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No. 264-C. Read the following letter from Colonel E. A. FOORD, R.E., Inspecting Engineer, Civil and Military Building, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Chepauk, 24th January 1874, No. 107:—

I HAVE the honour to forward, for sanction, a revised estimate of Rupees 15,700, accompanied by a comparative statement and plans, for additions and improvements to the Hoozoor Cutcherry at Salem.

4 Plans
1 Site-plan.
1 Comparative Statement.
1 Revised Abstract Estimate.
1 Specification.

2. The amount originally sanctioned for this work was Rupees 13,850,* and this will be exceeded by Rupees 1,850.

* Provincial Budget, 1873-74, No. 73. The difference in the cost of the various items is shown in detail in the statement; but the reasons of the estimate being exceeded are, first, that it has been found absolutely necessary to alter the design in one important particular; and, secondly, the addition, at the request of the Collector, of a latrine, dais, witness-box, etc., for the Assistant's Court, and an item for the repair of the compound wall and racket court.

3. It was originally intended to provide office accommodation for the Assistant Collector by building rooms on the present Cutcherry. The flat roof of the Cutcherry rests on rows of alternately columns and arches, and the walls of the upper story would have come over the rows of columns. The Executive Engineer who prepared the first estimate intended to turn arches between the columns and to remove the beams at present resting on the columns. The operation would have been attended with some risk, and the arches, if built, would have darkened the room. It was then proposed to leave the columns as they are, and merely strengthen the beams; but on examination I had made of the foundations showed that it would not be advisable to place an upper story on the columns. There remained, then, the only alternative of providing the accommodation required in a separate building, and as this building must have a terraced roof to be in keeping with the rest of the Cutcherry the cost will be rather more than that of the proposed upper story which was to have been tiled.

4. The abstract of the comparative statement shows that the extra cost of the additions and improvements to the main building will be Rupees 760

Of the new press, store, etc., room,	...	...	230
And of the additions recommended by the Collector, but which have not yet been carried out	...	...	860
			Total... 1,850

No. 264-D. ORDER THEREON, 13th February 1874, No. 359-B.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 20-A.

The revised plans, with estimate of Rupees 15,700 (reduced to Rupees 5,340 by omission of an item of Rupees 360 for repairs to be otherwise provided) for additions and improvements to the Collector's Cutcherry at Salem are sanctioned. The alterations consist of provision

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of accommodation for the Assistant Collector in a separate building instead of in an upper story, in enlarging the press-room, and building a privy.
(True Extract.)

C. P. P. P. P. Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Inspecting Engineer for Buildings.
" District Engineer, Salem.
" Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts.
" Revenue Department.
" Judicial Department.

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Col. J. S. Catcher at Silon - Re-
vised plans and estimate for improve-
ments to the Catcher's office.

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