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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

Read—the following paper :—

G.O., dated 2nd May 1884, No. 585, Revenue.

Read—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 8th April 1884, Mis. No. 3050.

Read—the following letter from C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Collector of Malabar, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Calicut, 4th April 1884, No. 1655.

I have the honor to report, for the information of the Board and Government, that the main building of my office has been pronounced unsafe, and that I have been obliged to move the establishment into the Government College close by, which is fortunately available for the next six weeks during the holidays. For some time past there have been signs of decay in several of the beams supporting the upper story, and some of them have had to be propped up as a temporary measure; a more thorough examination now discloses the fact that the whole building is in a very insecure state, and the sub-divisional officer, who inspected it, informs me that the roof may fall in at any moment. I have telegraphed to the Executive Engineer, Coimbatore, to come and examine the building, and in due course I will submit his opinion as to what is required. It will probably be necessary to reconstruct the building which requires enlargement for the accommodation of the establishment, and there is little prospect of its being ready for re-occupation for months to come. The Government College will be available for the next six weeks only, when another move will be necessary; temporary accommodation can, I think, be provided, either in a block of buildings belonging to the municipality where their office is held, or in the house recently purchased by Government for conversion into a District Court. I will report further on this point when I have inspected both buildings and seen the Executive Engineer; meanwhile I request that orders may be issued for the preparation of plans and estimates with the least possible delay, as the temporary arrangements which must be made will entail very great inconvenience. The currency office, press and records, which are in separate blocks, will remain where they are, whilst the rest of the establishment including the account branch of the office will be located half a mile away. The plan which would entail least inconvenience would be to allow my office to remain in the Government College, which is a stone's throw from the cutcherry and within easy reach of the currency office and record-room, and to assign one of the other buildings mentioned above to the College.

Read—the following letter from J. NICHOLSON, Esq., Sub-Divisional Officer, to the Collector of Malabar, dated Calicut, 4th April 1884, No. 11.

I beg to report that, as personally requested by you, I have inspected the centre main building of the Huzur cutcherry, and give the results below.

On the first floor, the large centre room seems all right, but the outer walls of the verandah rooms are weak and insecure at some places.

On the second floor, a number of the floor joists and the wall plates on which they rest are decayed where the woodwork enter the wall, so that I consider the north end verandah room unsafe for occupation, as these rotten joists may fall down any day. Again, on pulling down the pandal at the north end, I find that the bottom part of the verandah pillar posts supporting a heavy roof are decayed and unfit to support the heavy weight above, and it is probable that if the other two exposed sides were examined, the verandah posts would be found in the same condition. On examining the roof over this building I find the timber frame work to be in a very unsafe state, many of the principal supports have by whiteants and rot become so, that one could crush the beam with the hand; two or three of the struts have fallen down from the decay of the end part; altogether I have not seen a roof so unsafe and I felt relieved when I reached the floor below; the slightest touch might knock over one of these decayed posts on which the roof rests; a number of the ceiling joists also is rotten.

I think the whole of the building unsafe for occupation with the roof as it is.

No. 1679.

Endorsement on the above.

Submitted to the Board of Revenue in continuation of this office letter, dated 4th instant, No. 1655.

CALICUT,
8th April 1884.

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

Resolution—dated 8th April 1884, Mis. No. 3050.

Submitted to Government with the request that the necessary orders may be issued in the Public Works Department for the preparation of estimates for the repairs required.

2. As regards temporary accommodation, the Board suggest that the Director of Public Instruction be consulted regarding the proposal to locate the College in another building as a temporary arrangement.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) E. GIBSON,
Secretary.

Read—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 24th April 1884, Mis. No. 3446.

Read—endorsement of the Acting Collector of Malabar, dated 8th April 1884, No. 1679, on letter from the Sub-Divisional Officer, dated 4th April 1884, No. 11.

Read—also the following letter from C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Collector of Malabar, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Madras, dated Calicut, 17th April 1884, No. 1800.

In continuation of my letter, dated 4th instant, No. 1655, I have the honor to submit copy of the Executive Engineer's report on the Huzur cutcherry. I inspected the building with Mr. Davidson, and he considers that the roof is in a very dangerous state, and that the whole of the upper story of the main building must be rebuilt, or an entirely new office constructed. I am decidedly in favor of the latter alternative. The present building is badly planned, and does not afford the accommodation required.

I enclose a ground plan of the building; the upper floor is the Collector's office room. On the ground floor accommodation has to be provided for the departments marginally noted. The space is insufficient for this establishment, and the court-room is so situated that the hearing of cases is a distraction to the Treasury Deputy Collector and clerks in the neighbouring rooms. The press department and records are located in a separate building on the west, and the treasury and currency department in another detached building on the east. These buildings answer

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3. Account Branch	24
4. Sea Customs department	9
5. Local Fund department	5

their purpose well enough, but I would suggest that the main building be reconstructed altogether on a more convenient plan, and that advantage be taken of the opportunity to provide room for the District Forest officer and his establishment (4) and for the Local Fund Engineer and his staff (9). It would facilitate the transaction of business if these officers were under the same roof with the Collector, instead of being in rented buildings at some distance. The cost of providing office room for the Local Fund Engineer should be debited to Local funds.

2. As regards temporary arrangements for accommodating the establishment, the Government College into which it has been removed is the only building which is suitable for the purpose. It is close to the currency office, bank, records and press, whereas the only other buildings which would afford sufficient accommodation are situated more than half a mile away. The house recently purchased for a new court is not available for any length of time; it would have to be vacated again as soon as the monsoon is over to enable the Public Works Department to commence the alterations which are necessary to render it fit for a court-house. The only other building which is large enough is the block of buildings in which the municipal office is. This would serve very well I think as temporary quarters for the Government College, whereas its distance from the bank, records, and currency office is a great objection to its utilization as the Collector's office, and will be a serious inconvenience to the public (who have to obtain chelans at the Collector's office before they can make payments into the bank) and to the Collector and treasury deputy who have frequently to attend the currency office.

3. On the other hand the municipal buildings will afford sufficient accommodation for the Government College as shown by the plans which I enclose. The buildings are substantial tiled structures, and though the rooms are somewhat low, they are airy, the situation being close to the sea. The head master, Mr. Sconce, lives close by, and it will be no great drawback to the students to have to walk a little further. The Deputy Inspector of Schools has marked off on the plan of the College the present arrangement of the various classes, and has shown how they can be accommodated in the municipal buildings. The only alterations necessary will be to open one or two doors of communication between the rooms, to construct a latrine and to move the gymnasium or construct a temporary shed for the purpose. There is an open space between the two blocks which will serve for a play ground and gymnasium. The Commissioners now let these rooms at a rental of Rs. 3 each, and I think the whole block might be secured for Rs. 50 a-month.

4. I request that orders may be obtained at once as the College will re-open early in June, and that if my proposals are approved, the Public Works Department may be directed to carry out the necessary alterations at once in communication with the officers of the educational department.

ENCLOSURE.

From J. P. DAVIDSON, Esq., Executive Engineer, to the Collector of Malabar, dated Coimbatore, 10th April 1884, No. 846.

I have this morning, the 8th instant, carefully inspected Huzur cutcherry, and consider the building unsafe, and Mr. Nicholson perfectly justified in advising you to vacate it. I understand

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that there was some idea of your utilizing the buildings lately purchased from Messrs. Stanes and Company as temporary; this course, I think, inadvisable, as to the best you could only have the building for a limited period, whereas the repairs of and extensions to the existing cutcherry, or construction of a new cutcherry, whichever may be sanctioned, would take at least one year.

2. I am at present engaged in carrying out extensions and improvements to the Collector's cutcherry, South Canara, and it has occurred to me that extra accommodation on very much the same scale would be required by you. I am of opinion that the lower portion of the existing building is sound, and that if the roof be removed and a properly designed roof (the present one is the usual Malabar truss) put up, this building might be made suitable for the accommodation of yourself and your own immediate office.

3. I will, however, send you a plan of what I would propose adding extra accommodation, more or less in accordance with that allowed at South Canara, and if, meanwhile, you would supply me with information as to the various departments to be accommodated and the number requiring accommodation, I will also have a plan of an entirely new building prepared.

Resolution—dated 24th April 1884, Mis. No. 3446.

Submitted to Government in continuation of Board's Proceedings, dated 8th April 1884, Mis. No. 3050.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) E. GIBSON,
Secretary.

Order—dated 2nd May 1884, No. 585, Revenue.

The foregoing proceedings will be communicated to the Public Works Department with the request that orders may issue for the preparation of plans and estimates with as little delay as possible for the construction of an entirely new building for the Collector's cutcherry, and also for reconstruction of the upper story and roof of the existing building with any extensions which may be required and practicable. The Collector will intimate to the Executive Engineer all his requirements with respect to the accommodation to be provided. On receipt of these plans and estimates the Government will decide what course should be adopted.

2. The proposal that the Government College be made available for the Collector's office until the new building is completed, and that the block of buildings belonging to the municipality specified in the plan accompanying the Collector's letter be utilized in the meantime for the College, will be referred to the Educational and Financial Departments for early consideration and necessary orders. If the arrangements proposed are agreed to by the authorities concerned, intimation of the fact will be given to the Public Works Department in view to the block of buildings last mentioned being fitted up for the purposes of the College before the expiry of its present vacation.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary to Government.

ORDER—dated 8th May 1884, No. ^{1168 W.}_A Public Works.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, who will cause the requisite plans and estimates to be prepared with as little delay as possible.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. SHAW-STEWART, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt, P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle.

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BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
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PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated May, 8th.

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G.O., 8th May 1884, No. ^{1168 W.}_A

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Collector's Cutcherry, Malabar

Ordering the preparation of plans and estimates for constructing a new building for the —, and for reconstructing the upper story and roof of the existing one.

Recd the following papers —
G.O. dated 2 May 1884, No. 585, Revenue
Malabar Collector's office
Receipt No. 1655, dated 4th April 1884.
No. 1655, dated 4th April 1884, No. 585.

From

C. A. Galton Esq.

Collector of Malabar

To

E. Gibson Esq.

Secy to the Bd. of Revenue, Madras.

Sir,

I have the honor to report for the information of the Board and Govt. that the main building of my office has been pronounced unsafe and that I have been obliged to move the establishment into the Govt. College close by, which is fortunately available for the next few weeks during the holidays. For some time past there have been signs of decay in several of the beams supporting the upper storey and some of them have had to be propped up as a temporary measure; a more thorough examination now discloses the fact that the whole building is in a very insecure state and the subdivisional officer who inspected it informs me that the

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roof may fall in at any moment. I have telegraphed to the Executive Engineer Comptroller, to come and examine the building and in due course I will submit his opinion as to what is required. It will probably be necessary to reconstruct the building which requires enlargement for the accommodation of the establishment and there is little prospect of its being ready for re-occupation for months to come. The Govt. College will be available for the next six weeks only when another move will be necessary; temporary accommodation can I think be provided either in a block of buildings belonging to the Municipality where their office is held or in the house recently purchased by Govt. for conversion into a District Court. I will report further on this point when I have inspected both buildings and seen the Executive Engineer. Meanwhile I request that orders may be issued for the preparation of plans and estimates with the least possible delay as the temporary arrangements which must be made will entail very great inconvenience.

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The Currency Office, Press and Records which are in separate blocks will remain where they are, whilst the rest of the establishment including the Account Branch of the office will be located half a mile away. The plan which would entail least inconvenience would be to allow my office to remain in the Govt. College which is a stone's throw from the Culcherry road within easy reach of the Currency Office, and Record room and to assign one of the other buildings mentioned above to the College.

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Sd/- Lt. Col. A. G. Galt

Sd/- Collector

4th April 1884.

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To the Collector of Malabar.

Sir, I beg to report that as personally requested by you, I have inspected the centre main building of the Nagar Kachori and give the results below.

On the first floor, the large center room serves all right; but the outer walls of the Verandah rooms are weak and insecure at some places.

On the second floor, a number of the floor joists and the wall plates on which they rest are decayed where the woodwork enter the wall, so that I consider the north end verandah-room unsafe for occupation, as these rotten joists may fall down any day. Again, on pulling down the verandah at the north end, I find that the bottom part of the verandah pillar posts supporting a heavy roof are decayed and unfit to support the heavy weight above, and it is probable that if the other two

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exposed sides were examined the verandah posts would be found in the same condition. On examining the roof over this building, I find the timber frame work to be in a very unsafe state, many of the principal supports have by white ants and rot become so, that one could crush the beam with the hand, two or three of the struts have fallen down from the decay of the end part; altogether I have not seen a roof so unsafe and I felt relieved when I reached the floor below, the slightest touch might knock over one of these decayed posts on which the roof rests, a number of the ceiling joists also is rotten.

I think the whole of the building unsafe for occupation with the roof as it is.

Signed J. H. Nichols.
Sub. Div. Officer.

No. 1679. True copy submitted to the Board of Revenue in continuation of this Office letter dated 4th instant, No. 1655.

Malabar Collector's Office,
Calicut 8th April 1884.
Signed C. F. Galton
Collector.

Executive Engineer's Office
Coimbatore 10 April 1884.

No. 846

To

The Collector
of Malabar.

Sir,

I have this morning the 8th instant, carefully inspected the Buzur Kacheri, and consider the building unsafe, and Mr. Nichols is perfectly justified in advising you to vacate it. I understand that there was some idea of your utilizing the buildings lately purchased from Messrs. Staines & Co. as temporary, this course, I think, inadvisable as to the best you could only have the building for a limited period, whereas the repairs of and extensions to the existing Kacheri, or construction of a new Kacheri, which may be sanctioned, would take at least one year.

2. I am at present engaged in carrying out extensions and improvements to the Collector's Kacheri, South Canara, and it has occurred to me that extra accommodation on very much the same scale would be

required by you. I am of opinion that the lower portion of the existing building is sound, and that if the roof be removed and a properly designed roof (the present one is the usual Malabar type) put up, this building might be made suitable for the accommodation of yourself and your own immediate office.

3. I will however, send you a plan of what I would propose adding extra accommodation, more or less in accordance with that allowed at South Canara, and if meanwhile you would supply me with information as to the various departments to be accommodated and the number requiring accommodation, I will also have a plan of an entirely new building prepared.

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Signed J. P. Davidson
Executive Engineer

(Enc. Copy)

Signed C. Galton
Asst. Collector

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
Dated 8th April 1884 No. 3050 Rev.

Read letter from the Asst. Commr. of Malabar, dated
14th April 1884, No. 1655.

Resolution: dated 8th April 1884 No. 3050.

Submitted to Govt. with the request that the necessary orders may be issued in the Public Works Dept. for the preparation of estimates for the repairs required.

2. As regards temporary accommodation, the Board suggest that the Director of Public Instruction be consulted regarding the proposal to locate the College in another building or in temporary arrangement.

/ True by track /
Signed E. Gibson
Secretary

To

The Secretary to Govt. Rev. Dept. with letter in reply to be returned.

Copy to the Collector of Malabar

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Malabar Collectors Office
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From

C. A. Gallon Esq^r

Ag. Collector of Malabar

To

E. Gibson Esq^r

Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Madras.

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5. Local Fund Department - - - - -

The Press Department and Records are located in a separate building on the west and the Treasury and Currency Department in another detached building on the east. These buildings answer their purpose well enough but I would suggest that the main building be reconstructed altogether on a more convenient place and that advantage be taken of the opportunity to provide room for the District Forest Officer and his Establishment (4) and for the Local Fund Engineer and his staff.

It would facilitate the transaction of business if these officers were under the same roof with the Collector instead of being in rented buildings at some distance. The cost of providing office room for the Local Fund Engineer shall

be debited to Local Funds. 1/68 p 8

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3. On the other hand the Municipal buildings will afford sufficient accommodation for the Govt. College as shown by the plans which I enclose. The buildings are substantial tiled structures and though the rooms are somewhat low they are airy, the situation being close to the sea. The Head-master, Mr. Lomer, lives close by and it will be no great drawback to the students to have to walk a little further. The Deputy Inspector of Schools has marked off on the plan of the College the present arrangement of the various classes and has shown how they can be accommodated in the Municipal buildings. The only alterations necessary will be to open one or two doors of communication between the rooms, to construct a latrine and to move the gymnasium or construct a temporary shed for the purpose. There is an open space between the two blocks which will serve for a play ground and gymnasium. The Commissioners now let these rooms at a rental.

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rental of Rs. 3 each and I think the whole block might be secured for Rs. 50 a month.

4. I request that orders may be obtained at once as the College will re-open early in June and that if my proposals are approved the D.P.W. may be directed to carry out the necessary alterations at once in communication with the officers of the Educational Department.

I have &c.
(Signed) C. A. Galton
Ag. Collector.

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.
Dated 24th April 1884,
H. 3146, Min.

Read endorsement of the Ag. Collector
of Malabar, dated 8th April 1884, H. 1679, on
letter from the Sub-Divisional Officer, dated
4th April 1884, H. 11.

Read also letter from the Acting Col-
lector of Malabar, dated 17th April 1884, H. 1900.

p 10 Resolution dated 24th April 1884, H. 3146.

Submitted to Government in
continuation of Board's Proceedings, dated
8th April 1884, H. 3050 Min.

(True Extract)
(Signed) E. Gibson
Secretary.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers:-

- attached. 1. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue,
dated 8th April 1884, No: H-3450.
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H-3446.

Order thereon, 2nd May 1884, No: 585.

The foregoing Proceedings will be communicated to the Public Works Department with the request that orders may issue for the preparation of plans and estimates with as little delay as possible for the construction of an entirely new building for the Collector's Quarters and also for reconstruction of the upper story and roof of the existing building with any extensions which may be required and practicable. The Collector will intimate to the Executive Engineer all his requirements with respect to the accommodation to be provided. On receipt of these plans and

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2. The proposal that the Government college
be made available for the Collector's Office until
the new building is completed, and that the
block of buildings belonging to the Municipality
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sideration and necessary orders. If the arrange-
ments proposed are agreed to by the author-
ities concerned, intimation of the fact will
be given to the Public Works Department in
view to the block of buildings last mentioned
being fitted up for the purposes of the col-
lege before the expiry of its present vacation.

(True Extract)

J. H. D. S.
Secretary to Govt.

To The Public Works Department, with
copies of Sub-Divisional Officer's and
Executive Engineer's letters and a plan
of the Collector's present Quarters.

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Communicated
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