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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
16th September 1864.*

No. 365. Read the following letter from Captain F. J. MOBERLY, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madura, 5th September 1864, No. 1,001:—

SIR,

1. I regret to have to bring to your notice that the estimate for a Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry on the Pulney hills is utterly incorrect, the same rates being entered for it as for the other Cutcheries in the plains.
See Supplemental Budget of 1864-65.

2. At the time it was prepared I was quite ignorant as to the difficulty of procuring building materials on the hills, where neither bricks nor tiles have been yet made or lime found.

3. I would suggest that the walls be built of stone in clay plastered, as are most of the house in Kodacanal, and a slight verandah on wooden pillars constructed to screen them from the rain; tiled roofs apparently do not answer as the high winds displace them and the rain beats through the interstices.

4. I would therefore beg permission of Government to try some experiments as to the possibility of making good bricks and slabs for a terrace roof, or of making a roof with a very small slope entirely of concrete, which would I think be cheaper.

5. I would limit my expenditure to Rupees 200; these experiments would be of service to any person wishing to settle on the hills, where the cost now of building any residence, however small, is very great.

No. 366. ORDER THEREON, 16th September 1864, No. 2,705.

1. The Government will not object to the change recommended in paragraph 3, provided that the walls of the building are well protected from the rain. They do not, however, understand why tiled roofs should not answer as well on the Pulneys as they do at other hill stations.

2. No funds being available the Government are unable to sanction the execution of the work at present, or the grant applied for in paragraph 5.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, Major, R. E.,

Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division.
Controller of Public Works Accounts.

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Superintendent Engineer's Office 8th Divⁿ

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Dated 5th September 1864
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Points out the difficulty in
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