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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

READ—the following letter from Captain D. McN. CAMPBELL, R.E., Executive Engineer, Coimbatore division, to the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, dated Coimbatore, 20th July 1885, No. 563 :—

With reference to G.O., No. 512 W., dated 6th March 1885, I have the honor to report, for your information and orders, that no one is willing to purchase the Collector's house at Salem, either by private negotiation or public auction, for Rs. 15,190, its original cost ; neither the Local fund board nor the municipality is willing to lease the bungalow as suggested by Government. Collector's letters bringing these facts to my notice are herewith forwarded for your information.

Endorsement on the above.

No. 300 E.W.

Submitted to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, for information, with reference to G.O., No. 512 W., dated 6th March 1885.

(Signed) J. BEATTY, Colonel, R.E.,
Suptg. Engr., IV Circle.

21st July 1885.

ORDER—dated 3rd August 1885, No. 1805 W., Public Works.

Recorded.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle.
,, Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
,, Revenue Department.

Exd. E. Fernandez.
Spare Copies.

BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
CIVIL WORKS.

Govt. of {1885} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated August, 3rd.

Recd. *Encl.*

G.O., 3rd Aug. 1885, No. 1805 W.

AUGUST.

Collector's House at Salem

Superintending Engineer reports that has not been possible to dispose of the on the terms mentioned by Government.

6th March 1885, No. 512 W., Public Works.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Establishment.

Read—the following letter from G. McWATTERS, Esq., Collector of Salem, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Public Department, dated Sankaridrug, 4th February 1885, No. 1 :—

I have the honor to report, for the information of His Excellency the Governor in Council, that I have been advised by Dr. Ratton, the District Medical Officer, to leave the Collector's house, which I occupy at Salem, on account of its very unhealthy position.

2. Within the few months that I have been in the district there have been several cases of cholera in the compound, and the women and children belonging to my servants have had to go away.

3. Under these circumstances I have the honor to request permission to abandon the house altogether as a residence. Although it may have been suitable enough for the Collector to live in twenty or thirty years ago before the growth of the native town around it, yet it certainly is not so now, and year by year it is becoming worse. It is in the very hot bed of cholera, and its water-supply is condemned, being more or less affected by the drainage of the cemetery close by.

4. In making this request I do not mean that Mr. Longley's house should be condemned further than as the residence of the Collector. It can be usefully utilised in many ways without causing loss to Government. For instance, it might be turned into the police head-quarter office when the lease of the present office expires; it might be made a Local Fund and Municipal hospital which is much required or better still, and this is what I recommend, it might be rented to the Municipality and Local Fund Board jointly for offices at 4 per cent. on the original purchase money, in which case the Local Fund Board and Municipality would keep it in repairs. So far as rental goes the Government would thus secure the same amount as it does now from the Collector.

5. The Local Fund Engineer's office, the Municipal office, and the Bench of Magistrates are now accommodated in the Brett Memorial Hall; but as a requisition has been made by Dr. Martin that this hall should be handed back to the original trustees (who irregularly divested themselves of the trust) and kept open for the public as at first intended, the Municipality and Local Fund Board will be compelled to erect or rent a new building for the Local Fund Engineer, Local Fund office, Municipal office, and Bench of Magistrates. All these might be most conveniently provided for in Mr. Longley's house.

6. I trust, therefore, that His Excellency the Governor in Council will sanction: (1) my giving up the house as a residence; (2) the renting it to the Municipality and Local Fund Board; and (3) the building of a new house for the Collector at Hastamputti, where the other European officers of the station reside. This I would respectfully urge should be put in hands immediately, as meanwhile I shall have great difficulty in finding a place to live in. If funds are not available, a temporary use might be made of a portion of the reserve and surplus under the Kaveri channel funds which would be ample for the purpose. I do not want so much an expensive house as a moderate sized house in a healthy locality and one that can be completed soon,

No. 319, Public.

Transferred to the Public Works Department.

(By Order.)

7th February 1885.

(Signed) R. S. BENSON,
Acting Under Secretary.

Order—dated 6th March 1885, No. 512 W., Public Works.

As Mr. McWatters is unwilling to occupy the house which has been provided as a residence for the Collector of Salem, the building may be sold for such a sum as will secure the Government against loss on the outlay incurred on its purchase. Failing this, it may be rented on a long lease (21 years) to the Municipality and Local Fund Board jointly, as proposed in paragraph 4 of the above letter. The rent should be fixed so as to cover interest at $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. on capital cost, the lessees binding themselves to keep the building in repair, and deliver it up, on the expiration of the lease, in the same condition as when taken over by them. On the execution of such lease, which will be carefully revised on behalf of Government, the Collector will be allowed to vacate the building.

2. The Government must decline, in any case, to build another residence for the Collector.

(True Extract.)

Major, R.E.,
Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle.
" Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
" Revenue Department.
" Financial "

Exd. A. Grubert.
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GENERAL.
ESTABLISHMENT.

Govt. of {1885} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS

Dated March, 6th.

Recd. *Encl.*

G.O., 6th March 1885, No. 512 W.

MARCH.

Collector's house at Salem

Orders on letter from the Collector bringing to notice the unhealthy locality of the — and submitting proposals for disposing of it.

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Govt. of (1885) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated 9/3/85-

Recd. Encl.

G.O. [illegible] 1885, No. 512 W

Collector's House at Salem

Orders on letter from Collector bringing to notice the unhealthy locality of the — & submitting proposals for disposal of it.

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Submitted for orders. It is assumed that the Collector is still in the house, as G.O. 512 W of 6th March 1885 said "On the execution "of such lease *** "the Collector will "be allowed to "vacate the building."

W. for orders.

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Send to Collector asking for disposal [illegible]

I have been in the District

Extra No. 1 p1

Salem Collector's Office
Camp Sentiridung
4th February 1885

From

G. McWatters Esquire
Collector of Salem

To

The Chief Secretary
to Government Public Deptt.
Fort Saint George

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In the "very hot bed of cholera" Coll! – How very nice for the Police – the patients!

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I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your Most Obedient Servant

Geo McWatters
Collector

Compd
J.H.

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B. No. 805-W d/ 24-3-81
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Public
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DEPARTMENT

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No. 319

Transferred to the
Public Works Depts
(By order)
R.W. Benson
Ag Under Secy
7/2/85

From the Collector

and District Magistrate,

Salem.

To The Chief Secretary to
Government Public
Department

Dated 4th February Fort St George
1885

E, **No.** 1/5

Subject.

Submitting for the consideration of Government the unhealthy state of the Collector's bungalow at Salem and the advisability to remove it to Hastampatti.

Transferred

Cir: 10/2/85

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~~extract~~

No. 512 W P.W. Department

Proceedings of the Madras Government,

Under date the 6th March/85

Read the following:—

Letter from the [illegible] of Salem (R.E. No. 1 d/ Feb. 4. 1885)
Endt. thereon by the [illegible]blic dept (" " 319 d/ " 7 ")

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As Mr. MacWatters is unwilling to occupy the house which has been provided as a residence for the Collector of Salem the building may be sold for such a sum as will secure the Govt against loss on the outlay incurred on its purchase. Failing this, it may be rented on a long lease (21 years) to the Municipality and Local Fund Board jointly, as proposed in para: 4 of the above letter. The rent should be fixed so as to cover interest at 4½ per cent on capital cost, the lessees binding themselves to keep the building in repair, and deliver it up, on the expiration of the lease, in the same condition as when taken over by them. On the execution of such lease, which will be carefully revised on behalf of Government, the Collector will be allowed to vacate the building.

The Government must decline, in any case, to build another residence for the Collector.

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S.E. IV Circle.
E. P.W. Accounts.

Revenue depty
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Desp'd 14-2-85

To, The Chief Secretary
for favour of counterinitials

No. 868

Salem Collector's Office,
18 April 1885

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From G. MacWatters, Esq.,
Collector & District
Magistrate of Salem.

To

The Executive Engineer
Coimbatore Division

Sir,

In reference to your letter No. 215 dated 23rd March 1885, I have the honor to state that no one in Salem is willing to purchase the Collector's House on the terms stated in G. O. No. 512 W. dated 6th March 1885.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant
G MacWatters,
Collector

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FOURTH CIRCLE

Ans.

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER'S OFFICE
No. 94th
21 APL 1885
P.W.D.
COIMBATORE.

Encl: No 1 to E. E's letter No $\frac{300}{EW}$ d/21/

Ac $\frac{No 3}{6442/85}$

Enc 3 to letter $\frac{563}{207}$

States that no on
is willing to pur-
-chase the Collector
house at Salem

Refer No. 1467
Cmg

Salem Collector's Office,
8th June 1885.

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From G. MacWatters, Esqr.,
Collector & District
Magistrate of Salem.

To
The Executive Engineer
Coimbatore Dt.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No 298 dated 22d April 1885, I have the honour to state that the President of the Di Board of Salem has intimated to me that the Board have decided not to lease the Bungalow.

The Chairman of the Salem Munici-pality has not yet sent a reply to my reference on the subject.

I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your most obedt. Servt

for Collector.

Sd

Compared

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FOURTH CIRC

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER'S OFFICE
No. 155
10 JUN 1885
P.W.D.
COIMBATORE.

Encl: 2 to S.E's letter No. $\frac{300}{E.W.}$ d/21/7/85

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Encl 2 in letter No. $\frac{563}{207}$

Reports not to lease the Collectors bungalow at Salem

No. 868

Salem Municipal Office
15th July 1885

From
The Chairman
Municipal Council
Salem

To
The Collector
of Salem

Sir,

With reference to your Endorsement No. $\frac{1091}{Eng.}$ dated 1st May last, I beg to inform you that the subject of leasing the Collector's house at Salem was considered at the General Meeting of the Councillors held on the 11th instant and that they are not willing to lease it.

I have &c. &c.
(Signed) H. J. L[illegible]

No. 1756

523 C.E.

SUP… 21 JUL 85 P.W… FOURTH CIRC…

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Endorsement

True copy forwarded to the Executive Engineer Coimbatore Division with reference to his letter dated 22nd April last No. 298 and ~~in~~ continuation of this office reference on No. 1167/Eng of the 9th ultimo.

Collector

Salem Collector's Office
18th July 1885.

To
The Executive Engineer
Coimbatore Division

Copied by [illegible]
Compared by [illegible]

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EXECUTIVE ENGINEER'S OFFICE
No. 194 M 81
20 JUL 1885
P.W.D.
COIMBATORE.

SUPG. ENGINEER'S
No. 523 C J
2 / JUL. 85
P.W.D.
FOURTH CIRCLE

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From the Collector

and District Magistrate,

Salem.

To The Executive Engineer
Coimbatore Division

Dated 18th July 1885

No. 1756

Subject.

Communicating copy of a letter from the Chairman Salem Municipal Council, regarding the Collector's residence being rented by the Municipality

Encl in letter of 563/20-7-85

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Exve Engr's

Coimbatore 20th July 1885

From,

The Executive Engineer
Coimbatore Division

To

The Superintending Engr
4th Circle

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Sir,

Enclosures 3
1 Collr's letter No 868 of 18 Apl/85.
1 Do 1467 of 8 June/85.
1 Do Endt No 1756 of 18 July/85

With reference to G.O. No 512 W of 6th March 1885, I have the honor to report for your information and orders that no one is willing to purchase the Collector's house at Salem either by private negotiation or public auction for Rs 15,190 its original cost, neither the Local Fund Board nor the Municipality is willing to lease the bungalow as suggested [illegible] for [illegible]

tters bringing these facts to my notice are herewith forwarded for your information.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most Obedt Servt

L. Cansten Captn R.E.
Executive Engineer

No. 300
E.M.

Submitted to the Chief Engineer, P. W. Department for information with reference to G. O. No. 512 W of 6th March/85.

C. V. Beatty. Col. R. E.
Supg. Engineer
21/7/85

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=mended by the Collector

From

27 JUL 85
FOURTH CIRCLE

The Ex. Engineer
Coimbatore Dn

Enclo: 4 to S.E's letter No. 380/E.W. d/21/7/85

Dated 20 } July 1885
Recd }

No. 563

Encl: 3.

Collector's house at Salem

Informs that no one is willing to purchase the — by private negotiation or public auction for Rs 15190—

& no loophole left. Perhaps 4% p. a. wd be safer

P. W. DEPARTMENT.

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READ the following: —

Letter from the Collector of Salem No. 1 d/ 4th Feby: 1885
Endt thereon by the Public Dept: No. 319 d/ 7th Feby: /85

What a wild proposal to come from a Senior man! I entirely agree with Mr Sullivan but the conveyance shd be carefully revised on behalf of Govt

FOR ORDERS.

I should tell the Collector that (1) if he can sell the house so as to secure Govt against loss on the outlay incurred or (2) rent it on a long lease (21 years) so as to secure a return of 4% the lessees binding themselves to deliver up the property in the same condition that it is now in on the expiration of the lease, he will be ~~relieved for~~ allowed to vacate it —. That the Govt entirely decline to build a house for him elsewhere —

12/2 H.S.

Circulate 14/2

Orders are requested whether, on the present representation of the Collector, the building is to be abandoned as a residence.

The circumstances of the purchase will be found recorded in the undermentioned Pro: in the Judicial Department: —

No. 2904 d/ 16th December 188
" 547 d/ 16th March 188

Should the building be disposed of as recommended by the Collecto the question arises as to whether a new residence, on the alternative site named, is to be estimated for.

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C.S.
9.2.85

FOR ORDERS.

~~His Hon. H. E. Sulli~~

~~His Hon. C. G. Master~~

~~The Rt. Hon. the Governor~~

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT P.W. DEPARTMENT MADRAS
13 FEB 85

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No. 1805 W. 3rd August 85
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From

The Supg. Engineer

Fourth Circle

Dated 21st }
Despd. 22nd } July 1885.
Recd. 23 }

No. 300
E.W.

Enclosures. ~~4~~ 3

Collector's House at
Salem.

Submits for information Coimbatore Ex: Engineer's letter with reference to G.O. No. 512 W. dated 6th March /85 regarding the sale of ——

Original file put up
D.P.
23/7/85

to Transfer

12/8/85

S. E. IV Circle ✓
Encr. P.W.A. ✓
Reve. Dept. ✓

P.W.S. 84/7.
1/8/85

Co. 27.7.85

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Govt. of (1885) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated 5/8/85

Recd. 5-40 pm

Recd. Encl.

G.O., 3 August 1885, No 1805

Collector's house
at Salem

Supg: Engr reports
that it has not b
possible to disp
of the — on the
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by Govt. 1/