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8th September 1875.*

No 152 Read the following letter from Colonel A S MOBERLY, R E, District Engineer, Cuddapah, to Major-General G W WALKER, R E, Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Camp at Reddypully, 26th August 1875, No 1,148 —

With reference to G O, No 1,378, of 14th May 1875, I have the honor to inform you that on making further inquiries I find I made one or two slight mistakes about the Pullampett Taluq Cutcherry

2 The Cutcherry, which was on the old standard plan, was commenced in December 1864, and by the end of April 1865 the walls were raised to 12 feet, I became Superintending Engineer in November 1864, but did not come into the Pullampett Taluq until the beginning of 1866, at which time the walls were raised to their full height. In consequence of some delay in getting the wood-work from the Forest Department, the work was not completed until April 1867. The building was occupied by the Revenue Department on 1st May 1867. The expenditure incurred in 1867-68 was in settling up with the Forest Department

3 I am not aware to what Government refer in that part of paragraph 4 where it is said, "The use of inferior materials in public buildings has now been stopped, but while it was admissible it involved much more skilled and careful supervision than was given in this case, or (it would appear) in any buildings constructed throughout the Cuddapah District for years past," but I would respectfully urge that I cannot be held to blame for works estimated for by my predecessor, and which were in such a forward state as the Pullampett Cutcherry when I first had the opportunity of seeing it. It was I who brought to the notice of Government the bad nature of the work going on, and, with the exception of the Pullampett Cutcherry, I do not think Government can name one building in the Cuddapah District built during my presence in the district where the masonry is bad

4 Agreeably to orders I have had eight holes excavated, four outside and four inside the building, and beg herewith to forward sections of the same

5 You will observe on sections 1 and 2 projections of 7 inches and 9 inches breadth and 1 foot 3 inches and 1 foot deep, respectively. These projections are simply placed in contact with the view apparently of giving an appearance of full breadth to the foundations, and I can only suppose that Major Veitue and the late Mr Sage must have come upon places like these when they reported insufficiency of foundation

6 It appears to me that before building the basement it was found that a mistake had been made in the laying out of the foundations, and so these additions were made to make it appear all right. In No 4 section the same thing appears to have been done in another fashion, viz, by giving a batter on the outer face. I can give no explanation for the form in section 3.

7 The failure of the building is, I think, attributable to the bad work and the want of bond. The water, in my opinion, got into the walls, which were of rough stone in mud, and blew them out

8 The soil for a depth of 5 feet is a stiff red clay, under which are round water-worn stones. The Poolunga-aur flows past at a distance of about 200 yards

9. I would request permission to dismantle the building, and to sell by auction what cannot be profitably used.

Full height. Enclosed

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8th September 1875

No 153

ORDER THEREON, 8th September 1875, No 2,559

CIVIL WORKS, No 9-A

RECORDED The demolition of the
building and the sale of its materials is
approved

(True Extract)

Major-General, R E,
Secretary to Government

To the District Engineer, Cuddapah
" Controller of Public Works Accounts
" Revenue Department
" Judicial

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No 1148 of 1875 76 Cuddapah District Engineer
Office Cuddapah
26th August 1875
From

The District Engineer

Cuddapah

The Secretary

to Government

Public Works Department

Fort Saint George

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Yours most obediently

W. M. Moberg C.E.

District Engineer

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Recorded - The situation of the building
and the sale of its materials is as follows

W. 1895, Dept.
From W: 5535
The District Engineer
of Land Engrs

To The Secretary
to Government
P.O. W. &
Fort St George

Dated 26th
Dated 26th August
Recd: 28th 1895

Reports further
on the Pullumpall
Tulug Leutcherry
and submit
sections with
remarks.
With order

5535

Cost of 13.7

Public 13.7

Mr. Hys
Cuddapah

8 Sept. 25

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Pullampett. Taluk
Butchery, Cuddapah

Letter of the Str.
recommending further
in the record
the demolition of the
building & the sale
of its materials at public
sale

15th 1925

Refd to 30-8-25