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No. 230. Read the following letter from the Civil Judge of Madura, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madura, 15th January 1866, No. 13 :—

1. I have the honor to submit, for the consideration of Government, the following circumstances.

2. In 1859 the want of accommodation for the various Civil Courts at Madura being brought to the notice of Government, the building in which three of them are now held having, with the exception of that portion of it occupied by the Civil and Session Court, been pronounced dangerous, the Government expressed its opinion "that immediate steps should "be taken to provide proper buildings for the Sub-Judges and Moonsiffs' Courts," and orders were accordingly issued, through the Chief Engineer, for the preparation of the requisite estimates, the site for the building being left to be decided by the Collector and Civil Judge. The Government subsequently again passed orders for the preparation of a plan and estimate for the building to accommodate the Sub-Court and the Court of the Moofty Sudder Ameen, leaving the site of the building to be afterwards determined.

Public Works Department, No 60, 7th January 1859, paragraph 6.

Judicial Department, 16th June 1860, No. 759.

3. The site fixed on by the Collector, Mr. Clarke, and myself as Civil Judge for the new Courts, was just outside the entrance of the palace.

4. A plan, specification, and estimate, amounting to Rupees 17,870, for constructing a two-storied Court-house was accordingly submitted to Government and approved, and the estimate *sanctioned* for entry in the Budget of 1862-63.

Judicial Department, 13th December 1861, No. 1,531.

5. I beg to submit that at the period when this new building was required, the three Courts held in the palace were the Civil and Session Court, the Subordinate Court, and the Moofty Sudder Ameen's Court; as above stated the portions occupied by the two latter were and have for a long time been pronounced dangerous, though both the latter Courts have since been abolished a Principal Sudder Ameen's Court has been established, and also a Small Cause Court, these, as no new Courts have been built, are both still held in the palace, the latter where the Subordinate Court was; the former, in a corner of the palace colonade, where the Zillah School was formerly, but from which it was removed, as the place was unsafe. In addition to proper accommodation for the above said Courts, a Court-house is now required for the District Moonsiff, he also formerly occupied a portion of the palace, but was obliged to leave it in 1858, owing to the report of the Engineer of its dangerous condition, and the Court was removed to a Muntapum on the west of the Pagoda, the temporary use of which was given by the Pagoda officials. This they now require, and have requested that it may be vacated by the Moonsiff, but I am at a loss to find a place where he can hold his Court.

6. Under these circumstances, I write to inform you that Mr. G F. Fischer tells me that he is anxious to dispose of both his houses, situated *close to the Court*, the road only separating them from the site selected by Mr. Clarke and myself for

the new Court-houses, he requires 5,000 Rupees for each of them; he has been offered, he says, 5,000 Rupees for one, but will not sell it until he can obtain a like sum for the other, which would make, I think, with small outlay, a very excellent Principal Sudder Ameen and Moonsiff's Courts, while the other house, if procurable, would do for the Small Cause Court. The former building is a comparatively new building, and could not be built *now* under 7000 or 8,000 Rupees; I solicit, therefore, authority to make an offer, on the part of Government, to Mr. Fischer to purchase it, if the report of the District Engineer, who might be called upon to inspect and report on it, and its value, was satisfactory. The proximity of the building to the other Courts, and its adaptability for a Court-house, makes me anxious that the opportunity of obtaining it for a Principal Sudder Ameen and Moonsiff should not be lost, and I solicit sanction to make the offer may be telegraphed to me viâ Trichinopoly.

Transferred to the Public Works Department, with a view to the issue of orders directing the Superintending Engineer to report on the building referred to in the foregoing letter.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
8*th March* 1866.

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

No. 231.

ORDER THEREON, 10th March 1866, No. 803.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 31.

The Superintending Engineer of the 8th Division is requested to report on the buildings which are referred to by the Civil Judge of Madura.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division.
" Judicial Department

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No. 13 / 1866

Madura Civil Court
15th January 1866

From

A. A. Cotton Esquire
Civil Judge of
Madura

To

The Honorable A. J. Arbuthnot
Chief Secretary to Government
Fort Saint George

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Public Works Department No 60 15th January 1859 para 6.

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Judicial Department 18th June 1860. N°759

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Judicial Department 13th December 1861. N°1531.

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I have the honor to be

Honorable Sir

Your most Obedient Servant

Robt Cotton

Civil Judge

Rd 8 Jan 1856

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Fort St George
8 March 1866

C. J. Cornthwaite
Chief Secretary

The Superintending Engineer of the 8 1/2 D. is requested to report on the buildings which are referred to by the Civil Judge of Madura

Fort St George
10th March 1866

To Supg Engr 8 1/2 D.
" Judicial Department

Dept of Public Works for March 1866
Judl Department

From
The Civil Judge of Madura
To
The Chief Secretary to Government
Fort Saint George

Dated 15th January 1866
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No 121.

Requesting the Sanction of Government for the purchase of a Court House for the use of the Principal Sudder Ameen and Municipal Commissioner of Dindigul
&c &c &c 10th March 1866

Referred

The Civil Judge is informed that no funds are at present available for the purchase of the house referred to in the foregoing letter for the use of the Principal Sadr Ameen & Municipal Courts.

To the Civil Judge of Madura.