

No 559 w of 20 Feb/83

B Communicated to
the Supt: Engineer Sixth
circle, who will submit
estimates for the works
proposed in clauses (a)
& (b), para 5 of the Rev:
Board's Resolution.

2. The Completion of
the partially constructed
cutcherry at Mayawaram
for a District Munsiff's
Court has already been
ordered in G.O. No. 348 w
of 1st Feb/83.

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B. No 701. H. 18.3.80
A. 1137. H. 20.7.82
" 1182. H. 22.7.82
No 2177. C. 28.11.82
A. No 3279. H. 12.12.82
A. No 32. C. 10.1.83
A. No 348. H. 1.2.83
" 352. H. 21.2.83
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Board of Revenue,
MADRAS.

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Proceedings, 16th January 1883, No. 112.

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No 559 w of 20.2.83

Remarking on proposal regarding the loca-
tion of the Sub-Collector's Head-quarters, Tan-
jore District.

Written by
Sd/- in Receipt Page

and Tahsildar (a) and (b) and the necessary orders to give effect thereto will issue in the P.W. Department.

3. The proposals relative to the provision of accommodation for District Munsifs Courts at Combaconum and Mayavaram (c) and (d), will be considered in the Judicial Deptt.

4. The Government agree in the views expressed by the Board in their last para with respect to the Head Assistant Collector's office at Chagapatam.

(True Extract.)

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do
The P.W. Deptt.

be very well housed in the old Court House now occupied by the Taluk Magistrate, while the District Munsifs' Courts could be placed on the site now available close by on the opposite side of the road.

4. This would be by far the cheapest arrangement that could be made. There are now in existence a Sub-Jail and Registrar's Office, so that the only new Cutcherry would be that of the Taluk Magistrate. The old Zillah Court House, now used as the Taluk Cutcherry, could, at a small cost, be adapted to the requirements of the Sub-Collector.

5. The Board therefore recommend that:—

- (a) A new Taluk Cutcherry on the standard plan be built at Kumbakonam close to the present Sub-Jail.
- (b) The old Zillah Court be put in order and turned into the Sub-Collector's Office.
- (c) The new Courts for the District Munsifs of Kumbakonam and Velangaman be constructed on the site marked D in the plan.
- (d) The foundations of the new building at Mayavaram be made available for the Court House for the District Munsif, that is now so much required at that station.

6. The sum of Rs. 250, the cost of the shed built under the orders of the Collector for the temporary accommodation of the Sub-Collector's Office, is sanctioned from general savings under "34, Other Public Works in charge of Civil Officers, Civil Buildings."

7. Referring to Mr. Stokes' remarks regarding the suitability of the office at Negapatam to the requirements of the Head Assistant, the Board are unable to concur in the opinion expressed. The building alluded to is very small and altogether unsuited for the purpose for which it is used; a new Cutcherry for the Head Assistant Collector is not, however, so urgently needed as the other public buildings mentioned above, and its construction may for the present be deferred.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) E. GIBSON,
Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
Collector of Tanjore. with plan to be returned.
Copy to the Accountant-General.

Order thereon 8th Feb: 1883, No. 181.

The Government accept the Collector's proposal which is supported by the Board, that Combaconm should be the Sub-Collector's head quarters.

2. They approve also the proposals with regard to office accommodation for the Sub-Collector

and

Exd. A. Raitt.

Revenue Deptt.
Proceedings of the Madras Government.
Read the following:-

BOARD OF REVENUE, 16TH JANUARY 1883, No. 112.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

READ—the following G.O., dated 5th December 1882, No. 4096, Revenue.

Read—the following Endorsement of the Public Works Department, dated 28th November 1882, No. 2177-C, on letter from the Superintending Engineer, 6th Circle, dated 24th November 1882, No. 1528-T.J.:—

I have the honor to bring to your notice that the Collector of Tanjore has requested that the work of building a Deputy Collector's Cutcherry at Májavaram may be stopped, Government having ordered in G.O., No. 1033, dated 27th September 1882, that the Sub-Collector shall be stationed at Kumbakónam and have Májavaram Taluk in his division. If this work is carried out, the building in question will not be required.

2. The Collector is, I am informed, going to propose that the Sub-Collector should be stationed at Májavaram, and if this is done, the building at Májavaram will have to be enlarged and made into a Sub-Collector's Cutcherry; this in its present state can be easily done, provided the Court room is made 30 x 18 in place of 30 x 20 as allowed in the standard plan, and provided the turret and gallery is left out.

3. I request orders at once as to whether the work of the Deputy Collector's Cutcherry at Májavaram is to be stopped. This year's allotment is Rs. 4,540; there has been about Rs. 1,500 of work, &c., done, and of course, if stopped, there will be loss.

Endorsement, No. 2177-C.

Referred to the Revenue Department for very early orders.

Order—dated 5th December 1882, No. 4096, Revenue.

The question as to the location of the Sub-Collector's head-quarters will be referred to the Board of Revenue for report.

2. Orders will issue in the Public Works Department for the work of constructing an office for the Deputy Collector at Májavaram being suspended, pending decision on the above question.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) E. F. WEBSTER,
Secretary to Govt., R.D.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ Public Works Department.

Reference on the above, dated 11th December 1882.

Referred to the Collector of Tanjore for early report.

(Signed) E. GIBSON,
Acting Secretary.

To the Collector of Tanjore;
with Government Order in original, to be returned.

READ—the following letter from H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Collector of Tanjore, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Vallam, 9th January 1883, No., 91 :—

I have the honor to furnish the report called for in Board's Reference, 11th December 1882, on G.O., Revenue Department, 5th December 1882, No. 4096, on the subject of the future head-quarters of the Sub-Collector.

2. The question is whether Kumbakónam or Májavaram should be selected; and after consideration I have come to the conclusion, in which the Acting Sub-Collector concurs, that Kumbakónam is the more suitable place. It is out of all proportion the most important town in the division; the revenue of the Kumbakónam Taluk is almost equal to that of the other two taluks together, and quite half the work of the division is furnished by Kumbakónam alone. The Municipality of Kumbakónam, which urgently requires the attention of the Divisional Officer, is double the size and importance of that at Májavaram.

3. The only arguments in favor of Májavaram are its more central position and its greater proximity to Tranquebar, which is the seat of the Civil and Sessions Court and contains the District Jail. The latter argument I do not think of much importance, especially as the jail will be closed when the new jail at Tanjore is built. As to the more advantageous position of Májavaram, the existence of the railway, which passes through the middle of Májavaram and Shiyáli Taluks, much reduces the advantage; and even without the railway, the balance in favor of Májavaram would be very slight. Kumbakónam is about forty-five miles from the extreme point of Shiyáli Taluk, while Májavaram is thirty-eight miles from the western extremity of Kumbakónam Taluk, and thirty-six miles from the southern point of it near Nidamangalam. Kumbakónam is by road thirty miles from Tranquebar, and *via* Májavaram thirty-nine, of which twenty-two are by rail.

4. So far as these general considerations go, Kumbakónam is therefore to be preferred. If, however, it is retained, somewhat greater expense will have to be incurred. At Májavaram, a Deputy Collector's Office is already under construction, and the building has been raised to basement level. The estimate is Rs. 4,540, of which Rs. 1,500 have been spent. The Executive Engineer informs me that to enlarge the building so as to make it capable of accommodating the Sub-Collector and his office would cost about Rs. 4,000 more. In addition, I think, a house would have to be built for the Sub-Collector, which would cost some Rs. 10,000 more. There is an old bungalow which was formerly inhabited by the Sub-Collector and Head Assistant, but it is almost in ruins. The owner, I believe, is willing to repair it if the Sub-Collector is placed at Májavaram; but I doubt whether he would spend enough to make it suitable. The right to it is also said to be the subject of litigation, which makes it unlikely that money will be sunk in it. The situation, too, is very inconvenient, as it is two miles from the site of the new Cutcherry. If a new house is built, the extra cost of putting the Sub-Collector at Májavaram may be estimated at Rs. 14,000.

5. At Kumbakónam, an office for the Sub-Collector is absolutely necessary. The Head Assistant's office was built, I am told, for a dead-house, and he had to hold Cutcherry in his own house. The office building is altogether too small for the Sub-Collector's establishment, and, to meet temporary necessity, I have caused a thatched shed, supported on brick pillars, to be run up in front of it at a cost of Rs. 250. There are no funds in the Petty Construction and Repairs budget, and I take this opportunity of requesting the Board's sanction for the outlay incurred, which can doubtless be met from general savings throughout the Presidency.

6. The approximate cost of erecting a Sub-Collector's office on the standard plan at Kumbakónam would, according to the Executive Engineer, be Rs. 12,800. But instead of building an office for the Sub-Collector, I should prefer to have a new Taluk Cutcherry constructed, and to put the Sub-Collector in the building which is now occupied by the Taluk Office and which was once the Zillah Court. It is very ill-suited for a Taluk Office, as the Tahsildar's Court is upstairs far away from the clerks, who are downstairs and at the other extremity of the building. The lower story is dark

and crowded, the space for records is insufficient, and the Treasury arrangements are inconvenient, though the strong room is no doubt very secure. The building would, however, make a very fair Sub-Collector's office.

7. The cost of building a new Taluk Cutcherry would probably not exceed Rs. 15,000, as the Jail, Police Station and subsidiary buildings, and also the accommodation usually provided for a Sub-Registry Office in the standard plan of a Taluk Cutcherry, already exist. It will, however, be essential that the Tahsildar's Office shall be built adjoining the present site, of which I enclose a plan. My suggestion is that the new building shall occupy the site of the Velangaman District Munsif's Court, the present Division Office building and the temporary shed* recently constructed.

* Marked A, B, C, in the plan.

The ground thus obtained will, I think, be sufficient for the new Taluk Office; but, if necessary, a bit can be taken from the Apothecary's compound.

8. These arrangements will necessitate building a Court for the Velangaman District Munsif, but this, in my opinion and that of Mr. Parker, who inspected the site with me, is already necessary. The building is even smaller than the Division Office, and I can hardly understand how it is made to do for a District Munsif's Court. The Kumbakonam Munsif is now located in a wretched hired house in the town, and a site for a new Court for him has already been selected and reported on; but I am not aware what further communications on the subject have passed in the Judicial Department. I believe an estimate has been called for. The site is on the opposite side of the road to the Sub-Court, and is marked D in the plan. Mr. Parker thinks that a building for the two Munsifs of Velangaman and Kumbakonam should be constructed on this site,—one being accommodated in the upper story and the other below. Such a building will probably cost Rs. 8,000 or Rs. 8,500, and, considering the large revenue yielded by these Courts, they have, I think, a claim to be decently housed.

9. The whole of the Public Offices would, under these proposals, be in one place, and within convenient reach of each other. The expense involved may seem great, but it is to be remembered that the construction of a Sub-Collector's Office at Nega-patam (a sanctioned work) will be saved, and that the building of a Head Assistant's Office at Kumbakonam could not have been long deferred. The present office at Nega-patam is quite good enough for a Head Assistant.

10. With regard to the building at Májavaram, which has been commenced but is now stopped, I propose that orders be given to finish it in view to its being used as a District Munsif's Court, for which it is well suited. The District Munsif of Májavaram now holds his Court in a rented building in the town.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Plan.

RESOLUTION—dated 16th January 1883, No. 112.

The Board approve the Collector's proposals in regard to the Sub-Collector's headquarters and to the office buildings at Kumbakonam and Májavaram.

2. Kumbakonam is unquestionably the town at which the Sub-Collector's headquarters should be located, and that for many reasons, which it is needless to recapitulate, as they are very clearly stated in Mr. Stokes' letter. The reasons that could be urged in favor of Májavaram as the head-quarter station are of little weight. The most important is the expenditure that has been incurred on the foundations of the Deputy Collector's Cutcherry, but Mr. Stokes shows that this will not be money thrown away, as the foundations will do for the District Munsif's Court House, now greatly required at Májavaram.

3. As regards the arrangement suggested for the future accommodation of the Kumbakonam officials, the Board entirely agree. The Head Assistant's present office is as bad as it is possible to imagine. It is a fact that it was originally constructed for a dead-house. It is very small, dark and damp, standing as it does below the level of the Cauvery, which runs close by. If a new Taluk Cutcherry were built on the site now available close to the new Sub-Jail, the Sub-Collector's Office could

be very well housed in the old Court House now occupied by the Taluk Magistrate, while the District Munsifs' Courts could be placed on the site now available close by on the opposite side of the road.

4. This would be by far the cheapest arrangement that could be made. There are now in existence a Sub-Jail and Registrar's Office, so that the only new Cutcherry would be that of the Taluk Magistrate. The old Zillah Court House, now used as the Taluk Cutcherry, could, at a small cost, be adapted to the requirements of the Sub-Collector.

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6. The sum of Rs. 250, the cost of the shed built under the orders of the Collector for the temporary accommodation of the Sub-Collector's Office, is sanctioned from general savings under "34, Other Public Works in charge of Civil Officers, Civil Buildings."

7. Referring to Mr. Stokes' remarks regarding the suitability of the office at Negapatam to the requirements of the Head Assistant, the Board are unable to concur in the opinion expressed. The building alluded to is very small and altogether unsuited for the purpose for which it is used; a new Cutcherry for the Head Assistant Collector is not, however, so urgently needed as the other public buildings mentioned above, and its construction may for the present be deferred.

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(Signed) E. GIBSON,
Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
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Copy to the Accountant-General.

Order thereon 8th Feb. 1883 CV. 181.

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2. They approve also the proposals with regard to office accommodation for the Sub-Collector

Exd. A. Raith.

and

20TH JULY 1882, No. 1857 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

No. 125.

READ—the following letter from W. S. WHITESIDE, Esq., Collector of Tanjore, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated 11th July 1882, No. 3462 :—

I have the honor to report that a piece of land measuring 2 mahs and $92\frac{1}{8}$ gulies in Máyavaram, belonging to Sri Mayuranathaswami temple, is required as a site for the construction of the Deputy Collector's office at that station, and as it is desirable, in order to ensure to Government an indefeasible title to it, to take up the land under the Land Acquisition Act X of 1870, I forward herewith a draft declaration under Section 6 of the Act that it is needed for a public purpose, and request that you will be good enough to cause the same to be published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*.

No. 126.

ORDER—dated 20th July 1882, No. 1857 W., Public Works.

Ordered that the notification be published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*.

2. The Collector of Tanjore will take order for the acquisition of the land in accordance with the provisions of Act X of 1870.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintendent of the Government Press, with Notification.

„ Collector of Tanjore.
„ Superintending Engineer, Sixth Circle.
„ Board of Revenue.
„ Revenue Department.

Exd. A. F. Goodall.
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Dated July, 20th.

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G.O., 20th July 1882, No. 1857 W.

JULY.
Nos. 125-126.

Deputy Collector's Office at
Mayavaram.

*The Collector of Tanjore to take order for
the acquisition of land required for the con-
struction of — under Act X of 1870.*

12TH DECEMBER 1882, No. 3279 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

No. 80.

READ—the following paper :—

G.O., dated 5th December 1882, No. 4096, Revenue.

Read—Endorsement of the Public Works Department, dated 28th November 1882, No. 2177-C., referring letter from the Superintending Engineer, Sixth Circle, dated 24th November 1882, No. 1528 T.J., requesting, for reasons stated, whether the work of the Deputy Collector's Cutcherry at Mâyavaram, Tanjore District, is to be stopped.

Order—dated 5th December 1882, No. 4096, Revenue.

The question as to the location of the Sub-Collector's head-quarters will be referred to the Board of Revenue for report.

2. Orders will issue in the Public Works Department for the work of constructing an Office for the Deputy Collector at Mâyavaram being suspended pending decision on the above question.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) P. P. HUTCHINS,
for Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ Public Works Department.

No. 81.

ORDER—dated 12th December 1882, No. 3279 W., Public Works.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer, Sixth Circle, with reference to his No. 1528 T.J., dated 24th November 1882.

2. The grant for the year, viz., Rs. 4,540, will now be resumed and added to the reserve with Government.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, Sixth Circle.
„ Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
„ Revenue Department.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
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CIVIL WORKS.

Govt. of (1882) Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated December, 12th.

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 12th Dec. 1882, No. 3279 W.

DECEMBER.

Nos. 80-81.

Office for the Deputy Collector at
Mayavaram.

*The construction of the — deferred, and
the grant for the year resumed.*

1ST FEBRUARY 1883, No. 348 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

No. 4.

READ—the following paper :—

G.O., dated 30th January 1883, No. 200, Judicial.

Read—the following letter from T. WEIR, Esq., Registrar of the High Court of Judicature at Madras, Appellate Side, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 25th January 1883, No. 209 :—

I am directed to forward to Government the accompanying letter, dated 17th instant, No. 17, from the District Judge of North Tanjore, and to recommend that the partially constructed cutcherry at Máyavaram be completed and occupied by the District Munsif's Court at that station.

2. The District Munsif of Máyavaram at present holds his Court in a private building, paying a monthly rent of Rs. 10.

ENCLOSURES.

From J. F. SNAITH, Esq., Officiating District Judge of North Tanjore, to the Registrar of the High Court of Judicature at Madras, dated Tranquebar, 17th January 1883, No. 17.

I have the honor to forward, herewith, copy of a letter received from the Collector of Tanjore suggesting, under the circumstances mentioned therein, that the building now under construction at Máyavaram for the use of the Deputy Collector's Cutcherry may be utilized as a Court-house for the District Munsif at that station. The District Munsif holds his Court in a private building, paying a monthly rent of Rs. 10. As a Government building will now become available for the purpose of a Court-house, I quite approve of the Collector's suggestion, and request that you will be good enough to move Government in view to the building in question being completed and made over to the Judicial Department for the purpose above stated.

From H. E. STOKES, Esq., Collector of Tanjore, to the Civil Judge of North Tanjore, dated Vallam, 8th January 1883, No. 85.

A Deputy Collector's Cutcherry on the standard plan has been commenced at Máyavaram, but the work has been stopped on the removal of the Deputy Collector from that place. The estimated cost is Rs. 4,540, and Rs. 1,500 have been spent.

2. In a letter to the Board of Revenue I have proposed that the building be completed for use as a District Munsif's Court in lieu of the house now rented in the town. I think the suggestion likely to meet with your approval, and I have the honor to inform you of it, in order that in such case you may move in support of it in the Judicial Department.

Order—dated 30th January 1883, No. 200, Judicial.

Approved and transferred to the Public Works Department.

(By Order.)

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

No. 5.

ORDER—dated 1st February 1883, No. 348 W., Public Works.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer, Sixth Circle, who will proceed with the work referred to in G.O., No. 1857 W., dated 20th July 1882, and report at once what funds are required during the current official year.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, Sixth Circle.
„ Judicial Department.
„ Revenue Department.

BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
CIVIL WORKS.

Gobt. of (1883) Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated February, 1st.

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Encl.

G.O., 1st Feb. 1883, No. 348 W.

FEBRUARY.

Nos. 4-5.

Deputy Collector's Cutcherry at
Mayavaram.

*Approving of the completion of the — for
use as a Court-house for the District Munsif.*