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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
27th January 1865.*

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2. It can be used, but is ill-suited, being small, and the record-room insufficient, and the whole the property of an individual who has not been remarkable for assisting the officers of justice. Its tenure, therefore, cannot be considered the most certain. It is quite open and indefensible.

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ENCLOSURE No. 2.

From V. RAMIENGAR, Deputy Collector, Namkul Division, to the Honorable D. ARBUTHNOTT, Collector of Salem, dated 5th November 1864, No. 125.

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Do. do. 1st November „ „ 873.

1. I have the honor to reply to the letter noted in the margin.

2. The necessity for a new Talook Cutcherry at Namkul was explained by me in my letter to you, dated 3rd October 1862, in the Magisterial Department. The present building, said to have been constructed in 1837 and since, is small, and is quite unsuited to the requirements of the present enlarged Talook. The Tahsildar and his establishment, the Police Inspector and his men, the Post Office, the Stamp Vendor, have all to find accommodation in two small open halls in this building; and the Tahsildar finds it impossible to hold his office without serious interruption to his work. The Treasury, in which there are at times very large sums towards the close of a month, is placed in an unsafe corner of the building, being completely unprotected on two sides, and easy of access. The Subsidiary Jail, which, like the Treasury room, is situated in another corner of the Cutcherry, is likewise very insecure; and you are aware that some time ago a prisoner was able to effect his escape through the roof. The room used as the Jail is, besides, quite insufficient for, and unsuited to, the purpose. It measures only 25 feet by 15; and it is clear that in this space no arrangements can be made for keeping apart sentenced prisoners from those merely undergoing trial, nor male from female prisoners. The consequence is that female prisoners have to be left outside the lock-up, and all the rest huddled together in the same room; and some times the number thus confined is considerable, as not only prisoners belonging to this Talook, but those committed to me for trial from Paramatty, Trichengode, and Senkagiri, have to be accommodated, as reported to you specially in my letter of the 17th September 1863, on the Magisterial side. Then again, the record-room, which perhaps was

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sufficient for the old Namkul Talook, is no longer so, since the accession of the Paramatty records, and a portion of the Dufters is left in the open hall outside the record-room in an insecure state.

3. For these reasons, and with reference particularly to the position of the Treasury room, I am of opinion that it is necessary to build, as early as possible, a new and enlarged Talook Cutcherry on an improved plan to suit the present wants of the Talook, which have increased since the amalgamation of Namkul and Paramatty, and the formation of the new Police. A plan of the present building having been forwarded to you with my letter of the 3rd October 1862, I beg reference to that plan to illustrate my remarks.

4. I enclose also, for your perusal, an original Urzi (to be returned) from the Namkul Tahsildar, explaining fully the necessity for a new building.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) D. ARBUTHNOTT, *Collector.*

Ordered that the above letters be submitted to Government, in continuation of the Board's letter, dated 8th August 1864, No. 5,041.

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ORDER THEREON, 27th January 1865, No. 141.

Miscellaneous.

1. The erection of the two Cutcheries referred to in these Proceedings is approved. Further orders will be issued from the Public Works Department.

2. The Board will report whether any steps can be taken to get rid of superfluous records.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,

Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Public Works Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 6,542.

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With reference to the Board's Miscellaneous Circular, dated 3rd June last, No. LX, Board No. 3,385, I have the honor to state that the present Taluk Cutcherry at Namkul is reported by the Deputy Collector of that Division to be quite unfit for the purpose, and requests that a new one, on an improved plan, may be constructed. The Sub-Collector suggests that a new Cutcherry be constructed for the Sub-Magistrate at Pennagaram; the one now used by him is a private building. A plan was submitted to Government some time ago by the Superintending Engineer for the construction of a Cutcherry at Pennagaram. I therefore request that the sanction of Government may be obtained for the construction of these two buildings at once.

1. The Collector will please to explain whether and why the necessity for a new building at Namkul is urgent, and whether rent is paid for the private building at Pennagaram.

2. The Board do not suppose that funds will be available for either building for some time to come.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary.

To Honorable D. Arbuthnott, Collector of Salem.

Exd. J. Wright.

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Requesting certain information relative to the new Cutcherry proposed to be built at Namkul, and the private building at Pennagaram now used by the Sub Magistrate.

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