

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper :—

From Colonel T. E. TENNANT, Inspector-General of Jails, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 1st February 1884, No. 32.

The Superintendent of the District Jail at Tanjore reports that the jail buildings are much in want of repair, and submits an estimate, amounting to Rs. 1,880, prepared by the Executive Engineer.

2. The Tanjore jail buildings are not the property of Government, but are rented from the Tanjore family. As a new jail is now being built and the present jail is held on yearly rental, it does not seem advisable to expend a larger sum than absolutely necessary on these rented buildings. The Superintendent has obtained an estimate from a local contractor, amounting to Rs. 766, for repairing blocks Nos. 1, 7, and 9, which I think will suffice. I have the honor to recommend this latter estimate, viz., Rs. 766, for sanction.

3. I enclose a letter * from the Superintendent reporting on the progress of the new jail. I believe some difficulty has arisen regarding the supply of bricks, but making due allowance for these drawbacks, the progress appears to me remarkably slow; at the present rate of progress it will take several years to complete the jail. The boundary wall is only 3 feet in height with the exception of that on the eastern side, which is reported to be 5 feet in height. Until the outer wall is completed it will not be safe to transfer prisoners from the central jail at Trichinopoly on to the works, as contemplated in the concluding paragraph of my letter embodied in G.O., No. 3059, dated 20th November 1882, P.W.D.

ENCLOSURE.

From Brigade Surgeon E. E. LLOYD, Superintendent, District Jail, Tanjore, to the Inspector-General of Jails, dated Tanjore, 26th January 1884, No. 25.

With reference to your remarks made in the concluding paragraph of your letter embodied in G.O., No. 3059, Public Works, dated 20th November 1882, I have the honor to report for your information the state of the progress of the work that is being executed towards the construction of the new jail here as follows.

2. The entrance gate with office and guard-room, &c., is raised to only 4 feet on an average; but I cannot say, from the way in which it is being constructed, when the work will be completed in full. The boundary walls are raised to a height of 3 feet and the eastern one to 5 feet. Of the 4 walls proposed to be built, 1 is built complete, while the other 3 are yet incomplete for want of plastering. Officials' quarters and the police lines are not yet put in hand, and there seems no signs of commencing them just now. No estimates and plans are yet obtained for the construction of drains. Of the 6 blocks proposed to be constructed, only their foundations have been completed, and the walls of one of these, No. 3 block, have been raised to 3 feet in height from the level of the ground, while the construction of another block has just now been put in hand. The only building therefore that can be called completed in a way is the store-room; even here the flooring is not yet completed.

3. From the above you will see that the new jail will not be in a fit state to receive the contemplated batch of prisoners from the Trichinopoly central jail for some time to come owing to the slowness of the work now being done there.

G.O. of (1884) Madras.

JUDICIAL.

Order thereon No 564 Waj
1st March/84

Communicated

to the Suptg. Engr.

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FEBRUARY.

Munsifs' Courts.

Directing the Collector of Tanjore to acquire, by private arrangement, if possible, certain land reported to be available for building the District Munsifs' Courts at Kumbakonam.

S.E. VI. Circle

20TH FEBRUARY 1884, No. 455, JUDICIAL.

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READ—the following paper :—

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, 29th January 1884, No. 336.

In continuation of the concluding part of paragraph 2 of my letter of the 22nd instant, No. 222, I am directed to forward copy of a letter from Mr. Parker, and to recommend that steps be taken, as early as possible, to acquire the land stated by him to be available for building the District Munsifs' Courts at Kumbakónam.

ENCLOSURE.

From G. A. PARKER, Esq., District Judge, South Tanjore, to the Acting Registrar of the High Court of Judicature, Madras, dated Tanjore, 21st January 1884, No. 19.

In continuation of my letter of the 8th instant, No. 5, I have the honor to inform you that I have been to Kumbakónam, and find that a piece of ground adjoining that which Mr. Stokes and I proposed to take is available for building the District Munsifs' Courts at Kumbakónam. It is a bit of tope land just opposite (on the other side of the road) to the sub-court, and therefore will be conveniently situated as regards the central Nazir's office in the sub-court.

2. The price would be about Rs. 852 for 175 feet square, and the owners appeared willing to sell. I would suggest that Government be moved to complete the purchase at once, and that the building be included in next year's budget.

ORDER—dated 20th February 1884, No. 455, Judicial.

The Collector will acquire the land by private arrangement, if possible.

(True Extract.)

E. F. WEBSTER,
Chief Secretary.

To the Registrar of the High Court.
„ Collector of Tanjore.
„ Public Works department.
„ Surgeon-General, with G.O., dated 29th January 1884, No. 255.

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G.O., 9th February 1884, No. 201.

No: 565 Wd/1st March 1884

FEBRUARY.

Forest Officer's Bungalow
at Anantapur.

Board's recommendations regarding the —, approved with remarks.

III Circle

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9TH FEBRUARY 1884, No. 201, REVENUE.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 10th January 1884, No. 47 :—

Read—the following letter from J. S. GAMBLE, Esq., Conservator of Forests, Northern Circle, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madras, 29th November 1883, No. 1215 :—

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of copy of Board's Resolution, No. 9565 of 17th November 1883, in regard to the provision of a house for the district forest officer of Anantapur, and in reply to ask if it is intended that the cost of the house should be borne by Forest funds. If such is the case, I would ask that the plans and estimates be referred to me before final orders are passed by Government. There is no provision whatever for such a house in the budget estimates for 1884-85, and, although possibly some savings may be found to apply to the cost of erection of the Anantapur district forest officer's house, yet no large sum will be available, and certainly nothing over Rs. 5,000.

2. It is doubtful whether, after the selection and demarcation of reserves in Anantapur has been completed, it will be necessary to retain a superior officer in charge, or whether a competent Sub-Assistant Conservator will not suffice. In any case, the Anantapur district is not a charge which is likely to be permanently held by a senior officer such as a Deputy Conservator, and, therefore, I think that if a house is built, it should be as inexpensive as possible, consistent with providing a fair amount of accommodation.

3. With the precedent of the Nandyál bungalow before me, I would also strongly recommend that the construction of the house be carried out, as is usually done, by the forest officer. In that case I would have plans and estimates prepared and submit them for the Board's sanction, and see that no delay was allowed to prevent the house being built at once.

READ—the following letter from Major S. C. CLARKE, R.E., Officiating Superintending Engineer, III Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Bellary, 16th November 1883, No. 2331 :—

With reference to G.O., No. 3185 of the 12th November 1883, I have the honor to submit the plan with estimate for the forest officer's bungalow at Anantapur, which has been approved of by the Collector.

2. At the rate of $6\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. on the total estimate of Rs. 9,506, the monthly rental will amount to about Rs. 50, which, I conjecture, will be considered too high a rent for the forest officer to pay, as his pay does not exceed Rs. 450.

3. Under the circumstances, I would beg that a rental of Rs. 45, or $5\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. on the outlay, may be approved of.

Submitted for the Secretary's signature

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Plan.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 2 and 3.—Estimates in duplicate.

No. 2300-C.

Referred to the Revenue Department for favor of opinion as to the accommodation provided for the forest officer. It is pointed out that a rent of $6\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. will have to be charged on the outlay, and, in deciding on the accommodation to be allowed, it would appear necessary to consider the officer's salary as affected by this charge.

(By Order.)

CHEPAUK,
22nd November 1883.

(Signed) C. BOWEN, Major, R.E.,
Under-Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

Mis. No. 4773.

Referred to the Board of Revenue for remarks.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
30th November 1883.

(Signed) E. F. WEBSTER,
Secy. to Govt., Rev. Dept.

Reference on the above, dated 3rd December 1883.

Referred to the Conservator of Forests, Northern Circle, for remarks.

(Signed) E. GIBSON,
Acting Secretary.

To the Conservator of Forests, Northern
Circle, with original letter and three enclosures, to be returned.

READ—the following letter from J. S. GAMBLE, Esq., Conservator of Forests, Northern Circle, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madras, 8th December 1883, No. 1301:—

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of Board's Reference, No. 4869, General Register, dated 5th December 1883, forwarding, for remarks, the plan and estimates for a forest house at Anantapur with letter, No. 2331 of 16th November 1883, from the Superintending Engineer, III Circle, and in reply to ask the favor of reference to my letter, No. 1215 of 29th November 1883, on the subject. If the house is to be built from other funds, I have nothing to say against it, except that it is too large for a small district and the rent too high for an Assistant or Sub-Assistant Conservator, and that a smaller and cheaper building would amply answer the purpose. The following remarks are based on the supposition that it is to be built from Forest funds.

2. I have not much to add to my remarks made in my previous letter, except to say that the style and accommodation of the proposed house as estimated by the Superintending Engineer are altogether greater than is necessary for the district forest officer of Anantapur. The cost too is much more than we can afford at present, especially if it is considered that we have no guarantee that it will really be kept within the Rs. 9,506 estimated, which, I believe, does not include the establishment percentage of the Public Works Department. The Board may, perhaps, remember that in the parallel case of the Nandyál bungalow the original estimate was Rs. 5,400 while the total cost has been Rs. 9,128 (not 7,159 as paragraph 28 of my annual report for 1882-83 would seem to imply), and that while the estimates were prepared in 1879, the house itself was only finished in 1883.

3. I cannot help thinking that Rs. 9,506 is a *low* estimate for such a house as that which the Public Works Department propose to construct in comparison with the size and cost of the Nandyál house, and that not only would it take a long time in building, but that supplementary estimates are almost sure to be sent up from time to time as happened in the Nandyál case.

4. I would recommend that such a house as the first-class forest rest-house, Oudh pattern (see Dr. Brandis' suggestions regarding forest administration in the North-Western Provinces and Oudh, Appendix II, specification with plan and elevation), costing Rs. 3,500 in Oudh, will be amply sufficient. Allowing for the greater cost of timber in Anantapur, such a house could probably be built for less than Rs. 4,500. Copy of the plans and specification referred to is herewith sent for reference, and if the Board approve, I would suggest that the Public Works Department be asked what such a house as I recommend would cost (everything included), and within what time they would guarantee completion.

5. If they cannot do it at once, then I can only recommend, as I have already done in my former letter, that the work be done by this department. It must be remembered that the district forest officer of Anantapur is now absolutely without a house to live in, and is obliged to send his family to Bellary, himself living in a tent when at head-quarters. Anantapur is a small charge and does not require a large forest house, and I see no reason why the forest officer should not build it (or contract for building it) himself. In any case I strongly object to more than Rs. 5,000 at most being spent on the house.

6. I would ask if there is not some mistake in the calculation of rent made by the Superintending Engineer. Paragraph 1229 of the Public Works Code and Government of India Public Works Department Resolution, No. 18 of 18th March 1876 (see Forest Department Code, page 27), fix $4\frac{1}{2}$ as the percentage of cost to be charged to rent. This on Rs. 4,500 would amount to rather less than 17 rupees per mensem, and Rs. 20 might then fairly be charged to the district forest officer.

The original papers are returned.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Plan.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.—Specification.

Resolution—dated 10th January 1884, No. 47.

Submitted for the orders of Government with reference to G.O., Revenue Department, dated 30th November 1883, Mis. No. 4773.

2. As it appears to be doubtful whether, after the selection and demarcation of reserves in the Anantapur district is completed, it will be necessary to keep a forest officer of a higher rank than a Sub-Assistant Conservator in it, the Board quite agree with the Conservator that such an expensive building as that estimated for the forest officer by the Public Works Department (which is to cost Rs. 9,506, exclusive apparently of any charge for supervision) is not needed. They therefore support that officer's recommendation that a building on the plan of the Oudh rest-house be sanctioned to be built at Anantapur at a cost not exceeding Rs. 5,000, which is to include the cost of godowns and stabling, and to cover any excess in the price of timber at Anantapur over what it is estimated for in the Oudh estimate. They also strongly recommend that the forest officer be allowed to construct the building himself or to contract for getting it built.

3. The Oudh specification provides for four fire-places. These will probably not be needed at Anantapur.