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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE
(LAND REVENUE).

THE HON. W. S. WHITESIDE.

READ—the following letter from W. A. WILLOCK, Esq., Acting Collector of Trichinopoly, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue, dated 14th July 1887, No. 268-4:—

I have the honor to reply to Board's Proceedings, Mis. No. 1212, dated 21st February 1887, regarding the utilization of the Artillery barracks at this station.

2. I find that the only offices which can with advantage be located there are the police and my own, including the Forest office. The Superintending and Executive Engineers' offices are already provided with Government quarters. The Salt Deputy Commissioner holds his office in his own house, and it is desirable that he should continue to do so. The Postal and Telegraph offices are at present in a rented building, but the barracks would be too far away for them, and I propose to place my present office at their disposal. It is well suited for the purpose as it will afford ample quarters for their staff as well as for office purposes. The only other office which could be moved into the barracks is the Revenue Survey. It, however, is too large to allow of room being found for both it and my own.

3. I forward herewith a plan (A) showing roughly the position of the buildings available. It is not very accurate, but is sufficiently so to explain my proposals. The principal buildings consist of a very fine range on the northern side of the parade ground, a long capacious gun-shed, about one half of which is without walls, on the south, and a range of good-sized rooms on the west. A large magazine stands at the south-west corner. To the east and north-east, there are several small detached buildings—the main guard, cells, school, serjeants' quarters, &c. The large building on the north I propose to reserve for my office, exclusive of the treasury branch which I would locate in the gun-shed, walling up the archways of the open portion at a cost of Rs. 1,881. The magazine I would convert into a treasury for which it will be admirably adapted. This will cost Rs. 514 more, making the total sum necessary for adapting this range for treasury purposes Rs. 2,395. It may occur to the Board that, with so many buildings available, the work of walling in the gun-shed should not be necessary, but I have gone into the question very carefully, and find that to adapt the only other one which would serve for a treasury (the main guard) for that purpose by substituting a terraced for a tiled roof would cost Rs. 1,700 at least, while several other considerable alterations would be required in other small buildings and sheds which would be required to accommodate the Account department and the Treasury Deputy Collector within reasonable proximity. I might certainly place the treasury in the large range which I propose to use myself, the roof of which is for the most part terraced, but this would lead to a large loss of space as two good rooms would have to be cut up to provide for the sentries' patrol path. In addition, the Treasury Deputy Collector and cashkeeper would have to be provided for close by, and some of the departments working under me together with the whole of the Account branch would have to find room in some of the detached buildings from 200 to 300 yards off. I also think it very desirable from motives of ultimate economy to reduce the number of separate buildings occupied as much as possible as maintenance expenses will be greatly lessened thereby.

4. Plan B shows the main building with details of how I propose to utilize the rooms it contains. Of course my proposals as to their actual distribution are not meant to be final. Until I actually see the records, &c., in their places, it is impossible

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to say whether some other arrangements may not be more convenient. The only important alterations necessary to adapt this part of the barracks for use are the erection of two screens about 6 feet high across the Assistant Collector's and District Forest-officer's room to divide it into two, leaving a passage between, and a door between the English record-room and the English and Vernacular clerks' room to allow of the former being securely closed when the recordkeeper leaves office. There will be a few trifling alterations, such as closing ventilators in some of the walls, removing brackets and the like, and fitting up shelves which I had better execute myself as they can be, for the most part, best done when my establishment has actually taken possession. There are also a number of gun racks on the premises which, I imagine, would be hardly worth removal to Madras or elsewhere. If these are not required by the Military department, they will be very useful for the construction of moveable barriers in some of the large rooms in which the clerks will sit. The total expenditure necessary on this part of the building would be about Rs. 360 by the Public Works department and Rs. 250 by the Revenue department.

5. Plan C shows the principal rooms of the buildings allotted to the police and the gun-shed which I propose to use for the Treasury department, though not in the relative positions which they occupy. (The plan of the main guard which I at first intended to use as a treasury is also shown). The rooms assigned to the police require practically nothing to be done to adapt them beyond ordinary repairs. The magazine—the future treasury—is a room about 30 feet $\times$ 15 feet. It will have an iron-barred window let into each of three walls and a door into the fourth. It stands inside a high wall running all round at a distance of about 13 feet. I propose to roof in this space at one end so as to provide a guard room for the sentries, and two windows will be broken through this outer wall here, as otherwise the shed would be extremely hot at times. They will, of course, be iron-barred. Opposite to the gate of the magazine enclosure will be the cashkeeper's room—that shown as the bridle-room in plan C. The supply of printed forms will also be kept here as very convenient racks and stands are available. The next room will be the Treasury Deputy Collector's. Then will follow the Account department, and the last three rooms will be devoted to the District Press. The building marked as "canteen" in plan A, I propose to retain as a convenient place for the office of Divisional officers who may happen to be halting in Trichinopoly, and similar purposes.

6. I have had a rough estimate prepared of the cost of these alterations which work out as follows:—

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Screens in the Assistant Collector's and Forest officer's and front room.	329
Fitting in-door to English record-room	32
Adapting magazine for a treasury	514
Altering gun-shed	1,881
Petty items of expenditure by Revenue department	2,756
	244
Total ...	3,000

This sum does not include ordinary repairs, whitewashing, &c., as the buildings are now kept in excellent order, and their occupation as offices will necessitate no extra expenditure on this account. In the Public Works budget, Provincial services,

for the current year there is a provision of Rs. 4,820 * on account of a Forest office here from which the necessary funds could be transferred.

* Vide Board's Proceedings, No. 267, dated 24th June 1887, Land Revenue.

7. My present office I propose to hand over to the Postal and Telegraph departments. It is in an excellent situation for the purpose, close by the Railway station, and very central. House property has so depreciated in value in Trichinopoly that but a very small sum would be offered for it were it sold. My sheristadar, who has had very long experience of this place, does not think it would fetch more than Rs. 2,000 or

Rs. 3,000. The building itself is well suited for affording the residential accommodation these departments require, and the local officers think very favorably of the proposal. They pay about Rs. 85 for office accommodation and free quarters at present. The Superintendent of Police pays Rs. 35 and the District Forest-officer Rs. 20, so that a total monthly saving of Rs. 140 will be effected by the change.

8. I regret the delay which has taken place in submitting this report. It has been due to my having endeavoured to work out proposals which would allow of the large range of buildings being converted into a residence for the Collector, and his office accommodated in the remainder of the barracks, but I have had to abandon this scheme.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 1 to 3.—Plans.

RESOLUTION—dated 21st July 1887, No. 373.

Submitted to Government with reference to G.O., dated 10th February 1887, No. 888.

2. The Board approve of the Collector's proposals.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) M. HAMMICK,
Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with three plans, to be returned.

Copy to the Collector of Trichinopoly.

Exd. W. J. Lewis.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

1887.

Board of Revenue

(Land Revenue),

MADRAS.

Printed August 2nd.

Proceedings, 21st July 1887, No. 373.

Submitting to Government report from the Collector of Trichinopoly regarding the utilization of the Artillery barracks at that place, and approving of the proposals made therein.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read *Proceedings of the*
Copy attached Board of Revenue, dated 21st July
1887, No. 373.

Order thereon, 26 Aug-1887 No. 5076.

The Government approve generally of the proposals of the collector - The question of the location of the offices of the Police & the Postal & Telegraph Departments will be referred to the Judicial & Financial Departments respectively for early remarks.

(True Extract)

Resd. M. S. S. S.

Ag. Secy to Govt.

To the Secy. of Land Revenue.
and the M. S. S. S.
Public Works Department.
Judicial Department.
Financial Department.