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No. 164A. Read the following letter from Colonel E. A. FOORD, R.E.,
Inspecting Engineer for Civil and Military Buildings, to Colonel G. W.
WALKER, R.E., Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated
Chepauk, 26th January 1874, No. 122:—

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1 Letter in original, No. 1,005, dated 19th January 1874.

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lose the benefit of the old trenches as far as they go.

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information regarding any allotments that may have been made for the Cutcheries
at Nundial, Owk, and Sirvel, nor have I seen the plans and estimates.

3. I have at length received a reply from the Acting Collector of Kurnool
to my letters regarding the sites of the Koilguntla and Cumbum Cutcheries.
He approves of the present site for the Koilguntla Cutcherry, and states that the
local officers are strongly of opinion that at Cumbum the present site should be
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From W. FRASER, Esq., C.E., District Engineer, Kurnool, to Colonel E. A. FOORD, R.E.,
Inspecting Engineer for Civil and Military Buildings, dated Camp at Sirvel, 19th January
1874, No. 1,005.

I HAVE the honour to reply to your letter, No. 39, dated 12th January 1874, which I received
on Saturday evening, the 17th instant. I had wudders and other coolies busy ripping up the walls
of the Cutcherry on Wednesday last, the 13th; coolies could not be got earlier on account of the
Pongal feast. I expect the walls to be cleared out in ten days.

Arrangements were made for the delivery of materials. I shall return to Koilguntla when
the trenches are open.

2. I send you a copy of the revised plan, according to which I understand the Cutcherry is
to be built, with the foundations, as already built, drawn in red, that you may see the relative
position of the present foundation trenches and those required for the revised plan. In drawing
them the walls of the jail on the left were made to correspond in both. Had the buildings on
the right been made to correspond the intermediate walls would have come nearer, but smaller
differences would be just as inconvenient as those shown.

Have you any objection to my shifting the black walls A, B, C, D, E, F, to the right, so as
to make them correspond with the present foundation trenches, leaving G and J as they are, and
shifting H and I back to the nearest red lines; and where very small differences occur as at
x x, etc., adhering to the present trenches.

The pale red tint shows the verandah which was proposed originally.

If I may shift the walls as I have suggested, will you be good enough to telegraph to that
effect, as otherwise I shall have to delay putting in the foundations.

3. I feel unpleasantly circumstanced about these buildings. I have a very high opinion of
Mr. Chisholm's designs, and am most reluctant to suggest a alteration in them; but I am
compelled to state that this design of April 1872 is quite unsuited to this district, so far as the

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timber and ornamental masonry are concerned. Of course I can and will build it if ordered to do so, but it will be at great expense of time and money, as I have before explained. I may mention that 34 recognized stone-cutters came to dress the stones at Koilguntla, and that when I examined their work after three days I found that not more than three or four could use even a scabbling hammer; and the so-called carpenters are still worse.

4. Under these circumstances, I would suggest that if the ground plan of the design of April 1872 is approved of, I may be allowed to proceed with the work up to the basement level, by our circumstances.

If this is agreed to I would ask that—

I.—The roof of the main building should be a pukka flat terraced roof, as being cheaper, more easily constructed, more durable, and requiring fewer repairs than the roof of the standard plan.

II.—A verandah all round, except at the back and ends of the jail. The verandah to be roofed with a sloping Bengal terrace, and light stone arches instead of bressummers.

III.—I do not object to having the record room up-stairs, although it would be more convenient on the ground floor, for many reasons, as at first designed. The Sheristadar's and Cashier's rooms would be very dark with the record-room over them, thus preventing top lights being put in. The up-stairs room would, if treated by Mr. Chisholm on the flat roof idea, produce a good effect, and I would welcome a tower if square, round, or octagonal with bold rough cornices, and no timber or dressed turrets.

5. I have written to the Collector regarding the site for the Cumbum Cutcherry. So soon as I get his reply I shall order stones, etc., to be carted. I have already directed stones to be quarried and dressed.

6. As regards the mode of laying in the foundation with thin layers of gravel, watered and tamped, as suggested by me, I have no doubt of the success of such a process, which is not new to me; but I do not like to press its adoption lest by any carelessness on the part of the Overseer it should fail. I have used such a mode of construction frequently and with success.

7. The Tahsildar's Cutcherry at Nundial has had the foundations half built on the ground plan of the first design, dated November 1867. So far as I know the foundations are stable, and the site is said to be the best for the convenience of the public. The work must be done some time, and I would ask permission to collect stones, on which work I can expend this year some of 1,000 Rupees.

I have fixed on a site for the Deputy Tahsildar's Cutcherry at Owk, see plan No. 2, dated November 1867, approximate estimate 6,690 Rupees. This too must be built, and I could now, if sanction is given, spend 1,000 Rupees in collecting materials before the end of the official year.

For the Taluq Cutcherry for Sirvel the site has been selected, and there 1,000 Rupees could be spent on the collection of materials if I am allowed to do so.

These three works would enable me to spend 3,000 Rupees.

If my propositions for Koilguntla Cutcherry are approved, I could spend on that work, including timber for the roof, 8,000 Rupees, but if I am confined to the masonry work of the Koilguntla Cutcherry I must give up 10,000 of the 15,000 Rupees allotted for it and the Cumbum Cutcherry this year.

An answer by telegraph will oblige.

No. 164B.

ORDER THEREON, 10th February 1874, No. 318A.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 13.

THE action of the Inspecting Engineer as recorded in the first paragraph of this letter is approved.

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2. As already stated in G. O., No. 131, of 20th January 1874, His Excellency the Governor in Council will pass definite orders on such revised plans and estimates for Cutcheries at Koilguntla and Cumbum as may be submitted by Mr. Fraser with concurrence of the Consulting Architect and Inspecting Engineer.

3. No orders can be passed, or expenditure permitted, on Cutcheries at Nundial, Owk and Sirvel until after submission and sanction of the requisite plans and estimates; failure to supply which, after having held charge of the district for upwards of a twelve month, reflects little credit on Mr. Fraser. There is absolutely little work but road and tank maintenance in progress or provided for in the district, while the engineering staff consists of one Executive Engineer, 1st grade, one Executive Engineer, 4th grade, and one Assistant Engineer, 2nd grade.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Inspecting Engineer for Buildings.
District Engineer, Kurnool.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
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No. 122

From

THE INSPECTING ENGINEER
FOR CIVIL AND MILITARY BUILDINGS,

To

*The Chief Engineer.....
Public Works Department*

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Inspecting Engineer for
Civil & Military Buildings

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From

The Inspecting Engineer
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To

The Chief Engineer
of the District

Dated 26th January 1874.
Recd. 28th Jan'y 1874.

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G.M.

To The D^r Engr. Kurnool

" Engr. Engr. for W.P. 10th plan (sent on 23/2/74)

M.S. Dept. only to D^r Kurnool 10/2/74
P.C. to be 27/2/74

Ref. to the D^r Engr. for D^r 23/2/74
sent on 27/2/74

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The Inspecting Engrs
for Buildings

[Signature]

Dated

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Nov. 164A & 164B

Cutcheries. Paper orders
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