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No. 68. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Revenue Department, dated 2nd June 1874, No. 679 :—
Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 4th May 1874, No. 1,032.

Read the following letters :—

From H. SEWELL, Esq., Acting Collector of Bellary, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 3rd April 1874, No. 89.

With reference to Board's Miscellaneous endorsement, No. 3,983, dated 27th June 1873, I have the honor to forward a letter from the District Engineer, in which he gives the approximate cost of proposed additions to the Sub-Collector's Office at Ghooty.

2. The District Engineer engages, if the works be approved by Government, to prepare detailed estimates and plans.

3. I forward copy of a letter received from the Sub-Collector on the necessity of certain additions to be made to his office, in which I concur.

4. The alterations and additions proposed are likely to cost Rupees 6,275, but if Items 4, 5, and 8 be omitted the estimate will be reduced by 33 per cent.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From Captain A. R. EDGCOMBE, R.E., Officiating District Engineer, Bellary, to J. H. MASTER, Esq., Collector of Bellary, dated 28th March 1874, No. 2,009.

With reference to your endorsement, dated 1st July 1873, on memorandum, No. 3,983, dated 27th June 1873, from the Board of Revenue, communicating G. O., No. 641, dated 21st June 1873, in the Revenue Department, I have the honor to subjoin a statement showing approximately the cost of the additions required to the new Sub-Collector's Cutcherry at Ghooty, and to state that detail estimates and plans will be submitted through the proper channel should the works be approved of by Government in the first instance.

2. A ground plan (to be returned when done with) of the Cutcherry, showing the proposed Moochy's room, and the proposed verandah around the Record-room and behind the Court-house, is enclosed for information.

3. The existing verandah is built in accordance with the standard plan, allowing a width of six feet.

Approximate Cost of proposed additions to the Sub-Collector's Cutcherry.

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1. Ryots' shed enclosed on three sides, 37 × 17	677
2. Latrine according to Colonel Roberts' plan, received with G. O., No. 1,306, of 10th May 1873	613
3. Moochy's room, 16 × 11½, to be attached to the main building as shown in the ground plan	1,135
4. Coach-house and stables, 28 × 21, outside dimensions	678
5. Three-feet compound wall with two gates to a length of 100 yards in the front, and fencing for the rest	710
6. Iron-barring the windows of the Record-room	210
7. Glazed doors and windows for the front part of the building	266
8. Verandah for the Record-room	700
9. Do. behind the Court-house	354
10. End verandah to the main building	595
11. Punkahs and sundry fittings	47
12. Raised bench and railing	23
13. Pandal around the verandah	267
Total...	6,275

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Of the above items I consider that Nos. 4, 5, and 8 are those that may be considered least urgently needed. If these items be struck out the cost of the additions would be reduced by 33 per cent.

Enclosure No. 2

From C. J. CROSTHWAITE, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector, to J. H. MASTER, Esq., Collector of Bellary, dated Yellapur, 24th February 1874, No. 58.

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge a copy of correspondence between you and the District Engineer regarding the Sub-Collector's Catcherry at Ghooty, forwarded for my information on the 11th instant, and to observe as follows:—

The District Engineer alludes in his letter to a cook-house for my Catcherry: I proposed no such unnecessary addition. You have observed that a water-shed is not required, but it is found necessary now to have water at the Catcherry, and it will be very inconvenient for the office servants and other respectable natives to have to go to a well when they are thirsty, and that well not very close at hand. The coach-house at the travellers' bungalow is now used for the purpose of water refreshment.

Glazed doors and windows are, I still think, necessary in the front part of the building, at least for the Court-house, the Sheristadar's and Clerk's rooms, otherwise when the venetians have to be shut against wind or rain darkness will be the result.

Pandalis too on all sides of the building would tend to mitigate the evil of verandahs which are admittedly too small, and discomfort will I cannot doubt be felt without them. I am aware that it is the intention of the Government to curtail at present all expenditure of money where possible, but I would suggest that your veto placed upon my proposals should be modified so as to indicate only a postponement of the additions. You will, I think, upon reconsideration admit that a coach-house and stable at a Sub-Collector's Catcherry amounts at least at times to an absolute necessity.

I may add that I made these proposals as a matter of duty and after much consideration, and that copies were sent to you simultaneously with the despatch of my letters to the Public Works Department.

Enclosure No. 3.—Plan.

From H. SEWELL, Esq., Acting Collector of Bellary, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Ramandroog, 21st April 1874, No. 114.

WITH my letter, No. 89, dated 3rd instant, I submitted a letter from the District Engineer, in which he specifies the cost of certain proposed additions and alterations to the Sub-Collector's Office at Ghooty.

2. Sanction to make the proposed alterations has not been received as yet, but in anticipation of its being granted I have requested the District Engineer to issue orders for putting up the punkahs (which forms one of the items in the District Engineer's letter), as the cost is small, and as I consider that they are absolutely necessary at this time of the year, with the thermometer ranging from 95° to 100° in the shade.

3. I beg, therefore, the Board will be good enough to approve of this measure.

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SUBMITTED to Government with reference to their Order, dated 21st June 1873, No. 641.

2. The several additions proposed to be made to the Bellary Sub-Collector's Catcherry are thirteen in number, and their aggregate cost is estimated at Rupees 6,275.

3. The Board do not see any necessity for addition No. 3, viz., a separate Moochy's room, nor for the erection of a wall half round the compound (Item No. 5).

4. The verandah proposed for the Record-room (No. 8) and for the end of the main building (No. 10) should be dispensed with, and two at least of the proposed windows of the Record-room should be blocked up.

5. All the other proposed additions appear to the Board absolutely essential.

6. A pandal round the entire main building will no doubt require yearly repairs, but the extreme narrowness of the verandahs seems imperatively to demand such a protection.

7. Should the proposed alterations meet with the approval of Government it might be worth consideration whether the standard plan should be altered accordingly.

8. In his letter of 21st April the Collector reports that, in anticipation of sanction for the proposed alterations, steps have already been taken for fitting up the punkahs (Item No. 11). Under the circumstances the Board see no reason to disapprove of this action.

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HIS EXCELLENCY the Governor in Council agrees with the Board that Items Nos. 3 and 5 are unnecessary, but

he is of opinion that the two verandahs (8 and 10) are requisite. He also approves of the other additions.

2. The papers will be communicated to the Public Works Department for consideration of the propriety of revising the standard plan.

3. It will be observed that a pandal is said to be essential on account of the narrowness of the verandahs.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) LORNE A. CAMPBELL,

Acting Under Secretary,
for Ag. Secy. to Govt., R.D.

No. 69. ORDER THEREON, 4th July 1874, No. 1,796.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 4.

ON scrutinizing the standard plan it is evident that a discrepancy exists between the elevation of the Record-room and its plan; the former showing side verandahs, the latter none. The Consulting Architect will have the goodness to see that plans are not again sent from his office in so faulty a state; nor is it creditable that such faults should have escaped detection in passing through the Lithographie Drawing Office.

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The Consulting Architect will introduce these in a revised plan, in which the dimensions of each part of the building shall be everywhere noted. The side openings of the Record-room may also be advantageously converted from doors into narrow windows, as in the original plan of Record-room for Taluq Cutcheries.

3. The use of pandals, it is observed, must be altogether destructive of architectural effect. They are never provided or maintained by the Public Works Department, but are left to the discretion of the department by which the building is occupied, to put up and maintain from allotments provided in its Budget of petty works.

4. The District Engineer of Bellary will submit estimates for the additions to the Cutcherry already constructed at Ghooty specified in his list, excluding Items 3, 5, and 13.

(True Extract.)

Major, R.E.,

Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the District Engineer, Bellary.
To all other District Engineers.
To the Consulting Architect.
„ Revenue Department.
„ Executive Engineer, Wynaad.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.
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ABSTRACT.—*Sub-Collector's Office at Ghooty, Bellary District.*—Concurs with Board regarding proposed alterations, etc., to —, with certain exceptions; approves other additions; and communicates the papers to Public Works Department for consideration regarding the propriety of revising the standard plan, with observation.

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Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Bellary.
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„ Revenue Department.
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