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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
10th February 1876.*

No. 91. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 5th January 1876, No. 14 :—

Read again Board's Proceedings, dated 1st October 1875, No. 2,743.

Read also the following letter from J. H. GARSTIN, Esq., Collector of South Arcot, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cuddalore, 21st October 1875, No. 440.

In reply to the Board's Proceedings of the 1st instant, No. 2,743, I have the honor to retransmit the plan of the old Cutcherry, and to state that I think the inconveniences of the present Treasury accommodation could be removed by altering some of the existing rooms adjoining the Treasury on the construction of the new Cutcherry.

2. I would propose that the wall which separates the Stationery Store-room* from the Treasury† be removed,

* Marked E, on the plan.
† Marked D.

and the wall between these two rooms and the long verandah F be pierced

with four arches four feet wide. This space would be sufficient for 25 full-sized cash-chests which are, as many as will be required, to be kept in the Treasury. The Assistant Collector's room, the little room marked G on the plan, and the Police guard room should then be turned into two rooms, one for Stationery and the other, at the end of the block, for a Guard-room. The narrow verandah projecting beyond the Treasury verandah could then be pulled down and the Treasury verandah itself thrown open again.

3. The printed forms, which take up a great deal of space, could then be stored in the rooms to be vacated by the Sheristadar, and the English Correspondence Department room would be available as a Local Fund Board Meeting room, or as a spare office room for the Sub-Collector or Head Assistant when at Head Quarters.

4. As to what the inconveniences of the present Treasury accommodation are, I beg to state that while the silver is kept in room D, all the copper is kept in the two railed Treasury verandahs, the inner of which is only six feet wide, and the outer one is only eight feet in width, and one end of it is used as a lumber room for storing Chestah skins, iron ploughs, and boxes or bales of paper which cannot be stored elsewhere. As the copper chests are 5' x 3½' it is obvious that in a six feet verandah it is not an easy thing to pass along the front of them and stoop down to examine the rolls. Moreover, the roof of the outer of these verandahs being very flat, leaks a good deal, and the Police complain that the accommodation provided for them is insufficient. The room where the Stationery is kept, E, is moreover very dark and stuffy. There are no windows in it, and two of the three doors have been bricked up. The Cashkeeper complained to me that the white-ants attacked the paper more readily owing to the darkness of the room. It is for these reasons that I consider alterations in existing arrangements are necessary.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
10th February 1876.*

G.O. 5th September 1874, No. 1141
10th November 1874, No. 1141
21st February 1875, No. 1141
10th July 1875, No. 1098

Submitted to Government with reference to the Orders noted in the margin.

2. In reference to a proposal to build a new Honor Catcherry at Cuddalore, it was determined to repair the existing Catcherry and utilize it for office accommodation, and to erect a new upper-story building with four good rooms and some small ones for the Collector, the Assistant Collector, and Local Fund Board Meetings. An estimate for the repair was submitted, and the plan and estimate for the new building submitted by the District Engineer were referred to the Collector for submission through the Board.

3. In submitting the plan and estimate the Collector suggested certain alterations to provide accommodation in the new building for the English and Vernacular Departments of his office and their current records. At the same time referring to the present bad accommodation for the Treasury Department and the necessity of providing better, he suggested that the plan should be revised so as to provide accommodation for the whole office except the Post and the English and Vernacular Record rooms.

4. The Board observed that these proposals amounted to the construction of a new Catcherry, a project which on past experience had been held to be unnecessary. They directed the Collector to retain the plan of the old Catcherry, which was more fully described in the present Treasury accommodation, and to alter it only so far as to provide for the removal of the large portion of the office which the Collector proposed to place in the new building.

5. On the report now submitted it appears that the existing accommodation for the Treasury is quite sufficient and sufficient, and that by throwing the corner F and H into one and piercing the wall of the veranda F with arches, as suggested by the Collector, and with construction of an iron-barred cage, accommodation which will be both secure and comfortable, can be provided for the Treasury.

6. The Board approve of this arrangement and also of the alterations in the plan of the new building suggested in the first clause of paragraph 3 of the Collector's report, dated 10th February 1875, with the view of providing accommodation for the English and Vernacular Departments and their current records.

(A True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Acting Secretary.

No. 99. Order, Madras, 10th February 1876, No. 112.

That is to say:

G.O. 10th July 1875, No. 1098

alterations suggested by the Collector for providing accommodation for the English and Vernacular Departments and their current records is approved.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
10th February 1876.*

2. The Collector's proposals for remedying the inconveniences of the present Treasury accommodation are also approved.

3. Further orders will issue from the Public Works Department, to which the plans, &c., will be returned.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue,
the Public Works Department.

1876 T. O'Connor

No. 2,748.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 1st October 1875.

Read the following letter from J. H. GARSTIN, Esq., Collector of South Arcot, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cuddalore, 4th September 1875, No. 368:—

I HAVE the honor, in obedience to the orders of Government conveyed in their Proceedings in the Revenue Department of the 15th July, No. 1,066, to forward the plan of the cutcherry proposed to be erected for the Collector at this place through the Board with my signature attached thereto, but beg, in forwarding it, to state that, though the late Mr. Sage discussed the general style and details of the building with me, I had not an opportunity of examining the plan before it was submitted or of offering any remarks on it. I have since had an opportunity of discussing the plan with the new District Engineer Major Mead, and, as no funds are available for the work, I would venture to request a reconsideration of the question of limiting the building to an office-room for myself and one for my Assistant and a room for the Local Fund Board to hold their meetings in, when, by a not immoderate increase of expenditure, the building might be made capable of affording accommodation for all the departments of my office except the Press and the English and Vernacular Records, which might either remain where they now are or be transferred to some of the rooms which would be vacated on the new building being erected.

2. The cost of the building, as at present planned, is Rs. 48,000; but, by doing away with four of the six flights of steps and building two record rooms at the northern and southern ends of the western verandah as marked in pencil on the plan and turning the western window of each of the small rooms now marked record rooms into doors, there would be accommodation for the English and Vernacular Departments of the office and their current records. A separate room for the Local Fund Board meetings is not necessary inasmuch as the President of the Local Fund Board and the District Magistrate are the same person, and the Court of the latter would always be available for the former. The cost of these alterations would be very small. In order, however, to afford accommodation for the Treasury and the Treasury Deputy Collector's Office, the whole plan of the building would probably have to be recast, but the additional expense would be justifiable in my opinion, for the present accommodation for the Treasury Department is very bad. There is no proper place to store the large quantities of stationery which have to be kept in stock, while the chests containing copper are stowed away with bales of paper, &c., in two narrow iron-barred verandahs which have been added on to the original treasury room as the wants of the department increased. It is not, of course, necessary that the Treasury Department should be under the same roof as the rest of the office, but it would greatly facilitate reference if such was the case, and as proper accommodation for that department is a necessity, I would suggest that the plan be recast so as to include accommodation for the whole office excepting the Press and the English and Vernacular Record Rooms.

Enclosures Nos. 1 and 2. — Plans.

Enclosure No. 3. — Estimate.

Enclosure No. 4. — Specification Report.

The Collector's present proposals amount to the construction of a new cutcherry, a project which, in Board's Proceedings, dated 18th October 1874, No. 3,635, the Board, on full consideration, held to be unnecessary.

2. They resolve, however, to request the Collector to retransmit the plan of the old cutcherry (which seems to have been sent to the District Engineer), and to explain more fully the inconveniences of the present treasury accommodation, and whether it could not be remedied on the removal of so large a portion of the office as the Collector proposes to place in the proposed new building.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Acting Secretary.

To the Collector of South Arcot.

Recd. J. W. Fisher.

These proposals, dated 18th October 1874, No. 3,635, the Board, on full consideration, held to be unnecessary.

OCTOBER
No. 2718.

Forward

1875.

Proceedings for Government No. 2,748.

MADRAS.

BOARD OF REVENUE,

1875.

No. 14.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 5th January 1876.

Read again Board's Proceedings, dated 1st October 1875, No. 2,748.

Read also the following letter from J. H. GARSTIN, Esq., Collector of South Arcot, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cuddalore, 21st October 1875, No. 440 :—

In reply to the Board's Proceedings of the 1st instant, No. 2,748, I have the honor to retransmit the plan of the old Cutcherry, and to state that I think the inconveniences of the present Treasury accommodation could be removed by altering some of the existing rooms adjoining the Treasury on the construction of the new Cutcherry.

2. I would propose that the wall which separates the Stationery Store-room* from the Treasury† be removed, and the wall between these two rooms and the long verandah F be pierced

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3. The printed forms, which take up a great deal of space, could then be stored in the rooms to be vacated by the Sheristadar, and the English Correspondence Department room would be available as a Local Fund Board Meeting room, or as a spare office room for the Sub-Collector or Head Assistant when at Head Quarters.

4. As to what the inconveniences of the present Treasury accommodation are, I beg to state that while the silver is kept in room D, all the copper is kept in the two railed Treasury verandahs, the inner of which is only six feet wide, while the outer one is only eight feet in width, and one end of it is used as a lumber room for storing Chectah skins, iron ploughs, and boxes or bales of paper which cannot be stored elsewhere. As the copper chests are 5' x 3½', it is obvious that in a six feet verandah it is not an easy thing to pass along the front of them and stoop down to examine the seals. Moreover, the roof of the outer of these verandahs being very flat, leaks a good deal, and the Police complain that the accommodation provided for them is insufficient. The room where the Stationery is kept, E, is moreover very dark and stuffy. There are no windows in it, and two of the three doors have been bricked up. The Cashkeeper complained to me that the white ants attacked the paper more readily owing to the darkness of the room. It is for these reasons that I consider alterations in existing arrangements are necessary.

C.O. 30th September 1874, No. 2,444.
7th December 1874, " 3,614.
8th February 1875, " 109.
16th July " 1,066.

Submitted to Government with reference to the Orders noted in the margin.

2. In reference to a proposal to build a new Mamut Cutcherry at Cuddalore, it was determined to repair the existing Cutcherry and utilize it for office accommodation, and to erect a new upper-story building with four good rooms and some small ones for the Collector, the Assistant Collector, and Land Fund Board Meetings. An estimate for the repairs was sanctioned, and the plan and estimate for the new building submitted by the District Engineer were referred to the Collector for submission through the Board.

3. In submitting the plan and estimate the Collector suggested certain alterations so as to provide accommodation in the new building for the English and Vernacular Departments of his office and their current records. At the same time adhering to the present bad accommodation for the Treasury Department and the necessity of providing better, he suggested that the plan should be recast so as to provide accommodation for the whole office except the Press and the English and Vernacular Record rooms.

4. The Board observed that these proposals amounted to the construction of a new Cutcherry, a project which on full consideration had been held to be unnecessary. They directed the Collector to retransmit the plan of the old Cutcherry, to explain more fully the inconveniences of the present Treasury accommodation, and whether it could not be remedied on the removal of the large portion of the office which the Collector proposed to place in the new building.

5. From the report now submitted, it appears that the existing accommodation for the Treasury is both unsuitable and inefficient, and that by throwing the rooms E and D into one and piercing the wall of the verandah F with arches, as suggested by the Collector, and with the addition of an iron-barred gate, accommodation which will be both secure and comfortable can be provided for the Treasury.

6. The Board approve of this arrangement and also of the alterations in the plan of the new building suggested in the first two clauses of paragraph 2 of the Collector's letter, dated 24th September 1875, with the view of providing accommodation for the English and Vernacular Departments and their current records.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

Wilson
Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, with four plans, one estimate, one Specification report, and copy of Board's Proceedings, dated 1st October 1875, No. 2,743.
Copy to the Collector of South Arcot.

Edw. T. O'Connor.

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Pres. of the Madras Govt.
Under date the 15th February 1876

Read the following
Pres. of the 15th of
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Approving arrangement
proposed for providing accommodation for the Treasury and Mamut Cutcherry at Cuddalore in South Arcot District and certain alterations in plan of new building

of 5 Jan'y 1876

of 15 Jan'y 1876

The plan of a new office for the Govt. of South Arcot forwarded with the District Engineer's letter of 25th Feb. 1875, No. 250, with the alterations suggested by the Govt. for providing accommodation for the English and Vernacular Departments and their current records is approved.

The following proposals for providing the main remainder of the present Treasury

Reading accommodation
are also appointed

Further orders will
issue from the Public
Works Department, to
which the plans &c.
will be returned.

W. H. Manning, Clerk of the
Public Works Department

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