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Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
24th February 1877. No. 638.*

No. 614. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Revenue Department, dated 15th September 1876, No. 1,274 :—

ABSTRACT.—*Huzur Cutcherry Buildings at Madura.*—Communicating to the Public Works Department Board's Proceedings, with Collector's letter, on subject of disposal of —.

No. 615. ORDER THEREON, 24th February 1877, No. 638.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 49.

It is not understood what is meant by the proposal now made by the Collector on behalf of the Postal Department.

Proposals made by the former Postmaster-General and recorded in G.Os., Nos. 228 and 1,186, of 26th January and 29th April 1875, were repudiated by the Director-General of Post Offices in his letter recorded with G.O., No. 2,546, of 8th September 1875. And there is nothing before Government to show the acquiescence of the Postal authorities in the present proposal.

2. G.O., No. 3,104, of 2nd November 1875, quoted by the Collector, specially desires that the Postmaster-General should be consulted in arranging for utilizing such buildings as are to be vacated.

3. Information is wanting also as to the buildings at present occupied by the Police, and their disposal when vacated. The District Engineer will report specially on this subject. He will also state whether the old Collector's Cutcherry has been vacated; and if not, what more requires to be done to the palace buildings to enable them to be occupied by the Collector.

4. The Government concur in the opinion that it is not desirable to alienate any ground now occupied by public buildings in Madura; but consider that all such buildings, as they are vacated, should be pulled down, their materials sold, and the sites allotted for the construction of Telegraph and Post and other Offices on approved modern plans.

(True Extract.)

Colonel,
Acting Joint Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Madura.
„ Revenue Department.
„ Financial Department.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
15th September 1876.*

No. 140. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 5th September 1876, No. 2,273 :—

Read the following letter from H. W. BLISS, Esq., Acting Collector of Madura, C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 11th August 1876, No. 299.

WITH reference to the Board's Official Memorandum, No. 1,068, dated 1st July

* G.O., No. 2,546, 8th Sept. 1875.

" " 3,104, 2nd Nov. "

last, and to the Government Orders noted

in the margin, relative to the question

of the disposal of the Huzur Cutcherry

buildings at Madura, I have the honor to enclose a sketch plan on which are marked the portions required for the Police and Post-office, and also the portion originally proposed to be taken for the Telegraph Office. The Superintendent of Telegraphs, Madras Division, has however written to me that he has no wish to take up any portion of the building, inasmuch as the preparation of plans and estimates for the building of a separate Telegraph Office at Madura has been ordered in G.O., No. 3,467, dated 7th December 1875. Under these circumstances, the only offices to be located in the Cutcherry building are the Police and Post-offices which require nearly all the main building, the only portions available for disposal otherwise being the western portion of it, the Taluq Cutcherry, and some outlying rooms to the south of the main building. These latter rooms, which will be between the Police Office and the new Town Magistrate's Office, &c., which it is proposed to build in the open place behind the present Huzur Cutcherry building, cannot, I think, well be sold. As regards also the western portion of the main building and the Taluq Cutcherry, I think it would be better not to sell them. The amount which they will fetch cannot be very great, and the inconvenience of having important Public Offices crowded up with private houses will be considerable. Moreover, a portion of the site of the Taluq Cutcherry may possibly be required for the location of the Subsidiary Jail buildings attached to the Town Magistrate's Court, &c. The District Engineer also, whose opinion I requested on the subject, is agreed with me in objecting to the sale of this small portion of the main building and of the Taluq Cutcherry.

2. As the Police are to have the upper story, the District Engineer would debit that department with Rupees 15,000 out of the Rupees 20,000 at which the whole of the buildings were valued, and the balance, Rupees 5,000, must therefore be debited to the Postal Department.

3. As, according to the present proposal, the main portion of the Huzur Cutcherry building is to be taken over by the Police and Post-office, and as it is considered not advisable to sell the remaining small portion, the instructions contained in the G.O., No. 2,546, above quoted cannot, I think, be carried out.

4. The concluding part of G.O., No. 3,104, above referred to says that "the District Engineer will then value each block required by other departments, &c." I presume the words "other departments" must be a clerical error for "these departments."

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ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Plan.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
15th September 1876.*

SENT to Government with reference to the orders quoted.

2. The Board concur with the Collector in thinking that valid objections exist to the sale of those portions of the building not required by Public Departments.

3. It is observed that it is proposed by the District Engineer to debit the Police Department with Rupees 15,000 and the Postal Department with Rupees 5,000 as the value of the accommodation provided for them.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

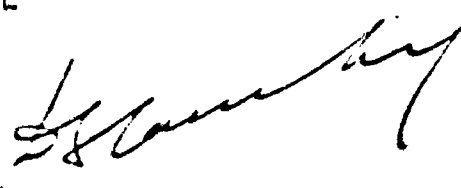
(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Acting Secretary.

No. 141. ORDER THEREON 15th September 1876, No 1,274.

Miscellaneous.

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Department.

(True Extract.)


Secretary to Government.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 24th Feb/77

Read the following

Mr. [illegible]

Proc. in the Revenue Dept. (No. 1274 of 15th Sept. 1875)

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The Govt. concurs in the opinion that it is not desirable to alienate any ground now occupied by public buildings in Madras, but consider that all such buildings, as they are vacated, should be pulled down, their materials sold, and the sites allotted for the construction of Telegraph and Post and other offices on approved modern plans.

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For P. M. O.