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No. 103. Read the following letter from Lieutenant Colonel W. H. HORSLEY, Chief Engineer, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Chepauk, 11th September 1860, No. 4,680.

* Judicial.

* *No.* 4.392, *dated 3rd September* 1860.
† *No.* 165, *dated 5th September* 1860.
Enclosure 1.

1 *Letter as above.*

In continuation of my letter marginally noted,* I have the honor to forward the accompanying letter† yesterday received from the District Engineer of Tanjore, in which you will observe he states in paragraphs 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19, that there is ample accommodation in the old Government House at Tranquebar for the Civil Judge's Court and his Establishment, the Nazir Records and Sudder Amin's Court; a few alterations, improvements and whitewashing are required, amounting, as per Estimate, to Rupees 470, and that, in the Citadel, there is ample room in the upper story for the Jail Dispensary, the Moonsiff's Court, Principal Sudder Amin's Court, and for the Danish Records, and accommodation for 70 or 80 Prisoners in the low vaulted building (lately occupied as convict quarters.)

2. The District Engineer reports that the accommodation in the building is most ample, and with the Estimate already prepared, and what would be required should the Government decide upon fixing the Court at Tranquebar permanently, Rupees 3,000, I should say, would be ample.

3. The Estimates submitted with the District Engineer's letter are being examined in this Office and will be forwarded shortly should they be required by Government.

From Captain R. F. OAKES, District Engineer, Tanjúr, to the Deputy Chief Engineer, Department Public Works, dated Kodavasal, 5th September 1860, No. 165.

Public.

With reference to Proceedings of the Madras Government, No. 955, dated 31st July, I have the honor to report upon the arrangements proposed to adapt the public buildings at present available at Negapatam, for use temporarily as Court Houses for the Civil and Session Judge, Principal Sadr Ameen and Múfti Sadr Ameen.

2. The only two buildings available for the Courts are the Travellers' bungalow and the Jail.

3. The former is a small building with an upper story and consists of a single room on each floor 21′ 9″ × 15′ 9″ with a verandah 9′ 2″ all round it. It is proposed that the upper room should form the Court, and the lower, accommodate the Judge's Office Establishment, the accommodation is very insufficient, but no mere temporary additions could be made to render it more commodious, it is proposed therefore simply to whitewash the building which in other respects is in good order.

4. The Jail is a large building consisting of a long centre room 93′ 4″ × 20′ 3″ divided into two rooms by a wall 24′ 4″ from one extremity. The centre room is flanked by side rooms 15′ 10″ broad and the whole is surrounded by verandahs varying from 8′ 5″ to 12′ 9,″ a great portion of the verandahs is enclosed and formed into rooms.

5. The original building appears to have consisted of a centre room 40′ 8″ long × 20′ 3″ broad, flanked by side rooms 15′ 10″ broad, with verandahs 12′ 9″ broad, running the full length of the building, this portion is constructed of brick in chunam and the side rooms and verandahs are supplied with a sloping terraced roof. The additions on both sides of the original building appear to have been built of brick in mud and will not admit of much alteration, and if a Court is to be established at Negapatam it will be necessary to provide a Jail, and this building as heretofore may be made use of as a Jail, if it is not much altered; I propose therefore to do but little more than to fill up a doorway here and there and remove a cross wall or two, and supply doors instead of windows in some instances and vice versa. The greater portion of the verandah, however, is in a very dilapidated condition and must be removed immediately, that opposite to the original building is however to be permitted to remain for the present, and also that on the south side.

* *Each* 66′ 11″×20′ 3″.
† *Each* 24′ 4″×15′ 10″.
‡ 40′ 8″×15′ 10″.
§ 51′ 9″×24′ 4″.

6. It is proposed to place the Records in the rooms AA* and EE† to convert BB‡ and B′B′‡ into the Courts of the Principal and Múfti Sadr Ameens' Courts, to devote CCC§ to the prisoners, retaining one of the side rooms as a Hospital for the sick Prisoners; as this portion of the building has been used as a Treasury, iron barred doors and windows are already provided with one exception. The rooms DD may be used as a Nazir's room and Granary or as a Jailor's room, though accommodation may be found for the Jailor in the armoury of the Detachment of Infantry lately quartered at Calampady. It is a small building* about 10 yards from the western face of the building with a verandah along one face.

*24′ 7½″×15′ 8″.

7. The centre room A A which is a very fine lofty room is not proposed as a Court House for the Civil Judge, because it would be comparatively dark if the doors into the side rooms were closed, and that, they would have to be if the side rooms were to be made use of.

8. An Estimate of Rupees 390, provides for the alterations proposed to the Jail to adapt it for the purposes for which it is now proposed to use it, and as no great changes are to be made in the building it can easily be converted into a Jail again at a short notice, and at a trifling expense. I should mention however that the roof of the whole building will soon require considerable repair, and narrow verandahs would have to be rebuilt to protect the eastern and western sides of the building from the rising and setting sun, for those verandahs though now retained as a temporary measure would have to be eventually removed as they are in a very dilapidated condition, though they are not yet dangerous.

9. If it is proposed to provide accommodation for the Courts at Negapatam permanently; the Rooms CCC now proposed for the Jail might be used as Record rooms, one of the rooms DD being converted into a Dispensary, and the other into a Granary, and the present Táluk Katchéri and the Munsiff's Court will be available for the Courts as soon as accommodation is provided for the Tasildar and Munsiff in Negapatam as directed in Proceedings of the Madras Government, No. 689, dated 4th April.

	Present use.	*Proposed use.*
Rupees 2,500	*Jail, Treasury, Record Room, &c., &c.*	*Jail and Records of Civil Court.*
,, 120	*Tasildars' Katcheri.*	*Principal Sadr Ameen's Court.*
,, 30	*Munsiff's Katcheri.*	*Mufti Sadr Ameen's Court.*
,, 12,500	*Travellers' Bungalow (with additions.)*	*Civil Court and Office Establishment.*
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10. The buildings then available could be made use of as follows, after the outlay mentioned in the margin had been made upon them.

11. In lieu of altering the Travellers' Bungalow, I would suggest that a new Court should be built, as the cost would vary but little, while a much more suitable and commodious building might be provided in the new structure, the defects in the Bungalow being that the room on the ground floor is very low* and the rooms† are very narrow.

* 9′ 10″.
† *Upper Story* 16′
Lower do. 15′ 9″.

12. I have made no mention of the present Hospital, because the building is in an extremely dilapidated condition and could not be repaired, as the walls which are of brick-in-mud are out of the perpendicular, full of cracks, and not sufficiently strong to support any thing heavier than the frail roof now on the building.

13. With reference to paragraph 2 of the Chief Engineer's Order, No 3,165, dated 7th ultimo, I have the honor to inform you that the buildings in the Citadel and the Danish Government House can afford more accommodation than is required for the Courts.

14. There is ample accommodation in the old Government House for the Civil Judge's Court, for his Establishment, for the Nazir, for Records, and for the Mufti Sadr Ameen's Court.

The interior of the building is in very good order, but requires whitewashing, a little plastering here and there, a few hinges, bolts, &c., &c., and a few small windows, but owing to the largeness of the building even these trifling repairs will cost Rupees 470 according to the enclosed estimate.

15. The building consists of a very handsome centre room 62′ 2″ × 28′ 4″ in breadth, divided by three arches at 12′ 6″ from the northern extremity. The larger portion of the room which is 47′ × 28′4″, is 28′ 4″ high, the remaining portion is 19′ 3″ high. On the south side is an entrance hall, as it were, 18′ 9″ × 29′ 6″. These centre rooms are flanked by rooms 84½′ × 16′ 5″ which are subdivided into several rooms by cross walls. The entrance to the building is by a large verandah 70′ 6″ long, by 18′ 6″ wide, and a verandah 9′ 2″ broad, runs along the rear of the building. On the east of the main building is a wing consisting of a number of small rooms occupying an area of 26′ 3″ × 37′ 3″, which will do for Records or for the Gumastas attached to the Court, while beyond this wing are two vaulted buildings 40′ 2″ × 13′ each which will make admirable Record rooms.

16. In the Citadel, there is ample room in the upper story for the Jail Dispensary, the Munsiff's Court, the Principal Sadr Ameen's Court, and for the Danish Records; for the present it is proposed to place the Prisoners in the lower story of the Citadel which is a low vaulted building, and which is already provided with iron barred doors and windows, it could accommodate 70 or 80 Prisoners, but the ventilation is not good, and as soon as iron barred doors and windows can be procured, it is proposed to place the Prisoners in a long building on the west face of the Citadel enclosure which is provided with a verandah on the east side, and the west wall of which forms the interior revetment of the rampart; an item of Rupees 362-15-3, exclusive of superintendence is included in the estimate to provide for the alterations, &c., required to this building, but if the Courts are only to remain at Tranquebar temporarily, i. e. for a few months, this building need not be repaired, and Rupees 390 may be deducted from the estimate, for the lower story of the Citadel would probably afford sufficient accommodation for the Prisoners for a few months.

156¼′ × 26½′

165 × 15½′

17. The casemated buildings under the south rampart will form admirable Cook houses, Store rooms, &c., for the Prisoners, they were used as Cook houses formerly, and some of the casemates are fitted up with chimneys and ovens, &c., &c.

137¼′ × 10⅜″ *exclusive of the cross walls.*

18. The Jailor may occupy two rooms* under the north rampart immediately to the left of the entrance to the Citadel, and the third room† be converted into a Granary. The rooms‡ on the right of the entrance are not at present required.

* 19′ 4½″ × 15′ 8″.
31′ 5″ × 15′ 8″.
† 26′ 4″ × 15′ 2″.
‡ 85½ × 15′ 10″.

19. The accommodation in these buildings is most ample, and if it is proposed to locate the Courts at Tanquebar permanently, a further outlay of about Rupees 1,500 would be required to replaster the exterior of the old Danish Government House, and for flooring the entrance Hall and the Room in which the Judge's Court is to be held, with square bricks, and an outlay of Rupees 250 or 300 would be required for sundry repairs and for raising the floors of the buildings converted into the Jail, which I fear, are a little damp in the wet weather, this may be done by providing a floor consisting of one brick on edge above the present floor and thus raising it 4½″. Thus to adapt the buildings at Tranquebar permanently for the Courts would cost but little above Rupees 3,000, and ampler accommodation would be afforded than is enjoyed probably in any other Court in the country, while buildings which must have cost between 40 and 50,000 Rupees in their construction would be turned to good account instead of being permitted to fall gradually to decay, for it is doubtful whether they could be disposed of to any advantage, and now that the Collector's Head Quarters are located at Tanjore, there are no public uses to which these buildings could be put.

20. The probable cost of supplying the furniture required by Mr. Clarke would be Rupees 1,474, as follows:—

25 Tables at Rupees 12 each	Rupees	300	0	0
30 Chairs at do. 5 do.	,,	150	0	0
20 Almirahs at do. 45 do.	,,	900	0	0
18 Desks at do. 7 do.	,,	126	0	0
4 Benches (provided for in the Estimate.)	,,			
		1,476	0	0

The outlay will be the same whether the articles are supplied at Negapatam or Tranquebar.

21. In the allotment of the upper rooms of the Citadel, I have appropriated two rooms for the use of the Munsiff, so that the Estimate of Rupees 2,500, which provided for constructing a new Court House for the Munsiff at Poryar prepared at the request of the Civil Judge and forwarded to him on the 22nd November 1859, will not require sanction.

22. The allotment of the building at Tranquebar as described above was made in communication with Mr. Clarke, who considers the accommodation ample.

23. Owing to Mr. Clarke's illness, he was unable to meet me at Negapatam, and to examine the buildings at that Station with me, but he considers the accommodation provided there insufficient even as a temporary measure, especially that provided for his Court and his Office Establishment.

24. The following are the Enclosures which accompany this letter:

To be returned. A Rough Plan of the Jail at Negapatam.

Rupees 530. Estimate for adapting it for the purposes mentioned in para. 8.

Rupees 35. Estimate for whitewashing the Travellers' Bungalow which is to be used as a Civil Court.

Rupees 470. Estimate for repairing old Government House at Tranquebar.

Rupees 1,050. Citadel buildings at do.

Rough Plans have been made of the above mentioned buildings, but as some days would elapse before fair copies could be made, and they do not seem to be absolutely necessary to render the Report intelligible, the Report and Estimates are forwarded without them.

Transferred to the Judicial Department.

12th September 1860. (Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

No. 104.

ORDER THEREON, 15th September 1860, No. 1,191.

The Government direct that the works referred to by the District Engineer of Tanjore in paragraph 19 of his letter, for adapting the Government buildings and Citadel at Tranquebar to Judicial purposes, at the cost of Rupees (3,000) three thousand be at once put in hand and executed with all practicable despatch, to admit of the Courts being opened on the day already notified in the Gazette, viz., on the first proximo.

2. With reference to paragraph 20 of the same letter it is observed that the provision of Office furniture does not fall within the province of Officers in the Department Public Works nor is the cost debitable to that Department. The Judge may, however, avail himself of any assistance which the District Engineer may be able to afford him towards making up the furniture. When it has been completed Mr. Clarke will submit for sanction a contingent bill for the amount.

3. Mr. Clarke will be so good as to state how many prisoners can be accommodated in the Citadel in the long building on the west face, alluded to in paragraph 16 of Captain Oakes' letter, being fitted for their reception.

Exd. F. Cartledge. (Signed) T. PYCROFT,
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From The Chief Engineer

To The Secretary to Government Dept.

Dated 11th September 60

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Report on the Government Buildings at Tranquebar in the District of Tanjore to be adapted as Court Houses for the Civil and Criminal Courts, Principal Sudder Ameen and Moonsiff Sudder Ameen

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to Madras Govt.

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