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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

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2. I spoke to the owner of the buildings, who happened to be at Manantoddy, and he promised to do what is necessary; but he is not likely to spend much money, and the buildings are absolutely incapable of being rendered suitable for a cutcherry. So much impressed was I with the necessity for obtaining some other premises as speedily as possible, that I went to look at the only house available, now occupied as a club, but it would cost a good deal of money to adapt it to the purposes of a cutcherry and it would not suit as a permanency.

3. I find that, so long ago as 1875, plan and estimate, amounting to Rs. 24,600, was prepared for a new taluk cutcherry and sub-jail at Manantoddy, *vide* G.O., dated 28th January 1875, No. 198; but the plan was not approved and apparently nothing further was done, at least no subsequent records on the subject can be traced. Possibly, as a reorganization of the establishment was then under discussion (*vide* Mr. Logan's letter to the Chief Secretary, dated 24th November 1875, copy of which was forwarded to the Board on the 5th January 1876), the construction of the cutcherry was deferred, pending a decision of the question of the location of the Wynaad officials; but as a new office has since been constructed for the Deputy Collector at Manantoddy, and there does not appear to be any intention of locating the tahsildar elsewhere, I think the sooner proper accommodation is provided for him the better. There is ample room on the hill on which the Deputy Collector's house and office stands, which is Government property.

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ENCLOSURE.

From the Executive Engineer, Nilgiri Division, to the Collector of Malabar, dated Ootacamund, 28th January 1884, No. 1051.

With reference to your letter, No. 5045, of 11th ultimo, I have the honor to inform you that I inspected the Manantoddy tahsildar's cutcherry on the 19th instant, and that I do not consider the building at present unsafe. It is true that some of the joists and beams have sagged, and that various small cracks are visible here and there, but most probably these defects have existed for years, and the repairs recently carried out by the tahsildar to verandah pillars and to the jail lock-up have removed any immediate source of danger there may have been.

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Resolution—dated 8th February 1884, No. 440.

Submitted for the orders of Government.

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(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) E. GIBSON,
Secretary.

Order—dated 26th February 1884, No. 891, Revenue.

Orders for the preparation of plans and estimates for a new cutcherry, which will, as usual, include the police station, will issue in the Public Works Department.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary to Government.

ORDER—dated 3rd March 1884, No. 581 W., Public Works.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, for early submission of an estimate for the construction of a new taluk cutcherry, on the standard design, at Manantoddy.

2. As a separate police station will not now be required at that place, the sanction accorded in G.O., No. 202 W., dated 18th January 1883, is hereby cancelled. The allotment provided for the work in the preliminary issue of the Provincial budget for 1884-85 will be omitted in the final issue.

3. The provision of funds for the new taluk cutcherry will be considered on receipt of the estimate.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle.
" Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
" Revenue Department.
" Judicial "

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

G.O. of (1884) Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated March, 3rd.

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 3rd March 1884, No. 581 W.

MARCH.

Taluk Cutcherry

Directing the early submission of an estimate for the construction of a new —, on the standard design, at Manantoddy, and cancelling the sanction accorded for constructing a separate police station.

Revenue Department.
Proceedings of the Madras Government.
Read the following.

BOARD OF REVENUE, 8TH FEBRUARY 1884, No. 440.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, 8

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Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
" Collector of Malabar.

Exd. C. Venkatasubbaiyar.

Order.

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dated
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(True Extract)

W. Gibson

Secretary to Govt.

To the Public Works Department.
" Board of Revenue.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

1884.

Board of Revenue,
MADRAS.

No: 581W d/ 3rd March/84

Printed February 15th.

See 1/3/84

Proceedings, 8th February 1884, No. 440.

Submitting, with remarks, for the orders of Government, application from the Collector of Malabar for the provision of funds for the construction of a Taluk Cutcherry at Manantoddy.

Circle No. 1

No. 581W

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 3rd March/84

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G.O. 3274 No. 58/W.

Sulu R. Cutcherry

~~Memorandum~~

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for the construction of a
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at Manamadurai.
Cancelling the sanction
awarded for construction
separate Police Station.

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