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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department, 21*st March* 1863.

No. 141. Read the following letter from Lieutenant Colonel W. J. WILSON, Commissioner of Police; to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 19th March 1863, No. 44.

With reference to the Order of Government noted in the margin, I have the honor to forward copy of my letter to the Secretary of the Bank, and of his reply thereto, and request you will favor me with further instructions on the subject.

Judicial Department, dated 24th February 1863, No. 303.

2. As it may be advisable to have a proper lease drawn out, I propose, with the permission of Government to request Mr. Boyson to prepare it.

3. I was unable to address the Secretary earlier than the 14th instant, as it was doubtful whether the building could stand the necessary alterations, and I was therefore obliged to await the result of the Engineer's examination.

From Lieutenant Colonel W. J. WILSON, Commissioner of Police; to J. McIVER, Esq, Secretary and Treasurer, Madras Bank, dated 14th March 1863.

Having been directed by Government to take steps for renting the premises on the Beach known as the "Madras Bank," with the view of their being occupied as a Magistrate's Court and Police Office, I have the honor to request you will be good enough to inform me of the terms upon which they are to be let.

2. Some alterations are necessary before the building can be used for the purposes required, but the Government is prepared to make these alterations with the consent of the proprietors.

They would consist principally of the following:—

I. The opening out of the two front rooms of the upper-story into one, to be used as a Court-room; the fitting of punkahs; the erection of a Bench, and so forth.

II. Making two separate entrances on the southern side of the building down-stairs, by converting windows into doors.

III. Separating the end room down-stairs from the rest of the building by bricking up the open archway by which it is now connected with the other rooms.

IV. The conversion of a portion of that part of the lower-story which adjoins Abercrombie's Battery into lock-up-rooms.

Some minor alterations will also be necessary in order to give more light and ventilation in the lower-story; a considerable part of which is at present unfit for any thing but a warehouse.

3. Besides these alterations I am informed by the District Engineer that the sloping roofs of the building are in a bad state, and require immediate repairs, which of course should be done at the expense of the proprietors.

4. It is stated in my instructions that it is understood the premises are to be had for 250 Rupees a month, and as I am prepared to take them on a lease for four years, beyond which time I am informed they cannot at present be let, I beg to offer that sum.

From JOHN McIVER, Esq., Secretary and Treasurer, Bank of Madras; to Lieutenant Colonel W. J. WILSON, Commissioner of Police, dated 18th March 1863, No. 20-923.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 14th instant, and I am instructed to state in reply that the Directors are willing to let the Old Bank premises on the Beach to the Government at a rent of Rupees 250 per mensem, provided the repairs now required and those which may be necessary during the currency of the lease are executed by Government. Should the Government wish these repairs executed by the Bank, I am instructed to state that the rent will be Rupees 300 per mensem.

The Directors do not object to the alterations pointed out by you as necessary to make the premises suitable for the purposes for which they are required.

(True Copies.)

(Signed) W. J. WILSON,
Commissioner of Police.

No. 142. ORDER THEREON, 21st March 1863, No. 456.

The Governor in Council authorizes the Commissioner of Police to engage the old Bank premises at a rent of Rupees 250 per mensem, the Government executing all necessary repairs.

2. The Government Solicitor will prepare a deed of lease, but Colonel Wilson will arrange with the Directors of the Bank for the immediate occupation of the building on a Memorandum of the terms to be entered in the lease being agreed to.

3. The District Engineer will thereupon proceed immediately to execute the repairs and alterations necessary to fit the building for use as a Magistrate's Court.

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

Exd. T. O'Connor.

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(Received 19th March 1863. N°. 442)

Order thereon 21st March 1863. N°. 456.

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To The Commissioner of Police
The Govt. Solicitor
The District Engineer Presidency.

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