8th December 1857.

In Lrs 5th January 1858

(True enter No. 211)

Resolved that the above letter and its enclosures be laid before Government with reference to Extract Minutes Consultation 21st October 1857 P. W. D. Public No. 1975.

2 Ordered that the above Extract Government call for information regarding the old and new (Sub Collectorate) Cutcheries, the Travellers Bungalow and Choultry at Caroor, the Station of the Sub Division of Coimbatore.

3. The Plans of the Cutcheries and information regarding the new ones and the Choultry have apparently been furnished through the Chief Engineer and the letters submitted with these Proceedings refer only to the old Cutcherry and Travellers Bungalow.

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7. The unsuitability of the building and its situation seem to the Board to render its abandonment necessary. Whether the new Cutcherry can be made available can be easily determined by Government when the plan of it is laid before them by the Chief Engineer.

8. The Board would however suggest that in deciding this question the position of Carvor at the very corner of the District should be taken into consideration. The Collector and Sub Collector are averse to any change, but Engineer appears to the Board a more suitable place for the Sub Collectors' Official Head Quarters. If, as would seem to be the case, Government must either make over the new Cutcherry at Carvor to the D. C. Works or provide other accommodation for the Engineer Stores, the question of the best station for the Sub Collector merits careful consideration.

Collectors letter Para 3. Cons: No 2 Para 2.

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Paras 4 Encl 1.

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of them. This course he will now adopt meanwhile to obviate delay the Board will lay the papers before Government noting the number of persons who have halted at Canoor during 1850/57 was only 25 and a second class Bungalow would seem quite sufficient for the accommodation of Travellers on this line of road.

(A true Extract)

J. D. Sim

Ag. Secretary.

To

H. Forbes Esq.

Ag. Secretary to Government

Revenue Department.

Compd.
F.C. Boyle

No 163. 29.11.57.

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Under date the 28th January, 1858.

Read the following

Extract from the Proc: of the Chief Engr. Papers:

/Here enter 24th Dec: 1857 N 6231/

Extract from the Proc: of the Board of Revs.

/Here enter 5th January 1858 N 55/

/ The reasons assigned by the Board for changing the Sub Collectors station are not considered by Government to be sufficient. Cuvvor, although on one side of the Sub Collectorate is the largest town within it, and has advantages over Kongheim as the residence of the Chief European authority.

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Extract from the Proc: of the Chief Engr. dated 24th Dec: 1857 No 6231.

Extract from the Proc: of the Board of Revenue dated 5th January 1858 No 55.

Received 5th January 1858.

No 163.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, 28th January 1858.

Read submitting with the Board's observations and recommendation a letter with its enclosures from the Collector of Cuvvor forwarding for the information called for in Mr Secretary Grant's letter dated 21st October last relative to the site of the Sub Collectorate at Cuvvor and Pumbellum.

Resolved that the Sub Collectorate at Cuvvor be established.

Division Station of this District.

No 32.

Cuvvor 25th January 1858.

residence to be such as should induce them to order that his head quarters should be changed to another block. If personal inconvenience be felt, it is of course open to the Sub: Collector to provide himself with another residence, but on public grounds, it does not appear to Government, that there is any call for interference, and it is not likely that Cannon should be abandoned as the Sub: Coll: Head Quarters

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5. The Government cannot too strongly condemn the conduct of ~~the Subaltern Superior Officials of Cannon~~ Jaffnapatam in having altered the site of the new choultry without any communi-

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section with the District Engineer
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J. Z.

9 Copies to the Chief Engr
Dept. 29th
3 — Bds of Survey
with 3 Exhibits

2/to Cons 29th October 57/1687

Public Works 1858 Dept.
Dy. to Cons: 2 d. February

No 163.

Extract Mins: of Cons:
Dated 28th Jany. 58.
From Chief Engr 15th March 57
R 5th Ins Cons - 30.

Passing orders on a letter from the Collector of Coimbatore, furnishing information regarding the old Cutcherry and Traveller's Bungalow at Caroor a Subdivision Station of his District.

No 37 at 39.

Extract from the Pro: of the Bd of Revn dd 23 Feby 58 C No 206 to
Rec'd 23 Ditto