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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 21st April 1857.

No. 16. Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Revenue Department, dated 1st April 1857, No. 313.

Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Judicial Department, under date the 11th March 1857, No. 298.

Read the following letter from the Register to the Court of Foujdaree Udalut.

For forwarding with the opinion of the Court of Foujdaree Udalut, copy of a letter from the Acting Session Judge of Salem, submitting further information regarding the site selected for the new Jail and Court Houses, as required in Extract from Minutes of Consultation, dated 29th September last, No. 1052. (Here enter 21st February 1857, No. 13.)

The letter recorded above is in reply to a reference made to the Court of Foujdaree Udalut, in Extract Minutes Consultation, 29th September last, respecting the quantity of land available at the site of the new Jail and Court Houses intended to be erected in the Salem Zillah, and the advisability of purchasing Mr. Cherry's house.

2. The Foujdaree Udalut, submit a letter from the Acting Session Judge, in which he states that the Collector has already purchased, for Rupees 1,154, 90 acres of land, of which 51, on one side of the public road, are allotted to the Jail; and 39, on the other side, to the Court Houses. But it is observed that the Collector intimated to that officer that no final arrangements had been made in regard to a piece of this land measuring acres 9-13-11. The Government quite concur with the Foujdaree Udalut and Mr. Reade that the whole of the 90 acres should be secured and retained as Government property, in order to allow a free circulation of pure air and to prevent the erection of private houses too near the Jail. The Collector will be instructed accordingly through the Revenue Department.

3. In regard to the purchase of Mr. Cherry's house, the Acting Session Judge is of opinion that the erection of new Court Houses is in every respect preferable. Mr. Cherry, he states will not accept a less sum than Rupees 12,000, and the cost of the addition and alterations necessary to render it suitable for the accommodation of the Civil and Subordinate Judges' Courts is estimated at Rupees 2,500, making in all Rupees 14,500. The house is at some distance from the new Jail, and the character of the building is said to be such as to make it impossible to secure a free circulation of air and ventilation. The proposed new building, of which a Plan, approved by the Engineer, is submitted, is in the form of a latin cross, and is to be of simple architecture, combining, under one roof, every requisite for the Establishments of both the Courts without the one, in the least degree, interfering with the other. Its cost is estimated at Rupees 15,000, exclusive of the price of the ground. The difference in the cost of these two buildings thus is trifling, while the latter is in every respect so much better adapted than the former for the purpose contemplated; that Government accede to the recommendation of the Court of Foujdaree Udalut and direct that the Plan and Estimate be returned to the Session Judge, that they may be forwarded by the District Engineer to the Central Office Public Works for submission to Government in the usual course, the work being entered in the Budget of 1858-59.

4. The Acting Session Judge is not of opinion that it is necessary for Government to construct a Bazar in the vicinity of the new Jail and Court, as he understands that many persons are already in treaty for ground there for the purpose; and in regard to the construction of a Choultry, he remarks that adequate accommodation is provided in the Plan now submitted for all officials and others connected with the Courts. He is however of opinion that if by a Choultry is intended a temporary abode for persons in attendance before the Courts, it should not form any part of the present estimates but be wholly distinct, and that its location should be contiguous to the public street or Bazar and not within the boundary of either the Courts or the Jail. The Government under the circumstances stated, are disposed to concur in this view.

5. With reference to the concluding para. of the Acting Session Judge's letter, the Director of Public Instruction will be requested to report whether the present Court Houses at Salem with the immediate adjoining premises and out buildings are adapted for a Zillah school, and could be made use of for that purpose when vacated; which however will not be for the next two years.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 21st April 1857.

Ordered to be communicated to the Board of Revenue, with a request that they will instruct the Collector of Salem to make arrangements for finally securing the piece of land referred to in para. 2 of the above resolution, for the purposes of the Jail and Court Houses at that station.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) H. FORBES,
Acting Secretary to Government

No. 17.

ORDER THEREON, No. 428; dated 16th April 1857.

To be recorded.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Ed. P. Cartledge.

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The Board of Revenue to
instruct the Collector of Salem
to make arrangements for
finally securing the piece of
land required for the Jail &
Court Houses at that station.

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