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Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
18th January 1868.

Read the following papers :—

No. 118. From P. GRANT, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Coimbatore, 29th November 1867, No. 117.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Proceedings of Government, Judicial Department, and their Order thereon, dated 14th November 1867, No. 1840, in paragraph 3 of which I am directed to take steps to procure the land required for the site for the Police village—a spot marked *C* on the plan. The plan I have not yet received, but the Superintending Engineer has been written to about it, with a request that the site may be marked out, in view to its purchase being concluded. To save time, however, I ascertained from the Superintendent of Jails the position of the said site *C*, and I can only say that I was horrified to find that a site had been chosen “for a village of 50 Policemen” with its complement of latrines, &c., in one of the most objectionable positions, so far as my private house is concerned, that could well have been chosen. I, therefore, trust that Government will reconsider their order, and direct that some other locality for the Police village be fixed on; as, otherwise, the value of my property will be greatly depreciated.

2. I cannot help stating that, when the Jail was originally proposed to be built here, a site at a distance from my house was fixed on. This site, I, with others, considered objectionable to the whole station in a sanitary point of view, especially with reference to the prevailing winds in Coimbatore.

I then advocated the selection of the present site, which, although objectionable in several points of view so far as this house is concerned, was preferable, so far as the whole station is regarded, to the original site. This house was then Mr. Ward's, and I was in treaty with him for its purchase. Now what I wish to show is that, with a view to further the public interests, when the site for the Jail was being fixed on, I waived my private interests, and I trust that, in the present instance, Government will display a like consideration for my interests; for, assuredly, if the Police village is constructed at the site *C*, the value of my property as a residence will be depreciated. The north-east—or perhaps, more properly, the east north-east—wind, which blows from about the middle of October to the end of March, will blow over and through the Police village to my house. To say the least of it, the idea is disagreeable. If it will suit Government, I shall be glad to sell my house and grounds to them. The house is a good one, well suited for quarters for the Superintendent of Jails, and the ground attached to it is 34 acres in extent. It cost me Rupees 13,000; but I shall be glad to sell it to Government for Rupees 11,000, as I am anxious to get rid of it, ere I leave India next year. My successor has refused to purchase it.

The compound of my house is only about 200 or 250 yards from the Jail compound. The situation of the house is far preferable to the site on which it is proposed to build the Jail Superintendent's house, which lies low, and in the direct line of the north-east wind, which blows over the Jail, the Hospital, and the newly erected and extensive latrines. In fact, I consider the situation of my house the best existing site for the Jail Superintendent's residence, more especially if a due regard for the comfort and feelings of the Superintendent and his family is to be shown.

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Referred to the Inspector General of Jails for early report.
FORT SAINT GEORGE, (Signed) R. S. ELLIS,
11th December 1867. Chief Secretary.

No. 119. From the Inspector General of Jails, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 31st December 1867, No. 151.

I have the honor to return the letter of the Collector of Coimbatore, No. 117, dated 29th November, which was referred to me on the 11th instant, and to report that there is a piece of ground immediately beyond the road forming the western boundary of the Jail compound where a site may be found for the Police Lines, which is not open to the objections raised by Mr. Grant. It is about 400 yards from, and nearly opposite to, the Jail gate, and has been approved of by the Officers of Police. It was not recommended at first, because the Jail Superintendent thought it too near his house, but he has now withdrawn his objection.

2. The survey is again forwarded herewith. The ground now selected is marked D. Being private property, it must be purchased.

3. The site for the Superintendent's house was chosen by himself as being the best within the limits belonging to the Jail, and, although the north-east wind will blow over it from the body of the Jail, it does not appear to be either in the line of the Hospital, or in that of the latrine. No doubt, Mr. Grant's house is better situated, but the price named is larger than that sanctioned by Government.

No. 120. ORDER THEREON, 18th January 1868, No. 74.

The site now selected for the Police huts, marked D on the plan, to the west of the Coimbatore Jail, is approved. The Collector will take the necessary steps for purchasing the land required.

2. The Government are not prepared to purchase Mr. Grant's house as a residence for the Superintendent of the Central Jail.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Collector of Coimbatore, with the plan.
" Inspector General of Jails.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

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Inspector Genl. of Jails - 31 Dec. - 151.

Order thereon 18 January 1868 No. 74.

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P.M.

I would add
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Mr. Grant I think ought to have an answer N.
to his offer - otherwise it will be
reported as no decision
date - 18th Jan.