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No. 242G. Read the following letter from Colonel E. A. FOORD, R.E.,  
Inspecting Engineer for Civil and Military Buildings, to Colonel G. W.  
WALKER, R.E., Chief Engineer and Secretary to Government, Public  
Works Department, dated Chepauk, 2nd February 1874, No. 164:—

I HAVE the honour to forward, for your perusal, two letters\* to be returned)  
from the District Engineer, Kurnool,  
\* Nos. 849 and 975, dated 25th November regarding the proposed new Cutcherry  
and 2nd January 1874. at Kurnool.

2. Government, in their order of the 11th July 1870, No. 1,029, Revenue  
Department, directed that plans and estimates for an entirely new Cutcherry  
should be prepared. I have not seen the plans of the improvements at that time  
proposed to be made to the present Cutcherry and which were disapproved, but  
it appears from Mr. Fraser's letters that this Cutcherry has been well built and its  
only fault is that it is too small for the present establishments. I, therefore, agree  
with Mr. Fraser that it should be retained as part of the proposed new Cutcherry,  
and that plans and estimates should be prepared for only such additional buildings  
as may be required. I have instructed him to prepare the necessary plans and  
estimates, and to send at once a rough plan and brief description of the additions  
he recommends. The Collector is quite satisfied with the present site.

From W. FRASER, Esq., C.E., District Engineer, Kurnool, to Colonel E. A. FOORD, R.E.,  
Inspecting Engineer for Buildings, dated Camp at Paspallah, 25th November 1873,  
No. 849.

REGARDING the proposed new Collector's Cutcherry at Kurnool, I have the honour to inform  
you that after several conversations and examination of the present and other sites, the Collector  
has decided in favour of building such additional rooms as will give the accommodation required.  
If you will consent to this arrangement, I shall have the requisite plans, etc., prepared.

2. I quite agree with the Collector in this decision. It would be a pity to abandon the  
present site. The Cutcherry which was originally built for a Commissioner's Office is soundly  
built and tolerably convenient so far as it goes. There are many fine old trees under which the  
people find the shelter they like, and there is an abundance of water. All that is required is to  
provide accommodation for the Collector, the Assistant Collector, and the whole of the Treasury  
Department which, at present, is located in the verandahs.

From the same Officer, dated Camp at Uparlapad, 2nd January 1874, No. 975.  
WITH reference to your letter, No. 1,615, dated the 5th ultimo, I have the honour to send  
you a memorandum of the correspondence and Government Orders connected with the Collector's  
Cutcherry at Kurnool, so far as the records of my office go.

1st May 1866.

G O, No. 2,103, 4th July 1866.

Mr. Sullivan, the Collector, in a letter to  
the Government urged the necessity of extending  
the present building.

Superintending Engineer ordered to prepare  
and estimates. Some time in 1867 an esti-  
mated by the Collector, was sent to  
the Superintending Engineer for sanction. Date  
and amount not known.

The Collector, Mr. Chase, wrote to the  
Board of Revenue—See the Proceedings noted  
in the margin. These Proceedings were sent to  
the Superintending Engineer by the Collector on  
the 21st January 1869.

27th November 1868.  
See Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, 11th January  
1869.

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1st May 1869.

13th May 1869.

15th July 1869.

5th March 1870.

16th March 1870.

Superintending Engineer sent plan to Collector showing proposed additions for approval.

Plan returned by Collector who suggested certain modifications.

Range Officer called on by Superintending Engineer for estimate for revised plan.

Revised estimate sent to Collector by Superintending Engineer.

Collector sent plans and estimates to Board of Revenue.

See Proceedings of Madras Government, Revenue Department, 11th July 1870, and order thereon, 11th July 1870, No. 1,029.

2. With regard to the foregoing order, I would make the following remarks:—

I do not think that the accommodation required could be provided for less than the sum named, 25,300 Rupees; but I think that for that amount fuller and more convenient accommodation could be given by adopting a plan altogether different from that which was then proposed.

The present building was erected as a Commissioner's Office when establishments were not so large as they are now. It is thoroughly well built, the rooms are lofty, and the flat-terraced roof is quite sound. There is a sloping verandah around the greater part of it, and the whole buildings enclose a small quadrangle. It was never intended to afford accommodation to the large number of officials who are now squeezed into it; and, so far as it goes, very little fault can be found with it.

3. The inconvenient distribution of the accommodation complained of is probably inseparable from the plan then proposed. It was intended to add to and alter most of the present rooms, to remove the sloping verandah and to erect another, and to build an upper storey upon the present walls.

I think that such a plan is quite unsuited to this case. I would recommend that the additional accommodation required should be provided in a separate building erected close to and south of the present one where there is a very good site; what is required are—

I.—A public and a private room for the Collector.

II.—Do. do. for the Assistant Collector.

III.—Do. do. for the Treasury Deputy Collector.

IV.—Rooms for the whole of the Treasury Department.

Numbers III. and IV. are, at present, crammed into a close verandah. I would leave the present building as it is for the accommodation of the remainder of the establishment, for which it would be ample when re-distributed amongst the present rooms. A few alterations would be required, such as re-opening verandahs that have been shut up, putting in top lights in some of the rooms, etc.; but I would leave the building generally intact.

4. The case of Coimbatore is not applicable to Kurnool. If the Kurnool Cutcherry were like that at Coimbatore, I would recommend the erection of a new one; but it was expressly built for a public office, and is suitable for such a purpose so far as its accommodation extends; whereas the Cutcherry at Coimbatore was built for a private dwelling-house, and is not suited for the requirements of a public office.

5. This reply to your letter has been delayed, as I had to get the papers from my headquarters.

No. 242H.

ORDER THEREON, 12th February 1874, No. 347D.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 20A.

THE District Engineer of Kurnool will lose no time in preparing and submitting for sanction plan and estimate for such additions to the Collector's Cutcherry as may be approved of by the

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Collector. A plan of the existing building with the proposed re-distribution of its accommodation will be forwarded at the same time. It is remarked that after nearly four years delay it is high time that some decided steps should be taken in the matter.

(True Extract.)

*Lyman* Colonel, R.E.,  
Secretary to Government.

To the Inspecting Engineer for Buildings.  
" District Engineer, Kurnool.  
" Revenue Department.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

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THE INSPECTING ENGINEER FOR

BUILDINGS.

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Dated February 12/74.

Per. 7 March Encl.

G. O., 12th February 1874, No. 5470.

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