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Town Hall, Tanjore.

Sanctioning the erection of a Town Hall at
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With order
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(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
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Acting Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

24th March 1882.

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2. The plans and estimate, &c., received with the Board's Proceedings under reply are herewith returned.

ENCLOSURES.

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The Commissioners approve the modification suggested, provided that the contribution already promised by them is not exceeded.

(Signed) T. GOPALAKRISTNA PILLAI,
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5. The Town Hall building, however, gives (as far as I can judge from the specification, without the plan)—

Ground floor.

Two rooms	..	..	..	..	..	19½' $\times$ 20'
Two do.	..	..	..	..	..	12½' $\times$ 12'
Two do.	..	..	..	..	..	21' $\times$ 12'

with back and front verandahs.

Upper floor.

Centre hall	..	..	..	..	..	41' $\times$ 21'
Record-room	..	..	..	..	..	21' $\times$ 12½'
Two retiring-rooms, each	..	..	..	..	..	13' $\times$ 12½'
Local Fund Engineer's room	..	..	..	..	..	21' $\times$ 12½'

This will give ample and convenient accommodation for the Local Fund Engineer's and Municipal Offices, and for meetings of the Local and Municipal Boards.

6. I return Major Brockman's letter.

ORDER—dated 18th October 1882, No. 1507, Financial.

The erection of the Town Hall on the plan as modified by the Consulting Architect to Government is sanctioned.

(True Extract.)

C. G. MASTER,
Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue, with Enclosures.
„ Public Works Department.
„ Accountant-General.

Copy to Major Drake-Brockman.

Exd. A. F. Goodall.

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2. I inspected the bungalow lately on receipt of an informal proposal from Major Drake-Brockman similar to that now made. I think that it will take a great deal more than Rs. 2,500 to finish the building as it stands. No plastering whatever has yet been done; all the wood-work has yet to be put in; and a considerable sum will have to be spent to make the compound decent.

3. But even supposing that all could be done for Rs. 2,500, and that the whole cost would thus be Rs. 16,000, I am of opinion that the proposed purchase would be inexpedient; that the proposed Town Hall would be much better worth Rs. 18,000; and that Major Drake-Brockman's bungalow would not answer the purpose of a Town Hall at all.

4. The plan of the proposed new building is now before Government, and the accommodation in it and in the bungalow can be readily compared. The first essential is a large room for meetings, and the plan provides one, 41 feet $\times$ 21 feet. The largest room in the bungalow is only 30 feet $\times$ 18½. It was suggested by Major Drake-Brockman that the three front rooms should be thrown together for a meeting-room by turning arches in the walls of the side rooms; but this would give a very ill-proportioned and inconvenient room, and there would (as the bungalow now is) remain only two decent rooms, each 30 feet $\times$ 18½, one downstairs, marked by me A in the ground plan, and one above it. There is no other room at present upstairs, and if those enumerated by Major Brockman are to be added, the cost of completion will be more likely 7,000 or 8,000 than 2,500 rupees. I do not know when he is to put the contemplated 30 feet $\times$ 30 feet room upstairs. The small rooms downstairs are confined and would be useless, as would also the godowns and offices which have been built.

5. The Town Hall building, however, gives (as far as I can judge from the specification, without the plan)—

Ground floor.

Two rooms	..	..	..	..	..	..	19½' $\times$ 20'
Two do.	..	..	..	..	..	..	12½' $\times$ 12'
Two do.	..	..	..	..	..	..	21' $\times$ 12'

with back and front verandahs.

Upper floor.

Centre hall	..	..	..	..	..	..	41' $\times$ 21'
Record-room	..	..	..	..	..	..	21' $\times$ 12½'
Two retiring-rooms, each	..	..	..	..	..	..	13' $\times$ 12½'
Local Fund Engineer's room	..	..	..	..	..	..	21' $\times$ 12½'

This will give ample and convenient accommodation for the Local Fund Engineer's and Municipal Offices, and for meetings of the Local and Municipal Boards.

6. I return Major Brockman's letter.

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The erection of the Town Hall on the plan as modified by the Consulting Architect to Government is sanctioned.

(True Extract.)

H. E. Stokes

for Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue, with Enclosures.
 „ Public Works Department.
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Copy to Major Drake-Brockman.

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