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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
10th February 1863.

No. 86. Read the following letter from C. F. CHAMIER, Esq., Registrar of the High Court of Judicature at Madras; to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 9th February 1863, No. 22.

I am directed to acknowledge receipt of the Order of Government, dated the 15th ultimo, requesting the Judges of the High Court to take steps with as little delay as possible for the transfer of the Appellate side of the Court and its establishment to the late Supreme Court House; and observing that probably it will not be requisite that the Court of Small Causes or the Town Police Office, which are both held in parts of the same range of building, should be disturbed.

2. In reply I am directed to state that the Judges have not the means of making the necessary building arrangements for the transfer of the establishment on the Appellate side of the High Court to the late Supreme Court House. This can only be done by the Government through its Executive Officers; but I am directed to say that the Chief Justice will be happy to afford any information which may be required, to the Executive Officer who may be entrusted with the duty of making the necessary building arrangements, and providing suitable accommodation for the whole establishment of the High Court in the same building; and that the Registrars and other principal Officers will be instructed to render all the assistance in their power.

3. To facilitate the accomplishment of the object in view, I am further directed to enclose a tabular Statement showing the accommodation that will be required, with observations on the use to which each apartment will be devoted. And, having reference to this Statement, the Chief Justice and Judges desire to observe that the removal of either the Small Cause Court or the Town Police Office, or probably both, seems to them quite unavoidable, there being at present only one room in the late Supreme Court building available for the sitting of a Court.

4. The Chief Justice and Judges concur in the opinion expressed by the Government, that the Coroner need not be furnished with an office in the High Court.

The accommodation necessarily required at the late Supreme Court Building to admit of both the Original and Appellate business of the High Court there temporarily carried on.

Number of Rooms.	For what required.	Remarks.
Three.....	A Court for Original business..	The late Supreme Court is suitable for the original business.
	A Court for Appellate business..	For the Appellate Court a spacious well lighted and well ventilated room must be provided.
	A third Court for use when the other Courts are occupied.	This third Court should be a good sized lofty room. It would be used also as a Grand Jury room ; the present room being given up for a Judge's room, and at all times when Court was not sitting, it would be convenient for consultations or conferences between practitioners and their clients.
One, and a withdrawing room.	For the use of the Chief Justice	The present room is convenient and suitable.
Two..... ...	For the use of the Judge or Judges attending on the Original side of the Court.....	One room should be large and airy to admit of its being used by a single Judge for the disposal of matters heard in Chambers. The second room would be required when a second Judge attended and as a private withdrawing room. The present Grand Jury room and one of the two rooms at present occupied by Sir A. Bittleston would be suitable.
Two.....	For the use of the Judges attending on the Appellate side of the Court.....	These rooms should be of a moderate size. The other room occupied by Sir A. Bittleston and the room lately occupied by his Clerk would be suitable for these.
One.....	For the use of the Judges' Clerk.	This should be a room of fair size and convenient to the Judges' rooms. The Judges' Clerk will have one or two Clerks under him, and the room adjoining the Chief Justice's Chambers is suitable.
One.....	For the use of the Advocates. ...	The present Bar room is wholly unsuitable.
One.....	For the use of the Vakeels.	
One..... ...	A retiring room for Juries.....	The present room (a very insufficient one) can be continued for this purpose.
	Ministerial Establishment, Original side of the High Court.	
Eight..... ...	Registrar's Office.	This office requires large accommodation' There are besides the Registrar and Assistant Registrar, ten Clerks employed, and records of the late Choultry Mayor's, Recorder's, and Supreme Court's, together with the records in Civil, Ecclesiastical and Admiralty proceedings in the High Court are kept in it. The rooms now occupied afford sufficient accommodation for the present. But additional accommodation will be required as the records accumulate.
Six.....	Office of Clerk of the Crown. ...	In this office there are besides the Clerk and Deputy Clerk of the Crown, five Clerks employed, and in it the records connected with the Administration of Criminal Justice are kept. The rooms at present occupied are not more than sufficient.

The accommodation necessarily required at the late Supreme Court Building, &c.—(*Continued.*)

Number of Rooms.	For what required.	Remarks.
Three...	Sheriff's Office...	This office requires larger accommodation than it at present possesses. The Sheriff has now but two rooms and one very small one, and in these the Sheriff, Deputy Sheriff, and five Clerks have to conduct the business of the office, and the records to be kept.
Two.....	For the present Master and the future Commissioner and taxing Officer.	Both these rooms should be of good size and one somewhat larger than the other. The rooms at present occupied by the Master are suitable and sufficient.
One.....	For the use of the Interpreters and Sworn Clerks and their Writers.	This room should be of a reasonable size and adjoining the Courts. The room at present used is conveniently situated and not more than sufficient.
	Court for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors.	
Two...	Chief Clerk's Office...	The two rooms at present occupied by the Chief Clerk are not sufficient for himself, his Clerks and his records. He would be not more than sufficiently accommodated if he were to remove into the rooms at present used by the Coroner.
Four...	Official Assignee...	This Officer employes five Clerks, and the present is not more than a sufficient accommodation for himself, his Clerks and his records, and for meetings of creditors.
	N. B.—The above arrangement of the Ministerial Establishment without providing a proper room for the Sheriff himself would, if the Coroner's office were removed from the late Supreme Court building and as the office of Sealer is to be done away with, leave four rooms (two moderate sized and two small) adjoining each other vacant. This observation is made without any reference to the rooms at present occupied by the Law Officers of Government.	
	Ministerial Establishment of the High Court, Appellate side.	
One...	Registrar.	The Registrar's room should be near the Appellate Court room.
One...	Deputy Registrar.	The Deputy Registrar's room should adjoin that of the Registrar.
One...	Posting Department...	There should be sufficient space in this room for 4 Clerks, and their desks, and a large Almirah full of records.
One...	Examiners and Readers	Six persons will occupy this room.
One...	Sheristadar's Department... ...	A small room would suffice.
One...	Registered Copyists...	A small room for 6 Copyists. It should adjoin the Sheristadar's room.
Two or Three.	Clerks...	The rooms should be large enough for 22 Clerks.
Two or Three	Translators and Readers	Twenty-two persons will sit in these rooms. To prevent interruption, each Translator should have somewhat more space than would be sufficient for a Clerk. The Readers read the original papers aloud to the Translators.
One..	Current English Records.....	Room is required for 4 persons and several large Almirahs full of records.
One..	Current Vernacular Records.....	A moderate sized room would suffice.
	Old Records.....	Considerable space will be required for these records which extend over a period of 57 years.

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The accommodation necessarily required at the late Supreme Court Building, &c.—(*Continued.*)

Number of Rooms.	For what required.	Remarks.
Law Officers of Government occupying rooms in the late Supreme Court building and in the late Sudder Court building.		
Three.....	The Advocate General.	These Officers at present occupy the number of rooms stated.
Five.....	The Government Solicitor.	
Three.....	The Administrator General.	
One.....	Hindu and Mahomedan Law Officers.	The Government will decide as to the accommodation suited to them.
One.....	The Government Pleader.	

HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE,
MADRAS, *9th February* 1863.

(Signed) C. F. CHAMIER,
Registrar.

No. 87. ORDER THEREON, 10th February 1863, No. 218.

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2. The Governor in Council trusts that it will be found possible to reduce the amount of accommodation proposed in the Statement submitted with the foregoing letter for the Original side of the High Court.

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

Brd. T. McMootry.

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To the Hon'ble the Chief Justice and Judges of the High Court. } desp.d 10th

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