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2. It will be observed, from the correspondence recorded above, that there have been so few Cutcherries yet built upon this plan, that it is not possible to state its defects from sufficiently lengthened experience, but several of the District Officers object to it generally, and alternative plans have been forwarded by the Collectors of Nellore and Coimbatore.

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