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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
14th January 1869.*

No. 227. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Judicial Department.—

Calling for information with reference to certain
applications for building sites on the North
Beach, from Abercrombie's Battery to Her
Majesty's Granary, the property of Government } (Here enter 19th December 1868, No. 1,925.)

No. 228. ORDER THERION, 14th January 1869, No. 111.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 29

Communicated to the Superintend-
ing Engineer of the 4th Division who
will furnish the plans called for in para-
graphs 1 and 3.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division.
,, Judicial Department.

Exd. G. A. Turton.

Govt. of Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

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THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER.

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JANUARY.

Nov. 25, 1868

Do not forget to send the report on the new Police Courts, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 30th July 1868.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
19th December 1868.

Read the following papers —

No 211. From the Committee appointed to report on the best sites for two New Police Courts, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 30th July 1868.

The Committee took into consideration, in the first instance, the site for the Town Police Court, and being unanimously of opinion that this building should, for various reasons, be located on the beach, and especially because of the many cases for hearing connected with the shipping, they discussed and inspected every site that they had any reason to believe was available, or likely to become available, and they decided on recommending to Government that one of the following sites should be given up for the purpose, it being immaterial which of the three is decided on, and that office accommodation for the Deputy Commissioner of Police should be provided in the building —

1st — The north and larger part of the Abercrombie's Battery.

2nd — A frontage of 120 or 130 feet of the north portion of the ground occupied by the Commissariat godowns, which are apparently fallen into disuse.

3rd — A like frontage of the south part of the yard attached to Her Majesty's Granary, which, the Committee understand, will not hereafter be required by the Commissariat Department.

2. The Committee next proceeded to select a site for the amalgamated Court of the new Second Division, and to comprise, in addition, the Office of the Commissioner of Police; and considering the limited space of the Commissioners' present premises, the dilapidated condition of the existing buildings, and the circumstance that a favorable opportunity is now afforded for simultaneously erecting a new structure in every way suitable for all the purposes required, and which may be made an architectural ornament to the city, and for disposing of sundry premises, the property of Government, which would be no longer required for Magisterial and Police purposes, the Committee strongly advocate, as the site for the new Courts, the south end of the waste land adjoining Marshall's road in Egmore, and which is marked on the accompanying sketch. It is, in all respects, a suitable site for an important public building, and the Committee venture to hope that Government will recognise the expediency of granting this clean, open, and healthy site for a building which will present no objectionable feature to the owners of property in the vicinity.

3. The buildings which it is proposed should be sold are:

1. The Royapet Court-house and premises.
2. The Vepery Court-house and premises retaining only the lock-up in each case, if doing so does not seriously limit the sales.
3. The Police Commissioner's Office and premises
4. The Justice's Jail in Davidson's street, Black Town.
5. The piece of ground near Burghall's stables, bought some years ago as a site for a Police Office.

4. The other sites considered by the Committee are the premises now occupied as the Presidency College, and which they rejected on account of its unhealthy reputation; and that part of the Clothing Office compound adjoining the Mount road

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13th December 1868.*

which is very suitable, and a sufficient extent of it might, it is believed, be purchased without in any way interfering with the Clothing Office

5 Having now discharged the duty devolved on them, the Committee desire to bring to the notice of Government that the officers chiefly concerned in the matter, viz, the Magistrate of the amalgamated Court and the Commissioner of Police, are by no means agreed upon the necessity of the radical change herein contemplated.

6. Captain Weldon considers that the circumstances of the case are considerably altered since he addressed Government, by the transfer of Perambore and Vey-surpaudy to the First or Town Police District, and that for the newly constituted District the old Royapettah Court is well situated, and he does not desire any change, or wish to recommend the expense of new premises in order to the Commissioner of Police being brought in proximity to the Court, though he would consider the erection of premises for the Commissioner at Royapettah unobjectionable if such a move is considered necessary, and for which there is ample space.

7. Major Drever, on the other hand, adheres to his opinion of the expediency, indeed necessity, of bringing the Commissioner of Police and the new amalgamated Court together, and he objects to premises being erected for him at Royapettah, which, in his opinion, is not central with respect to all Madras as the Commissioner's Office should be; and which, moreover, while he admits to be geographically central in the new Magisterial jurisdiction, is not, he considers, central as regards the bulk of the population concerned, and he urges that it would be a hardship to ask the inhabitants of Vepery to travel to Royapettah for justice, and accordingly presses for the provision of the double Court and Police Office somewhere near his present Office, and rather than forego this advantage he would, if the more eligible site recommended is not made available, advocate the improvement of his old office and residence; the purchase of additional land adjoining, and the re-construction of the out-offices with the view of erecting new Court houses on the ground now occupied by them, all of which is quite practicable; but the Committee could not recommend such a course in preference to a new and complete building on the ground near Marshall's road.

(Signed) J. CARPENDALE, Col, R. E.
(") C. DENISON, Colonel.
(") W S DREVER, Major, s c.
(") T. WELDON
(") T. G. CLARKE,
Magistrate of Police.

No. 212. From the President of the Municipal Commission, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 6th August 1868, No. 689.

Having recently had occasion to bring to the notice of the Municipal Commissioners, the insufficient accommodation afforded by these premises for the various Departments under my orders, they appointed a Committee composed of one Commissioner from each division, to select a site for a new Municipal Office; and at the last General Meeting held on 31st ultimo, the report* of the said Committee was read and adopted, recommending

* Copy enclosed

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19 h December 1868.*

the northern portion of Abercrombie's Battery with a part of the ground between it and the Stamp Office on which the Commissariat sheds are built, as the best site for the new Office

2 I would venture to solicit, therefore, that the Right Honorable the Governor in Council may be pleased to place the land in question at the disposal of the Municipal Commissioners for the purpose aforesaid.

To
THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL COMMISSION
GENTLEMEN,

Having been nominated by you at the last General Meeting as Members of a Committee to select a site for the erection of suitable office premises for the Municipality, we beg to report that we consider a very eligible spot may be found on the North Beach The spot to which we refer is that portion of Abercrombie's Battery lying north of the road which runs across it, together with a part of ground between it and the Stamp Office on which the Commissariat sheds are built We visited this spot, and are unanimously agreed that none better can be chosen, there is sufficient ground available for all the purposes of the Municipality, and, as regards situation, it is convenient and central that it affords every

NOTE—I was not one of the number, and do not share in this opinion (Signed) G H.
I have not been at the Meeting assembled (Signed) P S.

desirable facility for the conduct of Municipal business

2 We have also been informed that the Committee, appointed by Government to select a site in Town for the Police Office and Magistrate's Court, have also been attracted by the spot above indicated They consider that one of the three sites described below would answer their purpose equally well —

1st —A portion of the ground on which the Commissariat godowns stand
2nd —The northern portion of Abercrombie's Battery, it being understood that the southern has been made over by Government to the Ice Committee
3rd — A portion of the land occupied by the Commissariat sheds, lying between Abercrombie's Battery, and the Stamp Office

3 If the Committee appointed by Government were to prefer the first of the three sites above described, then all requirements will be readily met. The arrangement in such case would be as follows:—

1st —The Town and Marine Police Court may be placed on the southern portion of the Commissariat godowns, and

2nd —The Office of the Municipality on the northern portion of the Battery, and a part of the land occupied by the Commissariat sheds There will thus be ample room for two public offices, each of which is of sufficient importance to demand the best situation obtainable There would even be room enough for the Office of Registrar of Assurances, which, we understand, it is proposed to erect on a portion of the ground occupied by the Commissariat sheds

We have also had other sites under consideration, but as they are all more or less objectionable, we do not consider it necessary to dwell on them We have considered also, whether it would be practicable to build another story over the present Municipal Office, and further extend the accommodation by the purchase of one or two houses in the immediate vicinity It is very doubtful, in the first instance, whether the foundation and walls of the structure are calculated to sustain the weight of an additional story, and in the second it would be very inconvenient, we believe, to have detached offices We are persuaded that no better situation than that on the North Beach which we have described can

NOTE—But additions may, and can, be made to the premises irrespective of an additional or third story (Signed) G H.
(") J J K.
(") P S.

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be selected, and under the circumstances above set forth, we would earnestly urge on the Municipality the desirableness of at once addressing Government, with the view of obtaining a grant of the land in question

MADRAS,
29th July 1868.

We are, &c.,
(Signed) J W GANTZ, *Chairman*
(") D PATERSON
(") C PARDASARADY NAIDOO
(") P SOMASOONDRUM CHETTY.
(") JANAY JAHAN KHAN.
(") M VENKATASAWMY NAIDOO
(") G HAMNETT.

No. 213. From the Officiating Secretary and Treasurer of the Bank of Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 2nd November 1868, No 51 770

I have the honor, by desire of the Directors of this Bank, to request the favor of your submitting to Government an application for the piece of ground known as Abercrombie's Battery, situated to the north of the road connecting Umpherson street with the beach, for the purpose of being used as a building site for new Bank premises.

2 The growing requirements of the business of the Bank have rendered it necessary for the Directors to consider the question of obtaining increased accommodation, and as the site referred to appears to afford the requisite conditions of adequacy of space, and convenience of position, the Directors trust that their application may be favorably considered by Government.

No. 214. ORDER THEREON, 19th December 1868, No. 1925.

Before disposing of these applications, it is resolved to request the Department of Public Works to furnish the Government with a plan of the available building sites on the North Beach, from Abercrombie's Battery to Her Majesty's Granary, the property of Government.

2. The Magistrate of the Town Police Court, and the Secretary of the Madras Bank, will be requested to furnish Government with information as to the amount of ground necessary for the proposed new Offices of the Police Court and Bank, specifying the sea frontage which will be occupied by these buildings.

3. The plan for the Office of the Registrar General of Assurances which has, it is believed, been prepared in the Public Works Department, should also be submitted to Government.

(True Extract).

To the Public Works Department. ✓
" Magistrate of the Town Police Court.
" Directors of the Madras Bank.
" Commissioner of Police.

End J Wright.

W. H. Hall
Acting Chief Secretary to Govt.

20th April 1869

19th May 1869
Court of 1868, Madras.

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To

THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
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Dated December, 19th

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To The Superintending Engr.
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"to Her Majesty's"
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