No.

President's
MADURA COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,
April 1883

FROM

C. S. Arole Esquire
President, Municipal
~~Collector of Madura~~ Commission
Madura

TO

The Honorable Colonel R. H. S.
C.B. R.E.
~~Chief~~ Secretary to Government.
Public Works Dept
Madras

SIR,

The Commissioners of the Madura
Municipality having resolved to build
a Powder Magazine, I have the honour
to request that you will be good enough
to furnish me at an early date with
a copy of the standard plan referred
to in para 7 of G. O. dated 18 November
1882, No. 1704, Financial.

I have the honorable
Sir
Your most obedient Servt

C. S. Arole
President

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S.O. 3206 W/y 6.12.82

OFC No. 3014

No 1089 W/y 12th April 83.

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Communicated to the Consy Architect to Govt who will be permitted the submission of the Standard plan called for in S.O. No 3206 W/y 6. Decr 1882.

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The President
Municipal Committee
Madura

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Instd. with order

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MADRAS.

Printed March 20th.

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I have the honor to bring to your notice that the Collector of Tanjore has requested that the work of building a Deputy Collector's Cutcherry at Máyavaram may be stopped, Government having ordered in G.O., No. 1033, dated 27th September 1882, that the Sub-Collector shall be stationed at Kumbakónam and have Máyavaram Taluk in his division. If this work is carried out, the building in question will not be required.

2. The Collector is, I am informed, going to propose that the Sub-Collector should be stationed at Máyavaram, and if this is done, the building at Máyavaram will have to be enlarged and made into a Sub-Collector's Cutcherry ; this in its present state can be easily done, provided the Court room is made 30×18 in place of 30×20 as allowed in the standard plan, and provided the turret and gallery is left out.

3. I request orders at once as to whether the work of the Deputy Collector's Cutcherry at Máyavaram is to be stopped. This year's allotment is Rs. 4,540 ; there has been about Rs. 1,500 of work, &c., done, and of course, if stopped, there will be loss.

Endorsement, No. 2177-C.

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Order—dated 5th December 1882, No. 4096, Revenue.

The question as to the location of the Sub-Collector's head-quarters will be referred to the Board of Revenue for report.

2. Orders will issue in the Public Works Department for the work of constructing an office for the Deputy Collector at Máyavaram being suspended, pending decision on the above question.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) E. F. WEBSTER,
Secretary to Govt., R.D.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ Public Works Department.

Reference on the above, dated 11th December 1882.

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To the Collector of Tanjore, with Government Order in original, to be returned.

Read—the following letter from H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Collector of Tanjore, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Vallam, 9th January 1883, No. 91 :—

I have the honor to furnish the report called for in Board's Reference, 11th December 1882, on G.O., Revenue Department, 5th December 1882, No. 4096, on the subject of the future head-quarters of the Sub-Collector.

2. The question is whether Kumbakónam or Máyavaram should be selected; and after consideration I have come to the conclusion, in which the Acting Sub-Collector concurs, that Kumbakónam is the more suitable place. It is out of all proportion the most important town in the division; the revenue of the Kumbakónam Taluk is almost equal to that of the other two taluks together, and quite half the work of the division is furnished by Kumbakónam alone. The Municipality of Kumbakónam, which urgently requires the attention of the Divisional Officer, is double the size and importance of that at Máyavaram.

3. The only arguments in favor of Máyavaram are its more central position and its greater proximity to Tranquebar, which is the seat of the Civil and Sessions Court and contains the District Jail. The latter argument I do not think of much importance, especially as the jail will be closed when the new jail at Tanjore is built. As to the more advantageous position of Máyavaram, the existence of the railway, which passes through the middle of Máyavaram and Shiyáli Taluks, much reduces the advantage; and even without the railway, the balance in favor of Máyavaram would be very slight. Kumbakónam is about forty-five miles from the extreme point of Shiyáli Taluk, while Máyavaram is thirty-eight miles from the western extremity of Kumbakónam Taluk, and thirty-six miles from the southern point of it near Nidamangalam. Kumbakónam is by road thirty miles from Tranquebar, and *viâ* Máyavaram thirty-nine, of which twenty-two are by rail.

4. So far as these general considerations go, Kumbakónam is therefore to be preferred. If, however, it is retained, somewhat greater expense will have to be incurred. At Máyavaram, a Deputy Collector's Office is already under construction, and the building has been raised to basement level. The estimate is Rs. 4,540, of which Rs. 1,500 have been spent. The Executive Engineer informs me that to enlarge the building so as to make it capable of accommodating the Sub-Collector and his office would cost about Rs. 4,000 more. In addition, I think, a house would have to be built for the Sub-Collector, which would cost some Rs. 10,000 more. There is an old bungalow which was formerly inhabited by the Sub-Collector and Head Assistant, but it is almost in ruins. The owner, I believe, is willing to repair it if the Sub-Collector is placed at Máyavaram; but I doubt whether he would spend enough to make it suitable. The right to it is also said to be the subject of litigation, which makes it unlikely that money will be sunk in it. The situation, too, is very inconvenient, as it is two miles from the site of the new Cutcherry. If a new house is built, the extra cost of putting the Sub-Collector at Máyavaram may be estimated at Rs. 14,000.

5. At Kumbakónam, an office for the Sub-Collector is absolutely necessary. The Head Assistant's office was built, I am told, for a dead-house, and he had to hold Cutcherry in his own house. The office building is altogether too small for the Sub-Collector's establishment, and, to meet temporary necessity, I have caused a thatched shed, supported on brick pillars, to be run up in front of it at a cost of Rs. 250. There are no funds in the Petty Construction and Repairs budget, and I take this opportunity of requesting the Board's sanction for the outlay incurred, which can doubtless be met from general savings throughout the Presidency.

6. The approximate cost of erecting a Sub-Collector's office on the standard plan at Kumbakónam would, according to the Executive Engineer, be Rs. 12,800. But instead of building an office for the Sub-Collector, I should prefer to have a new Taluk Cutcherry constructed, and to put the Sub-Collector in the building which is now occupied by the Taluk Office and which was once the Zillah Court. It is very ill-suited for a Taluk Office, as the Tahsildar's Court is upstairs far away from the clerks, who are downstairs and at the other extremity of the building. The lower story is dark

and crowded, the space for records is insufficient, and the Treasury arrangements are inconvenient, though the strong room is no doubt very secure. The building would, however, make a very fair Sub-Collector's office.

7. The cost of building a new Taluk Cutcherry would probably not exceed Rs. 15,000, as the Jail, Police Station and subsidiary buildings, and also the accommodation usually provided for a Sub-Registry Office in the standard plan of a Taluk Cutcherry, already exist. It will, however, be essential that the Tahsildar's Office shall be built adjoining the present site, of which I enclose a plan. My suggestion is that the new building shall occupy the site of the Velangaman District Munsif's Court, the present Division Office building and the temporary shed * recently constructed. The ground thus obtained will, I think, be sufficient for the new Taluk Office; but, if necessary, a bit can be taken from the Apothecary's compound.

* Marked A, B, C in the plan.

8. These arrangements will necessitate building a Court for the Velangaman District Munsif, but this, in my opinion and that of Mr. Parker, who inspected the site with me, is already necessary. The building is even smaller than the Division Office, and I can hardly understand how it is made to do for a District Munsif's Court. The Kumbakónam Munsif is now located in a wretched hired house in the town, and a site for a new Court for him has already been selected and reported on; but I am not aware what further communications on the subject have passed in the Judicial Department. I believe an estimate has been called for. The site is on the opposite side of the road to the Sub-Court, and is marked D in the plan. Mr. Parker thinks that a building for the two Munsifs of Velangaman and Kumbakónam should be constructed on this site,—one being accommodated in the upper story and the other below. Such a building will probably cost Rs. 8,000 or Rs. 8,500, and, considering the large revenue yielded by these Courts, they have, I think, a claim to be decently housed.

9. The whole of the Public Offices would, under these proposals, be in one place, and within convenient reach of each other. The expense involved may seem great, but it is to be remembered that the construction of a Sub-Collector's Office at Negapatam (a sanctioned work) will be saved, and that the building of a Head Assistant's Office at Kumbakónam could not have been long deferred. The present office at Negapatam is quite good enough for a Head Assistant.

10. With regard to the building at Máyavaram, which has been commenced but is now stopped, I propose that orders be given to finish it in view to its being used as a District Munsif's Court, for which it is well suited. The District Munsif of Máyavaram now holds his Court in a rented building in the town.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Plan.

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The Board approve the Collector's proposals in regard to the Sub-Collector's head-quarters and to the office buildings at Kumbakónam and Máyavaram.

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3. As regards the arrangement suggested for the future accommodation of the Kumbakónam officials, the Board entirely agree. The Head Assistant's present office is as bad as it is possible to imagine. It is a fact that it was originally constructed for a dead-house. It is very small, dark and damp, standing as it does below

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4. This would be by far the cheapest arrangement that could be made. There are now in existence a Sub-Jail and Registrar's Office, so that the only new Cutcherry would be that of the Taluk Magistrate. The old Zillah Court House, now used as the Taluk Cutcherry, could, at a small cost, be adapted to the requirements of the Sub-Collector.

5. The Board therefore recommend that—

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To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, with plan to be returned.
" Collector of Tanjore.
Copy to the Accountant-General.

ORDER—dated 8th February 1883, No. 181, Revenue.

Miscellaneous.

The Government accept the Collector's proposal, which is supported by the Board, that Kumbakónam should be the Sub-Collector's head-quarters.

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(True Extract.)

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To the Board of Revenue, with one enclosure.
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FEBRUARY.

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3. I now enclose copies of my letter to the present Executive Engineer, Mr. Hughes, and his reply; from which the Board will see that he agrees with me in thinking a new cutchery unnecessary. The Sub-Magistrate's Office is at present very fairly housed, and the existing building will last for many years yet. I, therefore, request that the Board will move Government to cancel the sanction, and that they will add a sum of Rs. 500 to my petty construction and repairs grant for 1883-84. This sum will be amply sufficient to carry out the alterations which Mr. Hughes has suggested.

To Executive Engineer, No. 446, dated 21st January 1883.
From Executive Engineer, No. 402, dated 10th February 1883.

4. I see from the preliminary issue of the Provincial Public Works budget, that funds for the Kodavasal Cutcherry have actually been allotted next year. I suggest that the money be transferred to the new buildings required for Kumbakónam, proposals for which were approved in Government Order, communicated in Board's Proceedings, No. 1265, Miscellaneous, dated 14th February 1883.

Enclosure No. 1.

From H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Collector of Tanjore, to the Executive Engineer, Tanjore Division, dated 26th January 1883, No. 446.

In reply to your No. 159, dated 17th January 1883, I have the honor, in returning the enclosures, to inquire whether any funds have been allotted this year for the Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry at Kodavasal, and to state that, even if the cutcherry is to be built, the proposed site, which I have inspected, is much larger than is necessary. If a piece of ground 150 feet wide measuring from the roadway is taken up, it will, I think, be sufficient, and the extent will be scarcely more that a third of what is now proposed.

2. But I must express my surprise that the project of building a new cutcherry was ever sanctioned. The present building is very strong, as far as I can judge, and spacious enough for a Sub-Magistrate's Office. It has just been repaired at a cost of Rs. 415, and except the detached latrine at the back, the whole of the building appears to be in very good order. The situation is much more advantageous than that proposed for the new office, which is a long way out of the town. I think that if the walls of the old treasury room are taken down and the central building adapted for the Sub-Magistrate to hold his Court in, the corner where he now sits being railed off as a record-room, all that is necessary will be done; or the old treasury may be enlarged and made fit for keeping the records, and a dais for the Sub-Magistrate erected where he now sits.

3. The sum of Rs. 9,410 sanctioned for the new building might, in my opinion, be used elsewhere to much greater advantage. I shall be obliged if you will inspect the present cutcherry and report your opinion upon it, and what the alterations above suggested and the repair or re-construction of the latrine will cost. Also what you think of the ventilation of the existing Sub-jail wards. It appears to me to be good enough.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

From W. HUGHES, Esq., Executive Engineer, to the Collector of Tanjore, dated Koradacheri, 10th February 1883, No. 402.

In reference to your letter, No. 446, 26th January 1883, I have the honor to inform you that I quite agree with you in considering a new Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry at Kodavasal unnecessary. The present building is in very fair order and needs but little improvement to make the accommodation ample. There has been no expenditure in connection with the proposed new building. I shall ask the Superintending Engineer to have the estimate cancelled.

2. (*a*) In regard to the improvements required to the present building, I think the proposal to enlarge the Treasury Room so as to make it a good commodious record-room the best that can be made. There is ample space on the platform on which the treasury or record-room now stands, and if the pillars carrying the roof over the portion of platform in front of the room prove to be supported on good foundation, it will be unnecessary even to disturb any part of the roof. You may, however, think it desirable that the walls should be of brick in chunam. In such case the roof and walls must be removed and the new record-room built on the existing platform. The cost would be only about Rs. 400 for a room 12′ × 15′ and it would afford greater security against white ants to have the walls built with mortar. The present walls are of brick in mud.

(*b*) The Sub-Magistrate sits at present on a dais, but it is not perhaps of sufficient size or height.

(*c*) The west wall of the latrine must be rebuilt and the gable (over which a prisoner is said to have escaped) raised to meet the roof, a barred window being inserted for ventilation. The cost of this work will perhaps be Rs. 50.

3. The ventilation of the Sub-jail appears unexceptionable. The defects reported to exist in 1879 have been remedied.

RESOLUTION—dated 13th March 1883, No. 724.

The Board agree with the Collector and Executive Engineer that it is unnecessary to construct a new cutcherry at Kodavasal, and accordingly recommend that the amount allotted for the purpose in the Budget of 1883-84 may be made available for the new buildings required at Kumbakónam.

2. The small sum required for the improvements to the existing Deputy Tahsildar's Cutcherry at Kodavasal can be met from the allotment sanctioned by the Board in their Proceedings, 16th February 1883, No. 1361, Miscellaneous.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) E. GIBSON,
Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government Revenue Department,
with copy of Board's Proceedings, 16th February 1883, No. 1361, Miscellaneous.
Copy to the Collector of Tanjore.

Exd. A. Raitt.

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Board of Revenue,

MADRAS.

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Proceedings, 13*th March* 1883, *No.* 724.

Agreeing with the Collector and the Executive Engineer, Tanjore Division, that it is unnecessary to construct a *Deputy Tashildar's Cutcherry* at Kodavasal, in Tanjore District, and recommending that the amount allotted in the Budget of 1883-84 be made available for the new buildings required at Kumbakónam.