Revenue Orders
No. 3182.

Govt. of 1869; Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

&c., &c., &c.

Dated September 17th.

Read " 20th. Ans.

G. O., 17th September 1869, No. 3,040.

SEPTEMBER.

Nos. 393-394

Taluk Cutcherry and Subsidiary Jails in the Nellore District.—The proposals of the Collector for providing funds for Taluk Cutcherries and Subsidiary Jails in the Nellore District, declined to be acceded to.

No. 65

RECORDED.

20th Jan 1869

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 17th September 1869.

No. 393. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 17th August 1869, No. 6,118:—

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of Nellore, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 27th July 1869, No. 1,441.

I HAVE the honour to report, for the information of the Board of Revenue, and for submission, through them, to Government, that, under orders from the Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division, "all expenditure on Talook Cutcherries, "Subsidiary Jails, and other imperial works, which are unprovided with funds in "the current year" is to be stopped till further orders. There are, at present, three buildings of the above nature on hand—namely, a Cutcherry and Subsidiary Jail at Sulurpett, the walls of which are about two feet above the ground; an addition to the present Cutcherry at Gudur which is nearly completed; and a Cutcherry and Subsidiary Jail at Venkatagherry. The Executive-Engineer informs me that contracts are already made, and the materials ready for the progress of these works. The completion of the two first is most important, and it will be almost impossible to carry out the rules for Subsidiary Jails with the accommodation at present provided. The building now used for a Subsidiary Jail at Sulurpett is a superior kind of mud-hut. If the Gudur Cutcherry is left in its present unfinished state, it is equally unsuited for the purpose of confining short-sentence prisoners. At Venkatagherry, I believe, (I have not seen it,) the want of the new building is equally felt. The three buildings referred to were commenced in anticipation of sanction, and before a regular estimate was prepared. The estimated cost, as now given by the Executive-Engineer, is shown in the margin.

	Rs.
Gudur	7,692
Sulurpett...	12,252
Venkatagherry	11,875

2. As I think it of the greatest importance that these works should be finished with as little delay as possible, I would submit, that if other funds are not available, the money provided in the Budget for other and less urgent works should be made available for this purpose; for instance, the funds provided for Nos. 11, 12, 13, 14, 23, 24, 25, 26, and 27, in the Budget List of works under "Petty Construction and Repairs" for 1869-70, all salt-works not of an emergent nature might be diverted for this purpose. By this means, 14,000 Rupees would be available. In like manner, the funds apportioned to Nos. 250, 288, and 289 of the Budget-Estimate, Public Works Department, for 1869-70, if taken, would amount to another 12,000 Rupees. We should thus have enough to complete two of the buildings.

3. I have sent a copy of this letter to the Superintending Engineer to avoid delay. I have written without previous communication with him.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

2. The Collector of Nellore urges the inexpediency of discontinuing the work on certain Cutcherries and Subsidiary Jails, and proposes a transfer to them of allotments in the Petty Construction and Repair List and in the Public Works Budget.

3. The proposed transfer of sums provided for petty construction and repair is inadmissible. Even if it be admitted that the money can be spared, and if the difficulty of the rule which requires that it should be expended by the Revenue Department and not by Public Works officers, could be got over, the diversion of funds would have the direct effect of increasing the Public Works grant; and the Government of India have lately expressed apprehensions that the allotment for petty construction and repair might be used so as to have this effect, and have prohibited such a course.

4. The Collector's second proposition is, that transfers should be made from allotments in the Public Works Budget. This is a case for the decision of Government. Amongst the works enumerated by the Collector are Nos. 288 and 289; but as these belong to the Madras District, he probably means Nos. 258 and 259.

REFERRED to the Public Works Department.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
26th August 1869.

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

No. 394. ORDER THEREON, 17th September 1869, No. 3,040.

ACCOUNT, No. 32.

As the grants from which it is proposed to divert funds for the Talook Cutcherries and Subsidiary Jails referred to in this letter have been provided in the Budget for specific works, and the Government of India have recently imposed restrictions on the re-appropriation of such funds to works not included in the Budget, His Excellency the Governor in Council regrets that he cannot accede to the proposals referred to by the Board in paragraph

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
" Revenue Department.
" Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division.

Ed. P. P. Cantlowan.