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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
17th May 1867.*

No. 195. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Public Works
Department, dated 7th May 1867, No. 1376.

Sanctioning an estimate of Rupees 655 } (Vide Proceedings, Public Works Dept.,
for improving the Moonsiff's Court- } dated 7th May 1867, Nos. 168—170.)
house at Bellary.

No. 196. ORDER THEREON, 17th May 1867, No. 810.

Communicated to the Civil Judge of Bellary.

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

To the Civil Judge of Bellary.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
7th May 1867.*

Read the following papers :—

No. 168. From the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Camp, Dhurmavaram, 4th April 1867, No. 33.

Enclosures 5.

With reference to G. O. No. 681 of 7th ultimo, I have the honour to submit, for the orders of Government, plan, specification, and estimate, amounting to Rupees 655, for making certain improvements to the Moonsiff's Court-house at Bellary, together with a letter, No. 67 of 29th idem, from the Civil Judge of Bellary, and its enclosure, on the subject of the urgent necessity which exists for carrying out the improvements contemplated in the estimate originally submitted.

From the Acting Civil Judge of Bellary, to the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, dated Bellary, 29th March 1867, No. 67.

1. Adverting to the Order of Government, Public Works Department, dated 7th instant, No. 681, forwarded with your Memorandum of the 18th idem, No. 3,385, I have the honour to enclose a letter from the District Moonsiff of Bellary, furnishing the information called for by Government, and to state that I fully concur with him in the absolute necessity of the proposed alterations. It is almost impossible for him to carry out the requirements of the law without them.

2. A species of property frequently attached are carts and bullocks. These cannot be secured in the Court-house, and as there is no enclosure outside, they are picketted near the verandahs, and there is nothing to prevent their being conveyed away by interested parties or professional thieves. A room in the Court for the custody of articles of value under attachment is also essentially necessary. The dimensions of the Court are absurdly small, and with its increased jurisdiction the present space is wholly insufficient.

3. With a laudable view to economy, Mr. Platcher proposes certain make-shift arrangements, but as the Moonsiff's Court at Bellary is likely to be permanent, I think that any thing but substantial and well-devised additions and alterations would in the end prove expensive. It is to the interest of all parties, moreover, that property in the custody of the Court should be well cared for, and therefore I am opposed to the tiled shed for the protection of conveyances and cattle being struck out of the estimate.

From the District Moonsiff of Bellary, to the Acting Civil Judge, dated Bellary, 29th March 1867.

1. With reference to your Official Memorandum, dated the 25th instant, calling for a report particularizing the requirements of my Court-house, and the necessity for the proposed alterations, I beg to state that the undermentioned conveniences which do not now exist are absolutely needed to enable me to carry on the business of the Court :—

No. 1. Room for securing attached property.

2. Enclosure and shed for securing carts and cattle under attachment.

3. Room for a portion of the establishment of the Court, and for the custody of the records and papers in daily use during business hours.

2. As respects the necessity for the accommodations, Nos. 1 and 2, I beg to state that according to the provisions of the Code of Civil Procedure, all movable property attached is to be secured in the Court-house, unless the same is attached at a very great distance from it; and at present time there are no means in and attached to the Court-house for securing such property.

3. The space in the principal room of the Court, in front and by the sides of the bench, is insufficient to accommodate, with the establishment and the numerous Vakils practising in the Court, the number of persons who resort to it since the extension of its jurisdiction by the

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abolition of the late Adonis Court; the room No. 3 is, therefore, required for the Gumasthas who have charge of the records and papers in daily use, and which are liable to be lost or abstracted in a crowded room.

4. To meet the above-said requirements, and at the same time to entail as little expense on Government as possible, I have proposed that the verandahs facing the west and north which, as they now stand, are perfectly useless, should be converted into the rooms Nos. 1 and 3; and with the same object of economy I would now suggest, instead of a tiled shed for the cattle, the cost of which is the most expensive item in the estimate, that simply a walled enclosure be built with a strong gate.

5. In conclusion, I beg to state that since this Court-house was built, some ten or eleven years ago, it has been repaired but once; that the roof is in such a state that during the last rains the business of the Court was frequently impeded by the leakage, and that the floor, which is of chunam, is completely worn into holes.

6. The Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, dated 7th March 1867, which accompanied your Memorandum, are herewith returned.

Referred to the Judicial Department.

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

9th April 1867.

No. 169. Memorandum from the Chief Secretary to Government, in the Judicial Department:—

(Here enter 26th April 1867, No. 121.)

No. 170. ORDER THEREON, 7th May 1867, No. 1,376.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 19.

1. Under the explanation now afforded, the Government sanction the estimate of Rupees 655 for improving the Moonsiff's Court-house at Bellary.

2. The question of providing funds for the work will be considered in connection with the Superintending Engineer's Statements of demands under date the 16th April 1867, which are now before Government.

(True Extract.)



Colonel, R. E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division.

„ Accountant General.

„ Controller of Public Works Accounts.

„ Judicial Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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