

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

10th February 1881, No. 326.

Court-houses.

Read the following papers :—

No. 58. *From W. DONALD, Esq., Officiating Accountant-General, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Fort St. George, 6th December 1880, No. 4568.*

Treasury Account Department.

With reference to the Proceedings of Government in the Judicial Department, No. 917, dated the 2nd May 1878, authorising the District Magistrate to rent the building mentioned in that order at Rs. 40 a-month for the District Court at Tranquebar, until the repairs of the Court-house were completed, I have the honor to bring to the notice of Government that the charge for rent is still incurred, and that the District Judge, in reply to my inquiry, informs me that the repairs of the Court-house are incomplete. As the Government, in paragraph 2 of their order under reference, distinctly directed that the repairs should be completed at an early date, and, as I presume they did not intend that the completion of the repairs should be delayed for upwards of two and a-half years, I deem it right to report the matter for orders, and to inquire whether I am to continue to pass the charge for rent, and if so, for what further period.

No. 2345.

Referred to the Chief Engineer with reference to Proceedings in the Public Works Department, dated 8th October 1879, No. 2538, for early report as to the extent of work done to the Court-house at Tranquebar, and when the repairs will be completed.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
8th December 1880.

(Signed) G. S. FORBES,
for Chief Secretary.

No. 59. *From Lieutenant-Colonel J. BEATTY, R.E., Superintending Engineer, Third Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated 24th January 1881, No. 2135-T.J.*

As requested in your endorsement, No. 2813 of 11th ultimo, I have the honor to forward, herewith, the report of the Executive Engineer, Tanjore, on the more recent delays in completing the repairs of the Tranquebar Court-house.

2. Prior to August last delays occurred owing to errors of judgment on the part of those who framed the original estimate, whereby no fresh joists were provided to take the place of the old ones which were in a bad state of decay and had in some instances fallen down. This and other omissions necessitated the preparation of a revised estimate. In August there was further delay in completing the revised estimate owing to the absence of the Judge on leave, as his opinion was needed in view to the completeness of the estimate then submitted.

3. The repairs are now complete, including the strengthening of the woodwork of the front verandah; the roofs, which are all terraced, stood the exceptionally heavy rains of the past season well, and it is expected that the Judge will move his Court from the rented building into the Court-house on the 26th instant.

No. 221.

Transferred to the Judicial Department.

2. It will be seen that various causes tended to delay the completion of the work, which is now however reported to be finished, and the building ready for occupation.

CHEPAUK,
1st February 1881.

(Signed) J. PENNYCUICK, Major, R.E.,
Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

No. 60. ORDER THEREON, 10th February 1881, No. 326.

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2. It is observed that the charge for rent will now cease.

(True Extract.)

R. DAVIDSON,
Chief Secretary.

To the Accountant-General.

" District Judge of Tanjore.
" District Magistrate, Tanjore.
" Public Works Department.

Exd. J. Wright.

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To
THE ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL,
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Dated February, 10th.

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G.O., 10th February 1881, No. 328.

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Court-houses. — Certain papers reporting the completion of repairs to the Court-house at Tranquebar, and explaining the delay in carrying them out, recorded with remarks.

J. E. 3^d Crile