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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

No. 221.

READ—the following papers :—

G.O., dated 1st September 1882, Mis. No. 2842, Revenue.

Read—the following letter from A. J. STUART, Esq., Collector of North Arcot, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Camp, Arkonam, 24th August 1882, No. A. :—

I have the honor to report that the foundations of the new Taluk Cutcherry at Wárajápet are now being dug in a manner that I consider very objectionable and to ask the orders of Government on the subject.

2. The plan is Mr. Chisholm's standard, the front having a tower and being, and intended to be ornamental; the front is so laid out as to face a lot of low mud-huts where its effect will be lost, while by turning the building in a certain manner, which is understood both by the Superintending Engineer and Executive Engineers, and recommended by the latter, the front will face one of the streets of the town which takes off from the main bazaar; this street is sufficiently wide to allow a good view of the front of the building to all who pass along the main bazaar, besides being itself a well-frequented thoroughfare, with respectable houses on the side opposite the cutcherry site. I think it a very great pity that the opportunity of showing a handsome building should be lost in this manner, and therefore, as the Superintending Engineer does not agree with me, I beg to refer the matter.

3. The change I recommend will involve the cost of removing the present Sub-Registrar's office, which stands between the street above referred to and the front of the cutcherry as I think it ought to be, and which should be removed to the back of the cutcherry, the timber, &c., to be used again. I understand this building cost about Rs. 1,000, and to remove it as I propose will cost perhaps 500 to 700, but this course will be, I think, preferable to constructing, as the standard plan provides, a room above the cutcherry for the Sub-Registrar; it will also I think be cheaper.

4. The estimate for the whole Taluk Cutcherry is, I believe, about Rs. 30,000 including compensation for site, and I think it would be a very great pity, as any one will say who hereafter visits Wárajápet, if, for the sake of the additional Rs. 500 to 700, the building is turned with its façade to the back, when its effect will be lost.

5. I beg to enclose a rough sketch to show the changes I advocate, and request the favor of very early orders in the Public Works Department that the foundation may not be gone on with on the present arrangement.

6. I may add that the present Sub-Registrar's office is in a quite different style from the cutcherry, and as it stands will spoil the appearance even of the back elevation of the whole, also that if the change I advocate is made the street which the cutcherry will face may be widened on the side next to the cutcherry and made as broad as the main bazaar, the effect of the building will then, I believe, be satisfactory.

Order—dated 1st September 1882, Mis. No. 2842, Revenue.

Transferred to the Public Works Department.

(Signed) E. F. WEBSTER,
Secretary to Government.

No. 707 E.

Referred to the Superintending Engineer, Fourth Circle, for very early report.
(By Order.)

Ootacamund,
7th September 1882.

(Signed) ROSS THOMPSON, Lt.-Col., R.E.,
Ag. Dy. Chief Engineer, P.W.D.

From Lieutenant-Colonel H. R. MEAD, R.E., Superintending Engineer, Fourth Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Coimbatore, 9th September 1882, No. 387.

With reference to your endorsement No. 707 E., dated 7th September, I have the honor to return the papers, and to report that I do not consider that there is any necessity or advantage to alter the Wárajápet Cutcherry building as proposed by Mr. Stuart.

The site plan, &c., on which it is now being built was prepared by Captain Campbell and approved by Mr. Whiteside; the building is the standard plan, and neither of those officers, who both knew the site, thought there was any objection to what is called the front facing what Mr. Stuart calls a lot of low huts, which in his sketch he places close to the building.

2. The new building stands in a fair sized compound (though a small one compared with most cutcherries), bordered on the north by the main street, and on the west by what I should call a small street or lane, on the south by houses and the same on the east. The estimate allows for a masonry wall round the compound.

3. I inspected the site on the 7th August, the excavation of the foundations was nearly completed and the concrete ought by this time to be laid.

The plans allow for a new Registrar's office (upstairs, according to standard plan), but as I found a very good Registrar's office existing (see my notes of inspection 7th August) I proposed to the Registrar-General that this existing building should remain; he has, I believe, addressed Government on the subject. Should, as proposed by Mr. Stuart, this building be removed, I would suggest the original plan of a new Registrar's office upstairs being carried out.

4. In conclusion, with reference to paragraph 6 of Mr. Stuart's letter, I would advocate, in place of his proposal that the existing street should be made as broad as the main bazaar street, that he should use his influence and endeavour to have a new street formed on the east side of the cutcherry site where what he calls a lot of low mud-huts exist.

5. I request early orders regarding this reference, as if the work is to be altered it must be stopped at once. I regret that I cannot forward the site plan as it is with the Executive Engineer; should it be wanted the Executive Engineer might be telegraphed to and asked to send it; it will not, I fear, show the widths of the street or nature of the houses.

No. 221-A.

From W. R. NORRIS, Esq., Executive Engineer, North Arcot Division, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Vellore, 13th September 1882, No. 1213.

In reply to your telegram just received I have the honor to forward a tracing of the site plan of the Taluk Cutcherry about to be built at Wárajápet.

Owing to the late rains we have not been able to get the concrete for foundations in, but the trenches are dug throughout and the concrete work will be begun in a few days. Should the turning of the building be ordered there will therefore be no difficulty just now.

No. 222.

ORDER—dated 29th September 1882, No. 2553 W., Public Works.

The Government approve the Collector's proposals. The Superintending Engineer will arrange accordingly.

(True Extract.)

Lieut.-Col., R.E.,
Ag. Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineer, Fourth Circle, with two enclosures.
Revenue Department.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
Spare Copies.

BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
CIVIL WORKS.

Govt. of (1882) Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated September, 29th.

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 29th Sept. 1882, No. 2553 W.

SEPTEMBER.
Nos. 221-222.

Taluk Cutcherry at Walajapet,
North Arcot District.

The Collector's proposals for changing the
position of the —, approved.

No. A.

NORTH ARCOT COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,

Camp Arcot 26th August, 1882

FROM

A. J. Stuart
W. S. WHITESIDE, ESQUIRE,

Collector of North Arcot,

TO

C. F. Webster Esquire
Secretary to Government Rev. Deptt.
Arcot District

SIR,

I have the honor to report that the foundations of the new Taluk Cutcherry at Walajapet are now being dug in a manner that I consider very objectionable and to ask the orders of Government on the subject.

2. The plan is in Whisholson's standard, the front having a tower and being, and intended to be ornamental, the front is so laid out as to face a lot of low mud huts where its effect will be lost, while by turning the building in a certain manner which is understood both by the Superintending Engineer and Executive Engineer, and recommended by the latter, the front will face one of the streets of the town which takes off from the main Bazaar, this street is sufficiently wide to allow a good view of the front of the building.

building to all who pass along the main Bazaar, besides being itself a well frequented thoroughfare with respectable houses on the side opposite the Cutcherry site. I think it a very great pity that the opportunity of showing a handsome building should be lost in this manner, and therefore as the Superintending Engineer does not agree with me, I beg to refer the matter.

3. The change I recommend will involve the cost of removing the present Sub Registrars Office which stands between the street above referred to and the front of the Cutcherry so I think it ought to be, and which should be removed to the back of the Cutcherry, the timber &c to be used again. I understand this building cost about 1000 Rs and to remove it as I propose will cost perhaps 500 to 700 but this course will be I think preferable to constructing as the standard plan provides a room above the Cutcherry for the Sub Registrar. It will also I think be cheaper.

4. The estimate for the whole Taluk Cutcherry is I believe about 80,000 including compensation for site and I think it would a very great pity as any one will say who hereafter visits Wallajah if for the sake of the additional 500 to 700 Rs the building

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5. I beg to enclose a rough sketch to show the changes I advocate and request the favor of very early orders in the Public Works Department that the foundation may not be gone on with on the present arrangement.

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I have the honor to be,

your most obedient servant

W. M. A. T.
Collector

From
The COLLECTOR of
To
No. 11, April,
Dated
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20th Jan 1884, No. 22
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No. 4766

From 5976-

The Collector
 North Arcot
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 The Secretary to
 Government
 Rec Depl.

Dated 24-8-82
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Recd 4th Sept 82
 to A.

Suggesting certain changes
 in the new Selang catchment
 at Wallajahpet in North Arcot
 District.

Transferred

Recd No. 2842
 Transferred to the P.W.
 Deflt
 The Collector

Secretary to Govt

Cobhamamund
 1st September 1882

A. No. 15638, 22-6-81.
 " " 11904, 10-5-82

No. 707 E.

Cobhamamund
 9th Sept 1882

Referred to the
 Suply Engineer Fourth
 Circle for very early
 report. (Provision)

Mr. Thompson
 Secy to Govt
 As. Dy. Secy to Govt

Recd 15th Sept 1882

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SUPD. ENGINEER'S OFFICE 4TH CIRCLE,

Comptroller, 9th Sept 1882.

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From,
 The Superintending Engineer,
 Fourth Circle.

To, The Chief Engineer
 P. W. D.

Sir,

Encls. 1.
 With reference to your
 Indorsement Indorsement No. 707 E dated 7th
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The site plan on which it
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called the front facing what Mr.
Stuart calls a lot of low huts which
in his sketch he places close to
the building.

2. The new building stands
in a fair sized Compounded (though
compounded with mud Cart-horrigs)
a small one, bordered on the North
by the main Street and on the West
by what I should call a small street
or lane on the South by houses
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Estimate allows for a masonry
wall round the Compounded.

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should it be wanted the Executive
Engineer might be telegraphed to
and asked to send it, it will not
I fear shew the width of the
street or nature of the houses.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Most Obedt. Servant
M. M. — Lt Col. R.
Supg Engr 4th Circle

From

The Supt. Engineer
Fourth Circle

Dated 9th } Sept 1882
Recd: 10th

No. 387

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Wallajah Talug Catchy
North Street B¹⁰ -

States that
he considers no ne-
cessity or advantage
in altering the
as proposed by the
collector -

No. 1213

S. Arct. No. 100
Volume 13th 20th 1882

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From

The Executive Engineer
North Arct. Division

To The Chief Engineer and
Secretary to Government
P. W. Department
Ootacamund

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In reply to your telegram
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site plan of the Talug Catchy
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be begun in a few days...
Should the turning of the Building
be ordered there will therefore
be no difficulty just now.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obed^t. Servant..

Wm. R. D. R. D.
Executive Engineer
North Arcot Dist.

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From
The Executive Engineer
North Arcot D^o
S. The Chief Engineer
Secretary Government
P. W. Department
Madras

Dated 13th Sept/82.

No. 1213

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Subject

Wallajah Talug
futcherry - Submit side
plan of -

P. W. DEPARTMENT.

Read the following:—

From the Revenue Dept. No. 2842 of 1st Sept 1882.
" Supg. Eng^r. Fourth Circle No. 387 of 9th Sept/82
" Executive Engineer North Arcot D^o No. 1213
of 13th Sept 1882.

FOR ORDERS.

The foundations for
the Talug futcherry at
Wallajah now being dug,
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town taking off from the
Main Bazaar, a frontage
can, it is stated, be ob-
tained sufficiently wide to
allow a good view of the
architectural features of

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the building; besides having a well frequented thoroughfare with respectable houses on the side opposite the building site. The effect might, it is suggested, be further enhanced by hereafter widening the street in front. The present Sub Registrar's office, which cost about Rs 1000, would have to be removed.

FOR ORDERS.

2. The Supg. Engineer does not consider that there would be any advantage in altering the present arrangement which was approved by Mr. Whiteside the former Collector, who, with the Executive Engineer who prepared the plan, knew the site well. The building, Major Mead points out, stands in a fair sized compound which would be enclosed by a masonry wall. the

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surroundings of which he describes. Major Mead suggests that instead of widening the street at present at the back, the Collector should use his influence to improve the street at the front, where, what the Collector calls a lot of low mud huts, exist.

3. Early orders are solicited.

V. M. M. M. M.

19.9.83

Col. R. C.

Joint Secy. to Govt.

S. W. D.

Sept 1883.

R. S.

The Hon. Mr. Secretary

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No 2553 - d/29 Sept/82

The Government
approve of the Collection
proposals. The Super-
intending Engineer
will arrange accord-
ingly.

25-9-82

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To Sec. in Her: Office
for counter-signature before
issue of order.

G. F. W.
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G.O. 29 Sept 1882, No. 2553 W.

Nos. 221 to 222

Salub. Cutchery at
north Wallajahpur
area of the district

The Collectors proposed
for changing the position
of the — approved

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