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Read the following papers : –

No. 72. From J. ROHDE, Esq., Inspector General of Jails; to A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq., Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated Ootacamund, 22nd July 1863, No. 68.

Before taking any steps towards the erection of a Jail buildings in the little Fort at Tanjore, I have the honor to submit to the consideration of Government whether in erecting a new Jail so confined a space as that of the little Fort should be selected. The small Jail designed for Chatterpoor is as small as I can propose for Tanjore even with the Central Prison and Jail at Trichinopoly in reserve. I would, however, suggest that if it is the intention of Government to establish the second Court for the District at Negapatam, one of the two Jails should be only a few cells and wards for short term convicts with sufficient room for debtors and committed prisoners as the communication by rail is easy.

No. 73. From E. W. BIRD, Esq., Civil and Session Judge of Tanjore; to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Judicial Department, Fort Saint George, dated Tanjore, 30th September 1863, No. 879.

In reference to the Chief Secretary's Official Memorandum, No. 297, of the 19th instant, requesting certain information regarding the little Fort at Tanjore, and my opinion on the proposal contained in the enclosed letter from the Inspector General of Jails, I have the honor to submit a plan of the little Fort of Tanjore supplied by the Superintending Engineer's office, showing the position of the buildings in it with the amount of open space available. It appears that the whole area of the little Fort is, exclusive of the ground taken up by the Pagoda about 330 × 360 yards, from which must be deducted the Sevagunga tank within the walls, measuring 220 × 120 yards, also the space occupied by the Church, Cutcherry and other buildings including that used as the present Court of Small Causes.

2. In regard to the proposal of the Inspector General of Jails, I beg to state I concur with that Officer in thinking that if the Courts and Jail now at Tranquebar, are to be established at Negapatam, the necessity for a second large Jail on the line of Railway would not exist, as the communication either towards Trichinopoly or Negapatam is easy or rapid. There must always however be a "lock-up" attached to this Court for short term convicts with room for Civil debtors and committed prisoners, and for this the limited space in the little Fort will probably suffice. Should, however, it be found that the prison ought, on sanatory or other grounds, to be attached to this, rather than to the Court of Negapatam, the space available in the little Fort will, I fear, be far too limited for so large a building as must be constructed. Outside the Fort, however, there is abundant open space on which the prison could be advantageously erected. Although of course I am not now in a position to say whether there would be any difficulty in securing the ground.

No. 74. From E. W. BIRD, Esq., Civil and Session Judge of Tanjore; to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Judicial Department, Fort Saint George, dated Tanjore, 28th October 1863, No. 985.

In reply to your official Memorandum, No. 297, of the 19th September last, I have the honor to submit copy of a letter from the Collector of Tanjore, No. 1058 of yesterday's date, in reference to the site for the Jail proposed to be erected here.

2. The land I first thought of for the site of the Jail is well suited for the purpose, being nearly one vaily (6¾ acres) in extent, and situated on high and open ground away from the Native town and the European residents of Tanjore. The price asked, however, (Rupees 2000 per vaily) is so exorbitant that I cannot recommend it as the site of the future Jail, should such be built here.

3. The land alluded to by the Collector in paragraph 3 of his letter is, however, nearly, if not quite, as suitable for the site of a Jail. It is sufficiently high; is rather more than one vaily

or 6½ acres in extent; is in the neighbourhood of the town and Fort of Tanjore, and has already several made-roads surrounding it, rendering it easily accessible on all sides.

4. No difficulty will be raised by Her Highness Kamakshi Bayi Sahiba, to the sale of this land for a reasonable price to the Government, and indeed I was given to understand that she was willing the Government should have it free of cost.

5. Should the site in question be approved for the Jail, I would beg strongly to recommend that the new Courts also be erected on the same or some neighbouring, open and healthy spot, in preference to building them within the little Fort. The latter is a confined, hot locality, and the neighbourhood of the large Native Pagoda, which is within the walls of the same Fort, must always render it exceedingly noisy during the occurrence of Native festivals. The Fort ramparts which are lofty will render the Court buildings exceedingly close, and airless. During the prevalence of epidemic disease (Cholera, &c.,) in the enormous Native city in the immediate vicinity of the little Fort, the Courts located in such a situation will, I fear, be found inconvenient and dangerous to health. Should land, at a moderate price, such as that I now, in concurrence with the Collector, beg to recommend for the site of the Jail, be approved by Government, I trust also that the new and handsome building which the Superintending Engineer is about to propose for the accommodation, under one roof, of four of the Courts of Tanjore, may not be erected in the confined, and I think really unsuited site which the little Fort affords; and where it will, from their being only one road into the Fort, be both difficult of access, and shut out from sight.

From W. M. CADELL, Esq., Collector of Tanjore; to E. W. BIRD, Esq., Civil Judge of Tanjore, dated Vallum, 27th October 1863, No. 1058.

I have the honor to reply to your letter of the 10th instant, No. 930, regarding a site for the Jail proposed to be erected at Tanjore.

2. The ground referred to in your letter, and which I inspected with you in person, is about 18 maws in extent, and is the property of the neighbouring Mosque. The owner is willing to dispose of it, but he demands the sum of Rupees 2000 per vaily—an exorbitant price certainly; but, at the same time, I should state that the land purchased for the Great Southern of India Railway was paid for at that rate.

3. There is another piece of ground between the piece above referred to and the glacis of the large Fort which would, I think, be even better adapted for a site for the Jail and the Courts; it belongs to Her Highness Kamakshi Bayi Sahiba, though, at present, I believe it is in the possession of Succaram Sahib. The claim of the latter to the land has, however, been proved to be invalid, and the Agent of Her Highness Kamakshi Bayi Sahiba informed me yesterday that there would be no objection to the giving up of a piece of this land if required for the Courts and Jail. The matter of price could, I doubt not, be easily adjusted.

4. If, however, I may be allowed to offer an opinion on the subject, and if the Jail at Tanjore is to be merely a lock-up, I conceive it would be an economical arrangement, in every point of view, and particularly in the matter of guards, to have the building within the little Fort.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) E. W. BIRD,
Civil Judge.

No. 75. From Captain E. A. FOORD, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 6th Division; to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Tanjore, 10th November 1863, No. 1109.

I have the honor to forward for sanction and entry in the Budget of 1864-65, an estimate of Rupees 48,570, for constructing a Court House at Tanjore. The estimate was called for in the Proceedings of Government of the 9th July, No. 1830.

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1 Plan.
1 Abstract Estimate.

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2. The plan is the same as that of the Court House now being built at Cuddalore. On my showing the plan of that Court House to the Civil Judge, he approved of the dimensions and arrangements of the rooms, and considered the building well adapted to the requirements of this place. The exterior of the two Court Houses will not be alike.

3. The building is to consist of two stories. The centre room of the lower story is for the Court room of the Additional District Moonsiff, and the rooms on each side are for the establishments. The end rooms are intended for records, and much additional space has been obtained by enclosing the verandahs of the end rooms. The upper story is to accommodate three Courts, viz., those of the Civil Judge, the Principal Sudder Ameen, and the District Moonsiff. The Court rooms are separated from each other by rooms for the establishments, and there is an open verandah on all four sides of the upper story.

4. In their Order of the 27th of June, No. 179, Government directed that plan and estimates should be prepared for a Jail and Court House to be built in the little Fort. The available space in that Fort is so very small, that I cannot recommend that either building should be placed in it. Very good sites are to be had between the Fort and the Railway, but the ground will have to be purchased.

The Collector and Judge have, I believe, selected a site for a Jail, and the Court House can be built near it.

5. No specification accompanies the estimate, as it cannot well be written until the exact site has been determined, and until it is known whether any materials will be available from the walls of the large Fort, for the demolition of which an estimate has been already forwarded. The plan and estimate of the building however give all necessary information. I have not prepared a plan for a Jail as the Inspector General of Jails, in communication with whom I was to prepare the plan, has not replied to my letter,* in which I requested to be favored with his views on the subject.

* No. 261 of the 17th July 1863.

N. B.—Since the above was written, I have received a letter from Mr. Rhode, in which he states, that he has forwarded a design for a Jail, for the approval of Government.

(Signed) E. A. FOORD.

Referred to the Judicial Department.

CHEPAUK,
16th November 1863.

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

No. 76. ORDER THEREON, 10th December 1863, No. 1924.

In Proceedings in the Political Department, under date the 27th June last, No. 179, the Governor in Council directed that plans and estimates should be prepared for a Court House and Jail to be built in the little Fort at Tanjore; the Court House being so planned as to accommodate the Civil and Sessions Judge and two Principal Sudder Ameens and also, if the Civil and Session Judge deemed it advisable, the Court of Small Causes and one or both of the District Moonsiffs.

2. The Inspector General of Jails having objected to the erection of a Jail in the little Fort, on the ground that the space is too confined; the Civil and Sessions Judge was called upon for his opinion, and was requested to report what was the extent of open space in the little Fort. Mr. Bird concurs with Mr. Rohde in considering the space available in the little Fort too limited, unless it be designed to erect only a small lock-up. The Civil and Sessions Judge also objects, for the same reason, to the erection of a Court House in the little Fort; and he recommends that the piece of land suggested by the Collector, which is the property of Her Highness Kamakshi Bayi Sahiba, and which, he believes, may be obtained at a moderate price, be purchased for the purposes. The little Fort, he observes, is a confined, hot locality; and the

neighbourhood of the large Native Pagoda which is within the walls of the same Fort, must always render it exceedingly noisy during the occurrence of Native festivals. The Fort ramparts, which are lofty, will render the Court buildings exceedingly close and airless. During the prevalence of epidemic disease (Cholera, &c.,) in the enormous Native city in the immediate vicinity of the little Fort, the Courts located in such a situation will be found inconvenient to health.

3. The Superintending Engineer is of the same opinion. The [illegible] the little Fort is, he observes, so very small that he cannot recommend that either [illegible] should be placed in it.

4. In these circumstances, the proposal to erect a Jail in the little Fort must be abandoned. The Collector will ascertain and report, in communication with the Superintending Engineer on what terms sufficient land for the two buildings on or near the site named in his letter of the Civil and Sessions Judge of the 27th October last (paragraph 3) can be purchased. Meanwhile, the Governor in Council approves of the plan and estimate which has been prepared by the Superintending Engineer for the Court House, and which is designed to accommodate the Civil and Sessions Court, one Principal Sudder Ameen, and two District Moonsiffs. It is not stated why no provision has been made for the Additional Principal Sudder Ameen or Court of Small Causes. It is presumed, however, that the accommodation now available for the latter Court is considered sufficient, and the Additional Principal Sudder Ameen is not likely to be wanted permanently.

4. In regard to a Jail, both the Inspector General and the Civil and Sessions Judge are of opinion that if it be intended to move the Courts now at Tranquebar to Negapatam, one Jail and a lock-up will be sufficient for the two Zillah stations of Tanjore and Negapatam. The Governor in Council directs that a plan and estimate be now prepared for building a Jail at Tanjore on a site adjoining that proposed for the Courts, sufficiently large to accommodate the prisoners both of the Tanjore and Negapatam Zillahs. Should it be determined eventually to move the Courts from Tranquebar to Negapatam, a lock-up can be erected at the latter place, together with the other public buildings that will be required.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary

Exd. T. McMoohry.

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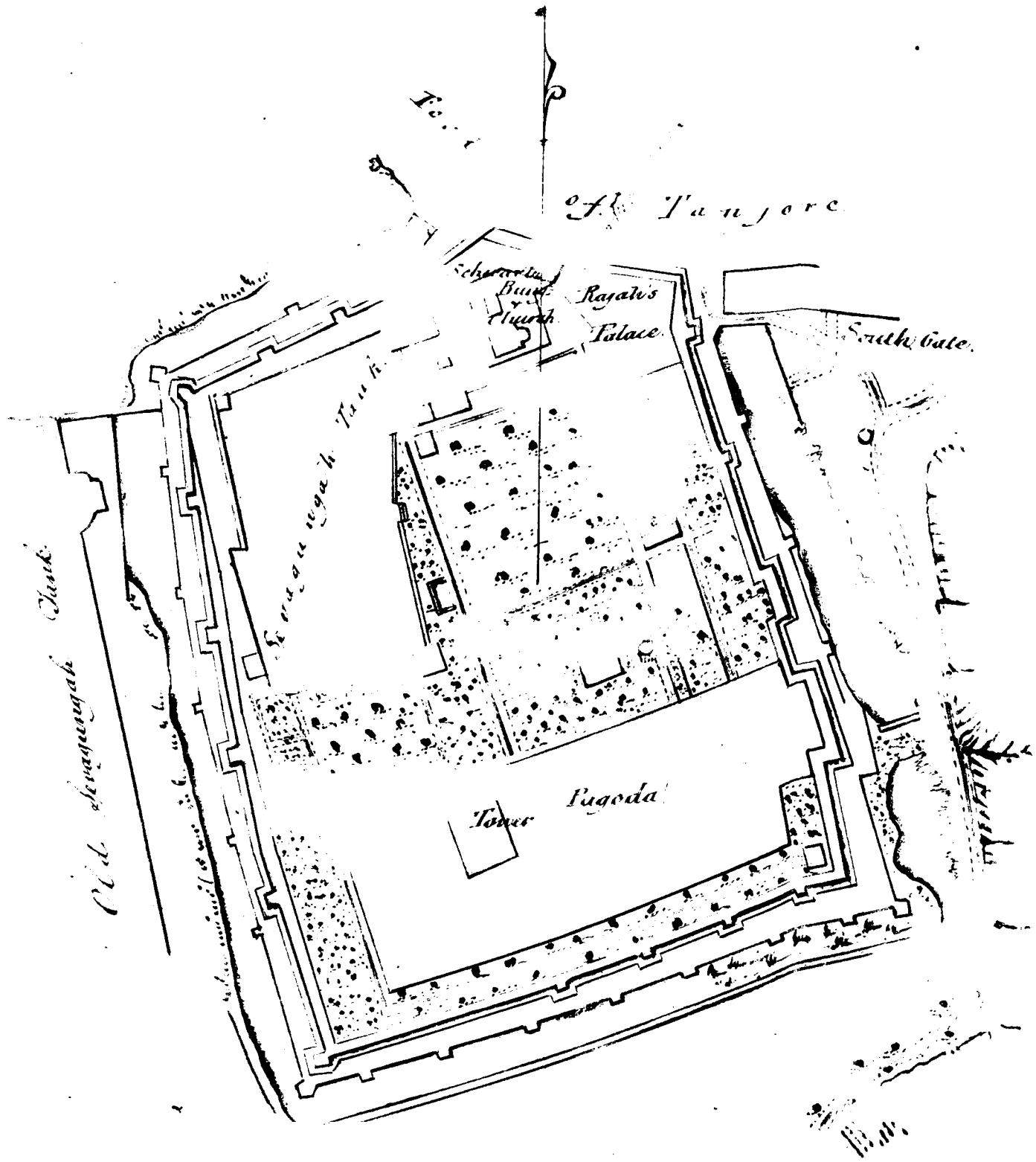
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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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Letter from the Asst. Gen. of Civil Engs. &c. dated 30th

Letter from the Principal Civil Judge of Tanjore dated November 30. No. 879

Letter from the Superintending Engineer, 6th Division dated 28th October to 10th November No. 985

Order thereon 10th December 1863. No. 24.

In proceeding to the Collectorate dept. under date the 27th June last, the Commissioner of Land Revenue and Settlement was requested to submit plans and estimates should it be proposed to build a new Court House at Tanjore; the Court House being so planned as to form part of the Collectorate and Sessions Judge's and two

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Tanjore and Negapatam Zillahs.

Regretting the Collector of Tanjore to report on what terms sufficient land for a Court House and Jail could be purchased on or near the Site belonging to H. H. Hamath Shi. Baje Sahiba. Calling for a Plan and Estimate of a Jail to answer for both Tanjore

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