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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
31st March 1876.

No. 520. Read the following endorsement of the Chief Secretary to Government in the Judicial Department, dated Fort St. George, 29th March 1876, No. 576 :—

No. 520-A. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 11th March 1876, No. 695.

No. 520-B. From W. S. WHITESIDE, Esq., Collector of North Arcot, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Narahapett, 15th February 1876, No. 68.

In their Order, dated 22nd August 1874, No. 2,390, Public Works Department, the Government sanctioned an estimate, amounting to Rupees 2,700, for converting the Goomsoor Mahal in the Fort of Vellore into a Taluq Cutcherry. That estimate was prepared by the Vellore Range Officer, in consultation with the then Acting Sub-Collector Mr. Sewell, whose opinion the District Engineer informs me was acted upon throughout as to the extent and arrangement of the accommodation to be provided.

2. It is now found, however, that the arrangement proposed at the time the estimate was prepared for re-adapting the Mahal for a Taluq Cutcherry is defective inasmuch as the rooms assigned to the Treasury and the Sheristadar afford very insufficient space for the required purposes, while no room at all is provided for the Sub-Registrar.

3. The Treasury-room is $15\frac{1}{2}$ by $10\frac{1}{4}$ feet, a space certainly inadequate for the wants of a taluq where the transactions are always large. The Sheristadar's room is likewise extremely small. It is only 10 feet wide and wholly unfit for a Magistrate's Court. Mr. Lister, the late Acting Sub-Collector of this District, who inspected the building, considered that it would be a physical impossibility to place the witnesses, the accused (who might be four or five), the Police guard, and the Gumasta so as to secure any approach to order and decent appearance, as they would have all to be hustled up together, and the Sheristadar would be able to separate himself from them all by his office table only.

4. The Cashier's room being so close to him will be a great and constant nuisance to the Tahsildar, and he was at a loss to understand why, in such a large and capacious building as the Mahal, the Tahsildar, Sheristadar, and Treasury should all be crowded up in an inconveniently small space.

5. It was, therefore, proposed to enlarge the Treasury in the direction which is assigned in the place for the Magistrate Clerk's room, and to give the Tahsildar's room to the Sheristadar, and of the three upstairs rooms, which it had been arranged to make over for the office and store rooms of the Assistant Conservator of Forests, to assign the centre one to the Tahsildar, and one of the side rooms to the Sub-Registrar for whom, as I have stated above, no provision has been made.

6. The present Acting Sub-Collector, Mr. Austin, who entirely approves of these arrangements, suggests an alteration which I concur with him in thinking would be a decided improvement, and which is to demolish the staircase at the back of the Mahal leading to the upper storey to be used by the Forest Department, and to open one or two windows in the main wall at that point, and to build a staircase for the upper rooms at the side front of the building over the new Treasury room.

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31st March 1876.*

7. As all these alterations are absolutely required to ensure efficient accommodation in the interests of the service, I have the honor to request that the Board will be pleased to move Government to authorize the District Engineer to frame a revised estimate for re-adapting the Mahal for a Taluq Cutcherry.

8. The work now being done to the building is, the District Engineer informs me, limited to those items which form part both of the sanctioned estimate and of the proposed revision.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government with the Board's recommendation that the preparation of a revised plan and estimate with a view to the improvements suggested by the Collector be sanctioned.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Acting Secretary.

TRANSFERRED to the Judicial Department.

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Secy. to Govt., R.D.

28th March 1876.

REFERRED to the Public Works Department for issue of the necessary orders.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Chief Secretary.

No. 521.

ORDER THEREON, 31st March 1876, No. 822.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 39-A.

COMMUNICATED to the District Engineer, North Arcot, who will submit the required plan and estimate with full information as to work done and outlay already incurred.

(True Extract.)

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

To the District Engineer, North Arcot.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.
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Judicial Dept.

No. 546
Dated 29 March 1876
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Subject:— Referring to. of the
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that sanction of Govt. be
accorded for preparation
of revised plan & estimate
for converting Cooroor
Mahal in Bellary Dist into
Taluk Cityship.

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Orders and Proceedings in file.

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To

The Resident Eng^r North Arcot

3/4/76

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G. O., 51st Mar. 1876, No.

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