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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 7th December 1871.

No. 112. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 11th September 1871, No. 2,458:—

1 Plan.
1 Letter.

WITH reference to G. O. No. 18, dated 2nd September 1871, I have the honour to submit a sketch plan of the building now occupied by the Registration Department, showing the dimensions of each room and the use for which it could be appropriated for adaptation as a Town Police Office.

2. Messrs. Clarke and Campbell, Joint-Magistrates, strongly object the transfer of their offices to this building on sanitary grounds, and because the Court rooms are inconveniently too small to carry on their duties. Copy of Mr. Campbell's letter is enclosed, as it contains further reasons why the building is considered utterly unsuitable for a Police Court.

From R. P. CAMPBELL, Esq., Magistrate of Police, Officiating in charge of the Town Police Court, to the Executive Engineer, Presidency, dated Madras, 1st September 1871, No. 72.

WITH reference to your letter of the 30th August 1871, and its accompaniment, I enclose copy of letter from my absent colleague to the Chief Secretary to Government, objecting, on sanitary grounds, to the occupation of the premises now known as the Registrar-General's Office, and requesting that the subject lie over till his return next month.

2. In reply to your request that I will furnish you with the reasons why they are objectionable, I would not only refer to Mr. Clarke's letter but would state that I know of no locality in the entire Town so shut out from fresh air. It is most crowded during our Court's working hours, or from 11 A.M. to 4 P.M., and is continuous in traffic to the High Court, Small Cause Court, Customs Office, Commissariat Office, Shipping Offices, and Mercantile Firms. The impurities there and in the back sluices, and the ammonical effluvia and decayed matter among the closely packed hovels and narrow lanes around the building, the further danger of gathering impure air in an assembly averaging 300 and sometimes exceeding that number, even if the premises were pulled down and rebuilt, with every regard to free ventilation, are the chief objections to the occupation of those premises as Magistrate's Courts; and if it be intended to apply the ground floor for Police purposes, those objections must come with greater force.

3. The badly clothed, unwashed, and ill-fed, who form the majority of people who frequent the Police stations and Magistrate's Courts, even in the well ventilated building now occupied, cause rapid development of noxious gas, and impurity and injury to the public health have now to be guarded against. The shutting up of even one or two windows during the hot winds in a crowded Court cannot be attempted with impunity.

TRANSFERRED to the Judicial Department in continuation of G. O. No. 18, dated 20th September 1871.

OOTACAMUND, *16th September* 1871.

(Signed) J. CARPENDALE, Colonel, R.E., *Secretary to the Government.*

No. 113. ORDER THEREON, 7th December 1871, No. 3,088.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 7.

THE Superintending Engineer of the 4th Division will be requested, with reference to the foregoing letter, to

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7th December 1871.

submit a plan and estimate for adapting the building now occupied by the Registration Department as a Police Office, prepared in accordance with the views expressed by His Excellency the Governor at the meeting at which the Executive Engineer, Presidency, was present, and who is familiar with the alterations that it was proposed should be made to the building.

(True Extract.)
(Signed) J. CARPENDALE, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

No 92. Madras Town Police Court
1st September 1871.

From
R. P. Campbell Esquire
Magistrate of Police
Offg in charge of Western
Police Court
Madras.

To
Captain J. S. Hunter R.E.
Executive Engineer
Presidency

Sir

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I have the honor &c

Signed/ R. D. Campbell

Magistrate of Police

Offg in charge Town Police

(True copy)

J. W Hunter Captain &

Executive Engineer Dist

Sup.t Engr. Office 4th Dn.
No: 2458. Madras 11th September 1871

From,

Colonel C. T. Wilkieson R. E.
Superintending Engineer 4th Dn.

To,

Colonel J. Carpendale R. E.
Secretary to Government P.W.D

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Your most obedient Servt

Wm Chesson Col. H.E.
Supt Engs &c. &c.

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From
The Superintending Engineer
4th Dn.

To,
The Secretary to Government
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Submitting a Sketch
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PUBLIC WORKS.

To

Date[illegible] Encl.

Recd.

G. O. 7th Decr. No. 3088.

Nos. 112 & 113

Building occupied by the Registrar's Dept.— The
Collector's Office & Sub-Court
Establishment, in communication
with the Collector, President
Plan & Estimate for adapting
the Building occupied
by the Registrar's Office
Court Office