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Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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Read the following papers :—

No. 143. From the Executive Engineer, Trichinopoly, to the Acting Superintending Engineer, 6th Division ; dated Trichinopoly, 2nd October 1865, No. 837.

I have the honor, in reply to your Memorandum, No. 1105, of 27th ultimo, received 30th ultimo, to report having this morning inspected Doctor Beatson's house, in company with the Judge.

Enclosure, G. O., No. 2816, dated 22nd September 1865.

2. The upper story is in good repair, and contains two large and one small room which would serve for Court Council and Judge's rooms. The addition of a Bench and Bar, and an exterior stair-case for the prisoners, would be all the alterations required.

3. On the lower story ample accommodation is afforded to the Court servants, &c., the only additions required being iron gratings to three large windows, and substituting strong doors for the present venetians for the record room.

4. The lower story, however, is greatly in want of repair. The whole of the north side is infected with white ants, and though the central portion appears to be sound, it is probable that, if laid open, the damage would be found to have spread. The roof of the north side requires reconstruction.

5. The godowns are in a very bad state; the Judge however states that he would not require them.

6. The main body of the house is not less than 40 years old, though date of construction is uncertain. The upper story was added, as I am informed, ten or twelve years ago, but as its stability depends on that of the lower portion, the term of 40 years may be assumed for calculating deterioration.

7. The prime cost is stated at 33,000 Rupees. Supposing 3000 to be the value of the ground, 30,000 is left for the buildings, which could not have been constructed for less. Depreciation at 40 per cent. for the entire term would thus represent the value, Rupees 18,000.

8. The approximate cost of the alterations and repairs may be taken at Rupees 2000.

9. It would not, I submit, be worth while to bid more than 16,000 for the premises as they stand, since a new building expressly adapted to all requirements could be built for Rupees 26,000.

10. As the sale takes place on the 8th instant, I do not delay this reply pending preparation of plan and detailed estimate, which, if wanted at all, can be sent hereafter.

Forwarded, with reference to G. O., No. 1342, dated 19th September. If delayed, the tappal will be missed, and the letter will reach Madras too late to admit of instructions being sent to Colonel Greenaway, by telegraph, relative to the purchase, or otherwise, of Dr. Beatson's house at Trichinopoly, as the house is to be sold on the 8th instant.

No. 2816, 22nd September.

CAMP MANAMODE,
6th October 1865.

(Signed) R. F. OAKES, Captain, R. E.,
Acting Superintending Engineer, 6th Division.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
20*th October* 1865.

Transferred to the Judicial Department, with reference to the orders in that Department, No. 1342, dated 19th September 1865.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
10*th October* 1865.

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

No. 144. From the Civil Judge, Trichinopoly, to the Acting Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Trichinopoly, 13th October 1865, No. 297.

With reference to my letter to the Chief Secretary to Government, under date the 29th August last, I have the honor to inform you that Messrs. Binny and Co. tell me the lowest offer they are authorized to accept for Dr. Beatson's house, is Rupees 10,000.

No. 145. ORDER THEREON, 20th October 1865, No. 1498.

It will be considered in the Department Public Works whether it is desirable to purchase the building at the price named, viz., Rupees 10,000, and whether funds for the purchase can be made available.

2. It has been ascertained from Messrs. Binny & Co. that the building is still for sale.

(True Extract).

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Public Works Department.
„ Civil Judge of Trichinopoly.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

Madras 17 October 65-

My dear Sir

Dr. Beatson's house at Trichinopoly has not been sold yet. Mr. Harris has written home about it and we have advised him of the lowest price we are authorised to accept for it—

Yours truly
C. Chamier.

W. Hudleston Esq

From Superintg. C. Div. Ahmednagar
— C.J. Dickinson Esq — 13 — —
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Dated October 1865 No. 1498.

Sir,

With reference to the D.P.W. Letter of
Enquiry I purchased the
building at the price named
viz. Rs. 10000. & neither funds
for the purchase can be made
available.

I have ascertained
from Messrs Burn & Co that
the building is still for sale

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Asst Works Depty
Ahmednagar 24/10