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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
9th October 1872.

No. 90. Read the following letter from the Vice-Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 30th September 1872:—

The Chamber of Commerce are gratified to learn from the Proceedings of Government, Financial Department, 14th instant, that His Excellency the Governor in Council has been pleased to give favourable consideration to the arguments that the Chamber have urged in favour of a Beach site for the new General Post Office building in preference to the site selected some years ago in the proximity of the new Railway Terminus at John Pereira's. The important question as to the more suitable site having been thus set at rest, it only remains for the Chamber to offer an opinion on the alternative proposed by the Government in their Order, No. 1211, 14th September. It is observed that the Government will be prepared to consider favourably the Chamber's request contained in their letter of the 10th ultimo, in event of the Directors of the Bank of Madras relinquishing their lien on the site placed at their disposal on the northern section of Abercrombie's Battery on the 29th November last, and that failing their so doing, the Government will be unable to comply with the Chamber's wishes. Assuming that the Directors will be averse to resigning the site in question, as it is unlikely they will be able to meet with another so eligible in all respects, the question suggests itself as to whether the Bank, Post Office, and Telegraph Office cannot be all accommodated in the locality referred to by the Government, and this question is one that it will probably occur to the Government to refer for an expression of opinion to the Government Architect who has from time to time been engaged upon designs for the three buildings, with the requirements of which he is quite familiar. Should the ground prove, in that gentleman's judgment, adequate for the erection of suitable premises for the three offices, the Government will readily, the Chamber are confident, decide upon the General Post Office being placed in juxtaposition with the Telegraph Office. Should it, however, be thought that the site in question does not afford sufficient space for the accommodation of the several offices indicated, the Chamber would respectfully suggest that the land adjoining the mule stables (south), now in occupation of the Department of Public Works, might be given up for the purpose required. The present occupation of that land detracts from the picturesque appearance of the First Line Beach, and even if an improvement in that respect should be thought no sufficient ground for removing the Department of Public Works Stores to a less conspicuous locality, the Chamber are disposed to think that accommodation for that department might be found next the Police Office, where the southern section of the Battery is at present left waste ground, only utilized for the flagellation of delinquents who are tried in the Town Police Court. Yet further to the south is the large area that is presumed to be employed as a receptacle for Commissariat Stores. The godowns that surround the latter site are interesting memorials of a time when building sites in the most eligible situation in the town were of comparatively small value; but in the nature of things structures of this primitive description, occupying the most excellent sites in a prosperous and crowded town, must eventually retire into the background in favour of edifices of greater importance to the community. This will in all

probability suggest itself to His Excellency the Governor, should he, before passing final orders on the Post Office site, personally inspect the Beach, and note the unsightly interruption in the line of view that the Commissariat Godowns cause. The Chamber are sanguine that His Lordship will at once admit that the large pieces of ground which they cover might be employed to greater public advantage than is now the case. The Chamber would further submit that, if new accommodation for Commissariat purposes is involved in the proposed change, the site near the Railway Station, Royapooram, known as Clive's Battery, might, at little trouble and expense, be made to afford the desired accommodation.

No. 91. ORDER THEREON, 9th October 1872, No. 1364.

The Government observe that the Chamber seem to misapprehend the position of the case.

2. The *whole* of the land between the Stamp Office and the road which intersects Abercrombie's Battery has been assigned for the Bank and the Telegraph Office, the demands for which it will not more than suffice to meet.

3. The Government have maturely considered the question of moving the Granaries from their present site, and, in view of the excessive cost which the measure would involve, have been compelled to abandon the idea.

(True Extract.)

Acting Under Secy. to Govt.

To the Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, Madras.

Exd. J. Wright.

Chamber of Commerce
Madras 30th September 1872

From

The Honble A. Mackenzie
Vice Chairman, Chamber of Commerce

To

The Chief Secretary to Government
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THE CHAIRMAN OF THE
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,
Madras.

Dated October, 9th.

Recd. *Encl.*

G. O., 9th October 1872, *No.* 1364.

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Your most obedient Servant

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Vice Chairman

Financial Dept.

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