1st September 1885, No. 986, Revenue.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

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1 ×	16′ 9″ ×	3′ 0″ ×	9′ 0″
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1 ×	11′ 4″ ×	4′ 9″ ×	8′ 0″
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3. From personal inspection I can certify that the Tahsildar has not in any way misrepresented the state of the building, and it will, I think, be manifest that it would be waste of money attempting to repair and improve it.

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Enclosures.

Letter from Colonel ROSS THOMPSON, R.E., Executive Engineer, West Coast Division, to the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, dated Calicut, 16th June 1885, No. 309.

One plan.
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Letter from the Tahsildar of Wynaad, to the Deputy Collector of Wynaad, dated Manantoddy, 17th April 1885, No. 1353.

With reference to the enclosed Board's Proceedings, dated 25th March 1885, No. 1583, which you kindly sent me for perusal, I beg permission to express my views thereon.

2. The building now used as the taluk cutcherry is quite unsuited for a public office, and this fact will be evident from the following.

3. The building, which is purely of a native style, was originally a petty mercantile shop and the private residence of the dealer. It is, though an upstair, a low building situated just behind the two rows of the Manantoddy big bazaar street. The appearance of the building is such that no one unacquainted with the locality will be able to recognise it as a public office. It consists of three small ill-ventilated rooms in the upstairs and six equally bad rooms downstairs, with a narrow staircase. One of the rooms in the upstair is used by me, and the other two by the Sheristadar and our establishments. One room downstairs is used as the record-room, one hitherto used as Sub-Registrar's office was recently abandoned owing to the utter unsuitability of this room and the impracticability of continuing work there any longer, the other rooms hitherto remained unoccupied being unfit for any use. The ceiling is so very low and the rooms without windows that one within its walls finds the building close and stifling. During ordinary gales and rains the whole building shakes. The upstair rooms are quite insufficient to hold the whole office establishment and parties who happen to come on business to the Court. The clerks' room is dark and requires a lamp during a cloudy day to attend to work. The four almirahs that I had lately received from Huzur for clerks' use are all left on the open verandah downstairs, as they could not have been in any possible way taken to any of the rooms owing to the narrowness of the doors.

4. Another great disadvantage is the location of the treasury in a detached building. Either myself or the Sheristadar has to go there through an open yard to issue money and stamps unmindful during the monsoon of the heavy rains of Wynaad. The treasury, subsidiary jail and police station rooms are very insecure, dark and infested with rats, and at times snakes make their appearance. The treasury and the sub-jail guards have very often brought to my notice the inconvenience and the risk of life they are subjected to on account of the dilapidated state of the building and other causes enumerated above. I must make particular mention that the snakes are lurking over the ceiling, which is hidden from view, owing to the peculiar frame of the roof. The whole building will have, even in a sanitary point of view, to be condemned. The guarding of the prisoners in the jail cannot also be effectually carried out since the situation of the rooms renders it impossible. The rooms are so situated that the treasury door and jail door do not come under the observation of the guard on duty unless he inspects each door severally. The treasury room has also one single entrance for light and air and without a torch no business can be conducted in the room even on a bright summer day. The walls of this building are so weak that a few months ago a lunatic, admitted in one of the jail wards previous to his committal to the Asylum at Calicut, knocked down the wall by a good kick; some prisoners effected their escape by boring a hole into the wall.

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6. As you are personally acquainted with the real state of the building, it will be superfluous for me to enter into further details. All I wish you will press forward is to represent to the higher authorities the inadvisability of holding office in the present taluk cutcherry and the speedy construction of the new taluk cutcherry here, for which estimates have been sanctioned and funds available. Any repairs carried out to the present building will only prove waste of public money, as no efficient repairs can possibly be executed in a building which is quite unsuitable to the public requirements and which, to say the least, is in a tottering condition with every probability of collapsing during the approaching monsoon.

Read—the following letter from Colonel J. BEATTY, R.E., Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Coimbatore, 21st July 1885, No. 298 E.W.:—

Two sketches of taluk cutcherries.

In reply to your memorandum, No. 329 E., of 7th instant, I have the honor to inform you that the estimate of a first-class cutcherry for Manantoddy to cost Rs. 62,800, already submitted and rejected, included accommodation for a Sub-Registrar's office and records. A second-class cutcherry on the standard plan, but with accommodation for Treasury, Sheristadar and records, would cost about Rs. 41,730, so that the probable saving would be Rs. 21,070.

2. I send herewith sketch plans of the cutcherry originally proposed, and as now revised.

Referred to the Revenue Department with advertence to Proceedings in that Department, No. 1583, dated 25th March 1885, for favor of opinion whether estimates for the construction of a new second-class taluk office at Manantoddy may be called for.

(Signed) J. SHAW-STEWART, Col., R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Revenue Department, with papers in original.

Order—dated 1st September 1885, No. 986, Revenue.

Miscellaneous.

The enquiry of the Public Works Department in the paper above read as to whether estimates may be prepared for a second-class cutcherry at Manantoddy will be answered in the affirmative.

2. The Inspector-General of Police will be desired in the Judicial Department to settle in communication with the Superintending Engineer whether the accommodation proposed for the police is sufficient.

3. It will be determined in the same department whether or no provision should be made for the Registration Department in the new building.

(True Extract.) W. Wilson

Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Public Works Department, with seven original enclosures returned.
,, the Judicial Department.
,, the Board of Revenue.

Exd. W. J. Lewis.

80 Copies.

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Ro: 385 E. 30.7.85.
" 329 E. 7.7.85
B 1147 E. 15.6.85
A 847 E. 7.4.85
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No. 2225 Wy. 23rd Septr 1885

~~Communicated~~

Communicated to the Suptg Engineer IV Circle, for information & guidance

2 Orders in the Judicial Dept. on the point referred to in para 3 will be awaited.

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Suptg Engineer IV Circle with 2 sketches ✓

Judl Dept ✓

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Taluk Cutcherry (2nd Class) at Manantoddy.

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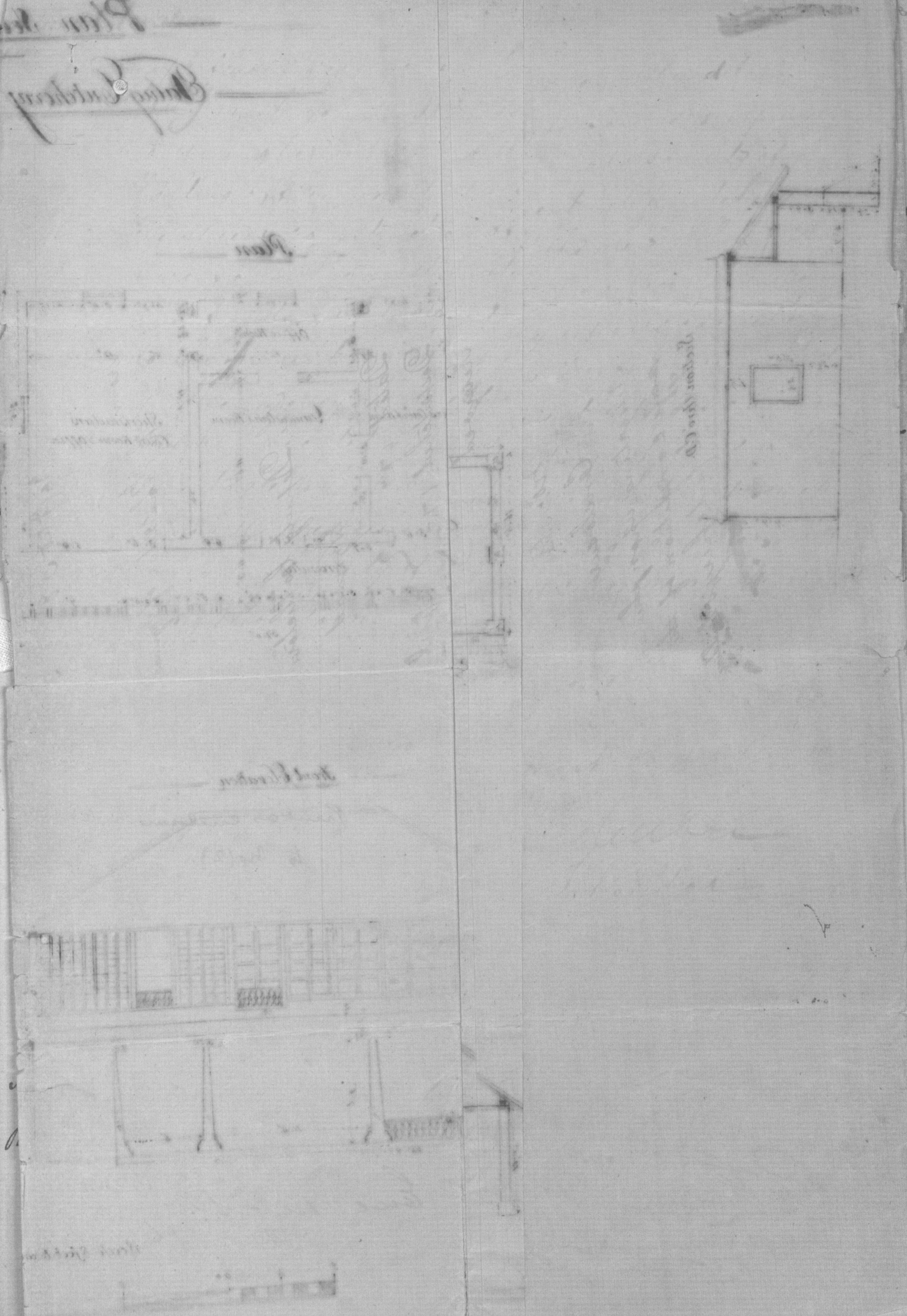

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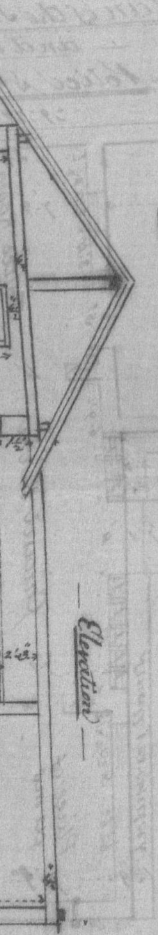

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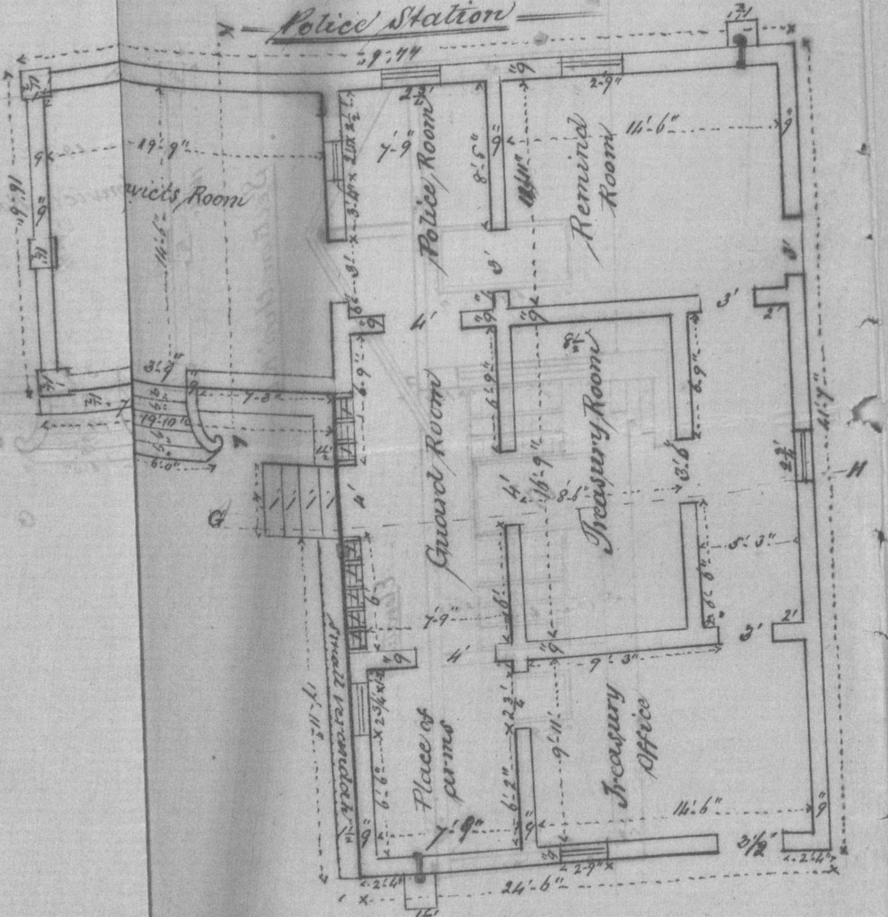

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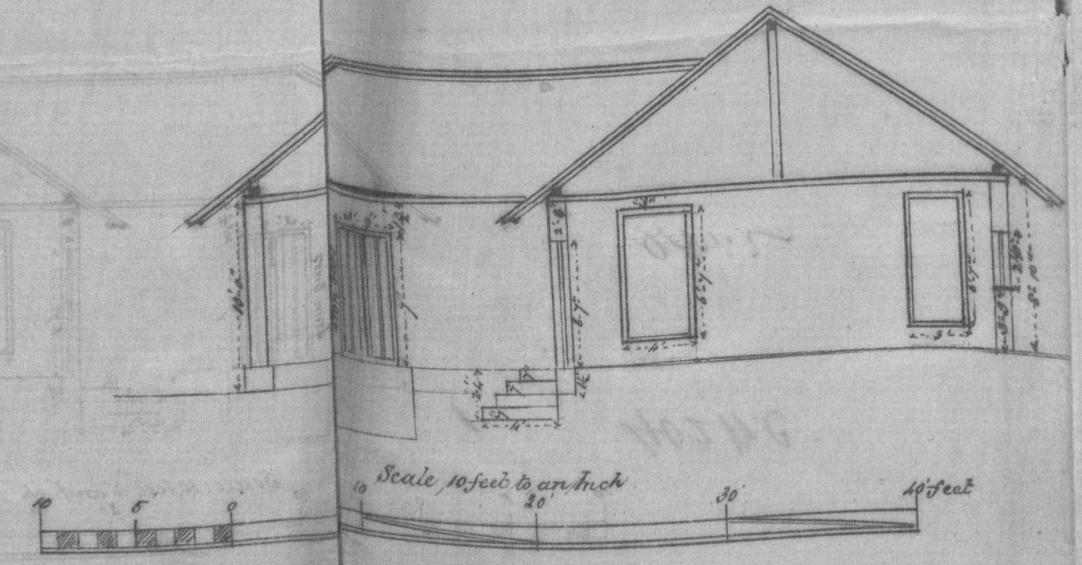

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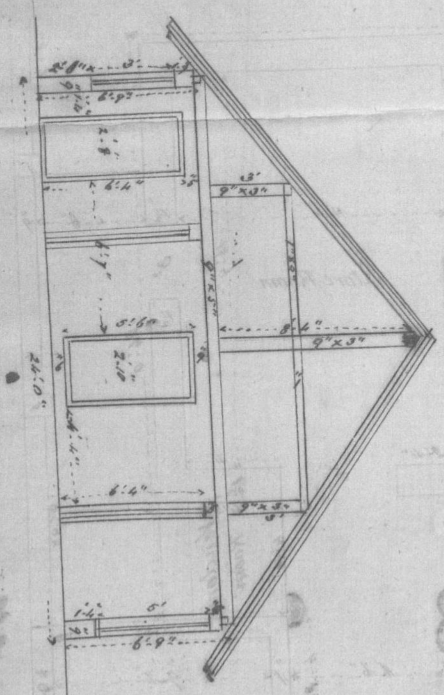

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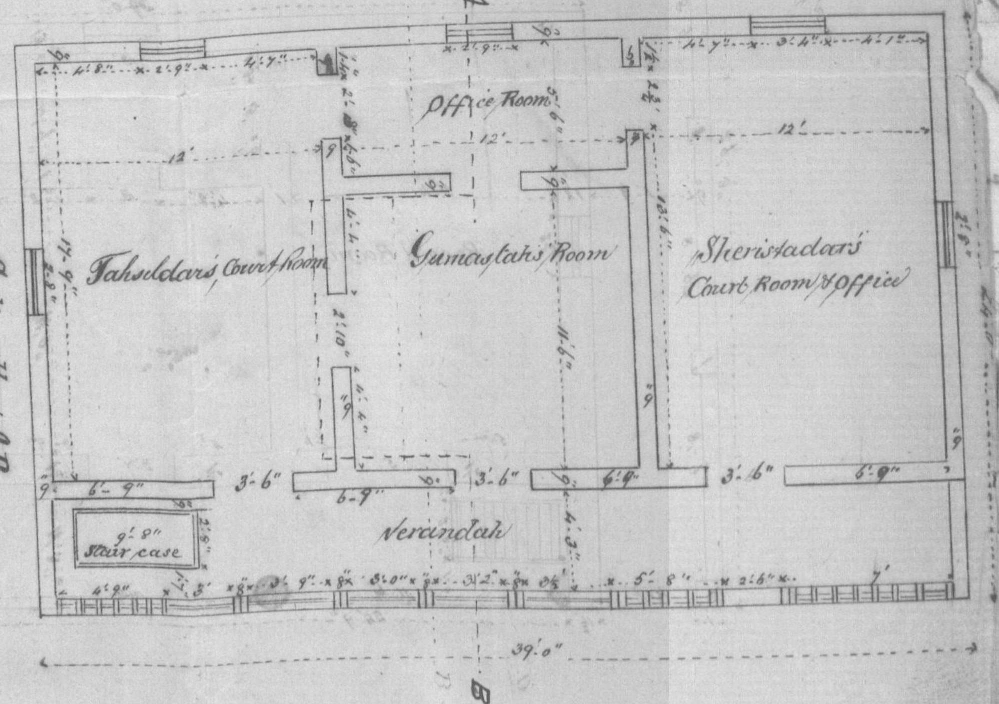

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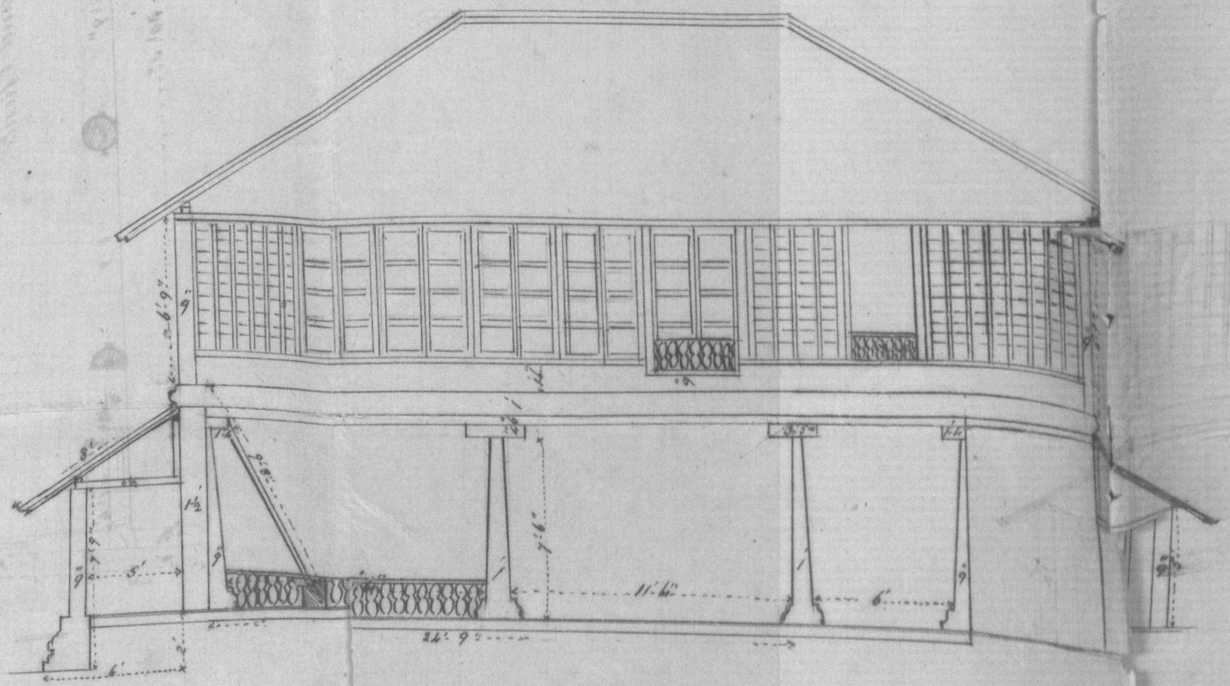

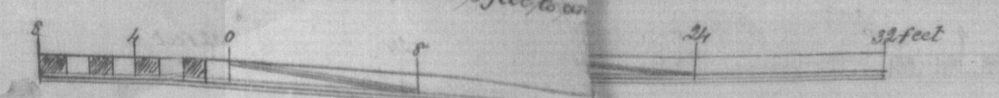

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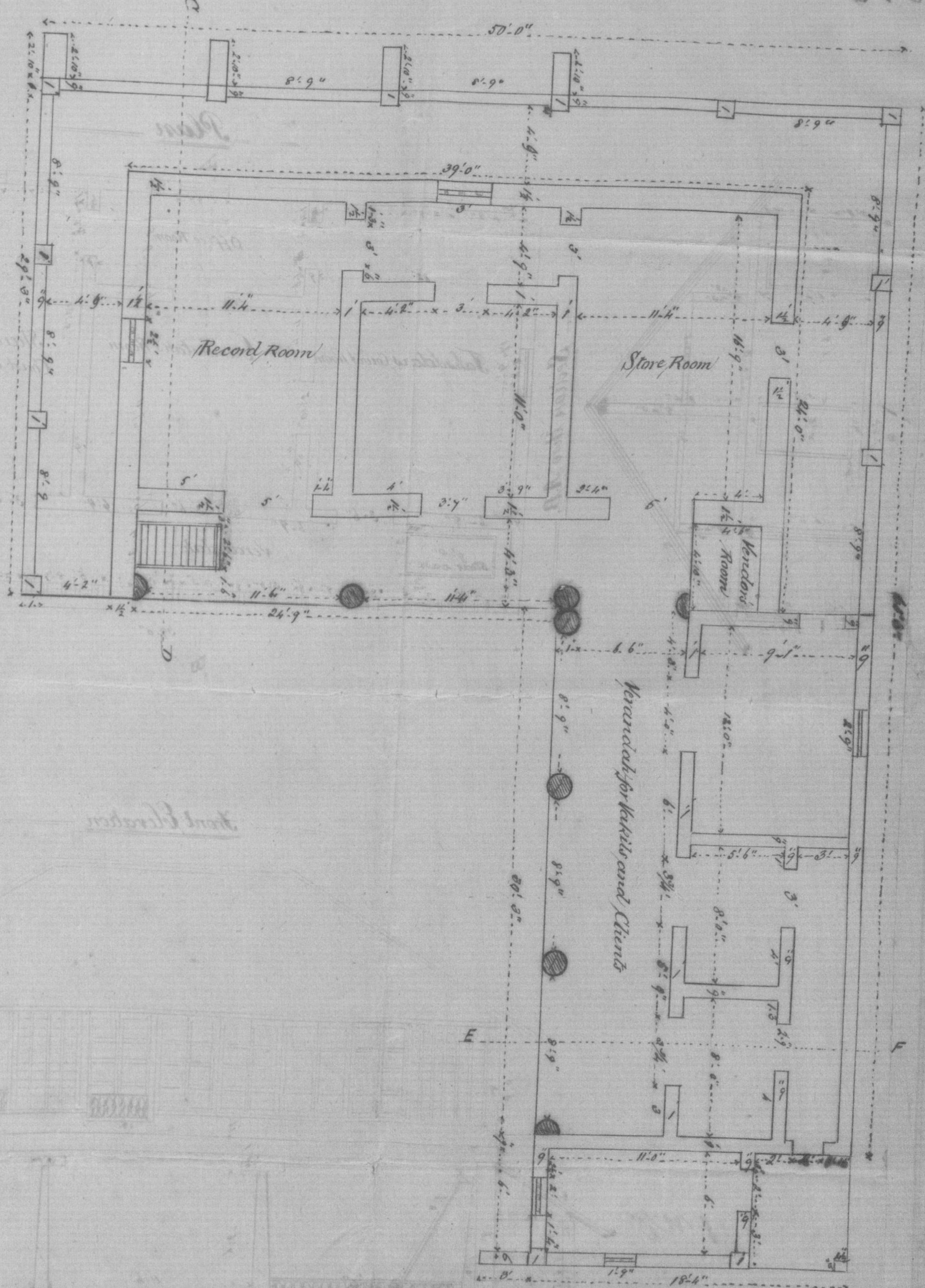

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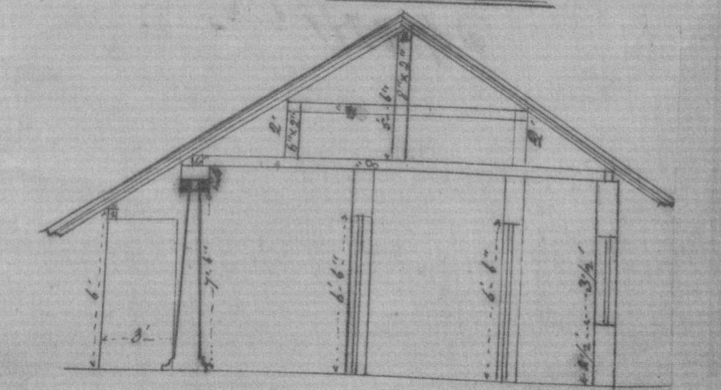

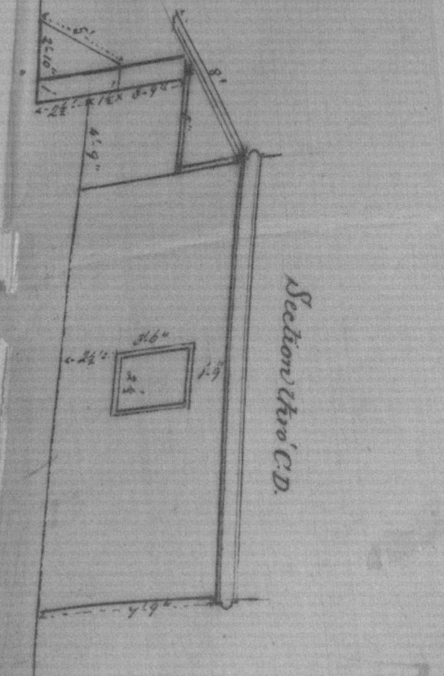

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From,

The Tahsildar of Wynaad

To,

The Deputy Collector
Wynaad

Dated 17th }
Despatched 17th } April 85
Received }

No. 1353

Enclosure

Reporting upon the unsafe condition of the Taluk Cutchery's building

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER'S OFFICE
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WEST COAST DIVISION

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Wynaad Tahsildar's Office
Manantoddy 17th April 1885.

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FOURTH CIRCLE

Dated 16 } June/85
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Taluq Cutchery at Manantoddy

Forwarding plan of the existing with observations

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Enclosures.

No. 309 West Coast Division office,
Calicut 16th June 1885.

From
The Executive Engineer,
West Coast Division.

To
The Superintending Engineer,
4th Circle.

Enc: 2
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SUPG: ENGINEER'S OFFICE
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Referred to the Revenue dept with advertence to endorsement in that dept no. 1883 & 26 Mar/85

(By order)

C. Unwin

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From
The Supg. Engineer
Fourth Circle.

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Dated 30th June
despd. 1st July } 1885.

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No. 292
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Enc: 3. (Plans)

Manantoddy Taluq Cutcherry:—

Requests permission to submit plans and estimate for a 2d class cutcherry.

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No. 272 / E.W.

Supg Engineer's Office 4th Circle
Coimbatore, 30th June 1885.

From,
The Superintending Engineer.
4th Circle. Coimbatore.

To,
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P. W. Department.

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Enclosures. 2.

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Forwards 2 sketch plans showing the 1st & 2nd Class & reports the probable saving that would be effected between the construction of 1st & 2nd class Cutcherries.

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Superintending Engr's Office. 4th
Coimbatore 21st July 1885.

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Sd/ J.S.S.

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To
The Supdg Engr. IV Circle
With 2 sketches

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