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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department, 5th September 1863.

Read the following papers:—

No. 38. From A. MACDONALD RITCHIE, Esq., Registrar, High Court, Original side; to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 21st August 1863.

1. I have the honor to enclose copy of a letter just received by me from Captain H. L. Prendergast, R. E., for Assistant Engineer, Presidency, Northern Range.

2. The Chief Justice being at the time in the Court House, I at once laid the original letter before him, and he directs me to state that he never contemplated Coach-houses and stabling being built on the open space between the High Court buildings and the line of Cook-houses in the rear, and entirely concurs in Captain Prendergast's suggestion of turning such portion of the godowns of the Marine Department as may be required into stabling and building the Coach-houses where the present low stables now stand.

3. When the Chief Justice approved of the plan for Coach-houses and stables submitted to him, he did so under the impression that the site on which they were to be erected formed part of the present stable yard of the High Court.

4. I am further directed by the Chief Justice to state that it would be very desirable to remove entirely the existing line of Cook-houses, &c., in the rear of the High Court, and to replace them by buildings suited for similar purposes, but arranged in a more compact and sightly form, and by a light shed for the accommodation of suitors attending the High Court.

5. If Captain Prendergast's suggestion and the suggestion in the preceding paragraph should meet with the approval of Government, the Chief Justice would feel obliged by the necessary instructions being given for having them carried into effect, in order that the buildings of the High Court may be complete by the time at present arranged, *i. e.* the end of the vacation.

From Captain H. L. PRENDERGAST, R. E., for Assistant Engineer, Presidency, Northern Range; to A. M. RITCHIE, Esq., Registrar of the High Court of Judicature, dated Madras, 21st August 1863, No. 115.

I have the honor to request you will be so good as to let me know whether the Lord Chief Justice is satisfied with the plans as now proposed, of building Coach-houses and stables, in the open space between the High Court buildings, and the line of Cook-houses in the rear.

This site was selected, as it was considered to be the only available ground; but as I had the advantage of inspecting the godowns of the Marine Department yesterday, with you, which appear admirably adapted for the purpose of stabling, I would beg of you to be so good as to move Government to determine, whether the long row of godowns opening on the present stable yard of the High Court, might not be given up by the Marine Department to be used as stables: and Coach-houses be provided adjoining the two which stand at the west end of the long godown, by removing the present low stables.

If this arrangement were to be sanctioned, 4 double Coach-houses would be built, instead of 8 single ones, as at present designed; and in place of running up 18 new stables, it will only be necessary to open entrances in the front of the Marine godown, with some low partitions for the stalls, and perhaps some additional ventilation. By these measures, there will be, in all probability, a saving of expenditure; and these will be obviated, what I think would necessarily be a considerable nuisance, viz., a number of carriages and horses being congregated almost close under the windows of the Judges' rooms, and those of the other Officers of the Court.

The Marine Department are, I believe, unwilling to give up the godowns—and I address you on the subject, with a view to the matter being laid before Government, with the least delay. If I were to represent the matter in my own Department, I must address the Superintending Engineer, who would report to the Secretary in the Public Works Department, and there would be a third reference to the Chief Secretary in the Judicial Department. This loss of time, it is of importance to avoid, as I am naturally anxious to push on the stable arrangements, so as to be completed by the time the Court again opens.

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Referred to the Master Attendant in charge of the Office of Superintendent of Marine for report, as to whether the godowns referred to can be made available for the High Court. Mr. Dalrymple will be good enough to state what use is made of the godowns.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
The 22nd August 1863.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

No. 39. From H. D. E. DALRYMPLE, Esq., Master Attendant in charge of the Marine Superintendent's Office; to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Marine Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 26th August 1863, No. 2,182.

With reference to the letters as per margin and the order to report thereon, under date 22nd instant, I have the honor to inform you that I have agreed to give up to Captain Prendergast, Presidency Engineer, as much space in the Marine Store godown and yard, as may be required for the accommodation of the carriages and horses which will be daily congregated at the High Court.

From Captain H. L. Prendergast, R. E., for Assistant Engineer Presidency, Northern Range, to A. M. Ritchie, Esq., Registrar of the High Court of Judicature.
From A. M. Ritchie, Esq., Registrar of the High Court, Original side, to the Honorable A. J. Arbuthnot, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George.

2. I must, however, respectfully state that this must be considered merely a temporary arrangement, for in the event of war the whole of the accommodation in question will be required for the service of Government.

No. 40. ORDER THEREON, 5th September 1863, No. 1,432.

The Governor in Council approves of the arrangement reported in the foregoing letter which, as suggested by the Master Attendant, will be considered a temporary one.

2. The Executive Engineer will be instructed to carry out the suggestion made in paragraph 4 of the letter from the Registrar of the High Court with as little delay as possible.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. T. McMootry.

From,

A. Macdonald Ritchie Esquire.
Registrar High Court, Original Side.

To,

The Honorable A. J. Arbuthnot
Chief Secretary to Government
Fort Saint George.

Sir,

1. I have the honor to enclose a copy of a Letter just received by me from Captain H. L. Prendergast R. E. for Assistant Engineer Presidency N. R.-

2. The Chief Justice being at the time in the Court House I at once laid the Original letter before him and he directs me to state that he never contemplated Coach Houses and Stabling being built on the open space bet. the High Court buildings and the line of Cook houses in the rear and entirely concurs in Captain Prendergast's suggestion of turning such portion of the Godowns of the Marine Department as may be required into Stabling and building the Coach houses where the present low Stables now stand.-

3. When the Chief Justice approved of the Plan for Coach houses and Stables submitted to him he did so under the impression that the site on which they were to be erected formed part of the present Stable yard of the High Court.-

4. I am further directed by the Chief Justice to state that it would be very desirable to remove entirely the existing line of Cook houses &c.ᵐ in the rear of the High Court and to replace them by buildings suited for similar purposes but arranged in a more Compact and Sightly form and by a light Shed for the accomodation of Suitors attending the High Court.

If they can be moved these buildings with this extension, they could also build Coach houses so as there is a small bit of ground at the back of the present Police Court which might be used as Stables.

5. If Captain Prendergast's suggestion and the suggestion in the preceding paras should meet with the approval of Government. the Chief Justice would feel obliged by the necessary instructions being given for having them carried into effect in order that the buildings of the High Court may be complete by the time at present arranged i.e. the end of the vacation.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant

S Macdonald Wyndham
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Registrar

High Court Madras
Registrar's office
21st August 1863

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Read letter from the Regr. of the High Court } Here enter 21st Augt 1863
From the Master Attendant in charge of the Office of Supdt of Marine } — 27th — No. 2182

Order thereon 5th September 1863 No. 1432

The Governor in Council approves of the arrangement reported in the foregoing letter which, as suggested by the Master Attendant, will be considered a temporary ~~an arrangement~~.

The Executive Engineer will be instructed to carry out the suggestions made in paragraph 4 of the letter from the Registrar of the High Court with as little delay as possible.

To the Master Attendant in charge of the Marine Supdt. Office } despd. 5th
— Regr. of the High Court Original Side } "
— Departt Public Works } "

Judicial 1863 Department
1432 Pro. Dept.
From
The Registrar of the High Court Madras
To
The Chief Secretary to Govt. Fort St. George.
Dated 21st } August 1863.
Received 23rd }
No. 1827
Enclosing copy of a letter from ... relative to the buildings of Coach Houses and stables for the High Court and Shed for the accommodation of Suitors &c.
Refd.