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Transferred to the Revenue Department, with reference to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 1762, dated 19th June 1883, forwarded to this department with Revenue endorsement No. 2897, dated 13th July 1883; with the expression of opinion in the Public Works Department that, under the circumstances reported by the superintending engineer, the construction of a new building is desirable.

To the Revenue Department, with letter in original.—

Order—dated 21st January 1884, No. 110, Revenue.

Miscellaneous.

The proposal to construct a new taluk cutcherry is approved. Orders will issue in the Public Works Department for the preparation of a plan and estimate accordingly.

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with a plan.
„ the Public Works Department, with do.

Exd. W. H. French.

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Communicated to the Supdg Engr VI Circle, who will submit a plan & Estimate for a new Taluk Cutcherry at Srivaikuntham.

2 The site should be settled in communication with the Collector

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To the S.E., VI Circle with plan
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G.O., 21st January 1884, No. 110.

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JANUARY.

Taluk Cutcherry.

Proposal to construct a new — at Srívaikuntham, Tinnevelly district, approved; and the Public Works Department requested to issue orders for the preparation of a plan and estimate accordingly.

W. Thorden
Secy to Govt