Revenue (1897) Department

MISCELLANEOUS SERIES.

G.O., No. 361

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Awaiting the ~~the~~ result of further efforts to ascertain the true cause of the failure of the present Cutcherry building at Koilkuntla and a report as to whether a light building of a design suited to the soil may not be built in the town itself.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT

From
The Judicial Department

Order

No. 1751.

Dated 5th November 1896

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SUBJECT

Referring proposal of the
J. S. of Registration Taluk
accomodation be provided
for the Kailchumi Co. Sub
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Taluk Cutcherry buil

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CHIEF SECRETARIAT, MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following paper :—

From the Inspector-General of Registration, Madras, dated 14th October 1896, G.No. 6687.S.

The Sub-Registry office at Koilkuntla, in the Kurnool district, is held in an upstair room of the Taluk office at the station. The cost of that room, Rs. 1600, was debited to this Department, under the sanction conveyed in G.O. No. 2204, dated 21st August 1876. The accommodation available is only 18½" by 17½" feet, and is altogether insufficient for the office, and for the increasing records, and parties, attending for registration, are consequently put to great inconvenience, for want of even standing space. Moreover the building is reported to be in a dangerous condition, the walls and the roof having cracked, in several places, and it cannot be extended. The Executive Engineer, Kurnool division who was addressed on the subject, considered it desirable to construct a separate building for the Sub-Registry office.

2. I understand, from the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Circle, that he has submitted proposals for the construction of a new Taluk Kacheri, at the station, and have, therefore, the honour to request that orders may be issued for providing accommodation for the Sub-Registry office also in the same building.

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ORDER:- No. 1751, dated 5th November 1896.

will be referred to the Revenue Department for favour of remarks.

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(True Extract)

for Chief Secretary.

To the Revenue Department.
,, ,, Inspector-General of Registration.
,, ,,Public Works Department.

Revenue (1896) Department.

CURRENT No. 8079

Order

From
The Board of Revenue,
Land Revenue, Madras.

No. 4966 Misc.

Dated 6th November 1896.

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SUBJECT.

Submitting to Govt. report called for in G.O.No.3176 Rev., dated 8th August 1896 re: the construction of a new Taluk cutcherry at Koilkuntla Kurnool District.

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REVENUE BOARD OFFICE. MADRAS.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

(Land Revenue).

No.4966 Misc.,dated 6th November 1896.

Read the following :-

1. Endorsement of the Ag.Under Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,No.3176 Misc.,dated 8th August 1896.

And the following Reference thereon dated 14th August 1896.

Referred to the Collector of Kurnool for early report.

2. — letter from H.F.W.Gillman Esquire,Acting Collector of Kurnool,to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue,Madras,Ref.on C.No.1509/Eng. of '96,dated 13th October 1896.

And the following Reference thereon dated 21st October 1896.

The Collector is requested to return the Government Order of the Public Works Department and the plan forwarded to him in original with Board's Reference Order dated 14th August 1896 on Government Register No.1663 of 1896.

3. — letter from H.F.W.Gillman Esquire,Ag.Collector of Kurnool,to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue Madras,Ref.on C.No.1509/Eng.of '96,dated 22nd October 1896, returning G.O.No.3173 W.,dated 28th July 1896 and a plan as required in Board's Reference on Government No.1663 of 1896 regarding the site for the Koilkuntla Taluk cutcherry.

4. Also Governmenrt Order Revenue Department,No.3002 R,dated 28th October 1896,requesting the Board of Revenue to expedite its reply to G.O. re:Koilkuntla Taluk Cutcherry.

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Resolution

Submitted for the orders of Government with reference to Government Order No.3176 Rev.,dated 8th August 1896.

2. The Board agrees with the Collector that a new Taluk Cutcherry should be built on the site selected on the right bank of the Kanderu about half way between the Koilkuntla town and the Bhemunipad village.

3. In para 9 of his letter to Government No.1071 ,dated 13th July 1896,the Superintending Engineer states that as there is a Deputy Tahsildar's cutcherry at Owk,17 miles off,the new cutcherry at Koilkuntla need be only a second class one.The Collector agrees with the Superintending Engineer and states that a first class building is not required for Koilkuntla.It is, however,observed that a second class Taluk Cutcherry provides only the accommodation required for a Deputy Tahsildar and his staff and that it would be quite inadequate for a Tahsildar's Establishment,records and treasury.There is no Stationary Sub Magistrate at Koilkuntla,but in the Board's opinion the new Taluk cutcherry should be constructed according to the revised type design providing full accommodation for a Taluk office with reference to the orders of Government in para 3 of Government Order No.5574 Rev.,dated 19th December 1892 and Government Order No.2389 Rev.,dated 16th June 1896.

4. The submission of the papers to Government was unavoidably delayed in order to obtain from the Collector the Government Order and the plan which had been forwarded to him with the last reference

(True Copies & Extract)

Acting Secretary.

To

The Secretary to Govt.R.D.,with P.W.G.O.& plan retd. & G.R. 5606 of '96 in original to be returned.

The Collector of Kurnool.

Md.R.II.

Cons 8079 and 8136/96

Re: the construction of a new Taluk Cutcherry at Koilkuntla, providing accommodation for the Sub-Registry Office also.

Hon. Mr. Cox.

Cur. 8079 and 8136 of 1896.

Note.

Please see C.Os Nos 776/21.2.96 a

1164/23.3.96.

"... In his letter to the Board of Re
of 15th. 1. 96, the Collector of Kurnool report
that owing to subsidence, portions of
the Koilkuntla Taluk Cutcherry build
ing were pulled down and that
the Superintending Engineer strongly
recommended the abandonment of
the buildings and the construction
of a new Cutcherry on one of two
sites proposed, both of which, howeve
were, in the opinion of the Sup.I.
Engineer and the Collector, very in-
conveniently situated. He pointed
out that the Superintending Engineer
considered it to be safe to build
the new Cutcherry on soil simila
to that on which the present
one stood provided that the founda
tions were taken down much
deeper than at present; and
submitted for orders the question
whether it would not be advisable
to reconstruct the demolished por
of the present building with

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deeper foundations. The Board of Revenue submitted the Collector's suggestion for the early orders of Government, and the Superintending Engineer, III Circle, was requested to report on it without delay. The reports of this officer are embodied in C.O. Nos 1164 23.3.96 and 3176 6.8.96. The Superintending Engineer on inspection reported that the building had the appearance of having received a severe shock of ~~earth~~ earth-quake and the shaking was not by any means confined to the portion already pulled down, although it was at a maximum there, but pervaded the whole building more or less; that as some guide to the advisability of rebuilding on the same site, he had four pits dug close to the four sides of the building and one in the compound 80 yards away, with a view to discover the cause of the shaking or subsidence which the building had been subjected over a long series of years; that when he had examined the pits, he came to the conclusion that the building had

C.O. 569 W. of 15. 2. 96.
in C.O. 776 of 21. 2. 96 C.O.

Report flagged B. 1164 20.3.96

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had been constructed across an old water-course, the subsoil water of which still found its way through the lower strata under the Cutcherry and produced disturbance as the water-level rose and fell; that the existence of the water-course in the site some 50 years ago was corroborated by some of the inhabitants; and that he considered it impossible to decide the question referred to him until the existing Clerks' rooms had been completely dismantled down to foundation level and the foundations could be examined over a wide area and the cause of the failure at its worst points thoroughly investigated. In his second report which was made after the examination of the foundations referred to above, the Supg. Engineer stated that he still found himself unable to trace the cause of the subsidence; that he found the foundations to be of exceptional width and depth and of particularly good material and of a nature in no way

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account for the very serious failure of the building; and that he could account for it only by supposing that a vacuum, of which he could find no trace in the foundations, had been created to the immediate north of the building either by percolation of rain water from the roof or by the action of subsoil water, and that into the said vacuum the northern half of the building was gradually subsiding; and that looking to the fact that the movement of the building was in progress and could not be stopped, he came to the conclusion that the existing building, a fine one, must be condemned and a new one built on one of the two sites already proposed by him. As regards the class of the building, he stated that as there was a Dy Tahsildar's office at Orur, only 17 miles away, it would be sufficient to build a second class cutcherry at the station. The report was communicated the Rev: Deptt for orders on the following points:-

(a) Whether a new Taluk office

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office shall be constructed?

(b) If so, the class of building (1st or 2nd class) for which estimates should be prepared: and

(c) The site for the building. These were referred to the Board of Rev: for report and the Current No. 807 of 96, read above, embodies the Collector's report in the matter with the Board's recommendation thereon.

In reply to the first question, the Collector of Kurnool states that if the Koilkuntla taluk is to be left as it is, a Cutcherry at the station is necessary, Koilkuntla being the largest and Central village in the eastern portion of the taluk and possessing Brahmin quarters, good bazaar, weekly market and other conveniences valued by Taluk officials, besides being also the most accessible village from the Orur Division. He, however, takes this occasion to bring to notice that the taluk is an awkward one to manage divided, as it is, into two portions by the Banganapalle State and possessed of no easy means of communication between the two

two portions; and that he would like to endorse, but for the fact of its being unworkable in one particular, a proposal made by Mr. Chose, the Head Assistant Collector, by which Koilkuntla taluk would be done away with — viz, to add its eastern portion to the Sirvel taluk and form a new Allagadda taluk with Head-quarters at Allagadda and to add the Owk division to the Pattikonda Taluk. The Collector considers that the first part of the scheme is excellent and would result in the formation of a new taluk which would be a compact and fairly easy charge for a Tahsildar, provided a Stationary Submagistrate is appointed at Allagadda; but that the second part is not feasible as the Yerramalais form a natural barrier between the Pattikonda Taluk and the Owk division, rendering Communication a matter of extreme difficulty. He, therefore, considers that so long as Owk remains a portion of the Kurnool District, it can only be managed from Koilkuntla side and the Koilkuntla taluk must, therefore, remain as at present constituted. No remarks are made by the Board of Revenue on this part of the Collector's suggestion, apparently because it agrees with him in considering it to be unworkable. It may be possible to transfer the Owk division to the Tadpatri taluk of the Anantapur District, but that would make the Cooty by Collector's charge heavy: the boundaries of the Kurnool and the Anantapur districts would be irregularly formed and a detached portion of the Banganapalle State which lies in the Owk division, would be in the Anantapur District.

As regards the class of the building to be constructed the Collector considers that a second class one may be built as proposed.

Lastly, with regard to the question of a site for the build

building:-

The following sites were proposed by the Superintending Engineer for selection:-

(i) near the village of Joladarsi situated on the Nandyal Road at a distance of two miles due north of Koilkuntla; and

(ii) about 1½ miles due east of Koilkuntla on the road to Bhimmipad.

The advantages of site no.(i) are according to the Superintending Engineer:-

(a) that good clay slate used in the neighbourhood for building purposes, is found at depths varying from two to five feet below surface; and

(b) the quarries are within a furlong of the proposed site;

and according to the Collector- Nil;

while its disadvantages are according to the Superintending Engineer:-(c) its distance from Koilkuntla and (d) that the Kunderu river and one of its branches is between, both of which are unpassable in bad weather and the former passable only with difficulty during the irrigation season. And the Collector in condemning the site as most unsuitable, further urges (e) that much difficulty would be felt by village servants from the west of the streams in attending the taluk office with remittances &c; (f) that unless the tahsildar and his clerks were quartered in Joladarsi, they would probably be most irregular in their attendance at the Cutcheery during the rainy season; (g) that the village being a small one, residences will have to be constructed for the taluk officials if these have to live in the village; and (h) that there is no good water supply, there being no good drinking water well in the village and the Kunderu stream lying three furlongs off. Site no.(i) seems, therefore, to be unsuited for a Taluk Cutcheery.

Site no(ii) at Bhimmipad.

According to the Superintending Engineer, the soil is quite good

enough

enough to build on, but not to build with, a purple shale being found at between four and five feet below surface; in position the site is nearer Koilkuntla than No (1), and lies also near to the Kunderu where water is always available; and from an Engineering point of view, the sites are practically equal, though the building at No (1) will be cheaper owing to its proximity to the quarry. The Collector considers that the second site is much the better of the two as it lies on the same side of the Kunderu as Koilkuntla village with which it is connected by a Country Cart which could be easily converted into a good road, and while lying close to the Kunderu possessing an unfailing supply of water, is on the top of a small eminence and consequently dry. Its only drawback, and that a venial one, is that there is no village near it and ~~that~~ the ~~Tahsildar of~~ the Taluk officials who will have to put up at Koilkuntla at a distance, will

Cos: Nos 5574/15.12.92 and 2359/16.6.96

in consequence not be regular in their attendance — attending late and leaving early so as not to be overtaken by night on their way homeward — and the taluk work will suffer. But in the absence of a more suitable site nearer the village, the Collector considers that this site must be approved, and the Board of Revenue agrees with him.

As regards the class of building to be constructed, the Board of Revenue draws attention to the marginally noted orders of Government and considers that, as already decided by Govt in those cases, an office for a Tahsildar should be a first class Taluk office in accordance with the type design, and it is submitted that the Board's recommendation may be approved. What is known as a Second Class Taluk Cutcherry provides only the accommodation required for a Sub Tahsildar and his staff and would be quite inadequate for

for a taluqdar's establishment.
Attention is solicited to the notes under Col: 2231 of 8.6.96. There is a Taluk Sheristedar at Koilkuntla but not a Stationary Submagistrate.

With the second of the papers read above, the Judicial Department refers for remarks on proposal made by the Inspector-General of Registration for the provision of accommodation for the Sub Registrar's office also in the proposed new Taluk Cutcherry at Koilkuntla. There seems to be no objection to this. The Sub-Registrar is now located in the existing Taluk Cutcherry building.

The following draft is submitted for approval:-

Comn:

In the circumstances stated, H.E. the Governor in Council is pleased to sanction the construction of a first class Taluk Cutcherry, providing also accommodation for the Sub-Registry office, on the site selected on the right bank of the Kunderu about half way between the Koilkuntla town and the Bhimunipad village.

2. Orders to the preparation of the necessary plans and estimates will issue in the Public Works Department.

10/11/97

To
The Board of Rev: L. R.
" P. W. Deptt.
" Judicial Deptt.

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28 Dec/96

to
The Hon. the Chief Secy. Jud! Dept
and
The Secy to Govt. P. W. Deptt
for favour of communication

The location of a Taluk Kutcherry away in the wilderness as is proposed is open to very grave objection from every point of view. It is necessary only because the D.P.W. built a typical Kutcherry at a particular place part of which fell down: but this seems a very insufficient reason. The D.P.W can design & build a Kutcherry which will stand on land on which a whole town is built and it does not follow that because a heavy type should be built at one place that a light building at another will do so.

I submit that before the very undesirable course proposed is taken further efforts to ascertain the cause of the failure of the present building should be made & the D.P.W. should be directed to see if they can not design a building suited to the necessity.

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Such enquiries should be made, but I am afraid that work will even if these Light buildings like Mud Huts would not supply the wants of a taluk cutcherry

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The location of a taluk Cutcherry in an uninhabited quarter such that now as proposed, appears to be open to very grave objection. Before passing final orders therefore, on the proposal, the Government desire that further efforts may be made to ascertain the true cause of the failure of the present building and that it may also be reported whether a light building of a design suited to the soil may not be built in the town itself. The necessary instructions will issue in the Public Works Department.

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