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Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
16th June 1860.*

No. 117. Read the following letter from R. R. COTTON, Esq., Civil and Session Judge of Madura, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 21st May 1860, No. 148.

1. I have the honor to report for the information of Government, with reference to the concluding portion of paragraph 6, of the Extract Minutes of Consultation, No. 60, dated 7th January 1859, Public Works Department, that as it was considered, that the Civil Court could remain as at present, in the old Palace, Mr. Clarke and myself fixed upon the plot of ground, just outside the building, as the site for the new subordinate and Mufty's Court, not only as conveniently situated for the public; but, because it was necessary that the Subordinate Court should be, for the convenience of Pleaders, reference to records, &c., in the proximity of the Upper Court.

2. Since these Proceedings were passed by Government, His Excellency the Governor has visited Madura, and made himself personally acquainted with the actual state of the Courts, and I am led to believe, is of opinion, that an entire new set of Courts are required, and should be built; and I have been led to understand, that it is considered advisable, that the site of them should be fixed, with reference to the *new proposed Jail*; in which case the site selected by Mr. Clarke and myself, might not be approved of; the site of the new proposed Jail, being talked of, as what is commonly called "the Race course," on the north side of the river Vigay, and upwards of a mile from the town.

3. The Officer in charge of the Department Public Works, having been directed to prepare an estimate for the Courts, with reference to the Orders of Government above quoted, has applied to me for a plan of the proposed Courts, forwarding for my inspection, that of the Court lately erected at Tinnevely; before I comply with his request, I am anxious to obtain the *present* views of the Government on the subject. The plan of the Tinnevely Court is altogether too small, and would hardly hold the Civil Records of the Madura Court.

4. If I have not misunderstood His Excellency the Governor, it was his idea that as the present building, used as the Civil Court, could not last many years, it would be preferable to abandon it altogether, and have a complete new set of Courts erected for the Civil and Session Judge, Subordinate Judge and *Mufty* Sadr Amín; in which case it may be requisite to modify the orders passed, which have reference merely to the Subordinate and (*Munsiff's*) Mufty's Courts; and to direct estimates to be made for a public building, capable of containing the *three* Courts, of the Civil and Session Judge, Subordinate Judge, and Sadr Amín. It may also be deemed advisable to defer the settlement of the present question, till the result of the late Judicial Committee's report is definitely decided, and the new Jail site *fixed* upon.

5. Should the Government, however, be of opinion, that its former orders for the erection of a Subordinate Judge's and Mufty's Court, in the site fixed on by Mr. Clarke and myself, just outside the entrance to the present Court, should be carried out, I will at once prepare a plan for the Courts, for the Officer in charge of the Department of Public Works.

No. 118. ORDER THEREON, 16th June 1860, No. 759.

Orders will be passed in the Public Works Department, for the preparation by the District Engineer, Madura, in communication with the Civil Judge, of a Plan and Estimate for a building, to accommodate the Subordinate Court, and the Court of the Mufti Sadr Amín only. The question of site cannot at present be decided, but that need not interfere in the preparation of a Plan and Estimate.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

No. 759. B. June 1860.

Orders will be passed in
the Public Works Dept. for
the preparation by the Dis-
trict Engineer, Madras, in
communication with the
Civil Judge, of a double
~~set of Plans & Estimates~~
~~one for a building, &~~
~~a set of buildings, to ac-~~
commodate the Civil
Court, the Subordinate
Court, & the Court of
the

Pro. P.M.D. 11th Jan 1859 et 60 & 61.
" " " " 31st March 1860 et 1861 & 62.

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From the Civil and
Session Judge of
Madras
To The Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort St George

Dated 21st May 1860

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No. 878.

Regarding the erection
of new Courts.

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