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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
18th October 1876. No. 2,801.*

No. 293. Read the following endorsement of the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Ootacamund, 14th October 1876, No. 1,593 :—

From R. W. BARLOW, Esq., Magistrate of the Chingleput District, to the Honorable W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, dated Sydapet, 11th October 1876, No. 98.

I HAVE the honor to submit, for the information and early orders of Government, copy of a letter* from the Superintending Engineer, and its enclosure, the Range Officer's report, regarding the Taluq Cutcherry at Trivellore.

* Dated 6th October 1876, No. 2,363.

2. It will be observed from paragraph 2 of the latter that a considerable and important portion of the building is in a dangerous condition and unfit for occupation, and the Superintending Engineer seems to think that the whole should be demolished and rebuilt.

3. The taluq may now be said to be without a Cutcherry, and something must be done at once ; but, as a large amount is involved, I report the matter before asking the Superintending Engineer for an estimate.

From Colonel F. J. MOBERLY, R.E., Superintending Engineer, Chingleput, to R. W. BARLOW, Esq., Collector of the Chingleput District, dated Mount, 6th October 1876, No. 2,363.

REFERRING to your No. 464, of 26th September 1876, I have the honor to forward copy of a letter from the Range Officer. The Cutcherry is built on made soil, and I fear the whole work is likely to continue to crack ; iron ties are quite useless, and buttresses will only add to the injury.

2. I have no experience of this kind of work and know of no remedy, except taking down the whole and rebuilding on better ground or with deeper foundation.

From Lieutenant T. SMITHIER, Assistant Engineer, No. 1 Range, Chingleput District, to Colonel F. J. MOBERLY, R.E., Superintending Engineer, Chingleput District, dated Sirulur, 4th October 1876, No. 755.

I HAVE the honor to report, for your information, that I inspected the Taluq Cutcherry at Trivellore yesterday, which the Tahsildar had reported in a dangerous condition. The building was completed in 1870 at a cost with out-buildings of Rupees 28,993. In addition to which Rupees 2,174 were expended in 1872. In 1872 it showed signs of sinking, and, according to the testimony of some of the taluq employes, has continued to give evidence of unsoundness until the door frames exhibit, but too plainly, the unstable condition of the walls.

2. The partition* walls of Tahsildar's Court, Sheristadar's and Clerks' rooms are badly cracked from top to arch, over doors ; and to prevent accidents, I have ordered the Overseer to place casuarina posts under the ridge-pole and shore up the arches.

* Plan is enclosed, its return solicited.

3. The walls of the two rear rooms of the north wing have cracked so badly that the reconstruction of that portion of the building is, I think, necessary. The flooring of the rear rooms and verandah have sunk throughout the whole breadth of the building, and the floor of the rear prison wards forms a trough.

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4. Owing to the retaining wall to the verandah yielding, the roofs have become saddle back and leak in consequence. The terrace roof over the treasury is very much cracked, and the leakage has much damaged the walls.

5. I do not think that iron ties would prevent the walls still yielding, and buttresses could not be built as they would interfere, even if effective, with the passage of employes from one part of the building to another. I therefore solicit your instructions on the subject as soon as possible, as measures should be at once adopted to place the building in a safe condition.

6. I would beg to add that I have written to the Tahsildar that it would be advisable not to use the portion of the building mentioned in paragraph 2.

REFERRED to the Department of Public Works for early consideration and orders, as the building seems in a dangerous condition.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Chief Secretary.

No. 294.

ORDER THEREON, 18th October 1876, No. 2,801.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 20.

The Superintending Engineer, Chingleput, will lose no time in submitting a detailed report, from personal observation, on the defects of the Taluk Cutcherry at Trivellore, illustrating the same with plans and sections showing the actual nature of the foundations of the building and of the soil in which they were laid; and submitting estimates for such demolitions and restorations as he may consider necessary.

2. It is remarked that in the correspondence recorded with G.O., No. 1,627, of 7th July 1870, this building is reported to have been almost completed in June 1870, that it was constructed with great care as a model for others to be built hereafter. The names of the officers and subordinates answerable for the work will be reported in detail.

(True Extract.)

Major-General, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, Chingleput.
„ Judicial Department.

Exd. A. Grubert.

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Chingleput District
Muz. 6th October 1876.

From
The Superintending Engineer
Chingleput.

To, The Collector
Chingleput District.

Sir,
Referring to your N^o. 146 of 21st September 1876, I have the honor to forward copy of a letter from the Range Officer. The Cutcherry is built on made soil and I fear the whole work is likely to continue to crack. Iron ties and quite useless and buttresses will only add to the injury.

I have no experience of this kind of work and know of no remedy; except taking down the whole and rebuilding on better ground or with deeper foundations.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obed^t. Servant,
Signed, F. J. Roberts Esq. B. C.
Superintending Engineer, Chingleput
(True Copy)

M. V. S.
District Magistrate.

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Simlur. S^r. Range. Office
4th October 1876.

From.

The Assistant Engineer
N^o 1 Range. Chingleput Dist.

To.

The Superintending Engineer
Chingleput District

Sir

Enclosure 1 plan.

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See letter from Mr.
Sawildar Trivellore
to Mr. S. S. S. S. S.
11th Oct. 1876

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Condition of the walls.

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4. Owing to the retaining wall to the verandah yielding, the road has become a saddle back and has caused consequences. The terrace between the

Treasury is very much cracked and the leakage has much damaged the walls.

5. I do not think that iron ties would prevent the walls still yielding; and buttresses could not be built as they would interfere even if effective, with the passage of employees from one part of the building to another. I therefore solicit your instructions on the subject as soon as possible as measures should be at once adopted to place the building in a safe condition.

6. I would beg to add that I have written to the Jaildar that it would be advisable not to use the portion of the building mentioned in para 2.

I have &c

(Signed) J. Smither Lieutenant
Assistant Engineer

(True Copy)

(True Copy)

M. W. D. S.

District Magistrate.

J. J. Proberly Col. R.E.
Superintendent Engineer

P.W.D.
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No 7551

See letter from R.
District Magistrate
of Hong Kong dated
11th Decr. 1976 above

Feb. 27/81-76

It is perceived that in
the correspondence presented
with G. C. No. 1627 of the
July 1871 this building
is proposed to have been
almost completed in
June 1870. That it was
considered with the
great care as a model
for others to be built
hereafter. The plan
of the Office and sub-
ordinate is reasonable
for the work will be
repeated in detail.

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No 293/94

S. E. Kingham ✓
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Taking Cart-charge at
Trivellore - Chingleput

Passing orders
in the endorsement of the
Supd. of the Dept. submitting
letter from the Collector
bringing to notice the
dangerous condition
of the

sent in the
at 10-11

any more