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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue) dated 29 August 1887, No. 2808, on letter from the Collector of Tanjore, dated 19 August 1887, No. 478.

With reference to Board's Proceedings, dated 29 July 1887, No. 392, I have the honor to invite attention to what seems to me to be a serious defect in the new standard plan for Taluk Kutcheries. I refer to the separation of the Taluk Sheristadar from his shroffs (Cashier's room). That this is a very practical objection is proved by a case on record in this District wherein, owing to want of supervision by the Sheristadar, a shroff was found to be in the habit, upon receiving remittances, of levying black-mail in the shape of a small douceur upon moneys paid in. Government recently referred to me for report a petition which alleged that this habit still prevails throughout Tanjore. I made enquiries at the time and was assured that this is not the case, but although it may not be a common practice, I think that shroffs ought to be put out of the way of temptation by being under the eyes of a superior officer. To this end I suggest that instead of the single door between the

the Cashier's room and that of the Taluk Sheristadar the two rooms should be thrown into one which might be done by replacing the dividing wall and door by an arch. I doubt too the need or expediency of having a couple of doors leading from outside direct into the Shroffs' room. One door may, perhaps, be needed.

2. Some of the verandahs are too narrow as in Mr. Ghisholin's designs, the result being exposure to weather which Talukdars are fond of counteracting by the addition of thatched pandals which are both unsightly and unsafe.

3. My excuse for these criticisms is that they are the outcome of practical observation.

#### Resolution

Submitted to Government with reference to G.O. 20<sup>th</sup> July 1887, No. 4254. The objections raised by Mr. Gibson appear to the Board sound and they recommend that the changes advocated by him in the new standard plan be sanctioned.

Order thereon, 19<sup>th</sup> September 1887, No. 5008.

The Government do not see any sufficient reasons for modifying the new standard plan of Taluk Cutcherry as suggested by Mr. Gibson.

2. It is desirable that Taluk Sheristadars who are

are invariably magistrates, should have a separate apartment in which to do their work. If shroffs are properly looked after, there can be but little chance of their committing irregularities and no need for Taluk Sheristadars to be always sitting in the same room with their subordinates keeping personal watch over them and being in doing so subjected to the distractions arising from people coming constantly in and out and talking.

3. The two doors to the Cashier's room objected to are necessary to allow of the Sentries' patrolling round the Treasury at night. If the second door causes any inconvenience during the day, there is nothing to prevent its being kept closed.

4. As regards the verandah round the record room, which is that which Mr. Gibson apparently thinks too narrow, Government are of opinion that any extension of its width is likely to make the room dark. The question was one considered when the revised standard plan was under discussion. The verandah of a record room is not a proper place of resort for persons visiting the Taluk Cutcherry on business and such a use of it should not be permitted.

5. As regards the concluding portion of para. 2 of the

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the collector's letter Government observe that it is quite within  
his competence to prohibit the erection of pandals. The depth  
of verandah allowed in the standard plan is such that it ap-  
pears to render pandals an unnecessary luxury.

(True Extract)

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