

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
28th August 1871.*

No. 311. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 9th August 1871, No. 3,357 :—

Read the following letter from C. T. LONGLEY, Esq., Collector of Salem, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Ahtoor, 15th June 1871, No. 1,592.

I HAVE the honour to bring to the notice of the Board of Revenue that the want of proper accommodation in the office for the Assistant Collectors has been a great source of inconvenience in the Salem Huzur Cutcherry. There is only one room that can be used by them, and that is a thatched one on the upper story of the Cutcherry, and which, I believe, was built several years ago as a temporary room for the use of the Collector when he came into Salem from Oosoor. The room is dilapidated, leaky, and small.

2. I have at present only one Assistant Collector, but a few months back I had two, both were in Salem; and in order to find office-accommodation for one I had to procure the loan of a room in the Court-house.

3. To save any future inconvenience of this kind I trust the Board will see fit to recommend to Government the erection of two rooms as an upper story over the middle portion of the ground floor of the Cutcherry. The main building, as it now stands, is very much exposed to the sun and rain; a sloping Cawnpore verandah round the building is therefore very necessary; there is, at present, an unsightly palmyrah post and bamboo-mat verandah which affords little or no protection from the heat and glare during the hot season, or from the rain during the monsoons, and which requires constant repair, amounting to more than a hundred Rupees a-year, as portions of it are periodically carried away by the strong winds that prevail in April and May. This unprofitable expenditure may be saved by the erection of a verandah as proposed above.

4. I must also impress on the Board the urgent necessity there is for supplying further and better accommodation for the Press Office, which is now situated in what was formerly the Hospital wards of the old District Jail. The buildings are in a most dilapidated condition, and do not afford sufficient accommodation for the Press. I propose bringing the office nearer to the Cutcherry building by converting the room at one end of the Treasury buildings into a Press-room, and extending it and the verandah so as to form one long room, sufficient for the accommodation of the whole Press Office.

5. I submit a ground-plan of the Cutcherry compound, which will assist the Board in following out my proposals. I have ascertained from the Public Works Department that the approximate cost of these improvements amounts to about Rs. 8,855. If the improvements are carried out the money will be well laid out, especially in a district like Salem where the heat five months in the year is so very intense.

6. Before venturing to address the Board on this subject I laid my plans before the Superintending Engineer, who quite concurs with my views, and is decidedly of opinion that the improvements are absolutely necessary, and that they should be carried out at once. A copy of the Superintending Engineer's letter accompanies.

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To

THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,

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Dated August 28th.

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G. O., 28th August 1871, No. 1,477.

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Salem Huzur Catcherry.—Revenue Board's Proceedings respecting proposed additions to —, communicated to Department Public Works, in view to Rs. 8,855 being reserved, if possible, in next year's Budget for the work, for which plan and estimate to be prepared.