Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
31*st May* 1873.

No. 237. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 1st May 1873, No. 698:—

Read the following Memorandum of G. THORNHILL, Esq., Third Member of the Board of Revenue:—

ALTHOUGH my attention during my late tour in Cuddapah, Bellary, and Kurnool was chiefly directed to the question of the manufacture of earth-salt, I took the opportunity of inspecting the public buildings in the stations which I passed through and beg to record a few notes made at the time for the information of the Board.

2. CUDDAPAH.—The Collector's office is the worst in the country, so far as I have seen; but, as the question of removing the head-quarters to some other place is under consideration, it is perhaps unnecessary to dwell on its imperfections. The Taluq Cutcherry is in an old native building, consisting of a large open serai, surrounded by a wall forming a large courtyard. The Treasury is formed by a portion of the main building being separated by bars.

3. The Subsidiary Jail consists of wards within the Cutcherry yard with iron barred doors and windows. The building answers its purpose fairly well.

4. The Jail is utterly insecure; the walls are of mud and the wards are mostly secured by *wooden* bars, in places decaying from the ravages of white-ants. It ought to be replaced by a new building so soon as the site of head-sanctioned, but on scarcely sufficient grounds. It consists of two buildings—the old Cutcherry, in which are accommodated the Press, the records, and a portion of the serviceable desks. This part is old, but the rooms are large and commodious. It is said the building is much decayed and incapable of substantial repair, but to the eye it looks as if it will last many years. The new building—an upper-storied house with three rooms upstairs, in which are located the Collector, his Assistant, and the Deputy Collector; below, the Accountants, the Sheristadar, and the Stamps. There is want of a good Court-room and the departments below are a little crowded, but there are many worse offices. The Taluq Cutcherry is an old quadrangular building like all the rest in the Ceded Districts—by no means bad of its kind. If the Sub-Jail were accommodated outside there would be nothing to complain of at present; the wards of the Sub-Jail face the Tahsildar as he sits in office.

15. The Municipal office in the Fort is a suitable building.

16. The Court-house is a new and very imposing building with a fine Court-room on the upper floor. It appears to possess ample accommodation for the establishment, but the Judge's private room is very small and hot.

17. KURNOOL DISTRICT—*Pecapully*.—The Deputy Collector's station was the only place visited.

18. The Deputy Collector has a new office not long built; it is a nice two-roomed bungalow, in all respects suitable, although the room is said to be too small when heavy magisterial cases have to be tried.

19. The Deputy Tahsildar's office in the village is an old quadrangle with Sub-Jail enclosed within the walls.

wide. This in a climate like Ghooty will necessitate a *punkal* to make it tenable in hot weather.

10. The Monro Dispensary is just finished, but the Sub-Collector declines to take charge of it until it is supplied with out-houses, which appear to have been forgotten!! It is well built in stone with a tiled roof, and near the Sub-Collector's office. The Monro Chuttrum is in good order and well maintained; it is considerably frequented by travellers, and is a good memorial of the great man in whose memory it was built. It is a most substantial building and a good specimen of the manner in which public buildings were constructed in those days.

11. The Taluq Cutcherry is in a quadrangular enclosed space. The Tahsildar's office occupies two sides of the square, the Police and Lock-up the other two.

12. There is an open space in front with fine spreading trees overshadowing it. The building is substantial and in good order, and quite suitable for all wants. It has but one drawback, viz., its only approach is by a narrow back street.

13. The old Native Infantry Place of Arms has been converted into an airy and excellent Sub-Jail. The Burial Ground at the foot of the rock is well kept—in better order, indeed, than most cemeteries, and it is right that the temporary resting place of Sir Thomas Monro's remains and the grave of Mr. Robertson, who is scarcely second to Sir Thomas in the affections of the people of Bellary, should be well preserved.

quarters is settled.

5. The District Court-house is the only good public building in the place.

6. *Proddatur.*—I inspected this Taluq Cutcherry, which was under repair. It is in the heart of the town and of the same pattern as Cuddapah, an old serai-like building surrounded by a courtyard with the Sub-Jail buildings within the enclosure. A new building should be erected in the outskirts of the town as the present site is much circumscribed. Property in Proddatur is so valuable that the site will no doubt realize a good price.

7. Bellary District—*Royalchervoo.*—The Deputy Tahsildar of Tadpatri has his office here. He occupies one-half of the old Travellers' Bungalow, the other half is the Police Office. The building answers the purpose well enough for the present although the accommodation is small; but I understood from the Collector that it was a cause of complaint that the Sub-Magistrate and Deputy Tahsildar had not been located at Yadaki, an important town, and the old headquarters of a taluq distant some six miles.

8. When the time comes to construct a new office the question of the locality should be reconsidered. Royalchervoo is a small place, the only advantage being that it is on the railway.

9. *Ghooty.*—The Sub-Collector at present holds his office in the old Travellers' Bungalow, which has been adapted for the purpose; it is near his house and very suitable, but at some former time, when this accommodation was not available, a new Sub-Collector's office was sanctioned. This is now under construction on the north of the town—a very good site. The building is of the fine blue stone of the country and will be a good one, but the verandahs are only six feet

20. The wards are airy, and there is no urgent need for fresh accommodation. It is, however, I think the worst office I have encountered during this tour.

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This Memorandum, in which the Third Member records the result of his inspection of certain public buildings in Cuddapah, Bellary, and Kurnool during his recent tour in those districts, will be submitted for the information of Government.

2. The Collector of Bellary will report whether the Deputy Tahsildar of Tadpatri should be at Yadaki or Royalchervoo, and whether it is too late to widen the verandahs of the new Sub-Collector's office.

No. 238. Order thereon, 31st May 1873, No. 557.

Miscellaneous.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Public Works Department.

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Buildings—Public—in Cuddapah, Bellary, and Kurnool Districts.—Memorandum of Board's Third Member recording result of his inspection of certain —, submitted to Government. Collector of Bellary requested to report whether Deputy Tahsildar of Tadpatri should be at Yadaki or Royalchervoo, and whether it is too late to widen verandahs of new Sub-Collector's office.

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