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Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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No. 75. Read the following letter from C. COLLETT, Esq., Civil and Session Judge, Vizagapatam, to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Vizagapatam, 14th November 1864, No. 366.

I have the honor to state that I have delayed replying to the Order of Government, 29th June 1864, No. 956, in consequence of the receipt of the Order of Government, 30th July 1864, No. 1156, and in accordance with the latter order, I have now the honor to submit an estimate for furniture, and also an estimate prepared in the Engineer Department for certain alterations in the Court House. Some delay has arisen in procuring the last estimate.

2. The enclosed plan of the Court buildings will also serve as a reply to the first mentioned order. The Court House is built as an upper story to what was formerly the Jail, an open flight of steps leads up to the south verandah, and the verandahs being extensive, numerous doors are exposed. All are old venetian doors of inferior make, and, with a small saw and a chisel, a man might easily in a few minutes effect an entrance, and so get into any part of the Court buildings. The centre of the Court building is a small open square.

3. As the old Jail has been definitely abandoned, I would now propose to transfer the records and cash chest to one of the wards down stairs. There will be the inconvenience of having the records not so near at hand; but it will render the alterations now estimated for possible. The estimate sent with my letter of the 8th April 1864, No. 148, may be abandoned, and the one now submitted, which is about the same in amount, may be substituted for it.

4. I beg to explain the necessity for the proposed alterations. The Court room was intended for a Sub-Court, the number of pleaders being only four, and the business not attractive to the public. On opening it as a Civil Court, I at once found the ventilation so intolerably bad that I got the Engineer Department to put in ventilators at the gable ends, where alone it was possible to do so. But the Court room is altogether too small, the walls are very low and the room dark, and the ventilation is still very defective. The alterations proposed are explained by the remarks in red-ink on the plan; they are to add the present English Writer's room to the Court room, to change the Bench from its present perversely bad position to a better one at the east end of the room, and to raise the walls of the Court room and introduce ventilators along the side walls. Then the Nazir's rooms will be given to the English Department; the Nazir will move into one of the present record rooms and the other record room will be used by the pleaders, and as a waiting room for European or respectable Native witnesses, or suitors in attendance. At present there is no accommodation at all for pleaders, or respectable persons in attendance, and it is a great defect.

5. I beg therefore very strongly to recommend the proposed alterations for sanction. The present arrangements are very defective, and the increased attendance of pleaders, suitors, and of the public (who often appear in considerable numbers), render the proposed alterations, in my opinion, very necessary.

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6. The estimate for furniture, with the remarks entered in it, will I hope be sufficiently clear without further explanation here.

List of Furniture, &c. in the Civil and Session Court at Vizagapatam, and Estimate of additional Furniture required, prepared agreeably to Order of Government, dated 13th July 1864, No. 1156.

No.	Furniture on hand.		Furniture required.		Remarks.
	Description.	Probable value if sold.	Description.	Estimated amount.	
		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.	
<i>Court Room.</i>					
1	Bench.....	...	1 Chair covered with Morocco leather, &c.....	50 0 0	Present Chair private property of Judge—furnished for the purpose by Despatches for 60 Rupees,—offered to Government at 50 Rupees.
1	Table for the Pleaders.....	...	1 Pankah with frill.....	28 0 0	
1	Do. Sheristadar and Javabniviss.....	...	16 Yards of Broad Cloth for the Bench and Tables, at Rupees 2-12-0 per yard.....	41 0 0	
15	Chairs.....	...			
1	Wooden Railing.....	...			
3	Do. Forms.....	...			
<i>Sheristadar's Department.</i>					
4	Unserviceable old Goomastahs' desks without drawers.....	2 0 0	1 Goomastah's desk for Sheristadar.....	12 0 0	
7	Do. do. with do.	7 0 0	5 Do. for Javabniviss, Head Goomastah, Translator, Nazir and Record-keeper.....	30 0 0	
1	Cash Box.....	...	4 Do. for Goomastahs.....	16 0 0	
8	Record Bureaus.....	...	1 Rug-carpet for Sheristadar.....	5 8 0	
7	Do. Boxes.....	...	9 Do. for Subordinates.....	36 0 0	
6	Old Broad Cloth Desk covers.....	3 0 0	2 Yards Broad Cloth for Sheristadars' desk.....	5 8 0	
			9 Do. for Subordinates' do.	21 12 0	
			2 Bamboo mats.....	11 0 0	
			1 Bureau for Current Records.....	30 0 0	
			1 Box for articles zifted...	25 0 0	
<i>English Department.</i>					
3	Office Desks.....	...	1 Office Desk with Pigeon holes and drawers for the Head Writer.....	40 0 0	
3	Old Tables.....	15 0 0	3 Office Desk at Rupees 2-12-0 each.....	36 0 0	
12	Old Chairs (unserviceable.).....	15 0 0	12 Chairs at Rupees, 3 each.	36 0 0	
3	Old Broad Cloth Table Covers.....	3 0 0	2 Yards Broad Cloth for Head Writers' desk...	5 8 0	
5	Bureaus.....	...	5 Do. for Clerks.....	13 12 0	
			1 Bamboo mat.....	15 0 0	
				500 0 0	
			Deduct sale proceeds...	45 0 0	
			Net amount...	455 0 0	

VIZAGAPATAM,
CIVIL AND SESSION COURT,
14th November 1864.

(Signed) C. COLLETT,
Civil and Session Judge.

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ORDER THEREON, 7th December 1864, No. 1755.

The Governor in Council authorizes the Civil and Sessions Judge to purchase furniture entered in the list submitted with the foregoing letter. If the charge be met from the Budget for the current year, provision must be made for it Budget for 1865-66.

His Excellency in Council also sanctions the proposed alterations to the House. It will be determined in the Public Works Department from what the latter charge shall be met.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

Civil and Session Judge, Vizagapatam.
Civil Paymaster.
Accountant General.
Public Works Department, with a Plan and Estimate.

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Order 7 December 1864. No. 1755.

The Governor in Council & authorizes the Civil and Sessions Judge to purchase the furniture entered in the list submitted with the foregoing letter. If the charge cannot be met from the Budget for the current year, provision must be made for it in the Budget for 1865/66.

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2. His Excellency in Council also sanctions the proposed alterations to the Court House. It will be determined in the Public Works Dept from what source the latter charge shall be met.

To
The Civil & Sessions Judge, Nagasaki
The Civil Engineer
The Accountant General
The Public Works Department
15-12-64