

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

22nd March 1881, No. 578.

Court-houses.

Read the following paper:—

No. 66. *From L. McIVER, Esq., Acting Registrar of the High Court of Judicature at Madras, Appellate Side, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 28th February 1881 No. 381 [Current No. 644].*

I am directed to forward copies of a letter (dated 22nd December 1880, No. 329,) and estimate from the Acting District Judge of South Tanjore requesting that sanction may be obtained for the expenditure of Rs. 938-4-0 on repairs to the Subordinate Court of Kumbakónam and District Munsifs' Courts of Tiruvádi and Valangiman.

2. I am also to request that Government may be pleased to give their early attention to the suggestion made by the District Judge for the erection of a new District Munsif's Court at Kumbakónam, as the present building occupied by the Munsif is unsuitable for a Court-house.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From G. A. PARKER, Esq., Acting District Judge, South Tanjore, to the Acting Registrar of the High Court of Judicature at Madras, dated Tanjore, 22nd December 1880, No. 329.

In forwarding copy of an estimate forwarded to Government with reference to the Accountant-General's Circular, No. 40, of the 30th October 1880, I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to obtain the sanction of the High Court for the sum of Rs. 938-4-0 being expended towards the repairs of the Subordinate Court of Kumbakónam and the District Munsifs' Courts of Tiruvádi and Valangiman. The sum of Rs. 175, the estimate for 1880-81 to execute the repairs of the District Munsif's Court of Patukóta, has already been sanctioned by the High Court.

2. As regards the District Munsif's Court of Kumbakónam, though Rs. 622-8-0 is entered as the probable cost of the repairs to be executed, I would suggest that it should not be sanctioned, as in my opinion a new Court-house is absolutely necessary. I enclose a copy of a letter addressed to me by the District Munsif on this matter, and, after personal inspection, I can assure the High Court that no amount of patching can possibly convert the present building into a suitable Court-house. The necessity for a new building was brought to the notice of the High Court by Mr. Kindersley in his letter, No. 76, of 14th April 1874, who wrote as follows:—

"The District Munsif of Kumbakónam holds his Court in a building which consists simply of a small open court-yard 24 feet 4 inches $\times$ 21 feet 2 inches surrounded by a verandah, two corners of which are converted into rooms for the custody of property, &c. The portion set apart for the 'court room,' if such an expression can be used, is one side of the verandah a little more than 9 feet wide and about 28 feet long. Where the bench and a table for the gumastahs and vakils is allowed for there is literally no room for the public. The whole building is as unsuitable as can well be imagined."

No Judge could possibly do his work efficiently under circumstances of such discomfort and inconvenience, and I have the honor to suggest that Government should be moved to sanction the erection of a new District Munsif's Court at Kumbakónam as an emergent work.

The District Munsif of Kumbakónam has further applied to obtain the sanction of the High Court for a sum of Rs. 104 for making a table, two benches, and eight desks for the use of his Court, and I request that this may also be sanctioned.

No. 67.

ORDER THEREON, 22nd March 1881, No. 578.

The expenditure of Rs. 938-4-0 on account of repairs to the Court-houses specified in paragraph 1 and of Rs. 104 for the purchase of furniture for the District Munsif of Kumbakónam are sanctioned.

2. Orders will be issued in the Public Works Department for the preparation of a plan and estimates for the District Munsif's Court at Kumbakónam. In the mean time the repairs essential to keeping the old building habitable must be provided for, and the estimates, amounting to Rs. 133-8-0, for the two pandals and for retiling and whitewashing the Court-houses are sanctioned.

(True Extract.)

J. Davidson
Chief Secretary.

To the Honorable the Judges of the High Court.
„ Public Works Department.
„ Accountant-General.

Exd. J. W. Fischer.
J. W. Fischer

N^o 902 W of 2^d April/81
Communicated to the
Suptg Engr 3^d Circle
for preparation of
estimate for a new
Court House
for the District
Munsif.
Dy,

P. R. C. No 2024
Govt. of (1881) Madras
JUDICIAL
P. R. C. No 2024

To
THE HON'BLE THE JUDGES
OF THE HIGH COURT,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated March, 22nd.

Issued

Recd. Mar: 30th Encl.

G.O., 22nd March 1881, No. 578.

MARCH.
Nos. 66-67.

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Court-houses.—The expenditure of Rs. 938-4-0 on account of repairs to the Subordinate Court of Kumbakonam and the District Munsifs' Courts of Tiruvadi and Valangiman, and of Rs. 104 for the purchase of furniture for the District Munsif of Kumbakonam, sanctioned. Orders to be issued in the Public Works Department for the preparation of a plan and estimates for the District Munsif's Court at Kumbakonam, and estimates, amounting to Rs. 133-8-0, for two pandals and for retiling and whitewashing the Court-houses, sanctioned.

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With order
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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

10th August 1881, No. 1,981 W.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

Read the following paper :—

No. 48. From the Superintending Engineer, Third Circle, dated 26th July 1881, No. 694 T.J.

No. 49. ORDER THEREON, 10th August 1881, No. 1,981 W.

THE estimate amounting to Rs. 9,410, for constructing a Deputy Tahsildar's Cutcherry, with out-houses, at Kodavassel in the Tanjore District is sanctioned for execution when funds are available.

2. This sanction has been registered as Provincial No. 58 W. of 1881-82 and classified as Civil Buildings, Original Works.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, Third Circle, with nine enclosures.
" Examiner of Public Works Accounts, with duplicate Abstract Estimate.
" Judicial Department.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
Spare Copies

BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
CIVIL WORKS.

Govt. of (1881) Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE SUPERINTENDING-ENGINEER,
THIRD CIRCLE,
&c. &c. &c.

Dated August, 10th.

Issued

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 10th August 1881, No. 1,981 W.

AUGUST.
Nos. 48-49.

Deputy Tahsildar's Cutcherry with out-
houses at Kodavassel in Tanjore District.—
Sanctions for execution when funds are
available the estimate for constructing a —.

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 build-
ing, 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 com-
pleted 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.

Govt. of (1883) Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated February, 1st.

Recd.

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.

Revenue Department
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 Mayavaram may be stopped, Government having ordered in G.O., No. 1033, dated 27th September 1882, that the Sub-Collector shall be stationed at Kumbakonam and have Mayavaram 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 Mayavaram, and if this is done, the building at Mayavaram 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 Mayavaram 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 Mayavaram 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 Kumbakónam 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 Kumbakónam 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 Kumbakónam 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 head-quarters and to the office buildings at Kumbakónam and Májavaram.

2. Kumbakónam is unquestionably the town at which the Sub-Collector's head-quarters 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 Kumbakónam 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.

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,
with plan to be returned.

„ Collector of Tanjore.
Copy to the Accountant-General.

Order thereon 8th February 1883 No 181

The Government accept the Collector's proposal which is supported by the Board, that Coimbatore should be the Sub-Collector's Head Quarters.

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

Exd. A. Raitt.

the Sub-Collector 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 Coimbatore and Mayavaram (c) and (d) will be considered in the Judicial Department.

4. The Government agree in the views expressed by the Board in this last paragraph with respect to the Head Assistant Collector's Office at Negapatam.

(True Extract)

sd/ P. P. Stutchins

Ag Secretary to Government

To

The P.W. Deptt.

P.W. Deptt

1883.

Board of Revenue,
MADRAS.

No 559 Dated Feb 10/83.

Communicated to
the Superintending Engineer, Sixth Circle,
who will submit estimates
for the works proposed in
Clauses (a) and (b) para 5
of the Revenue Board's Re-
solution.

2. The completion of the
partially constructed
Cutcherry at Dayavaram
for a District Munsiff's
Court has already been
ordered in G.O. No 348 M.
d/1 Feb 1883

per J.D.
S.M.

Printed January, 24th.

Proceedings, 16th January 1883, No. 112.

B No 559 of 20-12-82

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

With order

To The S. E. Sixth Circle.
" Revenue Deptt.
" Judicial Deptt.

21ST FEBRUARY 1883, No. 564 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

No. 143.

READ—the following letter from W. HUGHES, Esq., Executive Engineer, Tanjore
Division, to the Superintending Engineer, Sixth Circle, dated Koradachéri,
10th February 1883, No. 403:—

In connexion with the subject of my letter, No. 291, dated 31st January 1883,
I have the honor to report that I have to-day inspected the Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry
at Kodavassel and quite agree with the Collector in considering a new building
unnecessary. The present building is in very fair order, and all the improvements
needed can be carried out for less than Rs. 500. I therefore recommend that the
estimate of Rs. 9,410 sanctioned for a new building in G.O., No. 1981 W., of 10th
August 1881, be cancelled, and the allotment granted for this year withdrawn. There
has been no expenditure, nor are there any liabilities.

I enclose a copy of my letter to the Collector's letter.

ENCLOSURES.

From H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Collector of Tanjore, to the Executive Engineer, Tanjore,
dated 26th January 1883, No. 446.

In reply to your No. 159, dated 17th January 1883, I have the honor, in returning the
enclosures, to inquire whether any funds have been allotted this year for the Sub-Magistrate's
Cutcherry at Kodavassel, and to state that, even if the cutcherry is to be built, the proposed site
which I have inspected is much larger than is necessary. If a piece of ground 150 feet wide
measuring from the roadway is taken up, it will, I think, be sufficient, and the extent will be
scarcely more than a third of what is now proposed.

2. But I must express my surprise that the project of building a new cutcherry was ever
sanctioned. The present building is very strong as far as I can judge, and spacious enough for a
Sub-Magistrate's office. It has just been repaired at a cost of Rs. 415, and, except the detached
latrine at the back, the whole of the building appears to be in very good order. The situation is
much more advantageous than that proposed for the new office, which is a long way out of the
town. I think that if the walls of the old Treasury room are taken down, and the central building
adapted for the Sub-Magistrate to hold his Court in, the corner where he now sits being railed off
as a record-room, all that is necessary will be done, or the old Treasury may be enlarged and made
fit for keeping the records, and a dais for the Sub-Magistrate erected where he now sits.

3. The sum of Rs. 9,410 sanctioned for the new building might, in my opinion, be used
elsewhere to much greater advantage. I shall be obliged if you will inspect the present cutcherry
and report your opinion upon it, and what the alterations above suggested and the repair or
reconstruction of the latrine will cost; also what you think of the ventilation of the existing
sub-jail wards. It appears to me to be good enough.

From W. HUGHES, Esq., Executive Engineer, Tanjore, to the Collector of Tanjore, dated
Koradachéri, 10th February 1883, No. 402.

In reference to your letter, No. 446, dated 26th January 1883, I have the honor to inform
you that I quite agree with you in considering a new Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry at Kodavassel
unnecessary. The present building is in very fair order, and needs but little improvement
to make the accommodation ample. There has been no expenditure in connection with the pro-
posed new building, and I shall ask the Superintending Engineer to have the estimate cancelled.

2. (a) In regard to the improvements required to the present building, I think the proposal to enlarge the Treasury room so as to make it a good commodious record-room the best that can be made. There is ample space on the platform on which the Treasury or record-room now stands, and if the pillars carrying the roof over the portion of platform in front of the room prove to be supported on good foundations, it will be unnecessary even to disturb any part of the roof. You may, however, think it desirable that the walls should be of brick in chunam. In such case, the roof and walls must be removed and the new record-room built on the existing platform. The cost would be only about Rs. 400 for a room 12' x 15', and it would afford greater security against white-ants to have the walls built with mortar. The present walls are of brick-in-mud.

(b) The Sub-Magistrate sits at present on a dais, but it is not perhaps of sufficient size or height.

(c) The west wall of the latrine must be rebuilt and the gable (over which a prisoner is said to have escaped) raised to meet the roof, or barred window being inserted for ventilation. The cost of the work will, perhaps, be Rs. 50.

3. The ventilation of the sub-jail appears unexceptionable. The defects reported to exist in 1879 have been remedied.

No. 2055 T.J.

Endorsement on the above.

* Amount granted in G.O., No. 2755 W.,	RS.
dated 23rd October 1882 ...	4,000
Amount withdrawn in G.O.,	
No. 204 W., dated 18th January	
1883 ...	3,000
Balance from allotment ...	1,000

Copy forwarded to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, with a recommendation that the estimate may be cancelled and the allotment* withdrawn.

Copy of Collector's letter, No. 446, dated 26th January 1883, is forwarded.

TRICHINOPOLY,
15th February 1883.

(Signed)

H. R. MEAD, Lieut.-Colonel, R.E.,
Superintending Engineer, Sixth Circle.

No. 144.

ORDER—dated 21st February 1883, No. 564 W., Public Works.

Under the circumstances stated, G.O., No. 1981 W., dated 10th August 1881, sanctioning an estimate, amounting to Rs. 9,410, for constructing a new Deputy Tahsildar's Cutcherry at Kodavassel, in the Tanjore District, is cancelled.

2. In the face of the statements made in the correspondence above recorded, it is not understood how the existing building could have been characterized in the Superintending Engineer's letter, No. 694 T.J., dated 26th July 1881, on which the construction of a new cutcherry was sanctioned, as "utterly unfit for a Deputy Tahsildar's Office and Subsidiary Jail."

3. The balance of the current year's allotment for the work, Rs. 1,000, is resumed and credited to the Provincial Reserve, and the grant in the Provincial Budget for 1883-84 will be withdrawn and credited to the Reserve of that year.

4. The Superintending Engineer will take the necessary steps for carrying out the improvements to the present building, stated to be necessary.

(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.
,, Judicial Department.

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

Govt. of (1883) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated February, 21st.

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G.O., 21st Feb. 1883, No. 564 W.

FEBRUARY.

Nos. 143-144.

Deputy Tahsildar's Cutcherry

Cancelling the sanction accorded to an estimate for a new — at Kodavassel, Tanjore District, and directing that the necessary improvements to the present building be carried out.



Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

Dated 16th February 1883.

No. 1361 Miscellaneous

READ the following letter from H. E. Stokes Esqre, Acting Collector of Tanjore, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Madras, dated 31st January 1883 No 356.

I have the honor, with reference to Board's Proceedings No 10133 Miscellaneous dated 21st December 1882, to submit a further list of works of Petty Construction and repairs for which I request provision may be made in next official year. The amount is Rs 4518 which added to Rs 5256 particularized in the list already sent amounts to Rs 9774. A further sum should be provided, say Rs 1226 for repairs which cannot now be foreseen and I therefore request that a provision of Rs 11,000 may be made for the year I have seen nearly all the public buildings in the district and taking them all round I can certify that they are not in a

Tanjore, 31st January 1883

(Signed) H. E. Stokes
Collector -

Resolution

a good state. They are worthy old buildings which require constant repair, and the figures given by the Board show that in 1880-81 and 1881-82 they were neglected.

(Enclosure)

List of Petty Construction and Repair works to be executed during the year 1883-84. Submitted with reference to Board's Proceedings No 9119 Miscellaneous dated 23 November 1882.

District	Locality	Consecutive number	Description of the Work of	Actuals 1881-82	Sanctioned Estimate for 1882-83	Budget Estimate for 1882-84
			<u>Original Works</u>	Rs	Rs	Rs
			<u>Land Revenue</u>			
Tanjore	Vedaraniem	1	Constructing a room for the safe custody of the Treasury and Stamp boxes.			150
	Mayavaram	2	Erecting a new Treasury room			750
	Do	3	Putting up doors to windows in the Treasury for preventing water from escaping into the Treasury room			3
	Sheally	4	Do Do			3
	Nannilam	5	Erecting a new terraced building for the Treasury room			750

Repairs

Land Revenue

Tanjore	Kumbakonam	1	Plastering and whitewashing the whole building of the Talag Katchery —	570
	Do	2	Opening a gateway in the Wall South of the Treasury room in the Talag Katchery —	3
	Mayavaram	3	Repairing the Talag Katchery Sub-Jail & Co and whitewashing Sub-Jail —	600
	Tirunelveli	4	Do the Sub Jail and Deputy Tahsildar's Office	264
	Teruvada	5	Shifting tiles and repairing roof —	300
	Sheally	6	Shifting tiles and Repairing the Talag Katchery —	200
	Neddamangalam	7	Repairing the Deputy Tahsildar's Office —	125
	Vedaraniem	8	Do — Do —	250
	Tritrapundi	9	Further allotment for repairing the Talag Katchery	85
	Mayavaram	10	Do the Sub Jail Latrines	40
	Kodavassal	11	Repairs to Deputy Tahsildar's Office and Sub Jail —	300
	Akamtongpi	12	Putting a pandal before the Deputy Tahsildar's Office —	25
				4358
<u>Sea Customs</u>				
<u>Repairs</u>				
Negapatam	1	Shifting tiles & Co in the Sea Customs Office, Negapatam —	160	
				4518

Collector's Office,
Tanjore, 31st January 1883

(Signed) H. E. Stokes
Collector

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The additional allotment required
for 1883-84 is sanctioned and will be met
from savings in other districts under
"34 other Public Works in charge of
Civil Officers, Civil buildings".

(True Copies & Extract)

(Signed) E. Gibson

Ag Secretary

To The Collector of Tanjore
Copy to the Accountant General

(True Copy)

E. Gibson
Ag Secretary

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Mr. Stokes
287/1/83

READ—the following letter from H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Collector of Tanjore, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Tiruturaipundi, 22nd February 1883, No. 1137 :—

In G.O., No. 1981-W, dated 10th August 1881, an estimate of Rs. 9,410 was sanctioned for the construction of a new Deputy Tahsildar's Cutcherry at Kodavasal, and a site, for which a couple of thousand rupees is asked, was also selected. I recently visited Kodavasal to have a look at this site and that chosen for the new dispensary; and on going to the present cutcherry was surprised to find it a substantial and roomy taluk cutcherry on the old plan, and on the whole in very good order. It has been repaired (tiles shifted, &c.) at an expense of Rs. 415 during the current year; and all that is wanted is repair to the Sub-jail latrine and cook-house built by the Public Works Department in pursuance of the recommendations of the Subsidiary Jail Committee in 1868, and some alterations to the record (old Treasury) room.

2. On looking into the correspondence, I found that the cutcherry was condemned by the Joint Magistrate, Mr. Austin, in 1879, in terms which I can only call extravagant; and his opinion having been backed by Mr. Assistant Engineer Davidson, sanction was obtained for a new building.

3. I now enclose copies of my letter to the present Executive Engineer, Mr. Hughes, and his reply; from which the Board will see that he agrees with me in thinking a new cutcherry unnecessary. The Sub-Magistrate's Office is at present very fairly housed, and the existing building will last for many years yet. I, therefore, request that the Board will move Government to cancel the sanction, and that they will add a sum of Rs. 500 to my petty construction and repairs grant for 1883-84. This sum will be amply sufficient to carry out the alterations which Mr. Hughes has suggested.

4. I see from the preliminary issue of the Provincial Public Works budget, that funds for the Kodavasal Cutcherry have actually been allotted next year. I suggest that the money be transferred to the new buildings required for Kumbakonam, proposals for which were approved in Government Order, communicated in Board's Proceedings, No. 1265, Miscellaneous, dated 14th February 1883.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Collector of Tanjore, to the Executive Engineer, Tanjore Division, dated 26th January 1883, No. 446.

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In reply to your No. 159, dated 17th January 1883, I have the honor, in returning the enclosures, to inquire whether any funds have been allotted this year for the Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry at Kodavasal, and to state that, even if the cutcherry is to be built, the proposed site, which I have inspected, is much larger than is necessary. If a piece of ground 150 feet wide measuring from the roadway is taken up, it will, I think, be sufficient, and the extent will be scarcely more than a third of what is now proposed.

2. But I must express my surprise that the project of building a new cutcherry was ever sanctioned. The present building is very strong, as far as I can judge, and spacious enough for a Sub-Magistrate's Office. It has just been repaired at a cost of Rs. 415, and except the detached latrine at the back, the whole of the building appears to be in very good order. The situation is much more advantageous than that proposed for the new office, which is a long way out of the town. I think that if the walls of the old treasury room are taken down and the central building adapted for the Sub-Magistrate to hold his Court in, the corner where he now sits being railed off as a record-room, all that is necessary will be done; or the old treasury may be enlarged and made fit for keeping the records, and a dais for the Sub-Magistrate erected where he now sits.

3. The sum of Rs. 9,410 sanctioned for the new building might, in my opinion, be used elsewhere to much greater advantage. I shall be obliged if you will inspect the present cutcherry and report your opinion upon it, and what the alterations above suggested and the repair or re-construction of the latrine will cost. Also what you think of the ventilation of the existing Sub-jail wards. It appears to me to be good enough.

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ENCLOSURE No. 2.

From W. HUGHES, Esq., Executive Engineer, to the Collector of Tanjore, dated Koradacheri, 10th February 1883, No. 402.

In reference to your letter, No. 446, 26th January 1883, I have the honor to inform you that I quite agree with you in considering a new Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry at Kodavasal unnecessary. The present building is in very fair order and needs but little improvement to make the accommodation ample. There has been no expenditure in connection with the proposed new building. I shall ask the Superintending Engineer to have the estimate cancelled.

2. (a) In regard to the improvements required to the present building, I think the proposal to enlarge the Treasury Room so as to make it a good commodious record-room the best that can be made. There is ample space on the platform on which the treasury or record-room now stands, and if the pillars carrying the roof over the portion of platform in front of the room prove to be supported on good foundation, it will be unnecessary even to disturb any part of the roof. You may, however, think it desirable that the walls should be of brick in chunam. In such case the roof and walls must be removed and the new record-room built on the existing platform. The cost would be only about Rs. 400 for a room 12' x 15' and it would afford greater security against white ants to have the walls built with mortar. The present walls are of brick in mud.

(b) The Sub-Magistrate sits at present on a dais, but it is not perhaps of sufficient size or height.

(c) The west wall of the latrine must be rebuilt and the gable (over which a prisoner is said to have escaped) raised to meet the roof, a barred window being inserted for ventilation. The cost of this work will perhaps be Rs. 50.

3. The ventilation of the Sub-jail appears unexceptionable. The defects reported to exist in 1879 have been remedied.

RESOLUTION—dated 13th March 1883, No. 724.

The Board agree with the Collector and Executive Engineer that it is unnecessary to construct a new cutcherry at Kodavasal, and accordingly recommend that the amount allotted for the purpose in the Budget of 1883-84 may be made available for the new buildings required at Kumbakonam.

2. The small sum required for the improvements to the existing Deputy Tahsildar's Cutcherry at Kodavasal can be met from the allotment sanctioned by the Board in their Proceedings, 16th February 1883, No. 1361, Miscellaneous.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) E. GIBSON,
Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government Revenue Department,
with copy of Board's Proceedings, 16th February 1883, No. 1361, Miscellaneous.
Copy to the Collector of Tanjore.

Exd. A. Raitt.

No 1957.

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Board of Revenue,
MADRAS.

Misc: No 1371.

Transferred to the Public
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to that Department G.O. Dated
20th February 1883, No 559 W.

For S^r George?
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For Secretary to Govt
No 1091 W a 12th April 83.

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of the estimate called for in
G.O. No 559 W a 20th Feb 1883

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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Adverting to the Order of Govern-
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Order thereon 28th June 1883 No 1726 Mis.
Communicated to the Surgeon

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reference to his letter dated 30th
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Endorsement in the Financial Department
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Surgeon General's letter requesting Govt.
to prevent the ground adjacent to the
Cumbaconam Hospital being utilized as
a site for a District Munsiff's Court.

Order thereon 25th May 1883 N^o 1383 Mis.
Communicated in Continua-

tion of G. O. 16th February 1883 N^o 457,
to the Honorable the Judges of the
High Court for favor of their re-
marks.

(True Extract)

(Signed) C. G. Master
Chief Secretary

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Re P.W. Dept

Proceedings, dated 28 June 1882.
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Copy letter from Mr
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29TH JANUARY 1884, No. 255, JUDICIAL.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper :—

From J. A. DAVIES, Esq., Acting Registrar of the High Court of Judicature at Madras, Appellate side, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 22nd January 1884, No. 222.

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E. F. WEBSTER,
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To the Registrar, High Court.
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Exd. J. Wright.

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G.O., 29th January 1884, No. 255.

JANUARY.

Munsifs' Courts.

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No: 307 W d/5th Febr/84

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