

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

No. 172.

READ—the following papers:—

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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 Tahsilcar to work in, and the record-room is merely a portion of the verandah nailed 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. 173-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 Nandeli, 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.)

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

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

For A. R. Goodall.
Spare Copies

BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
CIVIL WORKS.

Govt. of (1883) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated February, 27th.

Recd.

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.*

11TH JULY 1882, No. 1755 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

No. 77.

REAR—again the following:—

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, dated 28th April 1882, No. 1055 W.

Read—also the following G.O., dated 6th July 1882, No. 507, Financial:—

From R. LOGAN, Esq., Officiating Under Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Finance and Commerce, to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Simla, 23rd June 1882, No. 1901.

In reply to Colonel Sankey's letter to the Secretary to the Government of India, in the Public Works Department, No. $\frac{1270}{A}$ W., dated the 19th May 1882, I am directed to state that the ruling regarding strong rooms, contained in paragraph 2 of the Resolution in this department, No. 4028, dated 4th November 1881, applies to existing buildings, as well as to those which may hereafter be brought into use.

2. I am also to state that it is the duty of the Government of Madras to provide funds, within reasonable limits, for putting the existing buildings into a proper state, but that if the financial position of the Government of Madras does not admit of their putting all the existing buildings into a proper state at once, a report should be made by the Engineer in charge as to which of them are not fit and secure, and the special permission of that Government should be obtained to their continued use as treasure rooms.

Copy forwarded to the Public Works Department for information.

Order—dated 6th July 1882, No. 507, Financial.

Transferred to the Public Works Department.

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

No. 78.

ORDER—dated 11th July 1882, No. 1755 W., Public Works.

The letter from the Government of India above recorded will be communicated to the Financial Department, and to Superintending Engineers for information and guidance.

2. A list of treasuries not considered secure under the terms of the Government of India Resolution, No. 4028, dated 4th November 1881 (Financial), should be framed

by Executive Engineers, and be accompanied by information as to the nature of present defects and the proposed remedy; the information being submitted in the tabular form given below :—

Name of Treasury.	Locality.	Existing defects and proposed remedy.	Probable Cost of Work.
1	2	3	4

A rough approximate cost of work is all that is now called for.

3. Executive Engineers' statements should be compiled by Superintending Engineers, and a single statement submitted from each circle with any remarks which the Superintending Engineer may have to offer.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineers.
.. Financial Department.

Encl. A. F. Goodall.
Spare Copies

BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
CIVIL WORKS.

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Govt. of 1882 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated July, 11th.

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 11th July 1882, No. 1755 W.

JULY.

Nos. 77-78.

Strong Rooms.

Letter from the Government of India stating that the ruling regarding — for storage of coins applies to existing buildings, as well as to those which may hereafter be brought to use, and regarding the provision of funds for the same, communicated to the Financial Department, and to Superintending Engineers for information and guidance.

Fifth Circle.

Chinghapur Division.

List showing the Treasuries not considered seawall in the Chinghapur Division. Vide G. O. No. 1755 dated 11: July 1882.

Name of Treasury	Locality	Existing defects and proposed remedy.	Probable cost of work.
			Rs.
Sydapet.	Sydapet.	The Bars are too far apart in the doors and windows, and those in the doors require to be lengthened.	100.
Ponnay.	Ponnay.	The position of the Strong Room, i.e. in a dark corner of the Cutcherry is objectionable. Additional room is also required for the Clerks. An estimate for improving the Strong Room and the Cutcherry generally is in preparation.	3,000.

N. B. The other Taluk Treasuries and the Mugur Treasury have strong rooms in accordance with the requirements of G. O. No. 1755 of 11: July 1882. Sub-Magistrates or Deputy Tahsildars Treasuries are not included in this List, as it would appear that by Proceedings of the Board of Revenue No. 1911 dated 1: August 1882 the Officers are required to remit their collections to the Taluk Treasury, as soon as they amount to Rs. 100, hence the provision of even an iron safe appears to be unnecessary. By Proceedings of the Board of Revenue No. 1382 dated 25: May 1882, Strong Rooms are to be provided only in cases where the Cash Balance at any one time exceeds Rs. 5,000.

Chinghapur }
21: November 1882 }

/Signed/

Premdas G. B. S.

Superintending Engineer

5: Circle.

/True copy/

G. D. M. C.

Assistant Collector for Co. A. 100

ENCLOSURE No. 4

In a letter from the Collector
of Chingleput District to the Secretary to
the Board of Revenue
Madras, dated 24 November
1881, No. 630.

SUBJECT.

List of Treasures not con-
sidered secure in the
Chingleput Division.

7360/82

No. 2981

Superintending Engineer's office
5 file, Madras
Ch. pank. 21 November 1882.

From

The Superintending Engineer 5 file 755

To

The Chief Engineer
P. W. D.

Through the Collector of Chingleput.

Sir,

With reference to G. O. No. 2768 W
dated 24 October 1882, I have the honor to
forward a list showing the Treasures
not considered secure in the Chingleput
District, and the remedy proposed to render
them safe.

I have &c &c

Signed C. Prendergast Colonel R.E.
Supg Engineer 5 file

(True copy)

Redmond Hill
Collector

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ENCLOSURE No. 1.

In a letter from the Collector
of Chingleput District to the Secretary to
the Board of Revenue
Madras, dated 24 November
1832, No. 530.

Copy
SECRET.

Copy of letter No 2981 from
the Superintendent Engineer
to Circle to Chief Engineer
D. K. D.

July 1832

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue,

Dated 5th January 1883.

No. 31

Miscellaneous.

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Resolution: ~~As per 5th paragraph of 31st~~

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(True copy & return)

Signed: E. Gibson
Secy to the Collr of Chingleput
(True copy)
J. Hogg
Chingleput

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No. 47

Chingleput District

COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

Santh. Amali 27 January 1885

BOARD'S GEN. REG. NO 648 OF 1882

FROM

J. F. Thirup

COLLECTOR OF THE

CHINGLEPUT DISTRICT.

TO

B. Picheu Poyyia

SECRETARY TO THE BOARD OF REVENUE

MADRAS

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have already expressed my opinion regarding
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make it other than it is - cramped and
inconvenient.

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I have the honor to be,
Sir,
your most obedient servant,

Richard Price
Collector

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue,
Dated 14th February 1883.
No 1257 Miscellaneous.

READ Letter from the Collector of Chingleput District dated 27th January 1883, no 47

Resolution: Dated 14th Feb 1883 No 1257

Submitted to Government with the Board's recommendation that if a new Taluk Cutchery 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.

(True Extract)

J. S. Davis

To The Chief Secretary to Govt. Ind.
with Collr's letter and 2 original
enclosures in no 648 of 1883, and 2 enclosures in no 7360 of 1882, also
returned and copy of Board's Res. 5th January 1883, no 31 this
Copy to Collector of Chingleput
sd/ J. S. Davis
Chief Secy to Govt. Ind.

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Financial (1883) Dept
Board of Revenue,
MADRAS.

To

The Chief Secretary to Govt
Financial Department

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CURRENT NO. 498

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Proceedings, dated 14 February 1883.

No. 1257

Miscellaneous

Subject.

Submitting to Government letter
from the collector of Chingleput
forwarding two original drawings
one showing the proposed treasure
room and the other the ground
plan of the Sahay Cutchery
at Ponnore and recommending
that if a new Sahay Cutchery
is not to be built as proposed by
the collector, the alterations
suggested by him may be ordered
to be carried out.

With order

With order

Memo No 407

Transferred to the
Public Works Department
for disposal.

Endorsement

Chief Secretary

For Mr. George
Feb 1883

Ret. Secy

No 622 Wd 27 Feb 1883.

Communicated to
the S.E. Fifth Circle who
will submit as early as possible
an estimate for the
improvements in question
L. G.

S.E. Fifth Circle with plan
B. of Revenue Dept
sent Sept 2 3/8/83

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Govt of (1882) Madras
PUBLIC WORKS.

Date

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From

To

a/c 27 July 1883 No. 622. 18

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Taluk Batching at
Pameri

An estimate for

centres improvements

to the Treasury Room &

in the called

for from the Supy.

Engineer Fifth Circle.

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Endorse in the Receipt Register