GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

15th October 1881, No. 2520 W.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

Read the following paper:—

No. 52. Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Judicial Department, dated 8th February 1881, No. 299.

From G. HAMNETT, Esq., Inspector-General of Registration, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 22nd January 1881, No. 31.

I HAVE the honor to submit, for the consideration of the Government and for such orders as they may deem fit to pass, an extract from my notes of inspection of the office of the Registrar of Madras.

2. The time, it seems to me, has arrived when some decided action should be taken in respect of the provision of suitable accommodation for the Registrar. Nothing short of a new building can provide such accommodation and secure the valuable records appertaining to the Registration Office from the risk of fire.

3. The site in front of Patcheappah's Hall, if none can be had on the north beach, appears to be well suited. It is central, near Black Town, and will not put parties to any inconvenience.

4. The rent of the building in which the office is held is Rs. 60 a month, and since January 1872 about Rs. 6,480 have been disbursed for the purpose.

"The Office of the Registrar of Madras is held in an old building in Errabalu Chetti Street in Black Town. The place was intended and used for a dwelling house, and is, in my opinion, wholly unsuited for the Office of Registrar of Madras with his valuable records. The thirty-one almirahs containing the Registers, Indexes, &c., are placed partly in the rooms on the ground floor, and partly in the rooms on the second floor of the building. On the second floor is the Registrar's Office. The accommodation altogether is extremely limited, and parties coming for registration are put to very considerable inconvenience. A new building is urgently needed."

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. HAMNETT,
Inspector-General of Registration.

The first requisite is a site. The Inspector-General of Registration is requested to select one most suitable to the purpose.

(Signed) G. S. FORBES,
Under Secretary to Government.

REPORT.

THE piece of ground on which it was originally proposed to build stables is separated from the new Post and Telegraph Office by a road at the south end of that building.

2. This open space is a part of the old Abercrombie Battery; it is at present used as a work-yard for the large building under construction, and is occupied by temporary store and work sheds. There is an average width fronting the beach of about 80 feet, and the depth (westward) is about 160 feet. We are of opinion that the plot is too good to be given over for stables, and that it is much better suited as a site for the Registrar's and Diocesan Registrar's Office.

(Signed) H. L. PRENDERGAST, Colonel, R.E.
MADRAS, („) W. H. BURTON, Lieut.-Colonel, R.E.
19th September 1881. („) ROSS THOMPSON, Lieut.-Colonel, R.E.

To the Deputy Chief Engineer, Public Works Department,
with Office Note No. 806, dated 8th instant, and other original papers.

No. 53. ORDER THEREON, 15th October 1881, No. 2520 W.

THE Consulting Architect to Government will, in communication with the officers concerned, frame a design for a combined office for the Registrar and Diocesan Registrar on the site indicated by Colonel Prendergast's Committee.

2. The records of the Diocesan Registrar's Office are now located in a private building admittedly unsuited to the purpose. Their removal to the site now selected will not be open to the objection previously raised* by Mr. Rowlandson to the old College premises ordered to be made available in G.O., No. 121, dated 27th April 1878 (Ecclesiastical).

* *Vide* letter dated 10th May 1878, to the Chief Secretary to Government.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. H. SANKEY, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Inspector-General of Registration.
„ Diocesan Registrar.
„ Consulting Architect to Government.
„ Superintendent of Works, Presidency.
„ Judicial Department.
„ Ecclesiastical Department.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.
Spare Copies

To S.W.

Consulting Architects
No: 1086 of 23 Nov:

Major Morant finds
the rent too low.
Lawyers' Chambers
could not be rented
elsewhere for Rs 15/-
A rent of Rs 20/- owned
not by any means
be too high seeing
that the Capital
outlay will be Rs 3500.
Exclusive of the
value of the site.

R.S.
23.11.83.

I agree with above, taking 6½
per cent as the proper charge (the 4½
% of code + variable allowance for
repairs + risk) Rs. 19 would be the
exact amount; and then is the value
of the site, &c. — a difficulty that
occurs to me is that the next Registrar
may not be willing to rent the rooms.

CeS.
26/11.

To S.W.

There is certainly
this contingency, and

BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
MILITARY WORKS.

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PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL
OF REGISTERATION,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated October, 15*th*.

Issued

Recd. *Encl.*

G. O., 15*th October* 1881, *No.* 2520 W.

OCTOBER.
Nos. 52-53.

Combined Office for the Registrar and Diocesan Registrar.—The Consulting Architect requested to frame a design for a —.

No 2538 Dd 29th Nov/83

E. No 10379

With reference to
the Chief Secretary's
note no 2252 dated 21st
November 1883, the under-
signed begs to say
that the cost of the three
additional rooms in the
Registration office for
private chambers for
Mr. Rowlandson would
be Rs 3500, and that
a rental of Rs 20 per
mensem would probably
be assessed by the
Public Works Department.

Should the rooms
be built, they will no
doubt be occupied by
Mr.

Mr. Rowlandson, but in the event of a successor being appointed, the rooms may not be rented. The question thus arises as to whether it is expedient that Govt should erect private Chambers for practising lawyers.

Re 2538 dy 29-11-83

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G.O. A 2520 Way 15-10-81

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B.Lo. 3606 W. 22-12-83.

To

The Chief Secretary

with papers in original

per 30/11

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

ECCLESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers:—

From Major J. L. L. MORANT, R.E., Officiating Consulting Architect to Government, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works department, dated Chepauk, 5th November 1883, No. 974.

In taking up the proposed design of new offices for the Diocesan and District Registrars of Madras, I find the Diocesan Registrar makes the following proposal. He says:—

G.O., No. 2520 W., dated 15th October 1881, P.W.D.

"I may mention as long as the registrar is a practising lawyer, he will probably be prepared to rent further accommodation in the same building for his lawyer's office as in the case of the rooms in the High Court house which are rented by the Government Solicitor; for example, I myself would gladly rent three suitable rooms, if permitted to do so, in the building about to be erected."

2. May I inquire whether I am to provide in the design for this additional accommodation for the Diocesan Registrar.

No. 2217 C.

Referred to the Ecclesiastical department with reference to G.O., No. 2520 W., dated 15th October 1881.

CHEPAUK, *14th November* 1883. (Signed) C. BOWEN, Major, R.E., *Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.*

To the Ecclesiastical department.

No. 2538 D.

MEMORANDUM.

With reference to the Chief Secretary's note, No. 2252, dated 21st November 1883, the undersigned begs to say that the cost of the three additional rooms in the Registration office for private chambers for Mr. Rowlandson would be Rs. 3,500, and that a rental of Rs. 20 per mensem would probably be assessed by the Public Works department.

2. Should the rooms be built, they will no doubt be occupied by Mr. Rowlandson; but in the event of a successor being appointed, the rooms may not be rented. The question thus arises as to whether it is expedient that Government should erect private chambers for practising lawyers.

MADRAS, *29th November* 1883. (Signed) C. BOWEN, Major, R.E., *Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.*

To the Chief Secretary to Government, with papers in original.

ORDER—dated 13th December 1883, No. 253, Ecclesiastical.

The additional accommodation will be provided for.

(True Extract.)

Offg. Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works department.
„ Right Rev. the Bishop of Madras.

Exd. J. Henricus.

No. 3686 Wdf Dec. 22 1883

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Communicated to the Consulting Architect to Government, for information & guidance

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G.O., 13th December 1883, No. 253.

No. 3686 Wdf Dec. 22 1883.

DECEMBER.

Office of the Registrar of the Diocese.

Directing that the additional rooms proposed to be rented by the Registrar of the Diocese for his business as a lawyer be provided for in the design for the new office for the Registrar.

Cons. Architect to Govt.

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Withdrawn

Entered in the Record Register

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 establishment 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.)

Chief Secretary.

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

Exd. J. Wright.

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G.O., 27th March 1885, No. 840.

B. No 878. Way 10 "April/85

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.

W. Robertson

B. No 878. Way 10 "April/85

Communicated to the Suplg Engr V Circle and the Offg: Consulting Architect.

Cls.
1.4.85

H.S.
2.4.85

J. E. V Circle

Offg Con: Architect.

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