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TRANSFERRED to the Revenue Department, in continuation of former correspondence.

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No. 85. ORDER THEREON, 7th December 1874, No. 1,514.

Miscellaneous.

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ABSTRACT.—*Collector's Cutcherry at Munjacoopum, South Arcot District.*—Referring to the Revenue Board, for report, endorsement of Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, on papers from the District Engineer regarding repairs and improvements to the—.

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2. The Board's views as to the necessity of building a new Huzur Cutcherry are laid before Government in Board's Proceedings, dated 19th October 1874. They think that a new building for the Collector and his Assistant, etc., is necessary, but that the existing office accommodation is sufficient.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Secretary.

To the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
Copy to the Collector of South Arcot.

Exd. W. H. French.

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1874.

Board of Revenue,

MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 21ST OCTOBER 1874, No. 3,062.

Copy Encl.

Received

OCTOBER.

No. 3,062.

Collector's Cutcherry—at Munjacoopum, in South Arcot District.—Remarks passed on Proceedings of Government, Revenue Department, referring to Board, for report, endorsement of Secretary to Government in the Public Works Department on papers from the District Engineer relating to proposed repairs and improvements to—. Government informed that Board's views as to the necessity of building a new Huzur Cutcherry are laid before them in Board's Proceedings, dated 19th October 1874.

3. The rooms at present occupied by them could them, after slight alterations, be made over to the Post and Telegraph offices, which are at present ~~~~~ situated, and more room given to the staff of Clerks and for the storing of records, many of which are now kept in a distant lumber room.

South Street
Collector's office
Cuddalore
11th October 1871.

Thanjavur
/Signed/ J. H. Garstin
Collector.

(True Copy)

J Grose
Secretary,
Board of Revenue

Mysore

South Arcot
Collector's Office
Cuddalore
13th May 1873.

No 144.

From

H. E. Sullivan Esquire
Acting Collector of South Arcot

To

J. Grose Esquire
Secretary Board of Revenue
Madras.

Sir,

I have the honor with reference to the Board's Proceedings dated 13th January No 38 aus 1873, 15th March No 345/1873, directing me to forward plans and estimates for office and bungalow for Sub Deputy Collector at Mukaraur and for Sub Magistrate's office with subsidiary jail accommodation at Gallavarasoor, to enclose copy of a letter with enclosure from the District Engineer from which it will be seen that the Department of Public Works are precluded from furnishing plans and estimates for buildings unless the projects have received the approval of Government.

dated 2nd March 1873 No 61

2. In regard to the proposed transfer of the Sub. Magistrate's office from Gallavarasoor to Polumdoopatti it seems to me that the Government

Enclosure to Proceedings of the Board of Revenue to the Secretary to Govt. Revenue Department dated 19th October 1874.

Copy of letter from Collector of South Arcot dated 11th December 1873 No 238 requesting the Board to furnish plans and estimates for the construction of a Sub Collector's Cutcherry and Sub Magistrate's office at Gallavarasoor

Read 18th Dec 1873
No 52.

Government have already signified their approval in the Proceedings marginally noted in my letter which is embodied in Board's Proceedings, dated 10th March No 345/1875, but the Engineers apparently do not recognize this as sufficient authority for proceeding with the plans and estimates. Under these circumstances I request that the Government may be moved to issue the necessary orders in regard to both the projects.

3. With reference to para 4 of the Director Engineers letter I have the honor to state that in view to exhibiting the wretched accomodation afforded by the Bujpur Cutcherry the D. P Works were asked in November 1871 to furnish a ground plan of the existing building, but this request has not yet been complied with although reminders have from time to time been sent. It is a wretched old barrack and was originally built as Cadets quarters, although now a days the notion of putting a soldier or a convict into such a kennel would be scouted as inhuman. The accompanying section will give an idea of the nature of the building. In front there is an open verandah and in the rear are enclosed ones which apparently served the Cadets as bath rooms. The extreme width within the inner walls exclusive of the bath rooms is 12 feet and the height of the walls 11½ feet. For want of space a portion of the treasure is kept in the verandah enclosed by an iron cage, and stationery and other stores are also kept in chests in the verandah. Besides want of space, light and ventilation are also deficient, and I have not the least hesitation in asserting that the convicts in the District Jail have far better accomodation than the officers and subordinates have in the Bujpur Cutcherry. Close by is a handsome spacious two storied building built in 1867 for the Judicial Department where the District and Small Cause Judges, the Principal Sadr Amin, and District Munsiff have large and airy Courts with comfortable retiring rooms, whilst their subordinates are amply accomodated on the ground floor. This is shewn to visitors with pardonable pride but I need hardly say that the old stable

where the Collector of the District holds his offices is kept out of view as much as possible. I make a mistake however the Collector does not personally sit in this building because there is no room for him, but holds office in his own house which is only a few yards from the Cutcherry buildings. I am also obliged to provide a room in my own residence for the meetings of the Local Fund Board.

I venture to hope, as there seems to be a difficulty in getting a ground plan and sections of the existing buildings from the P.W. Department, that the Board of Revenue accepting the above description as correct will move Government to order plans and estimates for a new Sheristadar Cutcherry to be put in hand without delay. There is an excellent site available close to the present office and to the Court houses to which last it ought, in my opinion to be a sister building. Large sums have been expended in building handsome and commodious offices for Tahsildars and Deputy Tahsildars which is rather incongruous that

No Board's official Memo: dated 27th October 1871. No 1636.

the Collector should be provided with accommodation so very inferior to that possessed now by many of his subordinates.

5. In conclusion and with reference to the last paragraph of the District Engineer's letter in which mention is made of the Salt Deputy Collector having (without authority) addressed the Range officer to the effect that he did not require a bungalow and that the travellers' bungalow could be converted into an office for him, I have the honor to state that the building in question is far too remote from the pans for the purposes of the Deputy Collector ought in my opinion to have his office in close proximity to the work, and there is a very good site available near the Salt Superintendent's Cutcherry.

I have &c.
(signed) H. E. Sullivan
Sy Collector.

No. 1161.

From The Officiating District Engineer South Arcot

To The Collector of South Arcot.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 39

of the 19th February 1873, I have the honor to forward a copy of the Chief Engineer's Memorandum No. 91 of the 10 Instant, and request you will be good enough, as desired therein, to adopt measures for the early settlement of the question of the transfer of the Elavanasoor Sub-Magistate's Cutcherry.

Enclosure
1 Copy of Chief Engineers Memo

2. The Range officers concerned have been again instructed to expedite the submission of revised Estimates for all Sub Jails that have remained incomplete. You will observe from para 2 of the Memorandum that only sanctioned works will find place in Budget Estimate.

3. The Plan and Estimate for the proposed Taluq Cutcherry at Cuddalore have been only lately returned by the Chief Engineer for revision, and the Range Officer has been instructed to revise them according to the Standard design for Taluq Cutcherry sanctioned by Government in April last.

4. The concluding para of the Chief Engineers Memo alludes to the proposed Anzur Cutcherry and the Salt Deputy Collectors office at Merkanum. From the rules referred to by Colonel Walker you will observe that I cannot take any steps in the preparation of the plans and detailed estimates for these buildings, until the projects have been, in due course, approved by Government and the required estimates &c are called for by them.

5. As regards the Salt Deputy Collectors office and Bungalow for his residence at Merkanum, for which plans and estimates were called for in your No. 19 of the 20 January 1873, it is observed from a letter to the Range Officer addressed by the Deputy Collector that the latter has in his No. 5 of the 27 January 1873 informed you that he does not require a Bungalow at that station, and that the Travellers Bungalow there could be converted into an office. If Mr. Steers proposal meets with your approval and if the Board, I will instruct the Range officer to submit a rough estimate of the cost of the same.

I have &c.

Dist. Engineers Office
Camp Chinnasalem
21st March 1873

Lieut R.E.
for
Offg District Engineer.

No 91

Memorandum

Referring to his letter of the 29th ultimo No 265 the District Engineer South Arcot is requested to address the Collector as to the expediency of adopting measures for the early settlement of the questions of the transfer of the Ellavanasoor Sub-Magistrates Cutcherry.

2. Mr Norfor will also submit with as little delay as possible revised Estimates for all works for which it is desired that funds should be provided, it being a standing order that only sanctioned works shall be included in Budget Estimates, the original sanctions of obsolete estimates being considered as lapsed. Such revised estimates should show precisely the addition made to them on account of waste of materials long

of the District Engineer is called to paras 856 & 857 Chapter I of the Code relating to the preparation of Plans and Estimates.

/signed/ G. W. Walker Col. R.E.
Chief Engineer P.W. Dept

/True Copy/
/by/ R. E. Norfor
Offg Dist Engineer

/True Copies/
/signed/ A. E. Sullivan
Ag Collector.

/True Copies/

J Cole
Secretary

Collector's Office
Cuddalore
21st January 1874

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No. 37

From, H. E. Sullivan Esquire
Ag Collector of
South Arcot

To, J. Grose Esquire
Secretary to the Board of
Revenue, Madras

Sir,

I have the honor to request the early disposal by the Board of my letter of the 13th May last No. 44 requesting that Government may be moved to order the preparation of plans and estimates for a new Sheriff Cutcherry and for a Bungalow and Office for the Sub Deputy Collector in this District.

2. The preparation of an estimate for the new Magistrate's office and Subsidiary Jail at Aslandarpet has already been directed by the Board in their Proceedings

Enclosure in Proceedings of the Board of Revenue No. 45 dated 19th October 1874.

(Copy)

P.S. Dated 16th May 1874.

Copy of letter from Collr of S. Arcot dated 13th May 1874 requesting sanction for the proposed measures for the erection of Sheriff's Cutcherry and Bungalow for the Sub Collr and Collr's Cutcherry and Subsidiary Jail at Aslandarpet

Cuddalore 12th Oct 1874

H. E. Sullivan
Ag Collr

Proceedings of the 10th March last
No 345 recorded in Govern:
ment Order dated 11th Novemb.
1873 No 1259 Revenue Department.

Shane &c.

Hy. Jd. H. E. Sullivan
Ag Collector

True copy

J Grose,
Secretary

C. P. R. Land Office

Enclosures in Board's
Proceedings dated
19th October 1874 to
the Secretary to
Govt. Revenue Deptt.

Encl. to No 1874

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Dr B No 82

Copy of Collector's
letter dated 21st January
1874 No 37 requesting
disposal of his letter
on the subject of the
construction of a new
Sugar Cutcherry
Salt Godown &c
Office in Lonth
Ane dated 21/1/74

to design if he considers its construction
requisite.

Shawl &c.

(Signed) J. H. Garstin
Collector

(A True copy)

J Ginkle
Secretary,
Board of Revenue.

South Street Collector's Office

Cuddalore 30th May 1874.

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No. 176

From

H. E. Sullivan Esquire
Ag Collector of South Street

To,

J. Grose Esquire
Secretary, Board of Revenue

Sir,

I adverting to the Board's Office Circular Memo of the 27th October 1871, No. 1436 and my letter of the 13th Instant, No. 144, on the subject of the Hooghly Cutcherry at this station, I have now the honor to forward a ground plan and part elevation of the building. It will be observed that the rooms have an uniform width of 12' and are 12' 6" in height. The Collector's room 54'×12' is simply a high Corridor.

I have &c
Sd/ H. E. Sullivan
Ag Collector.

True copy
J Grose
Secretary

Sd/ [illegible]
Collr. & Dist. Magte

Enclosure in Board's Proceedings of the Secretary, dated 19th October 1874.

Recd. 2nd June 1874
Ent. Book 82.

Copy of letter from Collr. & Dist. Magte of South Arcot dated 30th May 1874 No. 176 submitting plan & elevation of proposed Cutcherry Building at Cuddalore & requesting that Govt. Architect may be directed to prepare detailed estimate & working plans.

Received 1st June 1874

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 5701.

From the Board of Revenue Dated 19th October 1874.

FOR ORDERS.

The Salt Entertainment should lie as.

The Architect might visit Cuddalore, when he conveniently can - and plan such additions as the Hospital requires. But I would not build

a new Cutchery. Such
buildings are for time
urgently required at these
Stations & non Measures are
limited.

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The visit of the Ar
Chief ord merely for the
Rose Rally = Not different
Forces apart as the urgency
of the case (The L2000
must make a march for a
few days -

FOR ORDERS.

£ 22/10/74.

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My dear Master,

The Coun of P. Arco occupies the "Government House" at Cuddalore rent free under Go 16 May 1871 N° 858.

It is a decidedly good house. Upstairs there is a handsome room, used as a drawing room, going through the whole breadth of the

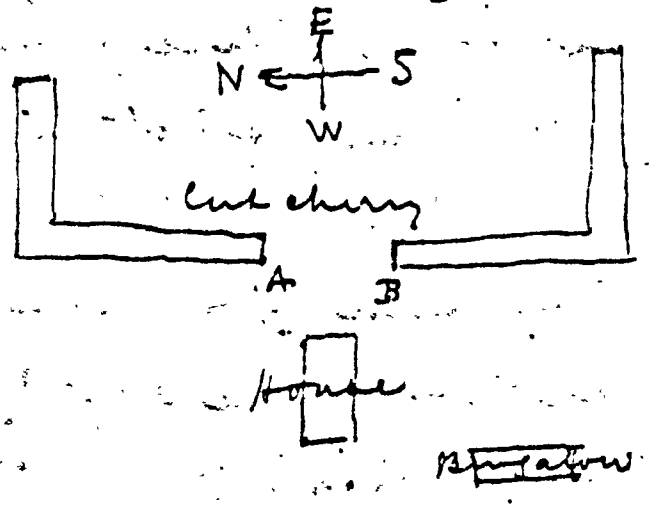
house. On each
side there are a
good sized bed room fronting
room. One end side there
is a third bed room smaller
than the others & half de-
tached from the house. Downstairs
there are rooms entering
to the drawing room & side
room but they are low with
a bomb-proof kind of ceiling.
Near the house is a substantial
bungalow with two good
rooms.

The big room downstairs

used often first always for the
used as an office room. Read
(in my time) used to on that
way till he married his present
wife. Soon afterwards a
daughter came out & the
room upstairs which had been
used as a dining room had to be
made a bedroom. Then the
big room downstairs became
a dining room, & Read used
to go out to the Cutcherry when
called to

The House & Cutcherry
are situated with a good

to each other something like this:-



This house is within a few yards of A & B of the Cut away

Yours sincerely

J Grose

Grose

Nov 13

Please let us have orders about a substitute for Wagner (B36 letter 7 Nov 14 Mrs No 7774) as soon as you can. Must help Buddy

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Glad you like the Cadillac. Will come to see the Autobus. Must pull out first for home.

Yes the bus is best, but is bad on petrol — and it is hard to start

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Dated 19th October 1874

Read again letter from the Collector of South Arcot dated 11th October 1871 No 338 recommending the erection of a two storied building for the offices of the Collector and Magistrate.

Read also letter from the Same Officer dated 13th May 1873 No 144, requesting that Government may be moved to order the preparation of plans and estimates for an office and a Bungalow for the Asst Deputy Collector at Merkanum, for the Magistrate's Cutcherry and Subsidiary Jail at Alundoorpett and for a new Sheque Cutcherry at Cuddalore.

Read also letter from the Same Officer dated 30th May 1873 No 176, forwarding with remarks the ground plan of the Sheque Cutcherry.

Read also letter from the Same Officer dated 21st January 1874 No 37 requesting early disposal of his letter No 144 dated 13th May 1873.

Read

Read also letter from the same Office dated 16th March 1874 No. 136, stating that he heartily endorses Mr. Sullivan's recommendation that a new Cutchery should be built for the Collector and suggesting that Government may be moved to direct Mr. Chisholm to visit Cuddalore and make a design for a new building if considered by him necessary.

These papers relate to three proposed works viz (1) a Sub Magistrate's and Subsidiary Jail at Polundinpett, (2) an office and Bungalow at Mercanum for the Deputy Collector in Charge of Salt and (3) a new Hugeer Cutchery at Cuddalore.

2 The estimate for the first work was forwarded to the Inspecting Engineer for Buildings to be submitted to Government on the 2nd September 1873.

No. 1259, General Department. 30

3 The necessity for the second work depends on whether the permanent residence of the Salt Deputy Collector should be at Merkanum. If the new factory which it is proposed to establish at Narigoddi is sanctioned he will probably have to reside at Cuddalore. The project of building an office and Bungalow at Mercanum must therefore lie over for the present.

4 The question whether a new Hugeer Cutchery should be built at the Collector's Head Quarters will be submitted for the orders of Government. The Cutchery is now accommodated in two long ranges of building which was built for Cadets' quarters. One consequence is that the several Departments are at a considerable distance from each other. The depots of the

buildings

buildings is small, so that the rooms are filly described as more like Corridors than any thing else. Nevirtheless the Board believe there is ample accomodation for the Cutchery, and that the way in which the rangs are built makes the rooms cooler than they would be in a block. Similar buildings would never be designed for a Collector's Cutchery, but now that they are in existence the Board see no sufficient reason why Government should go to a greater Expence to demolish them and build others.

5th. One thing is certainly wanted and that is a building with an upper story containing say four good rooms and some small ones for the Collector and Assistant Collector and for meetings of the Local Fund Board &c.

No such rooms are in existence at present and Collectors have generally been obliged to assign rooms in their private dwelling house for such purposes. The Board think the additional accomodation afforded by such a building would make the Cutchery suitable for all purposes and it would be well if the Government Architect could visit Cuddalore and prepare a design for the new building and for any improvements of which the old buildings may be susceptible.

/True Extract/

J Grote
Secretary

To,

The Ag Secretary to Government
Revenue Department
with 2 Plans and Copies of letters
from Collector of South Arcot
dated 11th October 1871 No. 338
13th May 1873 No. 144
30th May 1873 No. 176
21st January 1874 No. 37 &
16th March 1874 No. 136.

Collector's Seal

Revenue Department

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue &c
dated 21st October 1874.

Read Proceedings of the Board of
Revenue &c

Government, Revenue Department, dated 8th
September 1874, No. 1244, referring to the
Revenue Board for report, estimate of cost &
Secretary to Government, Public Works Depart-
ment, on papers from the District Engineer
regarding repairs and improvements to the
Collectorate Cutcherry at Mangalore,
South Canara District.

Written recording the Plan and
Estimate the Board are unable to report on
this subject, and will only remark that
they can hardly believe that the value of
the whole of the existing buildings is only
Rupees 17000. Perhaps this is the value
of a portion of them only.

The Board's views as to the
necessity of building a new Collectorate

Ex 11 November 1873 Nos 60–61

No 3701
Revenue (1674) Dept.
No 1611

Proceedings of the
Board of Revenue

Dated 19th October 1874
Dept 19 —"— —"
Rec'd 20 —"— —"
encl 2 Plans &c

Remarks passed
on papers relating
to proposed sub
Magistrate & Subordinate
Civil at Ootacamund Petty
Civil at Coimbatore
an office & bungalow
at Periakoolum & Courts
Burgur Collectorate
at Cuddalore &
Court House

Ord. 1514-7 December 1874
Nos orders on plans

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Proceedings 19th October 1874. They think that
a new building for the Collector and his
Assistant &c. is necessary, but that the
existing office accommodation is sufficient.

(True Extract)

J Gore
Secretary

To

The Ag Secretary to Government
Revenue Department.

N D Sutcliffe
Capt & Commissariat

X Sent to Col. [illegible]
on the 20 October

X Memo of Despatch from Mr Collr
Cocanada to Govt dated 19th October
1874 Submitting a Report
& Plan of a new Office &
Assistant Collr Quarters
& Estimate for the same
Rupees 15,000
Ans Mr Collr
Mr Govt observations
that a Estimate is necessary
Rupees 15,000 for the
new Office &
1875

D. P. W.
SOUTH ARCOT.

DISTRICT ENGINEER'S OFFICE

No. 171.

Camp Vennathur

Dated 9th November 1874

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From

The District Engineer,

South Arcot.

To

The Chief Engineer, D.P.W.,

Enclosures.

Sir,

In continuation of my letter No 100 of 13th August 1874, I have the honor to state that the Collector has brought to my notice that the roof of the room occupied by the English Department of his Office has suffered by the recent rains and that it appears unsafe; I have therefore directed the Assistant Engineer to put in hand at once an Emergency repair required to this portion of the Stryan Cutcherry pending orders of Government on the estimate submitted with my letter above quoted, for the thorough repair of the Cutcherry.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obdt servant,

District Engineer.

Fo 30 Feb 1875 Lr 276-80.

To Executive Engineer, South Arcot.

Board's Proceedings No 5722 dated 26th October 1874.

Rd 21st October 1874.

Ans 22nd ---

Copy of Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Dated 26th October 1874.

Read the letter from the Executive Engineer, South Arcot, No 171 dated 9th November 1874.

Ordered, That there be sanctioned an Emergency Repair to the roof of the room occupied by the English Department of the Collector's Office at Cuddalore, as recommended by the Executive Engineer, South Arcot, in his letter above read, at a cost not exceeding Rupees Three Hundred.

(True Extract)

(Signed) W. Elliot, Secy.

(Signed) W. Elliot, Secy.

To

The Executive Engineer,

South Arcot.

Sir,

I am directed to transmit herewith a copy of Proceedings of the Board of Revenue No 5722 dated 26th October 1874, sanctioning an Emergency Repair to the roof of the room occupied by the English Department of the Collector's Office at Cuddalore, as recommended by you in your letter No 171 dated 9th November 1874.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedt servant,

Secretary to Government.

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c 30/11/74 RCS/13/74.

Revenue Department.

No. 1514

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Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 7th December 1874

Read again G.O. 30th July 1874 No. 1244.

Read also the following Pro: of the Board of Rev:

Subj: Remarks on proposed Sub-Magte & subsidiary Jail at Polundoorpet, office and bungalow at Merkanum and a new Huzur Cutcherry at Cuddalore in S. Arcot Dist.

From the District Engr, S. Arcot
Stating that certain emergent repairs to a portion of the Huzur Cutcherry have been ordered to be put in hand at once.

HE 19th & 21st Oct. 74

9th Nov. 1874, No. 171

On the question of building a new cutcherry for the Collector of Cuddalore, the Governor in Council agrees with the Board that the existing accommodation is sufficient for office purposes and that cause has not been shewn for

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Revenue
SOUTH ARCOT DEPT.
From Mr. Goss
The District Engineer
South Arcot.

No. 1714

Dated 9th December 1874.
Despatched 14th "
Received 21st "

To
The Chief Engineer
& Secretary to Government
Revenue Department
Fort St. George.

No. 177
Enclosures

Stating that certain emergent repairs to a portion of the Huzur Cutcherry have been ordered to be put in hand at once.

Sir,

I have &c.

Sd/-

Chief Engineer & Secretary.

Copy to Board of Revenue.

Chief Engineer's Office
Madras, 11th December 1874.

so large an outlay as would be involved in the proposals contained in Messrs. Sullivan's and Garstin's letters of the 13th May 1873 and 16th March 1874 Nos. 144 and 136.

2. It is necessary therefore that the present buildings which appear to be greatly in need of repair should be put in order. The enclosures to the District Engineer's letter dated 13th August 1874 No. 100 which should have accompanied G.O. 30th Sept. 1874 No. 1244 R.D. will now be forwarded to the Board for any observations they may have to make thereon.

3. In regard to the alternative proposal contained in the Board's Proceedings

Such a building as that suggested would give the additional accommodation which is doubtless necessary to supply existing deficiencies and it will be considered in the P.W. Dept. what measure should be taken to prepare an estimate of the probable cost.

Proceedings 19th October last No. 3035 paragraph 5 the Governor in Council is of opinion that requirements of Cuddalore must be postponed in favor of other more important works. Such a building as that suggested would doubtless be convenient but the Collector is exceptionally well off in the office accommodation afforded by the lower part of the old Residency which he occupies free of rent and under these circumstances the urgency of the case is not great.

4. The Board are correct in postponing the consideration of an office at Mircanum for the Salt

Salt Deputy Collector-

5. Referring to paragraph 2 Board's Proceedings 19th October 1874 it is observed that the Estimate for constructing a Cutcherry and Sub Jail at Oolundoripet was sanctioned for execution in G.O. 2nd May 1874 No. 1163 P.W.D.

C.M.L

The Bd. of Rev. with G.O. 2nd May 1874 No. 1163 P.W.D. 46 encls Du 7 Dec 14 Copies Du 18

21 - P.W. Dept. — } With G.O.
5 - Judicial Dept. }

30th Sept 1874 No. 1244 Du 18 Dec

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RC 5/12/74. R 7/12/74.