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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

READ—the following papers :—

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 15th Nov. 1884, Mis. No. 10730.

Read—the following letter from J. S. GAMBLE, Esq., Conservator of Forests, in charge of Southern Circle, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Ootacamund, 27th October 1884, No. 1636 :—

With reference to G.O., dated 15th August 1884, No. 2002 W., Public Works, communicated in Board's proceedings, No. 3124, Forest 280, of 6th September 1884, I have the honor to submit the plan and estimates called for.

Resolution—dated 15th November 1884, Mis. No. 10730.

Submitted to Government, with reference to G.O., No. 3655, dated 22nd August 1884.

2. If the proposal of the Board to locate the headquarters of the Southern Circle at Trichinopoly, which is now before Government, is approved, more accommodation than is provided in the plan now submitted may possibly be required.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) G. MACKENZIE,
Acting Sub-Secretary.

Mis. No. 492, Revenue.

Approved and transferred to the Public Works Department, with reference to G. O., dated 15th August 1884, No. 2002 W.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
29th January 1885.

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary to Government.

G.O., dated 13th February 1885, No. 768, Revenue.

Read—Official memorandum from the Public Works Department, dated 10th February 1885, No. 26 C.

ABSTRACT.—Requesting to be favored with information whether any decision has been arrived at with respect to the proposal to locate the headquarters of the Southern Forest Circle at Trichinopoly.

Order—dated 13th February 1885, No. 768, Revenue.

A copy of G.O. No. 368, dated 23rd January 1885, in which the Board's proposal to make Trichinopoly the headquarters for the office of the Southern Circle is not approved, will be communicated to the Public Works Department.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) M. HAMMICK,
for Secretary to Government.

ORDER—dated 6th March 1885, No. 516 W., Public Works.

The estimate, amounting to Rs. 4,820, for constructing a Forest office to be attached to the Collector's cutcherry at Trichinopoly, is sanctioned.

2. Provision to the full amount of the estimate has been made for the work in the budget for 1885-86.

3. This sanction has been registered as Provincial No. 261 W. of 1884-85, and classified as Civil Buildings, Original Works.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, VI Circle, with seven enclosures.
„ Examiner, Public Works Accounts with duplicate abstract estimate.
„ Revenue Department.

Exd. E. Fernandez.
Sp. Copies

BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
CIVIL WORKS.

Govt. of 1885 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated March, 6th.

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G.O., 6th March 1885, No. 516 W.

MARCH.

Forest Office

Estimate for a — to be attached to the Collector's catcherry at Trichinopoly, sanctioned.

BOARD OF REVENUE, 1ST OCTOBER 1884, No. ³⁴⁴⁰
Forest 313.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

READ—the following Office Note by J. S. GAMBLE, Esq., Conservator of Forests, Northern Circle, dated Ootacamund, 17th September 1884 :—

Central Office Library.

In Board's Resolution, No. ²⁸⁴¹
Forest 242 of 15th August 1884, some doubt is expressed about the libraries of the Forest Office which I wish to make clear. I should in my letter, No. 762, of the 6th August 1884, have suggested that the book in question be procured from the "Central Office" Library instead of "my office," but the fact is that I have so little personal acquaintance with the Central Office Library that I did not think of it.

There are really three libraries in the Forest Office, the Central and the Circle Libraries. The two latter contain books of reference, such as Reports, Departmental Books, District Manuals, &c., which are constantly required for reference, and which each Conservator must have at his own disposal when necessary. A miscellaneous collection of duplicates from the Central Library was transferred to me when the Northern Circle Office was constituted, and I have been endeavouring to supply missing volumes and otherwise generally to arrange to have what books belong to my office only in a satisfactory manner. The Central Office Library contains a series of works, botanical and otherwise, with a large number of duplicates, the whole, I believe, without much arrangement.

When Colonel Beddome left, the botanical portion of this library was with his office in Ootacamund, and remained there under Major Campbell Walker's charge till the re-organization and the transfer of the Conservator's Office to Madras. Just then Mr. Lawson arrived and found himself in charge of the Botanical Gardens with but a very small professional library. Major Walker and I therefore agreed to leave the botanical works at Ootacamund for Mr. Lawson's use for the present. I presume that Government will shortly supply Mr. Lawson's office with its own Botanical Library, and then the books can be retransferred to the Madras Forest Office.

I imagine that taking all together the Central Forest Office Library contains a very fair collection of books of reference, but it is certainly necessary to put the question of the management and improvement of these libraries on a definite footing, and two ways suggest themselves—

(1). The re-organization of the Central Office Library in a thorough manner, the distribution of duplicates to District Forest Offices, and the reduction of the libraries of Conservators to only such works of reference as are necessary for general correspondence and camp work.

If this were done the library must remain under the Deputy Conservator (Examiner of Forest Accounts) who may not always take much interest in it, while Conservators will not take much interest in it either, as neither could give instructions, and both are rarely at head-quarters at the same time.

(2). To separate the library into two parts and make each part a Circle Library, leaving only to the Accounts Office only a small collection of such works as it requires for reference in respect to account work.

If this is done each Conservator will be responsible for his own, and if ever the offices are separated, each can carry its own books with it. Each Conservator can arrange to lend books to District Forest Offices and to keep them supplied with such as are necessary. Both courses have their advantages. Had we a permanent office at Chepauk or elsewhere, I should strongly recommend one large room being set apart as a Central Forest Library and Museum, and that not only a proper collection of books

on Botany be maintained from which Forest Officers and subordinates could borrow, but a small museum of Madras woods and forest products be formed together with a type herbarium of the trees and shrubs for reference and naming. The museum and herbarium I should be very glad to be permitted to form, and would engage that the expense should be slight; and, if desired, I would also re-organize the library.

We could not, however, do this in the Vepery Office, in which there is not sufficient room and which is inconveniently situated, and therefore if the office is to remain in Vepery, I recommend the adoption of the second course, and the constitution of two Circle Libraries out of the present Central Office and Circle ones.

Endorsement by J. S. GAMBLE, Esq., Conservator of Forests, Northern Circle, dated Ootacamund, 17th September 1884, No. 1025.

Copy to the Board of Revenue in reference to their Resolution, No. ²⁸⁴¹
Forest 242, dated 15th August 1884.

RESOLUTION—dated 1st October 1884, No. ³⁴⁴⁰
Forest 513.

The Board resolve to submit this Office Note by Mr. Gamble for the consideration of Government.

2. They think that it would be advantageous to establish separate Forest Offices and libraries for the two circles, the Central Office being abolished as such and its books divided between the Circle Libraries.

3. The Northern Office might be situated at Bellary and the Southern Office at Trichinopoly, while the Forest Accountant might be an Assistant to the Accountant-General, and should have his office in Madras, either at the Accountant-General's Office or at the Board's Office or elsewhere.

4. The Board recommend that Mr. Gamble's offer to form a Forest Museum be accepted by Government.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) G. MACKENZIE,
Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
Copy to the Conservator of Forests, Northern Circle.
" " Southern " "
" " Deputy Conservator, in charge of
" " Central Office of Forest Accounts.

Exd. W. J. Lewis.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

1884.

Board of Revenue,

MADRAS.

Printed October 15th.

Proceedings, 1st Oct. 1884, No. ³⁴⁴⁰
Forest 313.

Submitting to Government, with remarks,
Office Note by Mr. Gamble, Conservator of
Forests, Northern Circle, regarding the Library
of the Forest Office.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers

1. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated
1st October 1884, No. ³⁴⁴⁰
Forest 313, Submitting to Govern-
ment, with remarks, office note by Mr.
Gamble, Conservator of Forests, Northern
Circle, regarding the Library of the Forest
Office.
2. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue,
dated 24th December 1884, No. 12164. Misc, on
letter from the Senior Conservator of
Forests in charge of Southern Circle, dated
12th December 1884, No. 1978.

In accordance with the instruc-
tions communicated by Board's Proceedings,
Miscellaneous No. 11137, of 26th ultimo, I have
the honour to submit my views with regard
to the Forest Office Library, &c.

2. I am certainly, in favour of the
first course suggested by Mr. Gamble in last
Office Note printed with Board's Proceedings,
No. ³⁴⁴⁰
Forest 313, dated 1st October 1884, to
form and maintain a complete Forest Library
in connection with the Central Forest Office in
Madras. The Library to be under the charge of the
Deputy

Deputy Conservator, who would require the assistance of a competent Librarian.

Each Conservator would have with him "copies of works of reference necessary for general correspondence" and the general Library be available for reference both by Conservators and District Forest Officers who would also have small District Libraries containing copies of Standard works on Forestry, codes, so frequently required by themselves and their Range Officers.

3. To split up the Central Library would to my mind, serve no good purpose. It contains, especially if we include the purely botanical portion now lent to Mr. Dawson, a fair collection of useful and expensive works, and I do not see how they could well be divided between the two circles, nor why Government should be put to the expense of supplying duplicates.

4. I would certainly add to the Library a Forest Museum and type herbarium, as suggested by Mr. Gamble, and as we are constantly called on to supply collections for ~~herbaria~~ ^{herbaria} a packing room is urgently required. The whole office is at present littered with specimens, and office work frequently interfered with by the arrangement and packing of

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of collections having to be carried on in one of the officer's rooms. The Deputy Conservator, in charge of the Central Office, has brought this forcibly to my notice, on several occasions, during the past three years, and I have myself experienced the inconvenience both in our old office in Bhopal and the present building.

5. If my views are accepted and the position of Conservators to the Board of Revenue remains unaltered, it is absolutely necessary that proper accommodation for the office, including the library and Forest Museum, be created, and joining the Board's office.

The Board urged this in their Proceedings No 716, Miscellaneous, of 26th January, 1883, but difficulties presented themselves, and the last order (22nd September, 1883) directed that the Forest Office must perforce remain for the present at Bhopal.

6. I would submit, for consideration, that a suitable Forest Office might be built for some Rs 50,000, or Rs 40,000 on the site recommended in Colonel Sankar's memorandum printed in the Board's Proceedings of 14th August, 1883, No 2379 i.e. just north of and attached to the present main block, known as the Board's Office or between the Public Works Department Secretariat and Presidency College.

The Officer's rooms, the library, and Museum should be upstairs, and the Clerk's office

offices, record, and packing rooms below.

The rent of our present building is Rs 1500 per annum, and it is, avowedly, only a makeshift and most inconveniently situated with regard to the Board and all other Public officers.

At the time of the reorganization, I advocated an office close to the Forest Members that to give due effect to the new departure, the Conservators should occupy somewhat the same position to the Board, as the District Forest Officer to the Collector, i.e. that all Forest business should be disposed of by them subject to the control of the Forest Members and of the Government.

I am still of that opinion if the existing arrangements and relations to the Board are to remain unchanged, but the idea is unworthy unless the offices are located in the same or an adjoining building.

I do not advocate the separation of the offices and divorce of the Deputy Conservator, as suggested by the Board.

There are many advantages in a well recognized and well-organized Central Office, and the very essence of Mr. Douglas' appointment is that he should, besides conducting the professional audit of the Accounts, represent the Conservators in Madras and dispose of routine matters for them whilst they are engaged in out-door work.

out-door inspection. It is a very difficult position for him or any officer to fill, but it is, to my mind, indispensable under the existing arrangements. It would be absurd to retain an officer of Mr. Douglas' service and salary merely to audit the Forest Accounts, under the Accountant-General, and I certainly could not undertake to carry on my work without the help of such an Assistant at Headquarters. The Conservator has always ^{had} an officer Assistant. Even when work was not one-half of what it is now, and were my office separated from that of the Junior Conservator and Accountant, I should require a special Assistant, or the office work would fall into arrears and confusion. It is for these reasons that I advocate the retention of the Forest Central Office, which I would make complete and efficient in every particular. Such was, I believe, also Mr. Brandis' view, though he did not honour me with his entire confidence in this respect.

Resolution

Submitted for the information of Government.

Order thereon, 23^d January 1885 N^o 368.

The Suggestion made in
Paras

paras 2 and 3 of Board's Proceedings, dated
1st October 1884 No. 3440. To Establish two
separate Forest offices and libraries for the
two Forest Circles can not be accepted,
it amounts to a complete change in the
head-quarters office organization, without reasons
stated or adequate discussion.

2. The smaller question of the library
organization must lie over for the present
until a suitable office building can be pro-
vided at Madras. The Constitution of two
separate libraries would entail double expense
in staff and in the purchase of books without
compensating advantage. For the present
efforts should be directed towards arranging and
cataloguing the existing books and distribut-
ing extra copies not wanted in Madras.

[True Extract]

[Signed] J. H. Stokes

Secretary to Government

[True copy]

M. M. M.

Ag Under Secretary to Govt.

To The Secretary of Court R. D. with Enclaves. Ag. Sub-Secretary
Copy - Conservator of Forest S. C.
" " By — " — in charge C.O. of Accts.

No. 7859.

From Pres. Board of Revs.

Dated 15th November 1884.
Reed. 17th

Mis. No. 10730

SUBJECT.

Submitting to Govt. with re-
marks, Plans and Estimates
for a new Forest Office
to be created in the Can-
pound of the Trichin-
opoly Collector's Office.

approved



Mis. No. 492.

approved and transferred
to the P. W. Dept. with
reference to G.O. 15th Jan-
uary 1885, No. 2002 W.

Secy to Govt.

J. L. George,
29-1-85

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read O.M. from the Public Works

Department, dated 10th February 1885, No. 266 C, request-
ing to be favored with information whether any
decision has been arrived at with respect to the
proposal to locate the head quarters of the Southern
Forest Circle at Trichinopoly.Order thereon, 13th February 1885, No. 768.A copy of G.O. 368, 23rd January 1885,
in which the Board's proposal to make Trichin-
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Circle is not approved, will be communicated to
the Department Public Works.

(See Extract)

M. M. M.
Ag. Secy to Govt.
For Secretary to Govt.To the Public Works Dept. with enclosures returned
and with copy of G.O. No. 368 M. M. M.

Sanction.

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Current No. 1477

Letter No. 758

Dated the 13th February 1885

From the Secy to Govt. P.W. Dept.

NOTE OF REMARKS.

1. The accompanying plans and estimate provide for constructing a Forest Office at Inclimopoly. The estimate amounts to Rs. 4,820.

2. The building is to be double storied and terraced, and is to be attached to the Collector's cutcherry. On the ground floor there will be a clerks' room, 15' x 15', and a record room, 15' x 10', with an arcaded veranda, 6 ft. wide, running on three sides, while a roofed passage, 6 ft. wide, intervenes between the fourth side and the cutcherry. On the upper

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 6th March/85.

Read the following

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue - N. E. No: 10,730 This: d/15th November 1884.
Endorsement thereon by the Revenue Deptt. No: 492 This: d/29th January 1885.
Proceedings of Govt. Revenue Deptt. N. E. No: 768 d/13th February 1885.

1. The estimate amounting to Rs. 4,820, for constructing a Forest Office to be attached to the collector's Cutcherry at Trichinopoly, is sanctioned.

2. Provision to the full amount of the estimate has been made for the work in the Budget for 1885-86.

3. This sanction has been registered as Provincial No: 261 W of 1884-85, and classified as Civil Buildings, Original Works.

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To The Luptg. Engr. VI Circle with
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" Examiner P. W. Accts with
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floor two rooms are to be provided for the bazaar - his office, 15'4" x 15'6", and his sitting room, 15'9" x 15'6", on open verandah, 8 ft. wide. A passage, similar to that of the lower floor, with a flat terraced roof, lies between the collector's and bazaar rooms. 3. The building appears well suited for its purpose, it is intended to serve the requirements of all the chambers are correct. - A staircase leading to the upper story is the construction in the verandah on one side of the second room. 4. The estimate and plans have been approved by the collector of the District.

2nd March 1885

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Govt. of Madras.

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