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REMARKS—The following letter from A. J. STUART, Esq., Collector of North Arcot, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Chittoor, 28th November 1882, No. 487 :—

Adverting to Board's reference on G.R. No. 6248, dated 10th instant, I have the honor to forward herewith a rough sketch plan showing the site selected for the construction of the Sub-Magistrate's office, the Railway station and the building now occupied by the Sub-Magistrate at Arkónam, the means by which it was approached until the way was stopped by the Railway Company, and the circuitous route by which persons have now to go to it.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Plan

RESOLUTION—dated 8th December 1882, No. 3055

Submitted for the orders of Government.

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3. On the north side of the South-west Line, and in close proximity to the Railway station and town, there is an open block of land, the property of Government, marked O on the plan, which (with the addition of a narrow strip of land adjoining it on the east, marked D, which can be purchased for a trifling sum) will make an excellent site for a Cutcherry and Sub-Jail. This land for the purchase of which many applications have been made from time to time has been reserved by the Collector as it is the only vacant piece of Government land at Arkónam suitable for public offices, and the Board strongly recommend that a Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry and a new Sub-Jail be erected thereon as early as possible.

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BOARD OF REVENUE, 8TH DECEMBER 1882, No. 3055.

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There is no Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry or Court at Arkonam, and he has to hold his office in two of the prisoners' wards of the Subsidiary Jail which is situated on the other side of the Madras and South Indian Railways from the town.

2. Access by a short cut through the stations and compounds of these Companies has up to now been permitted as a matter of favor; but the way has lately been barred by a wire fence put up purposely to stop access, the consequence, unless some arrangement is made with the Companies, will be that the Sub-Magistrate and all attending his office will have to go round about one and-a-half mile, making the complete circuit of stations and Railway compounds, Engineers' houses and compounds, &c., and approaching by the back of all these.

3. The Railway Engineers do not appear to approve of access being allowed through their stations and compounds; and I think myself it is objectionable that Sub-Magistrate and all clerks and parties should pass to and fro to office along the platform of the stations and across the lines of both Companies as well as through their compounds at least twice daily.

4. Moreover it does not seem quite right that the Sub-Magistrate should have no other office but two of the wards of a Jail with iron barred doors, &c., just as fitted to receive convicts, who, in fact, occupy the remaining and similar wards of the same building.

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