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Government of Madras.

Public works DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
9th October 1869.

No. 180. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department :—

Sanctioning the transfer of certain buildings at the Mount to the Department Public Works to be demolished. (Here enter 29th September 1869, No. 3,412.)

No. 181. ORDER THEREON, 9th October 1869, No. 3,265.

MILITARY WORKS, No. 5. COMMUNICATED to the Superintending Engineer of the 4th Division.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Military Department.
29th September 1869.

Read the following letter:—

No. 488. From the Assistant Quarter Master General, to the Officiating Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Fort Saint George, 14th September 1869, No. 5598.

I have the honor, by order of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, to request the sanction of Government to the transfer of the buildings as per margin at Saint Thomas' Mount, which are reported to be old and of no further use to the Department Public Works, with a view to their being demolished.

10 Solitary cells, with ten passages.
2 Guard-rooms.
1 Compound wall.
2 Solitary cells for Natives, with two passages.
} No. 26 on the returns of public Military buildings.

No. 489. ORDER THEREON, 29th September 1869, No. 3412.

Sanctioned.

(True Extract.)

Major,

Offg. Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Quarter Master General.
,, Public Works Department.

Ed. A. W. Cooke.

Govt. of India

MILITARY.

To

THE QUARTER MASTER GENERAL.

&c., &c., &c.

Dated September, 20th.

Read. 24th Ditto

G. O., 20th September 1860, No. 3312.

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SEPTEMBER.

Nos. 488-489.

Sanctioning the transfer of certain buildings at the Mount to the Department Public Works to be demolished.

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Communicated to the Govt of Fort St. George

Fort St. George 6th Oct. 1859

Lt. Col. & Sec. to Govt.

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Government of Madras.

Police works DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
9th October 1869.

No. 182. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Judicial Department:—

Requesting information regarding the Cutcherry and Jail works in this Presidency, and the amount of the estimate and expenditure, up to date, on each building; also an emergent estimate of the immediate expenditure necessary to prevent the deterioration of work already completed. } (Here enter 28th September 1869, No. 1,583.)

No. 183. Order thereon, 9th October 1869, No. 3,266.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 25.

The Superintending Engineers will report the precise position which the several Subsidiary Jails and Talook Cutcherries which have been commenced in their divisions occupy, the amount of the estimate for each, and the expenditure up to date. They will also submit an emergent estimate of the immediate outlay which is absolutely necessary to prevent the deterioration of work already completed.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To Superintending Engineers.
To the Controller of Public Works Accounts.
To Major R. B. Kennedy.
To the Judicial Department.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 15th September 1869.

No. 369. Read the following Proceedings of the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Account,) dated Simla, 31st August 1869, No. 736-A:—

Provision of funds for constructing Taluk Cutcherries and Subsidiary Jails in the Madras Presidency.

READ again the following papers:—

Letter from Secretary to Government, Madras, No. 1,031, dated 26th June 1868.

Letter from Secretary to Government of India, Home Department, to Secretary to Government of Madras, No. 1,352, dated 7th August 1868.

Letter from Secretary to Government, Madras, No. 1,382, dated 7th September 1868.

Public Works Department letter, No. 751-A, dated 9th October 1868, to Secretary to Government, Madras.

READ also the following:—

From the Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George, to the Secretary to Government of India, Home Department, dated Fort St. George, the 15th June 1869, No. 1,001.

I AM directed by His Excellency the Governor in Council to enclose, for the information of His Excellency the Viceroy and Governor-General in Council, the final reports of the Committee appointed in April 1867 to inquire and report upon the existing and required accommodation for prisoners undergoing short sentences in Subsidiary Jails throughout the Presidency, together with the order of this Government thereon.

Procs., 26th May 1869, Nos. 164 and 167.
" 15th June " " " 109 and 110.

2. In my letter No. 1,031, dated 26th June 1868, the actual condition of the Jails in this Presidency classified as Central, District, and Subsidiary Jails, was fully described.

3. It was explained that whenever in any Taluk of a District new Taluk Cutcherries and Subsidiary Jails are necessary, these buildings would be constructed in a single block, both as securing economy in construction, and because it is very desirable that the Subsidiary Jails, which are ordinarily in charge of Taluk Magistrates, should be so placed as to be under their immediate supervision. Further, by this arrangement there is a considerable saving in the cost of guarding prisoners by the Police, as the same guard answers for the Treasury, Jail and Office.

4. With these objections in view the Committee have recommended plans of three different classes of Cutcherries and Subsidiary Jails, which have been approved by His Excellency the Governor in Council, and adopted as standard designs for the various new buildings throughout the Presidency.

5. These plans I am directed to submit, and to state that their cost is respectively Rupees 20,000, Rupees 7,000, and Rupees 5,000.

Standard Plan No. 1 exhibits the office of the Tahsildar of the Taluk. It will be observed that a treasury is required in these buildings, and that a considerable space is necessarily devoted to the safe custody of the records.

NOTE.—A Taluk in this Presidency represents an average revenue of Rupees 2,33,777, an area of 654 square miles and a population of 129,876 souls.

It is to this Office that the entire remittances from the Talooks are made, and in this Office the entire records of the Taluk are kept.

It is owing to the expensive construction of these parts of the building to make them secure and defensible that the difference of cost between Standard No. 1 and Standard Nos. 2 and 3 is mainly attributable.

Standard No. 2 shows the Office and Subsidiary Jail under the immediate charge of a Deputy Tahsildar, an Officer who, owing to the size of the Talooks in this Presidency, has always been maintained to divide the work with the Tahsildar.

The establishment of this Officer is smaller, and, as explained above, his office contains no treasury, and only a small room for those current records which are necessary for the immediate despatch of business.

Government may be authorized to make the following transfer and re-appropriation of Budget allotments, viz, two lacs from Repairs, Irrigational, to the head of Civil Buildings (Jails), and Rupees 75,000 from Item No. 74, Civil Buildings, General Post Office, Madras, to Subsidiary Jails. I may add that the plan and estimate for the Post Office are not yet ready.

15. I am, however, to state that His Excellency in Council has recourse with regret to these expedients; but he considers that important as is the improvement of the state of minor irrigation works, and great as would be the public convenience afforded by the erection of a new General Post Office, the necessity of completing the works in progress for affording adequate Jail accommodation is still more pressing. His Excellency the Governor in Council would be happy to learn that these sacrifices will not be required, and that, without disturbing the general financial arrangements of the Government of India, it may be found practicable to provide in some other way for the completion of the prison accommodation which is so deficient in this Presidency.

Resolution.—The Government of Madras, in forwarding the final report of the Committee appointed to inquire upon the existing and required accommodation for Taluk Cutcherries and Subsidiary Jails in the Madras Presidency, bring to notice that many of the works recommended by the Committee were commenced during 1868-69 against a special grant of Rupees five lacs sanctioned for the purpose by the Government of India, and in order to prevent a loss to the State from the buildings thus commenced remaining in an unfinished state, the Government of Madras represent the necessity for providing additional funds for the completion of the several works. It is also requested, in case an additional grant cannot be allowed for the purpose, that sanction may be accorded to the requisite funds for 1869-70 being obtained by the following re-appropriation of Budget credits:—

	Rs.
By transfer from the grant for Repairs, Agricultural ...	2,00,000
By transfer from the Budget provision for construction of a Post Office, Madras	75,000
Total ...	2,75,000

2. To this last request the Governor General in Council is unable to accord sanction, since the grant for agricultural works was specially assigned on the condition that it was not to be diverted to other purposes, nor can the Governor General in Council agree to cancel the appropriation for the Post Office.

3. The proposal to make an extra grant for the purpose must equally be declined. These works having been begun in 1868-69 should, if considered sufficiently important, have been provided for in the estimates of the current year. As they were not so provided for, it was presumed that the Government of Madras attached less importance to them than to the works which were brought forward for execution. If this is not so, there is yet time to propose appropriations, but as to the demand for an extra grant, the Governor General in Council must remind the Governor in Council of Madras that the grant to Madras for the current year for "other services" is already virtually 20 lacs more than it was five years ago. Further, any attempt to regulate the amount of the grants by the supposed necessities for undertaking public works is impracticable. The construction of such works must be regulated by the amount of revenue available to pay for them, and the large outlay contemplated by the Government of Madras on these works will clearly have to be spread over a term of years, there being no prospect of bringing

them to completion within a short period, having regard to the engagements already undertaken, especially for military buildings.

4. But the Government of India is by no means satisfied that the proposed outlay is all necessary. The project is spoken of as mainly one for Jail improvements; but, as shown in the following table, nearly one-half of the expenditure is for improved office accommodation for Sub-Magistrates :—

	Talook Cutcheries	Talook Jails.	Total.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
Office accommodation for Sub-Magistrates	12,00,500	5,30,500	17,31,000
Subsidiary Jails to existing offices	.....	5,80,000	5,80,000
Additions and alterations to existing buildings	.....	2,50,000	2,50,000
Total ...	12,00,500	13,60,500	25,61,000

5. His Excellency in Council is very doubtful whether this expenditure is one that can be properly undertaken at the present time, and also whether the proposed designs are not of a needlessly expensive character.

6. On this point the particular attention of the Government of Madras is requested to the following extract from a Despatch* from the Secretary of State lately received, and which the Government of India were on the point of communicating to the Government of Madras when the present reference arose :—

* No. 571 dated 30th June 1869.

"2. I observe in Madras the estimates under the head of Talook Cutcherries and Subsidiary Jails amount to sums far above what in past years have been deemed sufficient for suitably supplying the requirements of the public service in this respect. Making due allowance for increased cost of material and workmanship, as well as for improvement in accommodation, a sum ranging from twenty-five thousand to thirty thousand Rupees for each building seems excessive."

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"4. At a time like the present, and with reference to the probability that the State for several years to come may have to incur annually heavy pecuniary obligations on account of 'extraordinary' productive public works, economy in the administration of funds applied to 'ordinary' public works, such as buildings, &c., becomes of peculiar importance."

7. It is not possible for the Government of India to indicate the precise manner in which the cost of the several buildings may be reduced. This can only be done by the Government of Madras; but with reference to the designs put forward, it has to be noticed that the provision of Treasury buildings is urged as one of the grounds of the large cost of a Talook Cutcherry. This would appear to indicate systematic arrangements for keeping large sums of money scattered in small district treasuries, an arrangement which the Governor General in Council thinks ought not to be necessary. It is said that in an average Talook the annual revenue is Rupees 2½ lacs, and as, it may be presumed, the receipt of this sum is distributed more or less over the year, the sum in deposit at any one time must be small; it would, therefore, apparently be out of place to make any special provision

in these Talook Cutcherries, for the reception of treasure, and by dispensing with the treasure chamber the total cost of the scheme could be considerably reduced. The Governor General in Council requests the Government of Madras will re-consider this point, pending which sanction to the general project will be withheld.

ORDER.—Ordered that this Resolution be communicated to the Government of Madras, for information and guidance.

Also that a copy be forwarded to the Home Department for information, with reference to the communication from that Department, No. 1,029, dated 20th July 1869, and to the Financial Department with reference to the last paragraph of the resolution, and for the issue of any orders on that subject thought necessary.

(Signed) R. STRACHEY, Colonel, R.E.,
Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

To the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department.

No. 370. ORDER THEREON, 15th September 1869, No. 3,028.

ACCOUNT, No. 27.

COMMUNICATED to the Public Department with reference to the letter to the Government of India from that Department, dated 15th June 1869, No. 1,001.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. S. Wright.

3. Resolved that in relation to negotiations for the acquisition of lots for taking the ordinance and Rule Lots as the Mayor, the Recorder & Magistrates adjourn & meet further action for the present

Attest

Secretary

Ordered that the Public Works

Public Works Department

No. 3266

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 9th Octr 1865

Read the following

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Ecclesiastical Dept. to M.E.S. No 1688 / 28th September 1865

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PUBLIC WORKS.

To

The Superintending Engr

Dated

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G. O. Oct 2 1860 No. 3264

Nos. 182-183

Subsidiary Jails & Jailey Collection

Jailey Engrs requested to furnish certain information in connection with the entered Subsidiary Jails & Jailey Collections which have been commenced in their Divn.