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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
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Read—the following letter from Major A. C. SMITH, R.E., Superintending Engineer, VI Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Trichinopoly, 21st January 1887, No. 1645 T.J. :—

I have the honor to report that the latrine for the Kumbakónam taluk cutcherry included in the estimate sanctioned in G.O., No. 921 W., dated 18th April 1885, is also intended for Kumbakónam and Valangaman munsifs' court now in course of construction.

2. As the latrine is obviously necessary, I request that you will be good enough to sanction the transfer of Rs. 740 from the existing grant of Rs. 8,000 for the munsifs' court-house of Kumbakónam and Valangaman to the "taluk cutcherry at Kumbakónam."

3. I have, in anticipation of your sanction, instructed the Executive Engineer to proceed with the work. I trust that this course will meet with your approval.

Order—dated 26th January 1887, No. 235 W., Public Works.

The following transfer of funds is sanctioned :—

Provincial.
Civil Buildings.
Original Works.

From	RS.	*To*	RS.
Constructing a combined court-house for the district munsifs of Kumbakónam and Valangaman	740	Taluk office at Kumbakónam	740

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, VI Circle.
" Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
" Revenue Department.
" Judicial "

Exd. J. Henricus.
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Govt. of (1887) Madras.

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Dated January, 26th.

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G.O., 26th Jan. 1887, No. 235 W.

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BOARD OF REVENUE, 16TH JANUARY 1883, No. 112.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

READ—the following G.O., dated 5th December 1882, No. 4096, Revenue.

Read—the following Endorsement of the Public Works Department, dated 28th November 1882, No. 2177-C, on letter from the Superintending Engineer, 6th Circle, dated 24th November 1882, No. 1528-T.J. :—

I have the honor to bring to your notice that the Collector of Tanjore has requested that the work of building a Deputy Collector's Cutcherry at Máyavaram may be stopped, Government having ordered in G.O., No. 1033, dated 27th September 1882, that the Sub-Collector shall be stationed at Kumbakónam and have Máyavaram Taluk in his division. If this work is carried out, the building in question will not be required.

2. The Collector is, I am informed, going to propose that the Sub-Collector should be stationed at Máyavaram, and if this is done, the building at Máyavaram will have to be enlarged and made into a Sub-Collector's Cutcherry ; this in its present state can be easily done, provided the Court room is made 30 × 18 in place of 30 × 20 as allowed in the standard plan, and provided the turret and gallery is left out.

3. I request orders at once as to whether the work of the Deputy Collector's Cutcherry at Máyavaram is to be stopped. This year's allotment is Rs. 4,540 ; there has been about Rs. 1,500 of work, &c., done, and of course, if stopped, there will be loss.

Endorsement, No. 2177-C.

Referred to the Revenue Department for very early orders.

Order—dated 5th December 1882, No. 4096, Revenue.

The question as to the location of the Sub-Collector's head-quarters will be referred to the Board of Revenue for report.

2. Orders will issue in the Public Works Department for the work of constructing an office for the Deputy Collector at Máyavaram being suspended, pending decision on the above question.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) E. F. WEBSTER,
Secretary to Govt., R.D.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ Public Works Department.

Reference on the above, dated 11th December 1882.

Referred to the Collector of Tanjore for early report.

(Signed) E. GIBSON,
Acting Secretary,

To the Collector of Tanjore,
with Government Order in original, to be returned.

READ—the following letter from H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Collector of Tanjore, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Vallam, 9th January 1883, No. 91:—

I have the honor to furnish the report called for in Board's Reference, 11th December 1882, on G.O., Revenue Department, 5th December 1882, No. 4096, on the subject of the future head-quarters of the Sub-Collector.

2. The question is whether Kumbakónam or Máyavaram should be selected; and after consideration I have come to the conclusion, in which the Acting Sub-Collector concurs, that Kumbakónam is the more suitable place. It is out of all proportion the most important town in the division; the revenue of the Kumbakónam Taluk is almost equal to that of the other two taluks together, and quite half the work of the division is furnished by Kumbakónam alone. The Municipality of Kumbakónam, which urgently requires the attention of the Divisional Officer, is double the size and importance of that at Máyavaram.

3. The only arguments in favor of Máyavaram are its more central position and its greater proximity to Tranquebar, which is the seat of the Civil and Sessions Court and contains the District Jail. The latter argument I do not think of much importance, especially as the jail will be closed when the new jail at Tanjore is built. As to the more advantageous position of Máyavaram, the existence of the railway, which passes through the middle of Máyavaram and Shiyáli Taluks, much reduces the advantage; and even without the railway, the balance in favor of Máyavaram would be very slight. Kumbakónam is about forty-five miles from the extreme point of Shiyáli Taluk, while Máyavaram is thirty-eight miles from the western extremity of Kumbakónam Taluk, and thirty-six miles from the southern point of it near Nidamangalam. Kumbakónam is by road thirty miles from Tranquebar, and *viá* Máyavaram thirty-nine, of which twenty-two are by rail.

4. So far as these general considerations go, Kumbakónam is therefore to be preferred. If, however, it is retained, somewhat greater expense will have to be incurred. At Máyavaram, a Deputy Collector's Office is already under construction, and the building has been raised to basement level. The estimate is Rs. 4,540, of which Rs. 1,500 have been spent. The Executive Engineer informs me that to enlarge the building so as to make it capable of accommodating the Sub-Collector and his office would cost about Rs. 4,000 more. In addition, I think, a house would have to be built for the Sub-Collector, which would cost some Rs. 10,000 more. There is an old bungalow which was formerly inhabited by the Sub-Collector and Head Assistant, but it is almost in ruins. The owner, I believe, is willing to repair it if the Sub-Collector is placed at Máyavaram; but I doubt whether he would spend enough to make it suitable. The right to it is also said to be the subject of litigation, which makes it unlikely that money will be sunk in it. The situation, too, is very inconvenient, as it is two miles from the site of the new Cutcherry. If a new house is built, the extra cost of putting the Sub-Collector at Máyavaram may be estimated at Rs. 14,000.

5. At Kumbakónam, an office for the Sub-Collector is absolutely necessary. The Head Assistant's office was built, I am told, for a dead-house, and he had to hold Cutcherry in his own house. The office building is altogether too small for the Sub-Collector's establishment, and, to meet temporary necessity, I have caused a thatched shed, supported on brick pillars, to be run up in front of it at a cost of Rs. 250. There are no funds in the Petty Construction and Repairs budget, and I take this opportunity of requesting the Board's sanction for the outlay incurred, which can doubtless be met from general savings throughout the Presidency.

6. The approximate cost of erecting a Sub-Collector's office on the standard plan at Kumbakónam would, according to the Executive Engineer, be Rs. 12,800. But instead of building an office for the Sub-Collector, I should prefer to have a new Taluk Cutcherry constructed, and to put the Sub-Collector in the building which is now occupied by the Taluk Office and which was once the Zillah Court. It is very ill-suited for a Taluk Office, as the Tahsildar's Court is upstairs far away from the clerks, who are downstairs and at the other extremity of the building. The lower story is dark and crowded, the space for records is insufficient, and the Treasury arrangements are inconvenient, though the strong room is no doubt very secure. The building would, however, make a very fair Sub-Collector's office.

7. The cost of building a new Taluk Cutcherry would probably not exceed Rs. 15,000, as the Jail, Police Station and subsidiary buildings, and also the accommodation usually provided for a Sub-Registry Office in the standard plan of a Taluk Cutcherry, already exist. It will, however, be essential that the Tahsildar's Office shall be built adjoining the present site, of which I enclose a plan. My suggestion is that the new building shall occupy the site of the Velangaman District Munsif's Court, the present Division Office building and the temporary shed* recently constructed. The ground thus obtained will, I think, be sufficient for the new Taluk Office; but, if necessary, a bit can be taken from the Apothecary's compound.

8. These arrangements will necessitate building a Court for the Velangaman District Munsif, but this, in my opinion and that of Mr. Parker, who inspected the site with me, is already necessary. The building is even smaller than the Division Office, and I can hardly understand how it is made to do for a District Munsif's Court. The Kumbakónam Munsif is now located in a wretched hired house in the town, and a site for a new Court for him has already been selected and reported on; but I am not aware what further communications on the subject have passed in the Judicial Department. I believe an estimate has been called for. The site is on the opposite side of the road to the Sub-Court, and is marked D in the plan. Mr. Parker thinks that a building for the two Munsifs of Velangaman and Kumbakónam should be constructed on this site,—one being accommodated in the upper story and the other below. Such a building will probably cost Rs. 8,000 or Rs. 8,500, and, considering the large revenue yielded by these Courts, they have, I think, a claim to be decently housed.

9. The whole of the Public Offices would, under these proposals, be in one place, and within convenient reach of each other. The expense involved may seem great, but it is to be remembered that the construction of a Sub-Collector's Office at Negapatam (a sanctioned work) will be saved, and that the building of a Head Assistant's Office at Kumbakónam could not have been long deferred. The present office at Negapatam is quite good enough for a Head Assistant.

10. With regard to the building at Máyavaram, which has been commenced but is now stopped, I propose that orders be given to finish it in view to its being used as a District Munsif's Court, for which it is well suited The District Munsif of Máyavaram now holds his Court in a rented building in the town.

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* Marked A, B, C, in the plan.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Plan.

RESOLUTION—dated 16th January 1883, No. 112.

The Board approve the Collector's proposals in regard to the Sub-Collector's head-quarters and to the office buildings at Kumbakónam and Máyavaram.

2. Kumbakónam is unquestionably the town at which the Sub-Collector's head-quarters should be located, and that for many reasons, which it is needless to recapitulate, as they are very clearly stated in Mr. Stokes' letter. The reasons that could be urged in favor of Máyavaram as the head-quarter station are of little weight. The most important is the expenditure that has been incurred on the foundations of the Deputy Collector's Cutcherry, but Mr. Stokes shows that this will not be money thrown away, as the foundations will do for the District Munsif's Court House, now greatly required at Máyavaram.

3. As regards the arrangement suggested for the future accommodation of the Kumbakónam officials, the Board entirely agree. The Head Assistant's present office is as bad as it is possible to imagine. It is a fact that it was originally constructed for a dead-house. It is very small, dark and damp, standing as it does below the level of the Cauvery, which runs close by. If a new Taluk Cutcherry were built on the site now available close to the new Sub-Jail, the Sub-Collector's Office could

be very well housed in the old Court House now occupied by the Taluk Magistrate, while the District Munsifs' Courts could be placed on the site now available close by on the opposite side of the road.

4. This would be by far the cheapest arrangement that could be made. There are now in existence a Sub-Jail and Registrar's Office, so that the only new Cutcherry would be that of the Taluk Magistrate. The old Zillah Court House, now used as the Taluk Cutcherry, could, at a small cost, be adapted to the requirements of the Sub-Collector.

5. The Board therefore recommend that:—

(a) A new Taluk Cutcherry on the standard plan be built at Kumbakónam close to the present Sub-Jail.

(b) The old Zillah Court be put in order and turned into the Sub-Collector's Office.

(c) The new Courts for the District Munsifs of Kumbakónam and Velangaman be constructed on the site marked D in the plan.

(d) The foundations of the new building at Máyavaram be made available for the Court House for the District Munsif, that is now so much required at that station.

6. The sum of Rs. 250, the cost of the shed built under the orders of the Collector for the temporary accommodation of the Sub-Collector's Office, is sanctioned from general savings under "34, Other Public Works in charge of Civil Officers, Civil Buildings."

7. Referring to Mr. Stokes' remarks regarding the suitability of the office at Negapatam to the requirements of the Head Assistant, the Board are unable to concur in the opinion expressed. The building alluded to is very small and altogether unsuited for the purpose for which it is used; a new Cutcherry for the Head Assistant Collector is not, however, so urgently needed as the other public buildings mentioned above, and its construction may for the present be deferred.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) E. GIBSON,
Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with plan to be returned.
" Collector of Tanjore.
Copy to the Accountant-General.

H. E.

Pro G.O. of Rev. 181 of 8-2-83

Exd. A. Raitt.

B No. 559W. of 20-2-83

Communicated to the Supdg Engineer Sixth Circle who will Submit estimates for he works proposed in clauses (a) & b. para 5 of Revenue Boards Resolution

2. The completion of partially constructed Cutcherry at Mayaveram for a District Munsiffs court has already been Ordered in G.O. No. 348W of 1-2-83

Signed
J. P

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Board of Revenue,

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Printed January, 24th.

Proceedings, 16th January 1883, No. 112.

B No. 559W of 20-2-83

Remarking on proposal regarding the location of the *Sub-Collector's Head-quarters, Tanjore District.*

Supdg Engineer's Office 6th Cir.
No. 1645 J. Trichinopoly, 21st January /87.
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From.

Major A. C Smith RE
Supdg Engineer 6th Circle
Trichinopoly.

To,

The Chief Engineer
P.W.D.

Sir,

I have the honor to report that the Latrine for the Kumbakonum Taluq Cutchery included in the Estimate sanctioned in G.O. No. 921. W dated 18th April /85 is also intended for Kumbakonum and Valangaman Munsiff's Court now in Course of Construction.

2. As the Latrine is obviously necessary I request that you will be good enough to

to sanction the transfer of Rs 740
from the Existing grant of Rs 8000
for the Munsifs' Court-house of
Kumbakonum & Valangaman to
the "Taluq Cutchery at Kumbakonum"

3. I have in anticipation
of your sanction instructed the
Ex. Engineer to proceed with the
work - I trust that this course
will meet with your approval -

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt servt

A L Smith Major RE
Supdg Engineer 6th Circle

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No 921 W d/ 18-4-85 original
" 559 W d/ 20-2-83

P.W.C. No 604

From

Major A C Smith R.E.
Suptg Engineer 6 Cir.

To,

The Chief Engineer
P.W.D.

Dd 21st
Despd 22
Recd 24 } January/87.

No 1645 J.

Encls. Nil.

Requests sanction for the transfer of Rs 740 from the grant of Rs 8000 for the "Munsifs Court-house of Kumbakonum & Valangaman" to the "Taluq Cutchery Kumbakonum" for reasons within—

P.B./

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No 235 W

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 26 Jany /87

READ the following

From the Suptg. Engineer VI Circle. H.E. No 1645 J. J. d/21 January 1887.

The following transfer of funds is sanctioned:—

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From		To
Constructing a combined court-house for the District Munsifs of Kumbakonam and Valangaman —	Rs. 740	Taluk office at Kumbakonam - Rs. 740.

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The Suptg. Engr. VI Circle
" Examiner of P.W. Accts
" Revenue Department
" Judicial Department.

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