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Read the following letters:—

No. 649. From Colonel J. BEAN, R.E., District Engineer, Coimbatore, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Coimbatore, 17th December 1873, No. 80.

With reference to your memorandum No. 490, dated 10th December 1873,

I have the honour to forward the plans of the Collector's new Cutcherry and of the old Cutcherry used lately as a Press-room and Sheristadar's Office, together with a ground plan* of these buildings and sections showing the position of the present† and proposed stairs.

* No. 5.

† No. 1.

2. The stone steps are completed as sanctioned, with the exception of hand-rails and the substitution of a landing for "winder" steps between the two flights. As soon as I learnt from Mr. Wedderburn that he objected to this plan, I prepared a design* for wooden stairs, which,

* No. 2.

though partially impeding light and air in front of one door and window, provided an easy ascent to his office. I could not turn them in another direction, as there are no side verandahs on the lower floor. Mr. Wedderburn, after inspecting this plan, informed me that he waived his objection to spiral staircases and winding steps, and wished to have them placed between the two buildings to communicate at once with the upper floors, and such an arrangement is shown in one of the plans† herewith sent, though the floors are on different levels and the design generally is not good.

† No. 3.

3. The upper room in the old Cutcherry is occupied by the Forest Department, and there is now a wooden staircase leading to it which has to be altered and made less steep according to the sanctioned estimate. I have recommended to the Collector that this staircase should be altered as originally intended, and that the new Cutcherry and Examination hall should have spiral stairs of its own as shown in the plan* if the wooden staircase as in design No. 2 is not approved of.

* No. 4.

4. On return of the plans with your orders, I shall prepare the estimates.

P.S.—Since drafting the above letter, I have gone over the works with Mr. Wedderburn, and as he objects to the present stair leading to the Forest Office being altered, but wishes a new staircase built altogether on a new design with broader steps in its place, I think it will be the better plan to construct spiral stairs outside for the two buildings.

No. 650. From the same Officer, dated Coimbatore, 5th February 1874, No. 97.

I HAVE the honour to send, for your information, copy of a letter* from the Collector of the district requesting that

* No. 21 of 31st January 1874.

new stairs may be built at his Cutcherry.

2. With regard to his remarks on his Deputy Conservator's Office, I would explain that the sanctioned estimate allowed for altering the wooden stair leading

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to the upper room in the old Cutcherry used by the Forest Department Officer, so as to make a landing and replace the *lower* flight of brick-in-chunam steps by a wooden one, but Mr. Wedderburn objected to using the *upper* flight of wooden steps as too steep.

From A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to Colonel J. BEAN, R.E., District Engineer, Coimbatore, dated Coimbatore, 31st January 1874, No. 21.

As I experience inconvenience since my return from circuit from being unable to use my new office, and my Deputy Conservator is unable to reach his room from want of stairs, I beg that you will urge the speedy sanction of the outer spiral staircase, which will obviate the projected unsightly and dangerous inner staircase in the new building, and, by economising the space occupied by the wooden staircase in the old building, give one access to both rooms.

No. 651.

ORDER THEREON, 24th March 1874, No. 824.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 68.

His Excellency the Governor in Council is of opinion that the wooden staircase planned by the District Engineer will answer the purpose of communicating with the upper rooms of the new Cutcherry most perfectly; and will meet the Collector's original objections to the stone staircase as planned and built more effectually and consistently than the spiral staircase now suggested by the latter gentleman.

2. It may also be used to give access to the single upper storied room of the old building if it be decided to connect two such dissimilar buildings. But this is a proposal for quite a new work, which should be decided on and planned and estimated for separately.

(True Extract.)

 Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

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Staircase to the Collector's Cutcherry, Coimbatore.—Observing that the wooden staircase planned by the District Engineer will meet the requirements of the new Cutcherry at Coimbatore.

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 Board of Revenue
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