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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
24th March 1869.*

Read the following :—

No. 665. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd February 1869,
No. 1,192.

Read the following letter from the Collector of North Arcot, to the Acting Secretary
to the Board of Revenue, dated Chittoor, 16th February 1869, No. 36.

In forwarding the accompanying copy of a report* from the Acting Sub-Col-
lector and Joint Magistrate, Mr. Brandt,
relating to the site of the new Talook
Cutcherry and Subsidiary Jail to be

* Dated 12th February 1869, No. 82.

constructed at Arcot, I have the honor to solicit the immediate instructions of the
Board in the matter.

2. Under the explanation afforded, there can, I think, be no question that the
old site should be abandoned in favor of the spot recommended in the enclosure.
I know the old site well, but not having any recollection of the spot which it is now
proposed to substitute for it, I am unable to give any opinion on the proposition
from my own personal knowledge.

3. By the proposed arrangement great intermediate inconvenience will be
avoided, and my own impression is that the old building will, as the Range Officer
says, fetch a better price as it stands, than would the old materials after it has been
dismantled.

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From the Acting Sub-Collector and Joint Magistrate of North Arcot, to the Collector and Magis-
trate of North Arcot, dated on Circuit, Arcot, 12th February 1869, No. 82.

Some five or six days ago, Mr. Brockman, the Assistant Engineer in charge of the Vellore
Range, mentioned, in conversation with me, that a site which appeared to him in every way superior
to that determined on for the new Talook Cutcherry and Subsidiary Jail at this place, Arcot, had
been pointed out to him by the Tahsildar and examined carefully. Mr. Brockman explained what
he considered to be the chief advantages of the new proposed site, and requested me to inspect the
place. I have done so.

2. The new Cutcherry and Jail is, according to the plans and estimates at present sanctioned,
to be built on the site occupied by the building now used as a Cutcherry. The present building is
to be entirely pulled down, and new buildings erected within the compound in which the present
building stands; there is a cattle-pound in one corner of the present compound, and another old
building in another corner, and several half-ruined walls and debris, old foundations, &c., which
are to be removed, and pits and a well which have to be filled in.

3. The site now proposed to be substituted is about 4 or 500 yards to the east of the present
Cutcherry, between the road leading from Arcot to Teruvattur on the north, and the moat of the
old Fort on the south; the new site is on high ground on a considerable slope from the high ground
(overlooking the moat) towards the Teruvattur road; with the exception of a small Mantapan, there
are no buildings near, and the ground is on all sides open.

4. The advantages of the new site described in the last paragraph, as compared with the
site on which the present Cutcherry stands, were stated by Mr. Brockman briefly as follows :—

1.—That the new site is far more open and airy. Of this there can be no doubt. The old
site is closely surrounded on three sides by bazaar walls, and the ruins of old Mussulman buildings
fast falling to pieces.

2.—That the formation of the ground on the new site is excellently adapted for ensuring
thorough drainage. In this too I concur.

3.—That it is preferable to build on ground which has not been before occupied by old
buildings and in which old foundations have not to be removed, and wells, &c., filled in, than the

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old material available is not of much use for the new building, and requires much labor to make it fit to work in with the new. On these points I am inclined to agree with Mr. Brockman, but it is a question which can best be decided by professional opinion in each particular case.

4.—That if the new site be decided on, the Tahsildar, can continue to use the present Cutcherry until the new building is completed; if the old site be retained, he will have to rent a building temporarily into which the Treasury records, &c., must be removed, no doubt not without inconvenience. His retention of the present building until the new one is completed will be an advantage, but I do not lay very much stress on this.

5. The Tahsildar also is decidedly in favor of the new site; in fact, it was he, I believe, who first suggested it, and he explains that the cause of his not having pointed it out before was, that he thought it was intended simply to add a Subsidiary Jail to the present Cutcherry. I believe that Mr. J. B. Atkinson inspected the present Cutcherry; but as far as I can learn, no alternative site was suggested either to or by him. If this is so, I have the less hesitation in recommending that the new proposed site be finally determined on in accordance with the recommendation of Mr. Brockman and the Tahsildar. The new buildings can be erected on the new site in exactly the same relative position as that decided on in accordance with the Rules of the Sub-Jail Committee in regard to the old site. Mr. Brockman informs me that no additional expense will be incurred by the change, but that the old Cutcherry will fetch more if sold as it stands than if pulled down, and the spare materials only sold. Part of the new site consists of Punjab land, but it is very poor land, and the compensation to be paid for it will be trifling.

6. This report may not be as complete as it should have been; but as the plans and estimates have been sanctioned, and as materials are now being collected, and it is desirable to expend as much of the money as is available before the end of the current official year, I thought it better to submit my opinion at once, as I conclude that the change cannot be made without reference to the Board of Revenue and the Subsidiary Jail Committee in communication with the Department of Public Works and finally to Government.

7. I have therefore the honor to request that you will submit a copy of my letter at once to the Board for their consideration with any remarks of your own, which you may wish to add. I have sent a copy of this letter to Mr. Brockman.

(True Copy)

(Signed) J. D. ROBINSON,

Collector.

FORWARDED to the Subsidiary Jail Committee.

2. The alteration of the proposed site of the Talook Cutcherry at Arcot, as advocated by the Collector and Sub-Collector, appears to the Board to be in every way desirable.

No. 666. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 6th March 1869.

Read again Board's Proceedings, dated 22nd February 1869, No. 1,192.

Read also the following letter from the Subsidiary Jail Committee, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madras, 23rd February 1869, No. 290.

With reference to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue of 22nd instant, we have the honor to state that we consider that it would be advisable to adopt Mr. Brandt's recommendation for a new site for the Talook Cutcherry and Subsidiary Jail at Arcot.

SUBMITTED.—for the orders of Government, with the recommendation that the change of site be authorized, as proposed by the District Officers and approved by the Subsidiary Jail Committee.

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24th March 1869.*

No. 667.

ORDER THEREON, 24th March 1869, No. 839.

Miscellaneous.

The change of site proposed by the Local Officers for the new Talook Cutcherry and Subsidiary Jail at Arcot, and

approved of by the Subsidiary Jail Committee and the Board of Revenue, is sanctioned.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

„ the Public Works Department.

„ the Judicial Department.

Exd. G. A. Turton.

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 Proceedings of the
 Board of Revenue

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Mr Talook Lutcherry
& Subsidiary Jail -
at Arcot. - Recommendation to Govt.
to authorize proposed
change of site for,
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REVENUE.
 THE BOARD OF REVENUE.
 Dated 6th March 1869.
 No. 666-667.
 Mr Talook Lutcherry and Subsidiary
 Jail at Arcot. - the change of the site proposed
 by the Local Officer, sanctioned.

No. 839

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 24 March 1869.

Read the following
Pro^s of the Board of Revenue

Recommending change
of site for new Valook
Cutcherry & Subsidiary Jail
at Arcot.

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