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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 9th January 1864.

No. 97. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel G. W. WALKER, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Coonoor, 2nd January 1864, No. 284:—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to forward for sanction three Estimates (with Plans) for Revenue Buildings in the town of Coimbatore, Nos. 5, 4 and 20 of my Budget List of 1864-65, viz.:— Enclosures 8.

		Rs.
5.	New Talook Cutcherry	10,470
4.	New Upper room for Collector in Hoozoor Cutcherry ...	1,630
20.	Completion of new Record-room in Hoozoor Cutcherry compound	2,190

2. In support of the first I forward printed copy of Revenue Board's Proceedings No. 5,279 of 24th August 1863, and original letter* from the Collector to the Assistant Executive Engineer of Coimbatore Range. The second has been prepared at Mr. Grant's personal request under my immediate instructions; and will provide at a very small cost, accommodation for want of which in the hot months, the Collector cannot do business at the Cutcherry.

* No. 240, dated 19th November 1863.

3. The third Estimate provides for roofing in a large new building of which the walls were constructed some years ago to contain the Collector's records. Its progress appears to have been suspended for want of funds only; and if required then, the extra accommodation would appear to be still more requisite at this later date.

Referred to the Revenue Department.

Chepauk,
7th January 1864.

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government, P.D.W.

No. 97A. ORDER THEREON, 9th January 1864, No. 49A.

Approved.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

To the Department Public Works.
„ Board of Revenue.

Ed. T. Dunn.

No. 5,279.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 24th August 1863.

Read the following letter from P. GRANT, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Goodaloor, 29th July 1863, No. 143:—

1. The building of a new Taluk Cutcherry at Coimbatore has been sanctioned, and I need not point out how very much it is required. On requesting the Superintending Engineer, Colonel Walker, to take up the matter, he forwarded for my counter-signature the estimate and the accompanying plan (to be returned), the "standard design for a fourth class Taluk Cutcherry." My object in writing is to request that sanction may be given to depart from this design, as the accommodation afforded is totally inadequate for the requirements of the station, and the arrangement as it appears to me is faulty.

2. A very small Treasury is required as the daily collections are remitted to the Huzur Treasury every evening.

3. The accommodation for prisoners is insufficient. Government have ruled that short sentenced prisoners are to be confined in subsidiary gaols under the charge of the Sub-Magistrate. Under these altered circumstances it becomes necessary to provide accommodation for at least 50 male and 10 female prisoners. The wards should be so arranged that the guard over the Treasury and the entrance of the building, shall be able to watch them, thereby saving expense and securing at the same time the safe custody of the prisoners. In the design submitted there is but room for about seven male and three female prisoners. The accommodation required is given in the margin, and I request that the Superintending Engineer be allowed to submit a plan of a building affording the same, whilst due regard is paid to ensure security from any sudden external danger. An obvious defect in the standard design is the non-provision for a free circulation of fresh air, which becomes especially necessary in a building where so many prisoners may have to be confined, otherwise it may become prejudicial not only to the health of the prisoners, but to that of the Government servants also. As the Budget has to be ready in October, and as a plan and estimate have to be prepared ere that time, the early orders of the Board become a matter of special importance.

1 Room for the Tahsildar and Correspondence Clerks.
1 do. for the Serishtadar and Accountants.
2 do. for Records
1 Lumber room.
1 Room for 50 male prisoners.
1 do. for 10 female do.
1 Small Treasury room. Accommodation for District Post Office is not required in this building, *vide* Post Master General's Circular dated 13th April 1863, No. 7,433, paragraph 6, Clause 2.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Plan.

The Board resolve to furnish the Collector with copy of the plan lately approved by them for the Taluk Cutcherry at Madrantakum, according to which plan several new Cutcherries have been sanctioned, and which the Board consider very preferable to the old standard design. This last, so far as they are aware, has scarcely any where been carried out since it was first designed.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary.

To P. Grant, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore,
with 2 plans that of the Madrantakum Cutcherry to be returned,
and spare copies of the Board's Proceedings dated 29th July 1863, No. 4,756.

Exd. J. Wright.

1863. Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated 24th August 1863.

No. 5,279.

Fowarding copy of plan lately approved for the Taluk Cutcherry at Madrantakum.

the requirements. I would propose that this room as well as the next one, which is intended for female prisoners, be thrown into one room and made available for all the male prisoners under sentence. Three Solitary Cells are not necessary - one will suffice. And the other two Cells might be thrown into one room for the female prisoners under sentence - With these modifications I approve of the Plan

3. The Board's plan and their Proceedings of the 24th August 1863 No 5279 - received with your Communication of the 7th Instant, are herewith returned with Engineer that His plan in question may be returned to me either by yourself or by the Superintending Engineer if you send it to him, for retransmission to the Board of Revenue as directed by them.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obt Servt

A. Grant
Collector

To
Lt Col Forbes

Superintending Engineer's Office
No 284 Dated
Coonoor 2nd February 1864

From
Lieutenant Colonel G.H. Walker R.E.
Superintending Engineer 4th Dn

To
Colonel C.A. Orr R.E.
Secretary to Government B.P.W.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward for sanction as per Estimate with Plans for Revenue Buildings in the Town of Coimbatore Nos 3. 4. and 20. of my Budget List of 1864-65 viz.

3. New Salagi Cutcherry ——— Rupees 10470
4. New Upper Room for Collector in Huzur Cutcherry ——— 1630
20. Completion of New Record Room in Huzur Cutcherry Compound ——— 2170

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The second has been prepared at Mr Grant's personal request under my immediate instructions; and will provide at a very small cost accommodation for want of which in the hot months, the Collector cannot do business at the Cutcherry.

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No 2107 of 19th Dec 1863

Referred to the Revenue Department

Dated 1st Jany 1864

Recd 1st Jany 1864

Dated 1st Jany 1864

From The Superintending Engineer

To The Secretary to Government

Dated 31st December 1863

Recd 3rd January 1864

No 284

Enclosures 8 Papers

From The Supdg Engineer Division 24 Feby 1863 No 609

Forwards 3 Estimates with Plans for Revised Buildings in the Town of Coimbatore which have been entered in the Budget of 1864/65 for sanction

Capt Gidney

With an Order

Dated 1st Jany 1864

From The Secretary to Government

To The Superintending Engineer

Dated 31st December 1863

Recd 1st Jany 1864

Forwards Estimate for Buildings at Coimbatore

Copies to Chief Engr & Auditor

Dated 1st Jany 1864

Recd 1st Jany 1864

Examined & Entered

Clerk

Jany 1864

Sent to Town Asst Surveyor

Superintending Engineer

Sub Division

No 49 A

Advised

Jany 1864

This letter dated 1st Jany 1864 Recd 1st Jany 1864