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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

READ—the following letter from Colonel H. L. PRENDERGAST, R.E., Superintending Engineer, Fifth Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Chepauk, 7th September 1883, No. 2116 :—

With reference to G.Os., Nos. 622 W. and 1430 W., dated 27th February and 16th May 1883, I have the honor to submit, for sanction, an estimate of Rs. 3,665 for constructing a strong room and for additions and alterations to the Taluk Cutcherry at Ponnéri, as asked for by the Collector of the Chingleput District in his letter of the 27th January 1883.

1 Plan.
1 Estimate with Abstract.
1 Copy of the Abstract Estimate.
1 Report.
1 Specification.
2 Old Plans (returned).

2. The Treasury is designed on the standard plan circulated with G.O., No. 1828, dated 9th July 1874.

ORDER—dated 24th September 1883, No. 2686 W., Public Works.

The estimate, amounting to Rs. 3,665, for constructing a strong room and for additions and alterations to the Taluk Cutcherry at Ponnéri, in the Chingleput District, is sanctioned for immediate execution, and the amount is appropriated from the Provincial Reserve.

2. This sanction has been registered as Provincial No. 122 W. of 1883-84 and classified as Civil Buildings, Original Works.

(True Extract.)

Major, R.E.,
Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineer, Fifth Circle, with seven Enclosures.
" Examiner, Public Works Accounts, with duplicate Abstract Estimate.
" Board of Revenue.
" Financial Department.

Exd. E. Fernandez.
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BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
CIVIL WORKS.

Govt. of {1883} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated September, 24th.

Read. *Encl.*

G.O., 24th Sept. 1883, No. 2686 W.

SEPTEMBER.

Taluk Cutcherry at Ponneri

Estimate for constructing a strong room and for additions and alterations to the —, Chingleput District, sanctioned.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

No. 172.

READ—the following papers:—

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 5th January 1883, Mis. No. 31.

Read—the following letter from J. F. PRICE, Esq., Collector of the Chingleput District, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 24th November 1882, No. 630:—

Adverting to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 2546, dated 19th October last, I have the honor to submit the report of the Superintending Engineer, Fifth Circle, on the strong rooms of this district.

2. That at Saidápet has already been set right on the report which I had from the Executive Engineer in the beginning of the year.

3. There only remains that at Ponnéri.

4. Regarding this I wrote to the Executive Engineer in September last as follows:—"The Ponnéri Cutcherry is a most wretched affair, and is far too cramped for present requirements. The strong room must be removed from where it is now. Nothing can be done to improve it. I would suggest an iron barred room in the centre of the Court yard with a verandah round to prevent the rain beating in. I prefer strong rooms which are perfectly open to view and without solid walls."

5. I see that the Public Works Department now propose to build a new treasury at a cost of Rs. 3,000. Where it is to be located does not appear.

6. I am strongly of opinion that such a very costly building is not required, and that something far cheaper and quite secure enough could be built.

7. My own view is that it would be far better to build a new Cutcherry altogether. The present office is inconveniently small; it is old, and will not last much longer, and all its arrangements are bad. There is no proper Court room, no room for the Tahsildar to work in, and the record-room is merely a portion of the verandah railed off. I had arranged to alter the record-room into something better and more secure, but have stayed matters until I hear whether it is decided that the old Cutcherry, in which there is not room for anything excepting the prisoners, is to be retained or not.

8. Things might, however, be improved by building a sub-jail on to the present Cutcherry and making use of the room thus made available.

Resolution—dated 5th January 1883, Mis. No. 31.

The Board are not in a position to state whether a new Taluk Cutcherry will be built at Ponnéri within any reasonable time. The Collector is therefore requested to

report in detail, in communication with the Superintending Engineer, regarding the kind of treasury-room he would have, and the position it should occupy in the present building, and the other improvements which may be considered necessary.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) E. GIBSON,
Acting Secretary.

No. 172-A.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 14th February 1883, Mis. No. 1257.

Read—the following letter from J. F. PRICE, Esq., Collector of the Chingleput District, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Nemeli, 27th January 1883, No. 47 :—

I have the honor to reply to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 31, Miscellaneous, dated 5th instant.

2. I beg to enclose two original drawings (to be returned), one showing the proposed treasury, the cost of which has now been reduced to Rs. 1,680, and the other the ground plan of the Cutcherry.

3. The fault which I find with the treasury, which the Executive Engineer has stated to me is on the standard plan, is that the windows are too high, and that any one getting inside could hide himself, pretty effectually, from a sentry by crouching down. I myself would prefer to see every thing secured with iron bars down to the ground and quite open to view. The objection to this is that in a treasury not under shelter the rain would drive in, and that there would be no protection for those working in it in bad weather; also that wet might injure the boxes and would make the room dirty.

4. I have, on the plan, roughly delineated, in blue pencil, what I think should be done. The Cutcherry is far too small, and the record-room is a most miserable affair. The jail is, as compared with the office, a palace. What I propose is to throw the present female jail and adjacent ward into the record-room and to build the new wards on the opposite side, adding them on to the corner where the Police Inspector's room now is, to throw the Inspector's room and present treasury into the space for the office, to move the existing Police station further back, and to build the new treasury where the station now stands. This would give the Police a compact block as regards the jail and treasury, and the one sentry would have a full view of every thing.

5. It must be borne in mind that in making these suggestions I do not at all advocate retaining the present Cutcherry. I have already expressed my opinion regarding it, and no amount of additions, &c., will make it other than it is—cramped and inconvenient.

Resolution—dated 14th February 1883, Mis. No. 1257.

Submitted to Government with the Board's recommendation that if a new Taluk Cutcherry is not to be built as proposed by the Collector, the alterations and improvements now suggested by him be ordered to be carried out and the necessary provision made in the ensuing year's budget of the Public Works Department.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) J. A. DAVIES,
Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the Chief Secretary to Government.

No. 407.

Transferred to the Public Works Department for disposal.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
23rd February 1883.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Chief Secretary.

No. 173.

ORDER—dated 27th February 1883, No. 622 W., Public Works.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer, Fifth Circle, who will submit as early as possible an estimate for the improvements in question.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. H. SANKEY, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineer, Fifth Circle, with two Plans.
" Board of Revenue.
" Financial Department.

Exd. A. F. Goodall.
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BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
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Govt. of {1883} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated February, 27th.

Read. *Encl.*

G.O., 27th Feb. 1883, No. 622 W.

FEBRUARY.
Nos. 172-173.

Taluk Cutcherry at Ponneri

An estimate for improvements to the treasury-room, &c., in the — called for from the Superintending Engineer, Fifth Circle.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

READ—the following paper :—

G.O., dated 7th May 1883, Mis. No. 909, Financial.

Read—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 23rd April 1883, Mis. No. 3377 :—

Read—the following letter from J. F. PRICE, Esq., Collector of Chingleput, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 14th April 1883, No. 159 :—

Communicating G.O., 18th November 1881, No. 2263, Financial Department.

Adverting to paragraph 2 of the Resolution of the Government of India embodied in the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 2945, dated 25th November 1881, I have the honor to request that the Board will be pleased to obtain the formal sanction of Government for the use of the present strong-room at Ponnéri until the new one referred to in the correspondence marginally noted is constructed.

Board's Proceedings, No. 31, dated 5th January 1883, Miscellaneous.
Board's Proceedings, No. 1257, dated 14th February 1883, Miscellaneous.
Board's Proceedings, No. 1981, dated 6th March 1883, Miscellaneous, communicating G.O., No. 622 W., Public Works, dated 27th February 1883.

2. This strong-room was built as one, and has been used as such for years, and there is no other place which is more secure. As a matter of necessity it must for the present continue to be employed as a strong-room.

3. The Executive Engineer will not certify it as secure. Theoretically it is not, for all practical purposes it is.

Resolution—dated 23rd April 1883, Mis. No. 3377.

Submitted for the sanction of Government with reference to paragraph 2 of the Resolution of the Government of India quoted by the Collector. In G.O., dated 27th February 1883, No. 622 W., Public Works, the Superintending Engineer was requested to submit estimates for carrying out certain improvements to the Cutcherry.

Order—dated 7th May 1883, Mis. No. 909, Financial.

Sanctioned.

2. The Superintending Engineer will be directed in the Public Works Department to expedite the submission of the estimate called for in G.O., No. 622 W., dated 27th February 1883.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) M. HAMMICK,
Ag. Assistant Secretary.

To the Public Works Department.

ORDER—dated 16th May 1883, No. 1430 W., Public Works.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer, Fifth Circle, for early attention.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. H. SANKEY, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D

To the Superintending Engineer, Fifth Circle.
Financial Department.
" Board of Revenue.

Exd. A. F. Goodall.
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BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
CIVIL WORKS.

Govt. of {1883} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated May, 16th.

Recd. *Encl.*

G.O., 16th May 1883, No. 1430 W.

MAY.

Strong-room at Ponneri

Proceedings of the Financial Department sanctioning the use of the — in the Chingleput District until a new one is constructed, communicated to the Superintending Engineer, Fifth Circle.

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,
5TH CIRCLE, MADRAS,
Chepauk, 7th September 1883.

No. 2116

From

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, 5TH CIRCLE,

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To

THE Chief Engineer P.W.D.

SIR,

With Reference to G.O. No. 6223 & 1430 W dated 27th February and 16th May 1883, I have the honor to submit for sanction, an Estimate of Rs. 3665 for constructing a Strong Room, & for additions & alterations to the Taluq Cutcherry at Ponnery as asked for by the Collector of the Chingleput District in his letter of the 27th Jany 1883.

The Treasury is designed on the Standard plan circulated with G.O. No. 1828 dated 9th July 1874.

I have the honor to be

Your Most Obedt Servant

[illegible] Coll. R.E.

Superintg Engr 5th Circle

Enclosures.
1 Plan
1 Estimate with Abstt.
1 Copy of the Astt Estn.
1 Report.
1 Specifn
2 old plans (returned)

+ Plans in Tech. Section

No. 622 W 27.2.83
1430 W 16.5.83

Acc. No. 7721

From

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,

5TH CIRCLE,

To

THE Chief Engineer
P. W. D.

Dated 7th } September 1883.
Recd.

ENCLOSURES. 7 (3 plans)

No. 2116

Strong Room at Ponnery
Submitting for sanction a
estimate for constructing a
and for alterations and
additions to the Salvy
Cutcherry.

Public Works Department, 1883-84

Current No. 7721
Letter No. 2116
Dated the 7th Sept. 83
From the Supg. Engr. 5th Circle

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NOTE OF REMARKS.

1. The accompanying plans and estimate provide for constructing a strong room for the taluq cutcherry at Ponnery, Chingleput District, also effecting various alterations to the cutcherry. Estimate amounts to Rs 3,665.

2. It is stated the strong room or treasury is designed on the standard plan of G.O. No. 1828 of 9/7/74, a comparison of the two plans makes it difficult to see where the similarity lies. The plan submitted however seems well suited for the purpose it is intended to serve. The scantlings of timbers are correct.

3. The alterations to the cutcherry have been effected in accordance with the wishes of the Collector.

4. The estimate has been countersigned by the Collector.

12th Sept. 83
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DW

I certainly fail to see how the designs has been prepared on the standard plan. However the treasury room will effectually be strong enough & an open cage such as the standard designs would not suit the place — and a strong room would have to be built within another large room —

Sanction — B. to note for alternate when funds become available.

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13/9.

P. W. Secretariat.

C. No. 7721

Note by Budget Section.

Remarks and References.

Work Constructing a strong room for the Talugo Cutchery at Pommery - Chingleput District -

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Fund Provincial

Service Head Civil Buildings

Departmental Head Original Works

Amount of Estimate ... ... Rs. 3,665

Expenditure in previous year ... ... " "

Allotment in current year ... ... " "

Balance required to complete ... ... " 3,665

Total Rs. ——

Note of available funds.

The balance at the disposal of Govt. under Provincial is Rs 35,661 from which source funds can be appropriated for the work.

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Budget Clerk.

Note by Budget Section.

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No 2686 W

Public Works Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 24th Sept/83

Read the following

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Letter from the Supty. Engr. Fifth Circle } H.E. No 2116 a/7th Septr/83.

The estimate amounting to Rs 3665 for constructing a strong room, and for additions and alterations to the Taluq cutchery at Ponneri, in the Chingleput District is sanctioned for immediate execution, and the amount is appropriated from the Provincial Reserves.

2. This sanction has been registered as Provincial No 122 W of 1883-84, and classified as

as Civil Building &c
original works.

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—NBH

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To

The Supg. Engr. Fifth Circ.
with enclosures
" Exam. P.W. accounts
with duplicate abst. cyte.
" Board of Revenue
" Financial Dept.

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Dated 25/7

Recd. Encl.

G.O. 24th Septr 1883, No. 2686

Nos.

Salug Cutcherry at Ponneri

Estimate for Constructing a strong room & for additions and alterations to the — Chingleput District, — sanctioned

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