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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
Judicial.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Judicial Department :—

Requesting that the District Engineer Tanjore may be called upon to submit without delay a plan and estimate for any minor repairs or alterations that may be necessary to appropriate the Tanjore Residency as the location of the Zillah and Principal Sudder Amins Courts, and directing the District Engineer to fix the rent of the Bungalow as well as that of the upper story of the Residency to be occupied by the Zillah Judge.

(Here enter 23rd September 1862, No. 1,571.)

ORDER THEREON, 29th September 1862, No. 2,322.

1. Communicated to the Deputy Chief Engineer, Southern Circle, for early attention with reference to paragraphs 5 and 6.

2. The District Engineer's attention should be directed to paragraph 7.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Deputy Chief Engineer, Southern Circle.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers :—

From J. ROHDE, Esq., Inspector General of Jails; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated 19th August 1862, No. 416.

In acknowledging the Order of Government, No. 1,169, I have the honor to state that on my last year's visit to Tanjore I arranged with Mr. Cadell for the Jail accommodation required, and that the buildings will do well enough for the purpose, though they do not afford facilities for detailed classification, which will be of the less consequence if by providing accommodation in a Central Prison at Coimbatore or elsewhere, all long term men are removed from this station.

2. My intention is that Trichinopoly at one end of the Railway shall relieve both Negapatam and Tanjore of all prisoners whose term of sentence exceeds 6 month, and that Coimbatore shall receive all prisoners sentenced to 7 years and upwards, and many prisoners whose removal is otherwise desirable.

Read Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 21st August 1862.

Read letter from G. LEE MORRIS, Esq., Acting Collector of Tanjore; to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Chepauk, dated 16th August 1862, No. 312.

With reference to the Board's Proceedings of the 11th instant, on the subject of the accommodation for Court Houses at Tanjore; I have the honor to forward herewith a copy of a letter* addressed by me to the Sudder Court which contains the information required by the Board.

*16th August 1862.

Under the circumstances stated by Mr. Morris, the Board consider that the Residency at Tanjore is certainly not available for the Courts.

2. They are in a position to know that the late Judge, Mr. Beauchamp, was of opinion that the other building mentioned by Mr. Morris was unsuited for a Court House and would be found very noisy.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary.

To the Honorable T. Pycroft,
Chief Secretary to Government,
with reference to their Order, dated 9th August 1862, *No.* 1,273.

From G. LEE MORRIS, Esq., Acting Collector of Tanjore; to the Registrar of Sudder Court, Madras, dated 16th August 1862.

With reference to your letter, dated the 18th July 1862, No. 99, requesting me to inform you whether any buildings are available at Tanjore for the several Courts now located at Combaconum, I have the honor to state that there is a building within the Tanjore Fort which appears to me well adapted for the purpose.

2. The place I refer to is a large upstair house forming four sides of a square, situated in the main street in the Town, in close proximity to the Treasury, and the Huzur and Taluq Kacheris, and contains ample accommodation for the Civil and Sessions, Principal Sudder Ameen's and Sudder Ameen's Courts. It contains three long rooms, which might, at a slight expense, be converted into good places for the Judges to hold their Courts in, as well as smaller rooms and deep tiled verandahs for Writers, Gumastahs and Records.

3. The building in question is the property of the Mangalavilas or concubines of the late Raja, but it was, till very lately, occupied by the Superintendent of Police, who used to live as well as hold his Office there. I do not see any difficulty towards hiring it for a monthly rent or

buying it outright as the Government may decide on. I am in favor of buying it outright, for the money which the Government would give for it would be very acceptable to its owners, who are both too numerous and too divided to live there again.

4. Mr. Swinton, when lately at Tanjore, chose a place for the Small Cause Court which is well suited for the purpose required.

5. The only other place in Tanjore available for the Court Houses besides the one I have before mentioned is the Residency; and with regard to it, I beg respectfully to urge, that it does not appear to me to be either fair or expedient to turn it into a Court House. There is very little house accommodation in Tanjore; and I am sure the Government do not desire a dignified official of high rank like the Civil and Sessions Judge to be compelled to live in a small and wretched place, which is what he will be obliged to do if the Residency is taken away, more especially when another place suitable for the Courts is available. Moreover, it is absolutely necessary that the Collector should have some house where he can come to on his frequent visits to Tanjore, the Palace and the Treasury requiring his presence very constantly. On this ground therefore, I would urge strongly that the Residency be left as it is now, the Collector being allowed to rent one of the Bungalows attached to it, and the remainder being let to the Sessions Judge.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) G. LEE MORRIS,
Acting Collector.

From THOMAS WILKINS, Esq., Acting Deputy Registrar of the High Court of Judicature at Madras; to the Honorable T. PYCROFT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 30th August 1862, No. 4.

1. With reference to the Order of Government, dated the 11th ultimo, I am directed by the Judges to state that the Acting Collector of Tanjore has reported that a large upstair house, the property of the concubines of the late Rajah, is well adapted for the several Courts now at Combaconum, and might, without difficulty, he considers, be either hired for a monthly rent or purchased outright by the Government.

2. The Acting Collector states that the building is situated in the main street in the Town in close proximity to the Treasury, and the Hoozoor and Talook Cutcheries, and contains ample accommodation for the Courts; that 3 of its long rooms might, at a small outlay, be converted into good places for holding Courts, and the smaller rooms and deep tiled verandahs be used for establishments and records.

3. The Acting Collector strongly urgers that the Residency, the only other building available for the Court Houses, be left as it is at present, the Collector being allowed to rent one of the Bungalows attached to it, as it is absolutely necessary he should have some house to reside in on his frequent visits to Tanjore, the Palace and Treasury requiring his presence very constantly. He proposes further that the remainder be let to the Civil Judge, who he states will otherwise be compelled to live in a small and wretched house, very little house accommodation being procurable in Tanjore.

4. The Judges, I am desired to state, agree with the Acting Collector that, with slight alterations, the building belonging to the concubines of the late Rajah, might be converted into good Court houses; but the Acting Collector has not stated whether these ladies are willing to let or sell it, and as the Government may at any time be required to vacate the building, they have called upon him for information on this point and as to the rent or sale price of the building.

5. The Judges would, however, prefer the Residency buildings, the property of Government, and which are admirably adapted for Court Houses. The main building is an upstair construction with several large rooms and extensive godowns, which at little cost, can be raised and converted into Record rooms. There are two Bungalows connected with the main building by flat roofed open passages, one of which would do well either for the Court of Small Causes or the Principal Sudder Ameen's Court and the smaller for the retiring rooms of the Judges. Near the entrance gate is a set of terrace roof buildings where the District Moonsiff of Tanjore might hold his Court, if it be deemed desirable to remove him from the building he now occupies, in which case the godowns belonging to it might be used after certain alterations as record rooms also. The whole of these buildings are in a large open space walled in all round, with good trees and water for the convenience of parties and witnesses having business at the Courts. The Police Head Station is also close at hand outside the gate, and the Jail is about $\frac{3}{4}$ mile beyond that inside Fort wall.

6. As regards the Acting Collector's objections to the conversion of the Residency buildings into a Court House, the Judges are of opinion that that Officer can scarcely require the Residency for his private purposes as his visits to the Palace once a week would in all probability be sufficient for the Palace business; whilst the duties of the Tanjore Agency can be as easily conducted at Vellum, where the Collector has his fixed residence, and which is at a distance of only 5 miles from Tanjore, as in any other part of the District where, as Collector, the Government Agent may temporarily be located. The District Treasury is understood to be under the special charge of a Deputy Collector; and as regards the personal inconvenience to the Civil and Session Judge, the Judges are of opinion that this gentleman could for a time be allowed to occupy either the upstair portion of the main building of the Residency, the larger bungalow or both the bungalows attached to it; or, for a period, he might become the tenant of the building belonging to the concubines of the late Rajah; or, if they are not misinformed, the house purchased by the gentleman now holding the office of Collector of Tanjore, near the Residency, if not otherwise tenanted, would be found suitable for the Civil and Session Judge's own accommodation; but even if the Judge is unable to find a comfortable abode ready for his reception, it is not, the Judges consider, becoming on the Government to defer the execution of a desirable public arrangement to suit the private convenience of one of its servants.

7. The Judges therefore strongly urge the appropriation of the Residency buildings for the use of the Courts now located at Combaconum.

ORDER THEREON, 23rd September 1862, No. 1,571.

The two last of the above papers relate to the question of the location of the Courts at Tanjore, viz., whether they shall be established at a house in town the property of the Mungalavass or Seraglio of the late Rajah, or in the former Residency.

2. The Judges of the High Court have called on the Collector of Tanjore to report whether the Ladies of the Mungalavass are willing to let or sell the building, and if they are, what will be the rent or price demanded. The Government however are in possession of information which satisfies them that on Political and other grounds, it would not be expedient to divert the building from the use of the Mungalavass Ladies—and were it otherwise, there seems to them to be no reason why they should expend money in renting or purchasing those premises, when they have already on their hands a range of buildings better adapted to their purpose.

3. The former Tanjore Residency is, the Judges state, "admirably suited to Court Houses. The main building is an upstair construction, with several large rooms and extensive godowns, which at little cost, can be raised and converted into record rooms. There are two bungalows connected with the main building by flat roofed open passages, one of which would do well either for the Court of Small Causes or the Principal Sudder Ameen's Court, and the smaller for the retiring rooms of the Judges. Near the entrance gate is a set of terrace roof buildings where the District Moonsiff of Tanjore might hold his Court, if it be deemed desirable to remove him from the building he now occupies, in which case the godowns belonging to it might be used after certain alterations as record rooms also. The whole of these buildings are in a large open space, walled in all round, with good trees and water for the convenience of parties and witnesses having business at the Courts. The Police Head Station is also close at hand outside the gate, and the Jail is about $\frac{3}{4}$ mile beyond that inside the Fort wall."

4. The only objection that has been urged is, that the Residency is wanted for the dwelling of the Judge. But clearly the Government should consult the comfort of the people of a wealthy and populous Zillah who may have business Civil or Criminal with the Courts, rather than the convenience of the individual Judge.

5. Under these circumstances the Government resolve that the Tanjore Residency be appropriated as the location of the Zillah, and the Principal Sudder Ameen Courts on their transfer from Combaconum. The transfer should be made as quickly as possible, and the District Engineer will be called on through the Department Public Works to submit without delay a plan and estimate of any minor repairs or alterations that it may be necessary to effect, but the transfer of the Courts should not be delayed on that account. The Judge will be allowed to occupy the upper story of the Residency at a moderate rent for a period not exceeding 12 months within which time he must find accommodation for himself elsewhere. On the Judge vacating this upper story it will be for consideration whether the Court of Small Causes should not be removed into it from the Ani Mahal in the little Fort where it now is.

6. The Court of the Tanjore District Moonsiff will be transferred to the building near the Residency entrance gate, lately occupied by the Residency Sheristadar, as soon as the out-houses attached to the building have been altered for conversion into record room, which work should be set about at once.

7. The Collector will be permitted to rent the terrace bungalow for his own use at suitable rent. The rent of the bungalow as well as that of the upper story of the Residency to be occupied by the Zillah Judge, will be fixed by the District Engineer.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Chief Justice and Judges of the High Court.
" Civil and Sessions Judge of Tanjore.
" Collector of Tanjore.
" Department Public Works.

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