

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

* No. 1999, dated 13th June 1884. was consulted, says in paragraph 5 of his 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

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

a-month or Rs. 300 a-year for the office of the Assistant Superintendent of Police, and if a public building is to be constructed for him a sum of Rs. 8,000 may be required. A similar rent is paid by the Salt Assistant Commissioner, and a provision of Rs. 8,000 will likewise be necessary to secure a public building for him. The probable value of the Executive Engineer's office by resale will be about Rs. 2,500. I expect from all these sources a saving of Rs. 57,200 as stated above. Deducting this sum, the Government will have to pay only Rs. 12,800 which is very trifling in consideration of the advantages resulting from the concentration of all the offices in one building.

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.

Govt. of 1884 Madras.

JUDICIAL.

Issued

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 1st December 1884, No. 3143.

DECEMBER.

St. Joseph's College Buildings,
Negapatam.

Referring, for remarks, to certain departments,
the proposals of the Collector of Tanjore regard-
ing the purchase of the —.

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

* No. 1999, dated 13th June 1884. was consulted, says in paragraph 5 of his
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

with order

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

a-month or Rs. 300 a-year for the office of the Assistant Superintendent of Police, and if a public building is to be constructed for him a sum of Rs. 8,000 may be required. A similar rent is paid by the Salt Assistant Commissioner, and a provision of Rs. 8,000 will likewise be necessary to secure a public building for him. The probable value of the Executive Engineer's office by resale will be about Rs. 2,500. I expect from all these sources a saving of Rs. 57,200 as stated above. Deducting this sum, the Government will have to pay only Rs. 12,800 which is very trifling in consideration of the advantages resulting from the concentration of all the offices in one building.

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.)

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

Exd. J. Wright.

Chief Secretary.

No 3034 Wd/Dec-9. 1884

Comm. to the
Supdt. of the
Supt. of the
for very early remarks

Cd.

9-12-84

LLS
9-12-84

Govt. of 1884 Madras.

JUDICIAL.

82C



Issued

Recd. 8 Dec/84 Encl.

G.O., 1st December 1884, No. 3143.

No 3034 Wd/Dec-10. 1884

DECEMBER.

Vide G.O. No. 10189-

St. Joseph's College Buildings,
Negapatam.

Referring, for remarks, to certain departments,
the proposals of the Collector of Tanjore regard-
ing the purchase of the —.

With Order

With Order

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
letter * that the College buildings will

* No. 1999, dated 13th June 1884.
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

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

a-month or Rs. 300 a-year for the office of the Assistant Superintendent of Police, and if a public building is to be constructed for him a sum of Rs. 8,000 may be required. A similar rent is paid by the Salt Assistant Commissioner, and a provision of Rs. 8,000 will likewise be necessary to secure a public building for him. The probable value of the Executive Engineer's office by resale will be about Rs. 2,500. I expect from all these sources a saving of Rs. 57,200 as stated above. Deducting this sum, the Government will have to pay only Rs. 12,800 which is very trifling in consideration of the advantages resulting from the concentration of all the offices in one building.

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.

Govt. of 1884 Madras.
JUDICIAL.

No 3034 Wd/10/12/84

Commnd to the
S.E. VI Circle for
very laudable remarks.

127 CR.
DW.

Issued

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 1st December 1884, No. 3143.

No 3034 Wd/Dec 10. 1884

DECEMBER.

St. Joseph's College Buildings,
Negapatam.

Referring, for remarks, to certain departments,
the proposals of the Collector of Tanjore regard-
ing the purchase of the —.

S.E. VI Circle

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

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

* *Vide* copy of the Head Assistant Collector's letter, No. 1772, dated 11th October 1884.

latrine or vacant site adjoining the building to erect one* on. The Superintendent

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

a-month or Rs. 300 a-year for the office of the Assistant Superintendent of Police, and if a public building is to be constructed for him a sum of Rs. 8,000 may be required. A similar rent is paid by the Salt Assistant Commissioner, and a provision of Rs. 8,000 will likewise be necessary to secure a public building for him. The probable value of the Executive Engineer's office by resale will be about Rs. 2,500. I expect from all these sources a saving of Rs. 57,200 as stated above. Deducting this sum, the Government will have to pay only Rs. 12,800 which is very trifling in consideration of the advantages resulting from the concentration of all the offices in one building.

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.

Govt. of 1884 Madras.

JUDICIAL.

No 3034 Waf 10/12/84

Commnd to the S.C.

VI Circle for any early
remuneration.

147 C.B.

N.W.

Issued

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 1st December 1884, No. 3143.

No 3034 Waf Dec-10. 1884

DECEMBER.

St. Joseph's College Buildings,
Negapatam.

Referring, for remarks, to certain departments,
the proposals of the Collector of Tanjore regard-
ing the purchase of the —.

S.E. VI Circle.

With order.