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Government of Madras.

Judicial **DEPARTMENT.**

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No. 23. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Revenue Department, dated 26th November 1863, No. 2135.

Concur with the Revenue Board in considering the permanent location of the Talook Cutcherry of Sydapet in the buildings at Guindy under the same roof with the Jail as objectionable, and opine that it would be well to build a proper Cutcherry near the Collector's Office, or part of the land purchased from the Nabob's Estate.

(Vide Proceedings Revenue Department, dated 26th November 1863, Nos. 348—352.)

No. 24. ORDER THEREON, 1st December 1863, No. 1883.

Communicated to the Inspector General of Jails.

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

Exd. T. O'Connor.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 26th November 1863.

Read the following papers:—

No. 348. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 25th September 1863.

Read the following letter from the Honorable R. S. ELLIS, C. B., Collector of Madras, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Madras, dated Saidapet, 19th September 1863, No. 368.

SIR,

1. With reference to Government Order No. 1,529, dated 20th August 1863, I have the honor to enclose a plan of the public buildings attached to the Guindy Jail and of the Jail itself.

2. I would not recommend that any expense should be incurred to render these buildings suitable for a Talook Cutcherry, because I am of opinion that the Tahsildar's Cutcherry should be at Saidapet itself, which is a rapidly increasing town. The inhabitants of Saidapet would be greatly inconvenienced if the Talook Cutcherry is located at Guindy.

3. I also think it undesirable that the Talook Cutcherry, which is generally attended by large numbers of people, should be in such close proximity to a Jail. I am satisfied that such an arrangement would be found destructive to Jail discipline. The space marked B is at present occupied by the Guindy Jailer, an arrangement which has its advantages as securing his constant presence and attendance. The space occupied by the Jailer was not occupied by short sentenced prisoners as sanctioned by the Order in the Judicial Department, dated 28th April 1863, No. 653, as it was found on consulting the Superintendent of Police that these prisoners could more conveniently be confined in the Jail at Saint Thomas' Mount. Moreover, by this arrangement, saving in Jail guards was effected.

4. It is very desirable that the records and Treasury now at Guindy should as soon as provision is made for a Talook Cutcherry, be removed from Guindy.

5. This would leave a considerable space available for prisoners, should it be found desirable, as is probable, to increase the number of convicts employed in the neighbourhood of the Guindy Jail. Under any circumstances, I would deprecate the removal of the Saidapet Talook Cutcherry to Guindy.

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1. Ordered to be submitted to Government, with reference to their orders quoted by the Collector.

2. The Board fully concur in opinion with the Collector that the Guindy Jail in position is ill-placed for the Talook Tahsildar's Office, and that the arrangement of combining the Cutcherry with that Jail, if intended, will be expensive and unsatisfactory.

No. 349. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 30th September 1863.

Read again letter from the Collector of Madras, dated 18th August 1863, No. 329, recorded in Board's Proceedings, No. 5,252, 22nd August 1863.

Read also the following letter from the Honorable R. S. ELLIS, C. B., Collector of Madras, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Madras, dated Saidapet, 25th September 1863, No. 388.

SIR,

1. With reference to the Board's Proceedings, No. 5,252 of the 22nd ultimo, I have the honor to forward herewith a ground plan of Mr. Johannes' house at Saidapet.

2. There is ample space for a subsidiary Jail and Police Lock-up. But I am of opinion that it will only be necessary to provide for prisoners under trial. Convicted short sentenced prisoners can continue as at present to be confined in the Jail at Saint Thomas' Mount.

Ordered that the above correspondence with the plan of Mr. Johannes' house be submitted for the orders of Government, with reference to the proposals to build a Cutcherry at Saidapet already before them.

2. The Board are disposed to think that if the building is pronounced by the Department of Public Works to be well built and worth the price asked, the purchase may be a good economy although some slight alterations and additions will be necessary to suit it for a Talook Cutcherry.

3. The gain in time over the plan of building a new Office is a material consideration.

No. 350. From G. BANBURY, Esq., Acting Collector of Madras, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Saidapet, 3rd October 1863, No. 60.

SIR,

1. With reference to your Official Memorandum, No. 210 of the 1st instant, I have the honor to state that in October 1861 when the Guindy Jailer's dwelling house was under repair, Mr. Cunliffe permitted him to occupy the rooms which had previously been allotted to the Hoozoor Treasury and the Deputy Collector.

2. The owner of the building, which the Saidapet Tahsildar had long been occupying rent free, determined to rent it to other parties; and upon this, Mr. Cunliffe requested the Sessions Judge to furnish the Jailer with rooms elsewhere, or to pay the monthly rent for a Cutcherry should it be determined to maintain the Jailer in his quarters at the Guindy Jail.

3. After some correspondence between this Office and Mr. Phillips, copies of which I herein enclose, it was arranged that the Jailer should continue to occupy the Guindy rooms, paying monthly Rupees 5 from the Judicial Contingent charges, which sum was appropriated for the rent of a house in Saidapet for the use of the Talook Cutcherry.

4. This arrangement lasted only six months. The building was found unsuitable, and the Tahsildar ultimately removed to an old Choultry in the main street of Saidapet, and remained there until a few days back, when he became settled in far more convenient premises rented under Government orders for Rupees 20 per month.

Govt. Procs. dated 20th August 1863, No. 1,529, Revenue Department.

5. When the necessity for paying Rupees 5 per month ceased, the demand was no longer made upon the Judicial Department. The repairs to the Jailer's former residence are still to be completed, but should the Government think proper, I can communicate with Mr. Phillips concerning the restorations as soon as he returns from his recess.

No. 351. Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department, dated 7th October 1863, No. 2,925.

Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel A. J. M. BOILEAU, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 5th October 1863, No. 2,782.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to state, in reply to your Memorandum No. 9, dated the 2nd instant, that an Estimate amounting to Rupees 6,300 for a new English Record room, Printing room, &c., was forwarded from this Office on the 3rd instant, to the Collector for his approval.

2. It has been pointed out to the Collector that the Order of Government appeared to contemplate merely additions to the present Record room, and he has been requested to state whether a new building, as planned and estimated for, is really required.

Communicated to the Revenue Department.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
26th November 1863.

No. 352. ORDER THEREON, 26th November 1863, No. 2,135.

1. The Government concur with the Board that the permanent location of the Talook Cutcherry in the buildings at Guindy, under the same roof as the Jail is objectionable, and they consider that the best plan will be to build a proper Cutcherry near the Collector's Office, on part of the land purchased from the Estate of the Nabob.

2. The Government are not disposed to purchase Mr. Johannes' house, and until a Cutcherry can be built, they consider that the best plan will be for the Tahsildar to occupy the northern portion of the Guindy buildings, which can afterwards be appropriated for Jail purposes, either as a dwelling for the Jailer or otherwise.

3. The Board will obtain and submit an estimate for any petty alterations as may be necessary and a Plan and Estimate for a new Cutcherry.

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
" Department Public Work
" Judicial Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Concerning the Rev Bd in consideration of the [illegible] the subsequent location of the Lock Hospital Asylum &c &c in the building for merly used as the Jail, as objectionable & [illegible] that it will be well & suitable for the purposes of the Collectors office, part of the Land Surveyors Department & the Estate —

With Plan Order

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