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No. 3. Read the following letter from C. F. CHAMIER, Esq., Acting Register to the Court of Sudder Udalut ; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, dated 8th November 1858, No. 106.

SIR,

1. I am directed by the Judges of the Sudder Udalut to forward the accompanying copy of a letter from the Civil Judge of Chittoor, dated the 1st Instant, with its enclosure, reporting upon the present state of the Court House of the District Moonsiff of Vellore, and requesting permission to call upon the District Engineer for an estimate for building a new Court House for the District Moonsiff.

2. As the building in question is reported to be in every respect unsuited for a Court House, and cannot be enlarged or extended, and a very eligible spot is available, free of expense, for a new Court House, the Judges beg to recommend that the Civil Judge may be authorized to call upon the District Engineer for the necessary plan and estimate.

From G. A. HARRIS, Esq., Civil Judge of Chittoor; to C. F. CHAMIER, Esq., Acting Register to the Court of Sudder Udalut, Fort St. George, dated 1st November 1858.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to state that having received a report from the District Moonsiff of Vellore, that the building used as a Court House was quite unsuited for such a purpose, &c., I requested the Acting District Engineer to inform me whether it could be enlarged by being extended or by raising an upper story to it. His reply herewith subjoined shows that neither of those plans can be adopted.

2. On Saturday the 30th October, I inspected the building, and my astonishment is that it has so long been used as a Court House; and I trust the few subjoined remarks will convince the Judges of the Court of Sudr Udalut of its unsuitableness and the necessity that exists for having a new Court House built in a more eligible situation and better adapted for the required purpose.

3. The present building stands in a narrow and noisy street of the Vellore bazar. Through a narrow door-way and along a narrow passage, bounded by the wall of a house on one side, and by the Court building on the other, and having no other outlet, you approach the small room open to the said passage where the District Moonsiff holds his Court; and on each side is a small room for records. The open space, in front of the room where Court is held, including the passage, is certainly quite insufficient for the Vakeels and numerous persons who must always be in attendance. At the back of the Court House are windows which look out upon a public thoroughfare. The Court House (if the building deserves such a name) is surrounded by other houses, so that it is impossible it can be added to, and as the Engineer reports, the walls will not admit of an upper story being raised upon them.

4. When at Vellore I ascertained from the Sub Collector Mr. Sullivan, that a very eligible spot was available, free of expense, for a new Court House.

5. The present building and site, which belong to Government, would, if sold at auction, probably fetch Rupees 1,200 or more. I have received an offer for them of Rupees 1,000.

6. I have therefore the honor to request the permission of the Court of Sudr Udalut to call upon the District Engineer for an estimate for building a new District Moonsiff's Court House at Vellore.

From Supervisor M. HOWARD, Department of Public Works, North Arcot; to Lieutenant A. D. CLAY, Executive Engineer in charge of first 4th Division, North Arcot, dated Camp Vellore, 20th September 1858.

SIR,

I beg leave most respectfully to return herewith the enclosed Memorandum from the Dis-
2 Enclosures. trict Engineer, No. 799, 1858-59, giving cover to a translation of an Urzee from C. Butcharow, District Moonsiff of Vellore, to the Civil Judge of the Zillah of Chittoor, and to inform you that I have twice examined the building referred to, and I am of opinion that

it would not be advisable to make any alterations or improvement in the present Moonsiff's Court House for the following reasons.

1. The ground occupied by the present building including Court-yard and all other appurtenances, measures only about 39 feet long, by 26 feet broad, this is insufficient for the building and Court-yard &c., and there is no way of enlarging the building, it being situated in the middle of a crowded street.

2. The walls of the present buildings are not capable of supporting a superstructure and the present roof; the timber of which being partly rotten will not answer again for the roof of the new upstair building, consequently the building will have to be built entirely of new materials, which will be found very costly, particularly the terraced portion of it.

Under the above circumstances, I would beg respectfully to suggest that before a plan and estimates be prepared, a better and more suitable locality than the present one be selected, where a Moonsiff's Court House can be built without a superstructure that will answer every requirement, and which can be constructed for less than the proposed upstair to the present building.

(True Copies.)

(Signed) C. F. CHAMIER,
Acting Register.

No. 4. ORDER THEREON, No. 1631; dated 17th November 1858.

Under the circumstances represented in the above communication, the Government approve of the erection of a new Court House for the District Moonsiff of Vellore; and direct that the necessary estimates be called for from the District Engineer, and submitted for sanction through the Public Works Department.

(Signed) W. H. BAYLEY,
Acting Secretary to Govt.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

No 1631.

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Fort St George
17 November 1858.

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