

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers:—

From W. M. SCHARLIEB, Esq., Presidency Magistrate, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 10th November 1883, No. 250.

I beg most respectfully to bring again, under the notice of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, the grave need that exists for a suitable court-house for the Presidency Magistrates of the Black Town division of the city. I ventured to submit this need in the strongest manner open to me in my letter, dated 13th February 1882, No. 26, which letter still remains to be disposed of by the Government.

2. I have reason to think that His Excellency in Council was impressed with the representation I then made of the evils of the present building, and its locality, and was much in favor of a more suitable building being provided for the accommodation of my colleague and myself. I believe that negotiations were even opened with Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co. for the purchase of those very eligible premises, known as Byard Gair and Co.'s offices, on the First-line Beach; and that those negotiations were entirely frustrated by the intermediate purchase of the premises for 60,000 rupees by an indigo merchant named Hadji Mahomed Bâteha Sáib. I was afterwards demi-officially requested to look for another likely building.

3. I have ever since been on the look out for a suitable building; but I have utterly failed in my mission. No building whatever is open to us. The only one I could learn of was that next to the Oriental Bank, occupied as "Lippert's Hotel," and belonging to C. Cunniah Chetti Gáru; but this gentleman's terms are not such as can be entertained. He sent me a message to say that, as he obtains a rent of 450 rupees a-month for the premises, he would require the transfer to him of as much Government paper as would secure to him the same monthly income, *plus* a premium of 15 per cent. on the total value of the paper. This is simply an exorbitant expectation that only needs mention to be forthwith dismissed from consideration.

4. I now venture to submit an alternative for the consideration of Government, which, to my non-professional mind, so far as building is concerned, seems to me to be very feasible. There is yet a piece of unoccupied Government ground on the First-line Beach. It lies immediately next to, and to the north of, the Chartered Mercantile Bank, which was formerly occupied by the Town Police Court. It forms part of the site of Abercrombie's Battery, on the major portion of which the new Telegraph and Post office buildings are now rapidly approaching completion. A road divides these buildings from the spot I indicate; and the site in question seems to be of sufficient area on which to erect a suitable structure for the accommodation of the Black Town Magistrates.

5. I would by no means advocate any pretentious building of elaborate and ornate design. I would respectfully suggest a plain brick-and-chunam building, which, being commenced immediately after the present rains, might be rapidly run up, and made ready for occupation on the approach of the next "dog days." Such a building, of the plainest and most unpretending character, need only cost about 30,000

or 40,000 rupees; the site being already the property of Government. The building would be of two stories, with a verandah all round to mitigate the glare; but it would be fully open to light and air. The upper story would contain two court-rooms, divided by a wide passage, with retiring rooms for each Magistrate, and a set of office rooms at the back for the establishment; the public gaining access to the court-rooms, to the chief clerk, and to the summons clerk through the main passage. The lower story would contain a large open space, in which witnesses and others may wait till their business comes on, as well as record and store rooms, and rooms for the accommodation of the court inspector, and his police staff. A small portion of the site must be reserved for a backyard, in which a water-tap, latrines, a small lock-up, and coach-house, and stables for the Magistrates should be provided. The lock-up need only be a small one for prisoners under trial during the day, as there is a separate commodious lock-up known as "The Justices' Jail" in Davidson's street, for the accommodation of under-trial prisoners during the night.

6. If my present proposal commends itself to the Government, I would respectfully suggest that the Executive Engineer be at once instructed to inspect the site and prepare the necessary plans and estimate; and that, on the completion of the new court-house, the present building be made over to the District Registrar of Assurances, or to some other public functionary, whose office is but a small one, and to whom but a very limited number of persons resort at a time.

No. 2403-C.

MEMORANDUM.

In returning Mr. Scharlieb's letter, No. 250, dated 10th November 1883, referred under Judicial department order, Mis. No. 3122, dated 26th idem, the Chief Engineer has the honor to report that the site indicated therein has been reserved for an office for the Registrar of Assurances and the Diocesan Registrar (*vide* G.O., No. 2520 W., dated 15th October 1881).

2. The site is a suitable one for a building such as Mr. Scharlieb alludes to, and it has been suggested by the Consulting Architect to Government that the Registrar's offices might be built on the plot of ground between Messrs. Parry and Co.'s office and the Grant school, now occupied by the Military Ambulance Transport department.

3. The latter site has been appropriated for stables for the new Post office, but objections have been raised by the public in the vicinity to the location of stabling in such a locality, and the question of selecting another site is about to be referred to a committee.

4. If it be finally decided to construct the Post office stables elsewhere, and if the site near Parry and Co.'s office be selected for the Registrar's offices, Provincial will have to provide the Military department with shelter for ambulance transport on the beach, or in some other locality, at a cost of about Rs. 12,000.

MADRAS,
4th December 1883.

(Signed) J. SHAW-STEWART, Col., R.E.,
Chief Engineer, P.W.D.

To the Judicial department, with one enclosure, returned.

ORDER—dated 24th December 1883, No. 3387, Judicial.

The Department of Public Works are requested to reserve, if possible, for a new Police Court the site referred to in paragraph 1 of their memorandum, No. 2403-C, dated 4th December 1883, and to have plans and estimates prepared in communication with the Chief Presidency Magistrate. It should also be considered whether the present Town Magistrate's Court could not be adapted for the combined office for the Registrar and Diocesan Registrar, instead of building the new office contemplated in G.O., 15th October 1881, No. 2520 W. The officers concerned will of course be consulted in

the matter. Perhaps the Ambulance Transport department could be accommodated there, if the site near Parry and Co.'s office was appropriate for the Registration department.

(True Extract.)

E. F. WEBSTER,
Offg. Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works department.
" the Chief Presidency Magistrate.
" W. M. Scharlieb, Esq., Presidency Magistrate.

Exd. J. Wright.

Order thereon No. 6617 d/10.1.84

Communicated to the Consulting Architect to Govt. who will in communication with the officers concerned frame plans & estimates for a new Court House for the Presidency Magistrate on the site previously selected for Registration offices. He will also report on the suggestion to adopt the existing Court House as a combined office for the Registration & Diocesan Registrar.

True Extract

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J. H. Seftle

To

The Consulting Archt to Govt

Govt. of 1883 Madras.

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G.O., 24th December 1883, No. 3387.

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DECEMBER.

Courts.

Orders relative to a site for a Presidency Magistrate's Court in Black Town.

No. 840, JUDICIAL.

OF MADRAS.

DEPARTMENT.

Inspector-General of Registration, to the Chief Madras, 3rd March 1885, G. No. 958.

G.O. No. 156, dated the 19th January 1885, directed Colonel J. L. Morant, the Consulting Engineer, to inspect the Town Police Court, in its present state, is not adapted for the safe deposit of the valuable records of the Court. The building was not designed for an office and is most objectionable.

He would submit for the consideration of the Inspector-General of Registration with a view to its being now on the Mount Road at Rs. 80 a great comfort to him and to his establishment.

in consultation with that of the Registrar of Madras and

the same sites, and we agreed in thinking that the same offices are kept, between Messrs. Parry and the Registrar's House, would answer exceedingly well. The offices would be an ornament to the public who resort daily to the Registrar's offices.

Judicial.

It resolves to request the marginally-noted gentlemen to form themselves into a committee with a view to submitting a report to Government on the steps they would advise to be taken in order to provide sufficient accommodation for the following courts and offices:—

Inspector-General of Registration.
the Diocese.
of Madras.

B No 262 W of 4 Feb/85.

Office of the Registrar of
Assurances & Diocesan
Registrar.

Letter from the Cong Archi-
tect to Govt. regarding the
suitability of the Town
Police Court as a com-
bined —, Comd of the
Judl Dept.

B No 198 W of 24 Jan'y/85.

Accommodation for the
Registrar of Madras. Orders
in the Judl Dept. regarding
—, Comd of the Cong Archi-
tect for report as to the
present position of the
question.

27TH MARCH 1885, No. 840, JUDICIAL.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper:—

From G. HAMNETT, Esq., Inspector-General of Registration, to the Chief
Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 3rd March 1885, G. No. 958.

With reference to G.O., Judicial, Mis. No. 156, dated the 19th January 1885,
I have the honor to state that I accompanied Colonel J. L. Morant, the Consulting
Architect to the Government, this morning and inspected the Town Police Court-
house, and am of opinion that the building, in its present state, is not adapted for the
office of the Registrar of Madras and for the safe deposit of the valuable records of
title of property belonging to the department. The building was not designed for an
office, and its position for a registration office is most objectionable.

2. In connection with this matter I would submit for the consideration of the
Government the question of providing the Inspector-General of Registration with a
suitable office. He rents a private building now on the Mount Road at Rs. 80
a-month, or Rs. 960 a-year, but it would be a great comfort to him and to his establish-
ment to be located on the North Beach.

3. The office may well be combined with that of the Registrar of Madras and
Registrar of the Diocese.

4. Colonel Morant and I looked at some sites, and we agreed in thinking that
the place in which the Commissariat bullocks are kept, between Messrs. Parry and
Co.'s offices and the Church of Scotland Mission House, would answer exceedingly
well, while the erection of suitably-designed offices would be an ornament to the
locality and be greatly appreciated by the public who resort daily to the Registrar's
office for the registration of their documents.

ORDER—dated 27th March 1885, No. 840, Judicial.

His Excellency the Governor in Council resolves to request the marginally-noted
gentlemen to form themselves into a
committee with a view to submitting a
report to Government on the steps they
would advise to be taken in order to
provide sufficient accommodation for the
following courts and offices:—

Colonel Prendergast, Chairman.

J. W. Handley, Esq.

Colonel T. Weldon.

The Inspector-General of Registration.

The Consulting Architect to Government.

F. Rowlandson, Esq.

The Small Cause Court.

The Town Police Court.

Office of the Inspector-General of Registration.

" " Registrar of the Diocese.

" " Registrar of Madras.

2. The committee should determine whether any of these offices can be accommodated in the High Court buildings, when vacated, and should also suggest how the buildings now occupied by the offices for which new accommodation is required can be ultimately disposed of.

3. Site plans of the various localities proposed for new buildings should be submitted for the information of Government.

(True Extract.)

E. F. WEBSTER,
Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works department.

„ J. W. Handley, Esq., First Judge, Small Cause Court.
„ Colonel T. Weldon, Chief Presidency Magistrate.
„ G. Hamnett, Esq., Inspector-General of Registration.
„ F. Rowlandson, Esq., Registrar of the Diocese.

P. N. D.
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G.O., 27th March 1885, No. 840.

MARCH.

Buildings for Offices.

Requesting certain gentlemen to form themselves into a committee to report on the steps to be taken in order to provide sufficient accommodation for certain courts and offices.

With order

Presidency Magistrate's Court,
Egmore, Madras.

2. October 1885

My dear Wilson

G.O. 24 Dec. 1883. No 3387. (Encl.)

The idea of a new High Court being abandoned by all sensible persons do try and squeeze a little money into the Estimates for the new Black Town Police Court. Sanctioned by above G.O. Plans of have been prepared, but we will do it on a less magnificent scale. I say squeeze the money into the Budget

No 878. way 10 April 1885

Communicated
to the S. E. & V Circle
and the offg. Comg
Architect.

sd/ J. S. S.

No 878. way 10 April 1885

S. E. & V Circle
Offg. Comg. Archt.

P. W. D.

Oct 11 1905

Accommodation in the High Court
 building. The Registrar's Office can
 go back to the building as that is
 where it was before - and save rent.
 What I fear is that unless we make
 some budget provision - all the
 goodwill in the world will not
 help us even after you or the Chief
 Enquirer see the place and realize
 its unsuitability. We have been
 begging for relief for the last 6 or
 7 years. I will be able better to explain
 the emergency when we meet.

Believe me

Yours sincerely
 W. D. D.

Yours truly
 Mr. W. D. D.
 Secy. of Govt.

Buildings for Offices.

Requesting certain gentlemen to form them-
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 be taken in order to provide sufficient accommo-
 dation for certain courts and offices.

W. D. D.

S. E. V. Circle
 Offg. Comg. Archt.

No. 878

Comm. to the S. E.
 and the Architect

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1885-86
No 1782, City 10 Oct 1885

Transferred to
the Public Works
Department with
a view to provision
being made in the
budget estimate of
1886-87 for a new
Town Police Court.
Should it ultimately
be decided that
the requisite accom-
modation is to be
provided in the High
Court buildings, the
allotment can be
transferred.

W. Wilson
7-10-85 Chief Secretary

LL
To the P.W. Dept.
Copy to the Senior President

Received
No. 710/85
Rich 8977
D.O. No. 444

From Col. Weldon
Madras.

No.
Dated 2nd Oct/85
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SUBJECT.

Ref budget provision
for the new Black Town
Police Court.

Vide file with C 8945
C.M. 11-10-85

For Transferred

Town Police Ma-
gistrate Court
8977

To be brought
forward with Budget
proposals under
Provincial.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 17th Decr/85

Read the following

Order of the Civil Dept. (No. 1782 of 10th Decr/85)

Recorded, with
remark that a pro-
visional allotment
of Rs 10,000, will be
made in the Provincial
Budget of 1886-87, for
a new Town Police
Camp at Madras.

16.12.85

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Civil Dept.

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