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11th February 1879, No. 429 W.

Buildings and Roads
Civil Works.

Read the following paper :—

No. 97. Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Judicial Department, dated 3rd February 1879, No. 205.

Read the following letter from the Collector of the Godavari District, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, dated 16th November 1878, No. 39 :—

I HAVE the honor to forward the papers noted in the margin relating to the provision of rooms for the Registrar in the Catcherry buildings about to be built for me.

- 1 Copy of a letter from the Acting District Engineer, dated 4th November 1878, No. 2,591.
- 2 The original enclosures of the said letter, to be returned to this office.
- 1 Letter from the Inspector-General of Registration, No. 105, dated 3rd July 1878, to the District Engineer with enclosures.
- 1 Copy of a reply, No. 1,240, dated 15th July 1878.
- 1 Answer from the Inspector-General of Registration, No. 123, dated 23rd July 1878.
- 1 Copy of District Engineer's letter, No. 1,570, of 14th August 1878, to the Registrar.
- 1 Answer from the Registrar, No. 9, of 21st August 1878.
- 3 Plan without attached tracing, to be returned to this office.

2. I must first mention that, until the District Engineer told me of it a week ago, I had heard nothing of the proposal, and yet it is the plan of my office it is proposed to alter; and the Inspector-General of Registration goes so far as to ask the District Engineer to build the rooms for his department as if nothing more was required but his sanction.

3. But the worst effect of this reticence is to delay the work, which is very urgent.

4. I supposed that the Registration Department was as distinct a department from mine as the Post Office and the Civil

Courts, and that it was no part of my duty to provide accommodation for the Registrar; in fact it never struck me that he would want to share my office; had he given earlier intimation of his wish, it would have been possible to have done all that was necessary without causing so much delay. But now the site has been fixed, and the ground marked out, there was nothing to prevent the work going on quickly.

5. The District Engineer points out where the additional rooms must come. This arrangement, putting in an independent department between two parts of my office, would be very inconvenient; again it removes the press office further from the sentry over the treasury, and, though I do not think it necessary to ask for a guard over that office, it is well to keep it as near a guard as possible, for thieves do like taking the type. But again another object I had in view will be defeated by the proposed arrangement. I wished to separate as much as possible those parts of my office which had nothing to do with people outside from the Magistrate's and Collector's offices which have petitioners, witnesses, and parties in suits coming round the place. The Registrar will have a lot of people coming about the more private offices,

6. The Registrar wants space which is, in my opinion, extravagantly large. He wants accommodation only for himself, three clerks, and seven almirahs. In fifty years his records may be able to fill the space allotted (30' x 17'), but he might wait for those fifty years with less; his clerks might for a long time do with much less space, and I fancy he himself, his table, and two or three chairs would be almost lost in the space he proposes.

7. I also think that the Registrar, doing as he does the work of Sub-Registrar in the Cocanada town, would be better in the town than so far from it as my office is.

8. The addition cannot well be made on the present proposed site, as it will bring the building too close to the ryots' shed, or perhaps necessitate its removal to another place; this would cause increased expense. The shed was built five years ago at a cost of Rupees 644. The work must, therefore, stop until Government passes orders on this matter. I should be very much obliged if they will let me know their orders by telegraph.

Read also letter from the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated 28th January 1879, No. 446.

The Chief Engineer's opinion will be communicated, through the Collector of the Godavari District, to the District Engineer, who will submit plan and estimate for a separate building for the Registrar's office in accordance with the standard design.

2. No further delay should be permitted in the construction of the Collector's Catcherry.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Acting Chief Secretary.

No. 98. ORDER THEREON, 11th February 1879, No. 429 W.

THE work in question has not been entered by the Superintending Engineer in his revised Budget for the remaining portion of the year, and it is probable that urgent demands on the Reserve will be numerous. It will, therefore, be considered in the Financial Department whether the erection of that portion of the Collector's Catcherry which will contain the strong-room and the guard-room cannot be deferred till April next.

(True Extract.)

W. M. M. M. M.

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