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the work will be
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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 13th July/87

Read the following

Pros. of Govt - Rev. Dept No 1 dated 7.1.87

Communicated
to the S. G. V Circle,
for early submission
of an estimate for
constructing a new
taluk office at Villor,
based on the type
design circulated
with G.O. No 1495W
of 3rd June 1887.
The question of

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Now

This is an order
to prepare plans & estimates
for a new taluk office
at Villor.

The standard designs
for taluk offices being
under revision, & no
plans being available
for the work, it is
a question whether
an estimate based
on the old design should
be prepared -

In order.

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See over the new design
are selected

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Govt. of 1886 Madras.

REVENUE.

To

The Public Works Dept.

Dated

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Ry 11.1.87
Mis. G. O., 7th Jan^y 1887, No. 1.

SUBJECT.

Passing orders on
Board's Progs. Submitting
proposals in regard to the
office accommodation for the
Sub Collector and the Tahsildar
at Vellore.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

READ—the following letter from G. W. FAWCETT, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector of North Arcot, to the Collector of North Arcot, dated Vellore, 2nd November 1886, No. 804:—

I have the honor to make the following proposal:—

2. My office consists, as you know, of (1) for myself, an office, or court room, on the top of the taluk kacheri; and (2) for clerks and records, part of the basement story—a set of low, dark, damp rooms—of the Government house in which I live. The latter, the accommodation for my clerks and records, is very inadequate. My establishment consists of the sheristadar, eight clerks, two copyists, and attendant, &c., in the Sub-Collector's office; one Political clerk; and the establishment of the Vellore taluk Local Fund Board. The sheristadar has to share a very small room, really the current record room, with the head clerk and another clerk, and the current records; the remaining clerks of the Sub-Collector's office sit huddled up together in a narrow, enclosed verandah; and the Political clerk and the Local Fund clerk have to share a room between them along with both their records. The accommodation for the Sub-Collector's records is so bad that they are not safe; many have to be kept in places where they have no business to be; and the vernacular record room is so dark—and it is impossible to light it better—that all papers or bundles that it is desired to examine have first to be taken outside into the light. It is thus difficult to keep the records in any sort of order; and it might be even difficult to fix responsibility in case of loss.

3. The taluk establishment is also very badly off. The building is not more than half the size of a standard taluk kacheri; neither the tahsildar nor the taluk sheristadar has a room to himself; and their magisterial work has to be done in the middle of the clerks. The tahsildar nominally has a very small room, for a court room; but he is obliged to let four clerks sit in it with him; and he has to give it up altogether during jamabundi time, to accommodate karnams. The accommodation for records also is very bad—altogether inadequate.

4. My proposal is to give up the whole of my house to my office, and my present court room on the top of the taluk kacheri to the tahsildar. The upper part of my house will give suitable accommodation to my office, besides giving me a court room; and giving up my present court room, on the top of the tahsildar's kacheri, to the tahsildar, will relieve him. This was suggested to me by Mr. Stuart, then Collector, in 1883, shortly after I joined the district; but I was unable to take any steps in the matter then, as there was absolutely no other house in Vellore for me to live in. Now the regiment has left; and there are other houses.

5. I have spoken to you on the subject and believe you approve my proposal. It is, I believe, in every way a good one. An estimate for Rs. 900 has been sanctioned this year for adding a room to the back of the taluk kacheri; and plans have been under consideration for some time for providing more accommodation for the clerks of my office. If Government sanction the proposal, this expenditure will be avoided. I shall direct the tahsildar not to begin the extension to his kacheri, pending reply.

Endorsement by W. H. GLENNY, Esq., Collector of North Arcot, dated Palmanér, 8th November 1886, No. 80.

Submitted to Government, through the Board of Revenue, for favorable consideration. It seems unnecessary to add anything to what the Acting Sub-Collector says. The Board are well aware of the particulars of the case. Mr. Fawcett has by no means overstated it.

RESOLUTION—dated 24th November 1886, No. 2552.

Submitted to Government.

2. The office accommodation at Vellore both for the Sub-Collector and the tahsildar is very bad and wholly unsuited to present requirements. The Board consider that the proper course would be to build a new taluk office on the open land at the entrance of the town of Vellore at the angle formed by the junction of the road from Arcot and Ranipet with that leading from the railway station. There is at this spot a piece of land suitable for the purpose on which at present dry crops are raised. It is close to the town and very convenient. If the taluk cutcherry is built there, then the entire building in the fort now occupied as a taluk office can be handed over to the Sub-Collector. It is close to his private residence and with some re-arrangement would afford ample accommodation for his office and records. The regiment has not, the Board believe, been permanently removed from Vellore, and when it returns the Sub-Collector would probably be required to vacate any house he might be occupying over which the Military authorities would have prior rights. As a temporary arrangement the Board recommend Mr. Fawcett's present proposal for sanction, but they would wish to see estimates prepared at an early date for a new taluk office, and the necessary funds provided in the next year's budget. In the meanwhile immediate steps might be taken to acquire the site referred to above.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) M. HAMMICK,
Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
Copy to the Collector of North Arcot.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

1886.

Board of Revenue,
MADRAS.

Printed December 4th.

Proceedings, 24th Nov. 1886, No. 2552.

Submitting to Government, with Board's opinion, proposals in regard to office accommodation for the Sub-Collector and the tahsildar at Vellore, North Arcot district.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read Proceedings of the

copy attached Board of Revenue, dated 24th Nov^r 1886, No. 2552,
 Press, submitting with Board's opinion,
 proposals in regard to office accommodation
 for the Sub Collector and the Tahsildar at
 Vellore.

Order thereon, 7th January 1887, No. 1.

The Board's proposal with regard to the construction of a new Saluk Cutcherry at Vellore is approved, and orders will issue in the Public Works Department for the preparation of a plan and estimate accordingly. It will be considered in that Department whether funds can be provided in the next year's budget.

2. Pending the construction of a new building for the Saluk Cutcherry, the arrangements proposed as respects accommodation

accommodation for the offices of Tahsildar
and Sub Collector may be given effect to.

3. Meanwhile, the Board will call
upon the Collector to report the probable cost
of the site proposed for the Taluk Cutcherry
and to communicate the same to the
Executive Engineer in view to its being
provided in the estimate. Orders regarding
the purchase of the site will be issued
when the question whether the construction
of the new Cutcherry can be taken in
hand in the next or the following year
is disposed of.

(True Extract)

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Ag. Secretary to Govt.

To
The Board of Revenue
" Public Works Dept. ✓