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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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No. 270. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 3rd November 1870, No. 6,467 :—

Read the following letter from the Collector of Tanjore, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 30th September 1870, No. 333.

With reference to paragraph 2 of the Government Order, dated 23rd April 1870, No. 561, communicated with the Board's Proceedings, dated 28th April 1870, I have the honour to state that the building at Combaconum absolutely requires improvement before it can be used as an office for the Assistant Collector.

2. I obtained a plan from the Superintending Engineer for adding a room to the building, the cost of which is estimated at Rupees 400, and referred it to the Assistant Collector for his opinion.

3. I enclose Mr. Arundel's reply. It will be seen that the main room is ill-adapted for the Assistant Collector to remain all the day long in, being close, ill-ventilated, and very dark. The room which, in the Superintending Engineer's plan, is termed as a "retiring room" is likewise unfit for use, it being only 6 feet × 6 feet, and with a sloping roof 6 feet high. Again, in the plan of the Superintending Engineer, there is no direct communication between the Record-room and that intended for the Clerks, except by the main room.

4. It is thus evident that, with this slight addition, it is impossible to make the building fit for the Assistant Collector's Office.

5. Mr. Arundel has obtained a revised plan for alterations and improvements, the estimated cost of which comes to Rupees 1,100, that is, Rupees 700 over and above that first proposed.

6. I enclose both the plans and estimates for the Board's inspection, and have no hesitation in stating that the improvements proposed by Mr. Arundel are not excessive or unnecessary.

7. Mr. Bird and after him Mr. Arundel have both been holding the Cutcherry in their private dwelling houses, and I would, therefore, urge the necessity of obtaining the speedy sanction of Government for the larger estimate, amounting to Rupees 1,100, being carried out without further delay.

Enclosure No. 1.

From A. T. ARUNDEL, Esq., Assistant Collector, to the Collector of Tanjore, dated Combaconum, 28th September 1870, No. 117.

I have the honour to enclose, herewith, the original plan and estimate for the alterations to be made in the building intended for the Assistant Collector's Cutcherry at Combaconum, and also the new plan and estimate prepared by Mr. O'Shaughnessy, the present Executive Engineer of the range.

2. The alterations at first proposed are insufficient to fit the building for a Cutcherry. The main room is close, ill-ventilated, and very dark, and would be made still worse by the door or screen necessary to transform the closet on the east into a "retiring room." The proposed "retiring room" is 6 feet long by 6 feet broad. Its roof slopes to the west, and on the west side is only 6 feet above the floor, and there is no verandah to protect it from the sun. The accommodation for the Clerks is better, but there is no mode of access to the records, except by passing through the main room.

3. The cost of the above work is estimated by Mr. O'Shaughnessy at Rupees 1,100, thus re[illegible] to be executed by Rupees [illegible]. For the amount, however, three-and-a-half times t[illegible] is proposed, the [illegible] wish to have a verandah and a raised bench. Suitable rooms are provided for the Assistant Collector and for the Clerk who will be able to keep the records clean and [illegible].

4. A private room is necessary for [illegible] purposes and for the despatch of confi[illegible] business, which cannot properly be done in an open Court with [illegible] parties and other strangers present.

5. The building has never yet, so far as I can ascertain, been used as the divisional officer's Cutcherry. Formerly the Sub-Collector and the Judge occupied the Large building in which are [illegible] Small Cause Court and the Tahsildar's Cutcherry. Both my predecessor Mr. Bird and I have held office in a part of our own house, and for that purpose alone. The building in question is now used by [illegible] as the Municipal office, and the Commissioners will be glad enough to leave it for their new office to be built this year.

6. I beg that you will be good enough to recommend the new alterations and estimate for sanction by the Board. From your own knowledge of the building, you will be aware of the inadequacy of the alterations at first proposed.

Enclosures Nos. 2 and 3.—Estimates.

Enclosures Nos. 4 and 5.—Plans.

THE collector for improving the office of the Assistant Collector at Combaconum will be submitted for the favourable consideration of Government.

2. The accommodation which will be provided is really wanted and the cost Rupees 1,100, is moderate.

No. 271. ORDER THEREON, 19th November 1870, No. 1,810.

Miscellaneous.

THE estimate for improving the Assistant Collector's Cutcherry at Combaconum, at a cost of Rupees 1,100, is approved and sanctioned.

2. The provision of funds will be considered in the Public Works Department.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
" the Public Works Department.
" the Accountant-General.

I.A.I. P. R. Brahmanda.

Revenue Department

No 1810

Proceedings of the Madras Govt.

Under date the 19th November 1870

Read the following

Ino. of the Bd. of Rev.

(N.E. 3rd Nov. 1870. No 4467)

The Estimate for improving the Assistant Collr. Cutcherry at Conjeveram at a cost of Rs 1100 is approved and sanctioned.

The provision of funds will be considered in the Public Works Dept

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