PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

READ ~~the following letter~~

Copy attached. again • Mis: G.O. dated 1st April 1886 No. 2098.

Read also Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 24th August 1886, No. 6346 Mis: submitting letter from the Collector of Malabar stating that the Local Fund Board is willing to contribute towards the cost of the New Collector's Office.

Order thereon, 20th September 1886, No. 5520.

The estimate is too high and is obviously susceptible of revision.

2. The amount of the estimate which has been submitted for the construction of a Collector's Cutcherry at Cuddapah is Rs 1,44,000, and allowing for the increased cost of building materials on the coast, the Government will be prepared to accept for the Malabar Cutcherry an estimate amounting to something under Rs 1,00,000. The Collector will accordingly, in communication with the Superintending Engineer, have the estimate

estimate revised in detail so as to bring the total cost, exclusive of the accommodation to be provided for the District Board at its cost, within the limit specified.

2. The following are the items which appear to Government to be either wholly unnecessary or susceptible of reduction:-

(1) A second court for the Collector is unnecessary, and the one to be provided might be reduced to smaller dimensions than 50'-6" × 22'-6".

(2) There is no need for a separate library, as the books might be kept partly in the very spacious record room for which the estimate provides and partly in the Collectors' office room where some of the books must necessarily always remain.

(3) There is no need for a retiring room for officers other than the Collector.

(4) The provision for tiffin room (Rs 350) seems excessive.

(5) The jamadar's room is probably meant a room for prisons. The necessity for special accommodation for prisons is not apparent; at any rate, the cost (Rs 4130) seems needlessly high.

(6) The rooms generally are much larger than appear necessary.

4. An estimate revised as above directed should be submitted with as little delay as possible.

(True Extract)
(Signed) H. E. Stokes
Secy to Govt.

(True Copy)
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Ag Secy to Govt.

P.W.C. No. 9167

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Nos. 2

Revenue Department.

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Read the following:-

BOARD OF REVENUE, 18TH MARCH 1886, No. 644.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

READ—the following letter from W. LOGAN, Esq., Collector of Malabar, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Calicut, 12th February 1886, No. 577 :—

Referring to the Government Orders marginally noted, I have the honor to submit herewith, for the early approval of the Board and Government, plans,* estimates * and other documents, received from the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, relative to the construction of a new cutcherry for the Collector at Calicut. The plans and estimates have been countersigned by me. A copy of the Superintending Engineer's letter on the subject, dated 7th November 1885, No. 318-M., is also enclosed.

G.O., No. 1168 W—A., dated 8th May 1884, Public Works department.
G.O., No. 590, dated 19th May 1885, Revenue, paragraph 2.
G.O., No. 1798 W., dated 1st August 1885.
G.O., No. 2015 W., dated 31st August 1885.
* Plans and estimates sent separately.

2. The Board will observe from these papers that the estimates framed amount to Rs. 2,36,720, and provide for all present requirements, viz , accommodation for (1) the Collector, (2) Assistant Collector, (3) Divisional officers who may visit headquarters, (4) Treasury Deputy Collector, (5) District Forest officer, (6) District Medical and Sanitary officer, (7) District Board District Engineer, and the various establishments under them, and adequate provision is also made for the Treasury, Currency, Record and the Printing offices. The necessary out-houses, such as stables, latrines, &c., have also been provided for and included in the estimate.

3. The present opportunity has been taken for bringing together under the same roof with the Collector the various officers who now occupy separate rented buildings, and this arrangement would tend to facilitate the transaction of business and secure great convenience to the public, although the estimated cost of the buildings may appear at first sight to be somewhat high.

4. The ground on which the late Huzur cutcherry stands is too small to admit of the proposed buildings being conveniently erected on it, and there are also sundry substantial structures now used as Currency, Treasury and Press offices which will have to be demolished for securing the required extent of ground. This demolition of these buildings, which, at a comparatively slight cost, can be utilised for other necessary public purposes, to be presently adverted to, involves sheer waste of money, and I have therefore arranged with the Public Works department to erect the proposed Collector's cutcherry on an excellent site facing the public green at a distance of about 500 yards from the late cutcherry, and which was once proposed to be taken up in connection with the civil courts at Calicut. The cost of acquiring the required extent of ground is estimated at Rs. 12,800, which has been included in the present estimate. There is absolutely no land, the property of Government, at Calicut available for the erection of the office. I have the honor strongly to recommend that the new site proposed may be approved.

5. In G.O., Public Works department, dated 17th December 1883, No. 3595 W., the Government, at the instance of Mr. Galton, sanctioned his proposal to build a new cutcherry for the tahsildar and deputy tahsildar, Calicut, on the premises purchased from Messrs. Stanes and Co. for the use of the law courts, and have directed the preparation of the necessary estimates. I referred to the District Judge on the subject of these premises in connection with the erection of a post office and enclose copy of his reply. The Board will see that he thinks no portion of the premises can be spared "as a large open space is required for the convenience of the

public that attend the courts, as the neighbourhood of the court site is already extremely crowded, as it will be desirable to make the entrance to the courts through the ground now sought for the new post office, and as it may be hereafter necessary to use parts of it for buildings connected with the courts." If my recommendation in paragraph 4 is approved, the necessity for constructing a new cutcherry for those officers can be avoided and the late Huzur cutcherry buildings can be adapted for their use at a moderate cost. In fact a portion of the *main* building in which the arms collected in the late disarmaments are now stored and which is considered by the Public Works department to be sufficiently strong (*vide* paragraph 2 of Mr. Davidson's letter, recorded in G.O., dated 8th May 1884, No. 1168 W—A.), may be used as a court-room, &c., of the tahsildar-magistrate, whilst the remaining blocks may, with slight alterations, be converted into an excellent sub-jail—a desideratum which has long been felt at Calicut. The present town sub-jail is entirely unsuited for the purpose and has been condemned by all inspecting officers. The remarks of the Inspector-General of Jails and of the Sanitary Commissioner, Madras, on its present condition are quoted below :—

"There is a great want of accommodation so far as the latrines, kitchens, &c., are concerned. A store-room is much needed. In fact the present subsidiary jail should be abandoned and a new one built."

21st November 1885. (Signed) H. R. GRIMES, Inspector-General of Jails.

"Visited the sub-jail this morning; a very unsatisfactory place, being shut in with high walls so as to prevent ventilation and the cells have a close inanimalised smell.

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"The place was not very clean and the well which supplies water is closely surrounded with buildings. There were six men in confinement. A new building is greatly needed."

30th November 1885. (Signed) G. BIDIE, Sanitary Commissioner.

6. In view of the foregoing circumstances and of the fact that the utilisation of the late Huzur cutcherry buildings in the manner indicated above is more economical than the erection of fresh structures for the tahsildar and deputy tahsildar, I have the honor strongly to recommend that the proposals contained in this letter may be sanctioned at a very early date.

7. The Board will see from what has already passed on the subject that I labor under very great disadvantages in having my office located at present in *four* different buildings separated from each other by considerable distances. And not only is this so, but the departments located in the *cells* which formed the old jail building, condemned years ago as unfit for prisoners, are put to the greatest inconvenience. In the monsoon season the *old jail cells* are frequently too dark to work in without the aid of candles or lamps even at midday, and in the hot weather the closeness, heat and dust are almost unbearable. I can personally testify that working in such an atmosphere in the hot weather gives me frequent head-aches, and complaints from the establishment to the same effect are not uncommon. There is urgent necessity for providing us with better accommodation at a very early date.

8. This letter has been delayed owing to some uncertainty as to what ought to be done for the tahsildar and deputy tahsildar.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From H. J STOKES, Esq, Acting District Judge, South Malabar, to the Collector of Malabar, dated Calicut, 12th October 1885, No. 648.

With reference to your endorsement, No. 4279, dated the 22nd September 1885, forwarding a copy of the Executive Engineer's letter, No. 806, dated the 19th idem, I have the honor to state that I do not approve the proposal to erect a building for the post office in the compound (Parry and Co.'s coffee works) in which the new law courts are being built, as a large open space is required for the convenience of the public that attend the courts, as the neighbourhood of the court site is already extremely crowded, as it will be desirable to make the entrance to the courts through the ground now sought for the new post office, and as it may be hereafter necessary to use parts of it for buildings connected with the courts.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

From Colonel R. THOMPSON, R.E., Officiating Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, to the Collector of Malabar, dated Coimbatore, 7th November 1885, No 318-M.

With reference to G.Os. marginally noted, I have the honor to forward, for transmission to Government for sanction, nine plans and eleven estimates, amounting to Rs. 2,36,720, for constructing an entirely new building for the Collector's cutcherry at Calicut, together with a report, specification, and abstract estimate.

No. 1168 W—A., of 8th May 1884.
No. 1333 W., of 8th June 1885.

2. As the demolition of the old building was sanctioned in G O., No 1874 W., of 13th August 1885, the estimate for the reconstruction of the upper story and roof of the building called for in G.O., No. 1168 W—A., of 8th May 1884, could not be prepared.

ENCLOSURES NOS. 3 AND 4.—Estimates.

ENCLOSURE No. 5.—Specification.

ENCLOSURE No. 6.—Report.

ENCLOSURES NOS. 7 TO 15.—Plans.

RESOLUTION—dated 18th March 1886, No. 644.

With the above letter, the Collector of Malabar submits plans and estimates for building a new cutcherry for his own office and that of his Assistants and the District Forest officer, the District Medical and Sanitary officer, the District Board Engineer and their respective establishments. The cost of the whole building is estimated at Rs. 2,36,720, including the cost of acquiring a new site, viz., Rs. 12,800. It is stated that the existing building can be altered at a comparatively moderate outlay to provide accommodation for the tahsildar and town sub-magistrate and thus obviate the necessity for erecting new buildings for these officers as contemplated in G.O., dated 17th December 1883, No. 3595.

2. The Collector's proposals have the entire approval of the Board and are submitted for the early sanction of Government and for the provision of the necessary funds in the budget of the Public Works department.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) C. F. MACCARTIE, Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with thirteen enclosures in original.

Copy to the Collector of Malabar.

Exd. W. J. Lewis.

Order thereon, 1st April 1886, No. 2098.

The Board of Revenue will ascertain & report whether the Local Fund Board have agreed to defray the cost of the accommodation provided for their Engineer and his establishment. The cost under this head is shown in the Executive Engineer's report accompanying the estimates as Rs 21,594.

(True Extract)
(Signed) J. F. Price
Asst Secy to Govt.

(True copy)

C. Wordsworth Shaw

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

1886.

Board of Revenue,

MADRAS.

Printed March 23rd.

Proceedings, 18*th March* 1886, *No.* 644.

Approving and submitting, for the early sanction of Government, proposals of the Collector of Malabar for building a *new cutcherry* for his own office and that of his Assistants, the District Forest officer, &c.

The order referred to will be communicated accordingly to the P. W. Deptt.

Frederick Price
Ag Secretary to Govt
20. 11. 86 R.D

No. 4061 C.

Government of Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,

Chepâk, 18th November 1886.

OFFICE NOTE.

From

The Secretary P.W. Deptt

To

The Secretary Rev. Deptt.

The undersigned has the honor to request that G.O. dated 20-9-86 No 5520, Revenue, relating to plans estimates for a new office for the Collector at Calicut, may be communicated to the Public Works Department.

Johnstone. Colonel R.E.
Secy to Govt P.W.D.

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The papers will be communicated to the Supdg. Engineer IV circle.

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Collectors Office
Calicut

With order

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