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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
13th March 1869.

No. 359. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Judicial Department:—

Authorizing the Collector to arrange for the purchase of the site chosen by him for the new Talook Cutcherry and Subsidiary Jail at Atmakoor, in lieu of the site previously selected. } (Here enter 22nd February 1869, No. 283.)

No. 360. ORDER THEREON, 13th March 1869, No. 689.

Miscellaneous.

1. Communicated to the Board of Revenue.

2. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council regrets that he is unable to accede to Mr. Dykes proposal, which is supported by the Subsidiary Jail Committee, that advances be made to the Tahsildar, Sheristadar, and Cutcherry servants of the Atmakoor Talook for the purpose of enabling them to build houses at the new talook Cusbah.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Judicial Department, No 283.

Exd. G. A. Turton.

No. 230. Read the following letter from the Subsidiary Jail Committee, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 4th February 1869, No. 260.

With reference to paragraph 5 of our letter of the 23rd July last, No. 156, we have the honor to state that a proposal has been made by the Collector to change the site selected by the late Acting Collector for the new Taluq Cutcherry and Subsidiary Jail at Atmakoor, to which place the Establishment of the Taluq Officer of the Atmakoor Taluq is to be removed from Devaroypalli. Mr. Dykes writes as follows:—

"On my way to Udiagherry I halted for the day at Atmakoor, and took the opportunity of being there to look at the site selected for the new Cutcherry to be built for that Taluq. I found there a young Surveyor, who, at my request, has made a sketch of the hill on which it is at present proposed to build the Cutcherry, and a plan of the land on which I would recommend that it should be built. Both are on the same paper which I enclose, and have been done roughly, but with sufficient accuracy to show clearly the points involved. The hill A is a rocky hill to the south of the surplus channel from the tank. It has been inadvertently placed the wrong way on the plan, for it is proposed to build the Cutcherry on the east side of it, and not on the west as there shown. On the spot selected there are two Neem trees growing, but this, I think, is due to the collection of moisture in the small bend that there occurs in the breast of the hill. I do not think it would be possible to find water there if a well were sunk, for it is probably seventy or eighty feet above the level of the tank, and looks very like being solid rock; and I, therefore, think it would be better to change this site, which, the Range Officer informed me afterwards at Udiagherry, would cost some 300 Rupees to level alone.

"Crossing the surplus channel from the Atmakoor tank there is a hamlet of Atmakoor called Lutchmanarayapettah. The land here is very fine with a beautiful growth of Tamarind and Neem trees, &c. From the village the ground rises slightly to the westwards, and on this raised ground I would place the Cutcherry. The road marked in the plan "from Nellorepalem" is the road that leads to Atmakoor from the high road from Cuddapah to Nellore. As the Committee observe it is not desirable to have the Cutcherry in Atmakoor itself, and placing it where I propose will secure the advantages of a site outside the town, whilst avoiding the disadvantages of the elevated and rocky site at present selected. There is also a further advantage involved in placing the Cutcherry at Lutchmanarayapettah. The town of Atmakoor is circumscribed and hot, and there is great difficulty in finding room in it for the houses of those who will be employed in the new Cutcherry. The town is built on the south of the rocky hill, and between it and the rice lands. By moving the Cutcherry to the north of the hill to Lutchmanarayapettah we got abundance of room for any number of houses, and the fine wood on the land will make this place as attractive as the other is repulsive.

"In connexion with moving the Cutcherry from Devaroyapalli there is a question that deserves consideration. The Clerks in the Cutcherry do not draw very high pay. To require these men to move from Devaroyapalli, buy land and build houses, is to involve them in an amount of debt that must tell against their efficiency; and I trust that I shall not be considered to be bringing before Government a claim undeserving of recommendation in requesting that the members of the Subsidiary

Jail Committee will be pleased to recommend that a grant should be made for the purpose of buying the land, and making such advances as may be necessary to enable the Clerks to build houses for themselves, without running into debt.

"The Tahsildar of the Taluq reports that the land required for the Cutcherry servants could be purchased for Rupees 229-4-0. I have recommended that the Deputy Collector and Magistrate for general duties should likewise be stationed at Atmakoor. Should this proposal be agreed to, land may have to be taken up for his accommodation. The Tahsildar shall be instructed to have this land valued also, and secure the power, if possible, of taking up as much more land as may be required for a fixed rate. And in explanation of the plan it is only necessary for me to add, further, that the proposed road to the north of Lutchmanarayapettah would be one approach to the Cutcherry passing the houses of the Cutcherry servants, and to the west of the village, and that the proposed road through Lutchmanarayapettah would be a straightening of the line into Atmakoor, which at present is traced to the outside of the Pettah, but if the Cutcherry were built as proposed had better be brought straight through.

"In forwarding me the plan for Udiagherry, the Supervisor in charge of the Range requests that orders may be issued to the Tahsildar to hand over the land at Atmakoor as soon as possible, as he has been instructed, by the Executive Engineer of Nellore, to erect store-sheds for the wood now being forwarded for the Cutcherry, and there are also the contracts he has entered into for the collection of materials, the cartage and storage of which will commence at once. As the question of changing the site of Atmakoor has not been mooted, I do not feel myself justified in giving the order applied for, but the necessity for immediate decision is unquestionable, and I, therefore, trust that the Committee will be pleased to take the question into consideration as soon as possible.

"Should the Committee determine to recommend that assistance be given to the Cutcherry servants as proposed, I would suggest that a sum of Rupees 1260 should be provided for the purpose. I show in the margin the distribution I would recommend, and the sum advanced with the amount due for building rooms would be recovered by monthly deductions, the building of the houses being placed under effective supervision, though left, as regards outlay, to the parties themselves; and the liability for the debt till it is paid off transferred with the office on a change of the office-holder."

	Rs.
Tahsildar	300
Taluq Shoristadar	200
Eight Goomastahs, at Rupees 50 each	400
Eighteen Peons, at Rupees 20 each	360
Total...	1260

2. We beg that the Collector may be authorized to take up the site now chosen by him in lieu of that previously selected.

3. With reference to the Collector's proposal of giving advances to the Cutcherry servants on their removal to Atmakoor, we beg to recommend that money be advanced to them at the Collector's discretion to house themselves.

4. The last suggestion of Mr. Dykes to attach the liability of the debt to the office to be transferred on a change of office-holder does not commend itself to us. There is always a difficulty in enforcing such conditions. We would suggest that an advance should be made, leaving the parties to please themselves, and do what they think fit with their houses if they cease to be attached to the office.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
22nd February 1869.

No. 231. ORDER THEREON, 22nd February 1869, No. 283.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Subsidiary Jails, His Excellency the Governor in Council authorizes the Collector of Nellore to arrange for the purchase of the site chosen by him for the new Taluq Cutcherry and Subsidiary Jail at Atmakoor, in lieu of the site previously selected.

2. The proposal relating to advances to be made to the Cutcherry servants, to enable them to house themselves, will be considered in the Revenue Department.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Collector of Nellore, with the sketch.
" Revenue Department.
" Public Works Department.
" Committee on Subsidiary Jails.

Exd. J. Wright.

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Circulated for orders on Items 3 & 4
of the subsidiary Jail Committee's letter.

The recommendations by others
against me in the Lutchay
Records, but if the
recommendation be accepted
it will in any events what
may prove beneficial an
backward precedent.

W.D.

The Govt of India have
discovered that the working
of their late plan of advancing
funds for keeping Lunatics
has been embarrassing & c
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down in Lunacy. Mr
Mr. Dykes has assumed
and should not advance
money as has been disputed.
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W.D.

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THE COLLECTOR of [illegible]

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Authorization to pay to arrange for the
purchase of the above chains by him for the use
of the Court may be sent to Salisbury Jail at Allahabad
Sellers of the property advised.

By Order 1889