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returned.

College Buildings at Negapatam.

Passing orders on the proposal to purchase
the buildings attached to St. Joseph's College,
Negapatam, for the use of certain offices.

With order

main building, and the third giving a ground plan of the school prepared by the Executive Engineer, Negapatam, are herewith submitted, with copies of letters addressed by that officer to the Head Assistant Collector on the subject.

6. The enclosures received with the official memorandum are herewith returned as directed.

TANJORE,
14th July 1884.

(Signed) J. B. PENNINGTON,
Acting Collector.

ORDER—dated 14th August 1884, No. 2042, Judicial.

The information submitted by the Collector of Tanjore is quite insufficient to warrant negotiations being entered upon for the purchase of the college buildings, even if such a measure was considered desirable. There is no map of the town showing the position of the buildings now occupied for various Governmental purposes. The Government have, however, before them a distinct proposal from the High Court, based upon a report from the District Judge of North Tanjore, for the purchase, of a portion at least, of these premises for the purposes of the sub-judge's and district munsif's courts. Good reasons are shown by the District Judge for the location of the subordinate court in a permanent Government building in lieu of the present temporary arrangement in a rented house. His Excellency the Governor in Council therefore directs that the college authorities be asked by the Collector of Tanjore for what sum they would sell (1) the school-house, (2) the waiting-room, and (3) the contiguous small church and such convenient portion of the adjacent ground as may be necessary for the purposes of a compound. The Department of Public Works will be asked for a rough estimate of the value of these buildings and premises, and the cost of adapting them for a subordinate and munsif's courts.

2. As at present advised, the Government do not think any advantage would be gained by the purchase of the entire property for the location of all the public offices therein. These papers will, however, be printed and communicated to all the departments concerned for information.

(True Extract.)

E. F. WEBSTER,
Chief Secretary.

To the Registrar, High Court.
" Collector of Tanjore.
" Revenue department.
" Public Works department, with three plans.
" Inspector General of Police.
" " of Registration.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

In this way I have placed the Head Assistant Collector's office, the Police Superintendent's office, and the Public Works department office on the upper floor, because the remaining offices are all courts of law, and it would be more convenient to have them below.

I think from the above it will be evident that the space for offices is abundant, for, in addition to the rooms in the main building, there are some out-houses in very fair condition, as well as the eight rooms on the roof.

The church, which is built with an arched roof, would give a large room for public meetings, or it would make a fine Sessions Court, the only drawback being that the roof is bad for the voice, but I suppose this could be remedied.

The state of the buildings is not so bad as might be expected, and I see no very heavy repairs needed; a few alterations, such as opening up doors, &c., may be needed, but not much masonry work. The repairs would be principally plastering and flooring and general fitting up; the doors and windows are in good order as a rule. Perhaps Rs. 10,000 for buildings would be required. The greatest danger to the building is that due to white-ants; in many rooms they have commenced their attack on the wood.

It would be advisable to put a flooring of asphalt (or tar) over the whole building; that would stop the ants at once. The damage that may be done in the next few months may be very great if not stopped. It seems a great pity that this substantially-built edifice should be allowed to go to ruin.

There is a tank in the compound and two good wells; just bordering the south is a large tank called Thamarakolam, which is considered one of the best in the place. There are several cocoanut trees, casuarinas, &c., and by the expenditure of a little money the appearance of the place would be very imposing.

The above is the result of an inspection made in order to report as requested, and is naturally imperfect, but I understand that the information was wanted at once. I should be obliged if you would forward this to the Collector when you have seen it.

From C. H. WILKS, Esq., Executive Engineer, Negapatam division, to the Head Assistant Collector, Negapatam, dated Mannargudi, 27th June 1884, No. 2164.

With reference to your No. 1117 of 24th June 1884, I have the honor to state that I regret to say I am unable to comply with your request, as it is necessary first to know whether you wish the value of the estimate of original cost, which will need an extensive survey. This is the only professional opinion that can be given, bearing in mind the deterioration.

Any other valuation would be only a guess, and probably the price you wish to know is the least the owners will give for it, and that I cannot give. If you require the professional estimate or valuation, I will get the orders of the Superintending Engineer on the matter.

No. 3961.

Endorsement on the above.

Submitted to the Chief Secretary to Government, Judicial department, for information with reference to his official memorandum, No. 1107, dated 21st May 1884.

2. The undersigned has already, in his letter, No. 2868, dated 23rd May last, to the Secretary to Government, Military department, stated his opinion that the opportunity should not be lost of getting all the offices into one place, especially when such excellent buildings can be acquired at a mere fraction of their cost and a quite unrivalled site. An additional reason for securing these buildings has just been afforded by the collapse of the present taluk cutcherry, which is officially pronounced unsafe.

3. It will be observed from the enclosed letter of the Rev. F. Rapatel, Procurator, Jesuit Mission, Trichinopoly, that no reasonable offer will be refused; and from the fact that they are willing to accept Rs. 200 a-month as net rent, it is pretty certain that they would gladly take Rs. 50,000 for the property, because that sum, at even 5 per cent., would bring them in more than Rs. 2,400 a year.

4. They would no doubt dispose of the school-building and church at a very moderate price, but the undersigned ventures to urge very strongly that, if possible, the whole property should be secured.

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The extent of ground is 11.11 acres. The main building has on the ground floor twenty-two rooms, of which four are kitchen and offices, and two (R and U) small. On the first floor there are fourteen out of sixteen rooms available for offices, and eight rooms above these again on the second floor; the latter are scarcely fit for offices, though they may be useful for records, &c.

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ENCLOSURES.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers:—

From J. A. DAVIES, Esq., Acting Registrar of the High Court of Judicature at Madras, Appellate Side, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 3rd April 1884, No. 1219.

I am directed to forward, for the favorable consideration of Government, the enclosed copy of a letter received from the District Judge of North Tanjore in which he suggests the expediency of Government purchasing, for the accommodation of the courts of the Subordinate Judge and Munsif of Negapatam, the whole or a portion of the buildings recently vacated by the Jesuit Mission at that place and known as St. Joseph's College.

2. Owing to the growing importance of Negapatam it is in the last degree improbable that any necessity will arise for the removal of either of these courts.

3. In his administration report for 1883, Mr. Grahame says, with reference to the former court, that the number of miscellaneous applications and applications for the execution of decrees is on the increase, while the number of insolvency applications was the largest in that court. Speaking of the munsif's court at Negapatam, he says, in the same report, that of all the munsifs' courts in his district, this court disposed of the largest number of original suits in 1883, and these suits are stated to have had the largest average value compared with those instituted in the courts of the other munsifs. Further, as was the case in the preceding year, the largest number of miscellaneous applications was filed and disposed of by the Negapatam munsif's court in 1883.

4. I annex an extract from a letter addressed to the District Judge of North Tanjore by the Sub-Judge, Mr. Vasudeva Row, in which the latter officer enumerates at length the grounds upon which he recommends that a suitable building should be provided for his court. It appears from the Judge's report that if the present proposal be favorably entertained, the Government building now occupied by the district munsif could be sold for its full value if it is not required by any other public department.

ENCLOSURES.

From T. WEIR, Esq., Acting District Judge of North Tanjore, to the Acting Registrar of the High Court of Judicature at Madras, dated Tranquebar, 20th March 1884.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, dated 15th instant, No. 945, asking me, among other matters, to submit proposals for the accommodation of the Subordinate Judge's Court at Negapatam.

2. Before the receipt of your letter under reply, I had formed the intention of addressing the High Court on this very subject.

3. During my recent visit to Negapatam, I carefully examined the building occupied by the subordinate court, and I agree with the Subordinate Judge and with my predecessor, Mr. Grahame, in thinking it highly desirable that the court should be accommodated elsewhere, and, if possible, in a Government building.

4. Having learned that the buildings lately vacated by the Jesuit Mission and known as St. Joseph's College, Negapatam, were available, I inspected these in company with the Subordinate Judge.

The buildings which are situated in a large walled-in compound form a noble and extensive pile, probably unsurpassed in Southern India. They are quite capable of accommodating not only the civil courts, viz., the subordinate court and district munsif's court, but also, I should think, all the public offices of Negapatam, viz., Head Assistant Collector, tahsildar, deputy tahsildar, registration, police, and other departments. The Jesuit Mission is, I understand, willing to dispose of the buildings, or, if necessary, to rent them for almost any, not unreasonable, price or rent that may be fixed by a competent professional officer of Government.

As the mission will not again occupy the buildings and has already demolished some of them, the terms which would be accepted would no doubt be extremely moderate.

5. An opportunity so favorable for obtaining ample house-room and accommodation for all the public offices at a large and thriving centre of trade does not frequently occur, and I would therefore strongly urge that the whole block of buildings may, with great advantage, be purchased and utilised by Government.

If the High Court, however, should not be prepared to support this recommendation and should wish me to confine my proposals to the question of accommodating the civil courts, I would recommend that the detached portion of the college, which was formerly occupied by the school or college classes, be secured either by purchase or at a yearly rent for the two courts now at Negapatam, viz., the subordinate court and the munsif's court. This portion of the college stands at a distance of some fifty yards from the main building, and both the courts mentioned by me can be lodged in it and have space to spare. The Negapatam munsif's court is now located in a Government building, which, as stated in my recent inspection report, is well adapted for its purpose and is in fair repair. The abandonment of this court-house would not, however, in my opinion, entail any loss upon Government, as the building being situated in a favorite locality would, I have little doubt, be bought at its full value for residential purposes. The accommodation of the subordinate court and the district munsif's court in one and the same building instead of in detached buildings will also greatly facilitate the work of the new central establishments (central nazarat and central copyist offices) for these courts.

On the grounds above stated, therefore I recommend the purchase of the whole or of part of the St. Joseph's College buildings. Should my proposals commend themselves to the court, I shall endeavour to obtain any further information that may be thought necessary with all possible expedition.

EXTRACT from a letter from the Subordinate Judge of Negapatam, to the District Judge of North Tanjore, dated 21st January 1884, No. 64.

The court is now being held in a rented building on a monthly rent of Rs. 50, and the owner thereof is not only unwilling to execute proper repairs at proper seasons, but seems apparently anxious to rent the building to some private resident who can keep the house clean and neat, as he has always been bringing to my notice that the verandahs are always full of rotten wooden things, that paddy bags attached are always heaped in the said verandahs, that the compound is not as clean and as neat as that of a private residence, being always full of attached cattle. In a heavy court like this it must naturally be expected that a great number of people must go into the room upstairs where the court is being held, that the compound and the verandahs around the building must necessarily be used to secure the attached cattle and property. The wear and tear of the building used for a court-house must therefore be necessarily greater than that of a private residence occupied by a single gentleman with or without a lady. Every care is, however, taken, and peons in attendance are daily told off to see that no nuisance is committed within the compound by the crowd of suitors that assemble in the compound, who sometimes amount to even 500 on small cause days, and every care is taken that the cattle sheds are always kept clean by the dung, &c., being removed as often as possible. But still the owner is not satisfied as to the cleanliness of the compound. The compound is not spacious enough to accommodate all the people resorting to the court, and many of them having to wait, wait outside the compound and under the trees in the tope surrounding the compound. The vakils, about 50 in number, that attend daily have no place set apart for them, thus rendering it necessary that they should either sit with the Judge otherwise engaged, or interfere with the establishment, which is objectionable,

and in case the central nazarat system is to be introduced, there is absolutely no place for the nazir to sit unless a new shed is at once built for him. The late nazir used to sit in the verandah and a room which are now full of records and attached property.

Under these circumstances and considering that this court alone has been able to save at the rate of nearly 50,000 rupees* a year for Government, I respectfully and strongly suggest the propriety of a suitable building being at once built or purchased for the court-house. I further take this opportunity of bringing to your

	RS.
* 1881	46,848
1882	50,387
1883	47,797

notice that several blocks of buildings attached to the late Jesuit Mission College, since removed to Trichinopoly, are offered for sale, and although the large upstairs building might perhaps cost much, there are other smaller blocks of buildings which, I understand, can be separately purchased with a proper compound around it with one year's saving if not its half. I have inspected the several blocks, and there are one or two which can conveniently accommodate not only my court but also that of the munsif together with our central establishments of copyists and nazir. I inspected the building some time ago, and since understand that the missionaries have demolished one of the blocks and removed the wooden materials to Trichinopoly for the purposes of the new building. Messrs. H. E. Stokes and Pennington have seen the building and have, I think, agreed with me as to their suitability for a court-house.

From the Deputy Registrar of the High Court of Judicature at Madras, Appellate Side, dated Madras, 30th April 1884, No. 1516.

From H. W. FOSTER, Esq., Acting Head Assistant Collector of Tanjore, to the Collector of Tanjore, dated Negapatam, 7th July 1884, No. 1185.

With reference to the correspondence noted in the margin relative to the purchasing of the St. Joseph's College buildings for the accommodation of the public offices at Negapatam, I have the honor to forward three plans received from the Executive Engineer and copies of his letters, No. 1999, dated 14th June 1884, and No. 2164, dated 27th June 1884, and to report as follows.

2. If it is proposed to purchase the whole buildings with compound, convenient and ample accommodation will be obtained for the following offices without any great alteration to the building:—

Sub-Court, District Munsif's Court, Assistant Commissioner of Salt Revenue.—Ground-floor of the main building, the Assistant Commissioner holding his office in a room in the first floor.

Sub-Registrar, Deputy Tahsildar, and Sub-Magistrate.—Two out-houses named in ground-plan—boarders' and dining rooms.

Tahsildar.—Eastern half school-house, waiting-room, and the two churches; the smaller church is well adapted for a treasury room, and in convenient proximity is the waiting-room where the taluk sheristadar can find accommodation.

Sub-jail.—Western half of the school-house.

Executive Engineer, Head Assistant Collector, Assistant Superintendent of Police.—First floor.

3. The Engineer thinks (and I concur with him) that the buildings are not in very bad condition. He roughly estimates the cost of repair, &c., at Rs. 10,000, but is not now in a position to estimate the price at which the buildings may be bought.

4. If it is not deemed expedient to purchase the whole buildings, I would recommend the school-house alone being rented or (preferably) bought for the accommodation of the sub-court. The district munsif may in that case remain where he is.

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St. Joseph's College Buildings,
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Referring, for remarks, to certain departments,
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with order

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I inspected on the 16th instant all the buildings, and I must confess that, though before then, I had some doubt on the advisability of their removal to the St. Joseph's College buildings, I have none since. St. Joseph's College is a splendid block of buildings not deficient in architectural beauty and with the amplest accommodation.

I would put in it, besides the offices mentioned above, the Post office (to save the labor of receiving and despatching the vast official correspondence), the office of the sub-registrar, and allot a room for a stamp vendor. The convenience of thus concentrating all the public offices at present held in Negapatam and also those which may spring up in future seems to me enormous.

I enclose a ground-plan, &c., of the College buildings in question.

I think if Government were to offer Rs. 45,000 it might be accepted. It seems the gentleman, who is said to have consented to purchase these buildings from the mission, could only do so for the purpose of reselling them at a profit. No doubt the building must have originally cost considerably nearer two lakhs than one.

ENCLOSURE.

From H. W. FOSTER, Esq., Acting Head Assistant Collector, Tanjore, to the Collector of Tanjore, dated Negapatam, 11th October 1884, No. 1772.

With reference to the correspondence noted in the margin, relative to the location of the Negapatam town deputy tahsildar's office in the new building, I have the honor to report that I have asked the deputy tahsildar to take charge of the new building.

2. I may add, however, that a mere inspection of the building with knowledge of requirements of the sub-magistrate of Negapatam town is enough to show the insufficiency of the portion allotted to him. I would therefore suggest that arrangements be made to give him the whole building. I think the police are satisfied to remain where they are for the present; or they may remove to where the sub-magistrate at present holds his office.

ORDER—dated 1st December 1884, No. 3143, Judicial.

The proposals contained in this letter will be referred to the Revenue and Public Works departments and the Inspectors-General of Police and Registration for remarks.

2. It is observed that the views of the Honorable the Judges of the High Court have already been expressed in the correspondence printed with G.O., 14th August last, No. 2042.

(True Extract.)

E. F. WEBSTER,
Chief Secretary.

To the Registrar, High Court.

„ Collector of Tanjore.
„ Revenue department, with plans.
„ Public Works department.
„ Inspector-General of Police.
„ „ of Registration.

Exd. J. Wright.

corner of the town. Mr. Foster, the present Acting Head Assistant Collector, thinks the present building inconvenient. There is no proper treasury, and the building will require frequent repairs. He strongly urges the advisability of removing it to St. Joseph's College or elsewhere. The old building might be given to the Volunteer Corps as proposed.

Deputy Tahsildar's Cutcherry.—This is a new building and is much too small for the purpose. There is no accommodation sufficient for both the town police and sub-magistrate's offices, and there is no latrine or vacant site adjoining the building to erect one* on. The Superintendent

* *Vide copy of the Head Assistant Collector's letter, No. 1772, dated 11th October 1884.* of Police, Mr. Bagshawe, tells me that an extra house will have to be built at a cost of Rs. 2,000 for the accommodation of the town police, if the present new building were given to the sub-magistrate's use. In my opinion, the building might be made over to the police entirely as a town station-house, and the deputy tahsildar's office might then be removed to the St. Joseph's College.

Executive Engineer's Office.—This is a new building. I doubt whether there is any necessity to move it except for the convenience of removing it to the neighbourhood of the other offices which are intended to be removed to the St. Joseph's College and for effecting a small saving by retrenching the watch establishment. If Government determine to buy the College buildings, the Executive Engineer's office may be removed to it and the present office sold to advantage.

Head Assistant Collector's Office.—This is at present out of repair. The Head Assistant proposes to convert his office into a terraced building which may cost about Rs. 2,000. As there is a deficiency of house accommodation for Europeans in Negapatam, there will be little difficulty in selling his offices or renting them.

Assistant Superintendent of Police has no public building for his office. He holds his office in a private building for which a monthly rent of Rs. 25 is being paid.

The town station-house office is at present held in a rented building also. It was intended to locate it in the new deputy tahsildar's cutcherry, but there is not sufficient room. If the St. Joseph's College is purchased, the deputy tahsildar's office may be removed to it, the whole of the new deputy tahsildar's cutcherry being made over to the town police as a station-house, and an office given to the Assistant Superintendent in St. Joseph's College.

Assistant Commissioner of Salt Revenue has no public building for his office and might be given accommodation also in the St. Joseph's College.

Bench Magistrates have no accommodation at all. They sit in the deputy tahsildar's office generally, and a room may be assigned to them in the St. Joseph's College when bought.

I now proceed to consider whether, from the financial point of view, the bargain is cheap and acceptable to Government. I beg to submit that if they resolve to buy the College buildings the cost will be Rs. 60,000 for the buildings and Rs. 10,000 to fit them for the several offices which are to be accommodated there. A total sum of Rs. 70,000 will be required. But against this expenditure, I may estimate a saving of Rs. 57,200, as shown below.

The Sub-Judge and the district munsif of Negapatam have no court houses. As the Jesuit Missionaries do not consent to sell a portion of this College buildings for the use of the Civil Courts Government must either rent a more decent building, which is neither possible nor a thing which will meet the wishes of Government, or order new buildings to be constructed. I may estimate the value of these constructions including land compensations at not less than Rs. 30,000, considering the large sums which have been spent upon buildings for small offices like the deputy collector's office, Mannargudi, sub-magistrate's offices at Arantangi, Negapatam, and so on. Again the tahsildar's office is in need of urgent repair. According to the estimates received, Rs. 6,700 are required. This can be saved from the Provincial revenue. One day or other, the present site of the taluk office will be condemned, and a new office for the taluk will be necessary.

The Head Assistant Collector's office requires repairs, and Rs. 2,000 are, it is estimated, required to put it in decent order. I believe Government pay Rs. 25

1ST DECEMBER 1884, No. 3143, JUDICIAL.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper:—

From F. H. HEBBERT, Esq., Acting Collector of Tanjore, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Negapatam, 19th October 1884, No. 6066.

With reference to G.O., No. 2042, dated 14th August 1884, Judicial department, directing me to enquire of the College authorities for what sum they will sell certain portions of the St. Joseph's College for the accommodation of the Subordinate and District Munsif's Court at Negapatam, I have the honor to report that in his letter, dated 10th October 1884, the Rev. Fr. Rapotal informs me that "I can no more entertain the proposals therein contained. It is true that I in my letter of 3rd June last did state that the mission were willing to sell portions of the Negapatam St. Joseph's College, but circumstances have since changed."

"I would humbly request Government to reconsider the matter in the hope that they will make up their mind to purchase the whole of the buildings." He says further that he is negotiating with a third party and has undertaken to accept a deposit of Rs. 10,000 in ten days, and if his offer to receive Rs. 60,000 for the whole of the buildings is not accepted before the end of that time he must conclude the negotiations with the third party whose name is not mentioned in his letter.

2. Though a map of the town of Negapatam was furnished to Government with Mr. Pennington's letter, No. 3427, dated 21st June 1884, addressed to the Secretary to Government in the Military department, in connection with the formation of the Volunteer Corps at Negapatam, and which I now beg Government will call for and peruse with other papers on the subject, still, for the sake of ready reference, I enclose another map of the town marking therein in red pencil the position of all the principal Government offices in Negapatam.

3. On an inspection of the map, Government will observe that St. Joseph's College is situated at the very centre of the town, and that no more convenient site could be chosen for the Sub-Judge's Court or other public offices.

4. Mr. Pennington proposed to provide accommodation for the offices of the Head Assistant Collector, Executive Engineer, District Munsif, Subordinate Judge, Deputy Tahsildar, Assistant Superintendent of Police and Assistant Commissioner of Salt Revenue in the said College buildings; and the Executive Engineer, Negapatam, who was consulted, says in paragraph 5 of his

* No. 1999, dated 13th June 1884. letter * that the College buildings will leave ample accommodation for all these offices.

5. The District Judge says that it will be very convenient to have the tahsildar's treasury next to the Civil Courts for the purpose of remitting money. This is an obvious advantage of putting the several offices together. So I need not dwell much upon it.

6. With the information before me, I give below a short description of the state of the several public buildings which it is proposed to locate in the new site.

Tahsildar's Cutcherry.—This is an old building and out of repair. Estimates have been received for repairing it at a cost of Rs. 6,700. It is situated at the south-east

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College Buildings at Negapatam.

Passing orders on the proposal to purchase the buildings attached to St. Joseph's College, Negapatam, for the use of certain offices.

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main building, and the third giving a ground plan of the school prepared by the Executive Engineer, Negapatam, are herewith submitted, with copies of letters addressed by that officer to the Head Assistant Collector on the subject.

6. The enclosures received with the official memorandum are herewith returned as directed.

TANJORE,
14th July 1884.

(Signed) J. B. PENNINGTON,
Acting Collector.

ORDER—dated 14th August 1884, No. 2042, Judicial.

The information submitted by the Collector of Tanjore is quite insufficient to warrant negotiations being entered upon for the purchase of the college buildings, even if such a measure was considered desirable. There is no map of the town showing the position of the buildings now occupied for various Governmental purposes. The Government have, however, before them a distinct proposal from the High Court, based upon a report from the District Judge of North Tanjore, for the purchase, of a portion at least, of these premises for the purposes of the sub-judge's and district munsif's courts. Good reasons are shown by the District Judge for the location of the subordinate court in a permanent Government building in lieu of the present temporary arrangement in a rented house. His Excellency the Governor in Council therefore directs that the college authorities be asked by the Collector of Tanjore for what sum they would sell (1) the school-house, (2) the waiting-room, and (3) the contiguous small church and such convenient portion of the adjacent ground as may be necessary for the purposes of a compound. The Department of Public Works will be asked for a rough estimate of the value of these buildings and premises, and the cost of adapting them for a subordinate and munsif's courts.

2. As at present advised, the Government do not think any advantage would be gained by the purchase of the entire property for the location of all the public offices therein. These papers will, however, be printed and communicated to all the departments concerned for information.

(True Extract.)

F. M. M. M. M.
Chief Secretary.

To the Registrar, High Court.
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" Public Works department, with three plans.
" Inspector General of Police.
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Exd. T. O'Connor.

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From C. H. WILKS, Esq., Executive Engineer, Negapatam division, to the Head Assistant Collector, Negapatam, dated Mannargudi, 27th June 1884, No. 2164.

With reference to your No. 1117 of 24th June 1884, I have the honor to state that I regret to say I am unable to comply with your request, as it is necessary first to know whether you wish the value of the estimate of original cost, which will need an extensive survey. This is the only professional opinion that can be given, bearing in mind the deterioration.

Any other valuation would be only a guess, and probably the price you wish to know is the least the owners will give for it, and that I cannot give. If you require the professional estimate or valuation, I will get the orders of the Superintending Engineer on the matter.

No. 3961.

Endorsement on the above.

Submitted to the Chief Secretary to Government, Judicial department, for information with reference to his official memorandum, No. 1107, dated 21st May 1884.

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5. Three sketches, one showing the position of all the various buildings within the compound, another showing the plan of the ground, first and upper floors of the

5. Of the public offices referred to in paragraph 2 *supra*, rent is paid for the following:—

Office.	Rent. RS.
1. Sub-Court	50
2. Assistant Superintendent of Police	25
3. Assistant Commissioner of Salt Revenue	55

The rent allowed for the Assistant Commissioner seems to be intended to cover house-rent for the officer and that for the office. I think Rs. 25 may be set against the latter. In that case the office-rents paid will come to Rs. 100.

6. A statement of the present accommodation of the sub and district munsifs' courts is enclosed.

STATEMENT showing the present accommodation of the Sub and District Munsif's Courts, Negapatam.

Sub-Court.					FT.	IN.	FT.	IN.
1 Judge's room	..	..	..	..	27	6	18	2
1 Chamber	..	..	..	..	10	0	18	2
1 Sheristadar and clerks	..	..	..	..	28	0	18	8
1 Writer's department	..	..	..	..	10	3	14	6
1 Copyist's room	..	..	..	..	28	2	10	4
1 Record-room	..	..	..	..	29	9	14	6
1 Nazir's room	..	..	..	..	14	6	10	6
2 Rooms for attached property, measuring together ..	..	..	..	..	32	0	12	0

District Munsif's Court.					FT.	IN.	FT.	IN.
1 Judge's room	..	..	..	..	32	3	23	0
1 Chamber	..	..	..	..	16	0	7	9
1 Head clerk's room	..	..	..	..	36	0	23	6
1 corner of this (in size) is partitioned off for storing attached property	..	..	..	..	15	0	13	8
1 Clerk's room	..	..	..	..	23	0	15	0

These two last rooms contain also the records. In both courts attached property is also kept in the verandah for want of space.

(Signed) H. W. FOSTER.
Ag. Head Assistant Collector.

ENCLOSURES.

From the Rev. F. RAPATEL, S.S., Procurator, Jesuit Mission, Trichinopoly, to the Acting Collector of Tanjore, dated Trichinopoly, 3rd June 1884.

I have the honor to acknowledge your letter, No. 2981, dated 28th May 1884, to the address of the Principal, Jesuit College, Trichinopoly, transferred to me for reply in consequence of the buildings referred to being now in my charge.

(1) The mission are prepared to sell the whole of the Negapatam college buildings and ground without any reservation, also each block of buildings separately, for any reasonable price the Government will offer after valuation by the Engineer department.

(2) The mission are willing also to let the whole of the premises for a rent of (300) three hundred rupees a-month on condition of executing all repairs, and of (200) two hundred rupees on condition that Government does all the necessary repairs.

For further information I beg to state that the mission would prefer selling the whole to selling only a portion, and, should Government take the whole, the mission are ready to make a reduction in the price. Also they prefer selling to renting, and, in case Government determine only to rent, the mission will raise no objection; but must be allowed the liberty of selling, in the event of any purchaser coming forward, after due notice, say, of three or six months.

From C. H. WILKS, Esq., Executive Engineer, Negapatam division, to the Head Assistant Collector, dated Mannargudi, 13th June 1884, No. 1999.

Referring to your No. 976 of the 31st May 1884 and the demi-official of the Collector, I have the honor to submit the following report, accompanied by—

- (1) A sketch plan drawn to scale showing the extent of ground and position of the various buildings.
- (2) Plans of the ground, first and upper floors of the main building.
- (3) Plan of the school, &c.

The extent of ground is 11.11 acres. The main building has on the ground floor twenty-two rooms, of which four are kitchen and offices, and two (R and C) small. On the first floor there are fourteen out of sixteen rooms available for offices, and eight rooms above these again on the second floor; the latter are scarcely fit for offices, though they may be useful for records, &c.

The largest room is on the ground floor (M*), 36' x 27½'; there are two massive square pillars in it. The next is (R†) 36' x 19½' and another (N) 34' x 19½'; again one in the centre (F‡) 31½' x 19½'. The remaining eighteen vary 16' to 18' and 19'.

* Proposed for Sub-Judge.
† For Munsif's Court.
‡ Sub-Magistrate's Court.

On the first floor.—Two rooms (F) and (M), 34½' x 20' and 31½' x 19½', are the largest, the rest 16' or 18' x 19' generally. All these will be available. Rooms l and n are small. The best rooms appear to be M and p, b and W and J.

Until it is clearly known what extent and number of rooms is required for each office or court, it will be difficult to make any definite proposals, but roughly I submit the following:—

Executive Engineer's office—					Room.	
Executive Engineer	..	..	..	..	1	(m)
Head Clerk	..	..	..	..	1	(c)
Accountant	..	..	..	..	1	(b)
Draftsman	..	..	..	..	1	(a)
Storekeeper	..	..	..	..	1	(d)
Records	..	..	..	..	1	(n)
Head Assistant Collector's office	..	..	..	..	1	o + p
Clerks	..	..	..	..	2	I J
Records	..	..	..	..	1	h
Extra	..	..	..	..	1	K
Small extra	..	..	..	..	1	L
Police Assistant Superintendent	..	..	..	..	1	f
Office	..	..	..	..	1	e
Sub-Inspector	..	..	..	..	1	g
Munsif—						
Court	..	..	..	..	1	R large.
Office Clerks	..	..	..	..	1	P
Munsif—						
For Munsif	..	..	..	..	1	Q
Record-room	..	..	..	..	1	H
Sub-Judge—						
Court	..	..	..	..	1	M
Clerk's office	..	..	..	..	1	N
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Writers	..	..	..	..	1	E
Record	..	..	..	..	1	G
Magistrate's room	..	..	..	..	1	O small.
Tahsildar—						
Court	..	..	..	..	1	large.
Clerks	..	..	..	..	3	School-house to be adopted.
Records	..	..	..	..	1	

By these roughly sketched arrangements the tahsildar's cutcherry would be at the school, a building which consists of 1 room, 184 feet long by 20 feet wide. This can easily be portioned off to suit when the size of rooms required is known.

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3. During my recent visit to Negapatam, I carefully examined the building occupied by the subordinate court, and I agree with the Subordinate Judge and with my predecessor, Mr. Grahame, in thinking it highly desirable that the court should be accommodated elsewhere, and, if possible, in a Government building.

4. Having learned that the buildings lately vacated by the Jesuit Mission and known as St. Joseph's College, Negapatam, were available, I inspected these in company with the Subordinate Judge.

The buildings which are situated in a large walled-in compound form a noble and extensive pile, probably unsurpassed in Southern India. They are quite capable of accommodating not only the civil courts, viz., the subordinate court and district munsif's court, but also, I should think, all the public offices of Negapatam, viz., Head Assistant Collector, tahsildar, deputy tahsildar, registration, police, and other departments. The Jesuit Mission is, I understand, willing to dispose of the buildings, or, if necessary, to rent them for almost any, not unreasonable, price or rent that may be fixed by a competent professional officer of Government.

As the mission will not again occupy the buildings and has already demolished some of them, the terms which would be accepted would no doubt be extremely moderate.

5. An opportunity so favorable for obtaining ample house-room and accommodation for all the public offices at a large and thriving centre of trade does not frequently occur, and I would therefore strongly urge that the whole block of buildings may, with great advantage, be purchased and utilised by Government.

If the High Court, however, should not be prepared to support this recommendation and should wish me to confine my proposals to the question of accommodating the civil courts, I would recommend that the detached portion of the college, which was formerly occupied by the school or college classes, be secured either by purchase or at a yearly rent for the two courts now at Negapatam, viz., the subordinate court and the munsif's court. This portion of the college stands at a distance of some fifty yards from the main building, and both the courts mentioned by me can be lodged in it and have space to spare. The Negapatam munsif's court is now located in a Government building, which, as stated in my recent inspection report, is well adapted for its purpose and is in fair repair. The abandonment of this court-house would not, however, in my opinion, entail any loss upon Government, as the building being situated in a favorite locality would, I have little doubt, be bought at its full value for residential purposes. The accommodation of the subordinate court and the district munsif's court in one and the same building instead of in detached buildings will also greatly facilitate the work of the new central establishments (central nazarat and central copyist offices) for these courts.

On the grounds above stated, therefore I recommend the purchase of the whole or of part of the St. Joseph's College buildings. Should my proposals commend themselves to the court, I shall endeavour to obtain any further information that may be thought necessary with all possible expedition.

EXTRACT from a letter from the Subordinate Judge of Negapatam, to the District Judge of North Tanjore, dated 21st January 1884, No. 64.

The court is now being held in a rented building on a monthly rent of Rs. 50, and the owner thereof is not only unwilling to execute proper repairs at proper seasons, but seems apparently anxious to rent the building to some private resident who can keep the house clean and neat, as he has always been bringing to my notice that the verandahs are always full of rotten wooden things, that paddy bags attached are always heaped in the said verandahs, that the compound is not as clean and as neat as that of a private residence, being always full of attached cattle. In a heavy court like this it must naturally be expected that a great number of people must go into the room upstairs where the court is being held, that the compound and the verandahs around the building must necessarily be used to secure the attached cattle and property. The wear and tear of the building used for a court-house must therefore be necessarily greater than that of a private residence occupied by a single gentleman with or without a lady. Every care is, however, taken, and peons in attendance are daily told off to see that no nuisance is committed within the compound by the crowd of suitors that assemble in the compound, who sometimes amount to even 500 on small cause days, and every care is taken that the cattle sheds are always kept clean by the dung, &c., being removed as often as possible. But still the owner is not satisfied as to the cleanliness of the compound. The compound is not spacious enough to accommodate all the people resorting to the court, and many of them having to wait, wait outside the compound and under the trees in the tope surrounding the compound. The vakils, about 50 in number, that attend daily have no place set apart for them, thus rendering it necessary that they should either sit with the Judge otherwise engaged, or interfere with the establishment, which is objectionable,

14TH AUGUST 1884, No. 2042, JUDICIAL.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

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OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,

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Kodaikanal 1st Sept 1884

No. 284 M.D.

From

The Superintending Engineer,

6th Circle.

To

The Chief Engineer

P. W. D.

Sir,

ENCLOSURE.

I have the honor to report that an estimate amounting to Rs. 227 for repairing the Post office at Kodaikanal was sanctioned by the Post Master General Madras, on the 18th August 1884.

2. The Superintendent of Post offices Trichinopoly Division, in returning the above estimate has asked me to cause the repairs to be carried out as soon as possible.

3. As there are no funds at the disposal of the Executive Engineer

Masura Division for executing
the above repairs, I request
that you will be good enough
to allot a sum of Rs 227 under
Repairs, Civil Buildings, Postal,
for the above service.

I have the honor to be

Sir

your most obt servt

 S. B. B. B.

Superintending Engineer

Memo 7427
P. W. D. 6TH CIRCLE.

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To

The

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Dated

Received

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Enclosure.

N: 2227 W of 11th September/84
Post office at Ramnad:-

Requesting to allot
Rs 227 for repairs to the -

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

N: 2227 W
PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the

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From the Suptg. Engineer VI Circle H. Co. No. 284 M. D. 1st Sept 1884

A sum of Rs 227 is appropriated from the reserve with Govt. under Repairs, Civil Buildings, Postal, for repairing the Post Office at Ramnad in the Madura District.

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To The Suptg. Engineer VI Circle
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