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2. Considering the time the Assistant Commissioner has to be on circuit, it will greatly facilitate the disposal of papers of my office when I am away from head-quarters if the Inspector's office be in the same place where my office is. The removal of my office to old Munsif's Court-house is also advantageous to my clerks, as it is much nearer to them than the present building where my office is held.

3. Under orders received from you by telegram, the Inspector, Calicut Circle, addressed the Executive Engineer and obtained his permission to occupy the building, and his office has been held in it from the 12th of last month.

4. The building requires whitewashing, matting, repairs to doors, windows and roof. The tiles require turning, and good and substantial locks and bolts for doors and fencing round the building are also required. I think the cost of these repairs will come to between Rs. 120 and Rs. 200.

BUILDINGS AND ROADS,
CIVIL WORKS.

Govt. of 1887 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated February, 15th.

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G.O., 15th Feb. 1887, No. 470 W.

FEBRUARY.

District Munsif's Court at
Calicut

Orders on note by the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, suggesting that the old — should be made available for either the Forest office or Salt and Abkari.

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To
D. W. O.
In para 2 of G.O.
No 3147 dated 26th
November 1886, the
Supp. Engineer's proposal
to transfer the old Munsif's
Court house at
Calicut to the D. W. O.
and the present D. W. Office
turned into Offices for
the Forest and Salt and
Abkari Departments
were sanctioned.

2. From the corres-
-pondence printed
in G.O. No 5449 of 2 Sept
1887, Rev Dept it appears
the Salt and Abkari
Department have
taken possession of
the old Munsif's Court
in anticipation of its
formal transfer to
that Dept.

3. Orders are solicited
if it is necessary to
refer the paper (Ch 799)
for the Suppl. re-
-marks, or whether
orders may be passed
transferring the old
Munsif's Court to the Salt
& Abkari Dept
orders for the same
may be passed
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15TH FEBRUARY 1887, No. 470 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

READ—the following paper :—

Note by the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department.

In G.O., No. 3147 W., dated 26th November 1886, the proposals of the Superintending Engineer to allow the old district munsif's court-house at Calicut to be occupied temporarily by the Police Superintendent, and afterwards transferred to the Public Works Department, the present Public Works office being given over to the Forest department and Salt and Abkari, were approved.

2. Taking advantage of a visit to Calicut, the undersigned visited the munsif's court and the offices referred to, and came to the conclusion, in which the Superintending Engineer who accompanied him concurred, that these arrangements were not desirable. The Police Superintendent's office is not considered to be in a dangerous state, and if the heavy roof over the old portion is removed and a lighter roof with Mangalore tiles substituted, all that is necessary beyond a little repair would be done.

3. The old munsif's court-house is, in its present state, altogether unsuitable for a Public Works Department office and would need very considerable additions, and then from the confined space in which it stands, could not be anything like as commodious and convenient as the existing offices. It is true that it is nearer the quarters where the clerks reside, but it seems a mistake to give up really good buildings and incur considerable expense to secure inferior accommodation in a rather more convenient situation for the office people.

4. An estimate is understood to be under preparation for a new post office, which will be more convenient than any alteration short of reconstruction can make the old munsif's court.

5. It is suggested that the old building should be made available for either the Forest office or Salt and Abkari, whichever it will, in the opinion of the Collector, suit, with the least alteration.

(Signed) J. O. HASTED, Col., R.E.,
Chief Engineer, P.W.D.

8th February 1887.

ORDER—dated 15th February 1887, No. 470 W., Public Works.

In the circumstances stated by the Chief Engineer, paragraph 2 of G.O., No. 3147 W., dated 26th November 1886, will be cancelled.

2. The suggestion in paragraph 5 of the Chief Engineer's note will be considered in the Revenue Department.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. O. HASTED, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle.
„ Judicial Department.
„ Revenue „
„ Postmaster-General.
„ Examiner, Public Works Accounts.

Exd. P. L. Pereira.

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Govt. of 1885 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated March, 23rd.

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G.O., 23rd March 1885, No. 717 W.

MARCH.

Post Office at Calicut

Letter from the Postmaster-General, Madras, stating that the construction of the — has been postponed, communicated to the Superintending Engineer.

23RD MARCH 1885, No. 717 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

READ—the following letter from C. W. HUTCHINSON, Esq., Postmaster-General, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 20th March 1885, No. 15082 :—

In continuation of my letter, No. 12083/3349, dated 15th January 1885, I have the honor to forward, herewith, copy of a communication from the Director-General of the Post Office of India, No. 14289, dated 9th March 1885, from which it will be seen that the construction of a new post office at Calicut has been postponed in order to provide funds for the completion of the combined post and telegraph office at Madras.

ENCLOSURES.

From the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, to the Director-General of the Post Office of India, dated 2nd March 1885, No. 54 A.G.

In order to provide funds during the ensuing official year for the completion of the combined post and telegraph office at Madras, it is proposed to withdraw the provisional grant of Rs. 8,460 assigned for outlay in 1885-86 on the new post office at Calicut.

2. I am directed to inquire, with reference to this proposal, whether there is any objection to the work in question being deferred, and, if so, to request that you will name some other postal work for postponement, estimated to cost at least as much as the amount to be diverted for the combined office at Madras.

From the Director-General of the Post Office of India, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, dated 9th March 1885, No. 14288.

In reply to your No. 54 A.G., of 2nd March 1885, I have the honor to inform you that, under the circumstances represented, I have no objection to the work in connection with the erection of a new post office building at Calicut being postponed till next year in order to provide funds for the completion of the combined post and telegraph office at Madras.

No. 14289.

Forwarded to the Postmaster-General, Madras, for information.

CALCUTTA,
9th March 1885.

(Signed) G. J. HYNES,
Assistant Director-General of the Post Office of India.

ORDER—dated 23rd March 1885, No. 717 W., Public Works.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, in continuation of endorsement, No. 149 C., dated 26th January 1885, and G.O., No. 600 W., dated 13th March 1885.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. SHAW-STEWART, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle.
" Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
" Postmaster-General.
Exd. E. Fernandez.
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BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
CIVIL WORKS.

Govt. of (1886) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated November, 26th.

Reed.

Encl.

G.O., 26th Nov. 1886, No. 3147 W.

NOVEMBER.

District Munsif's Court at
Calicut

Orders on correspondence as to the utilisation of the present — when vacated by the munsif on completion of the new building intended for him.

4. (II) *Police*.—The Superintendent of Police states that his present office building is considered unsafe, and if it is repaired, the munsif's court will be required for his department for temporary occupation.

5. (III) *Postal*.—The Superintendent of Post offices, Calicut division, states that he, in company with the Postmaster-General, Madras, visited and inspected the munsif's court-house in question, and that the latter was of opinion that it is well situated and with a few additions and alterations may be converted as a Post office and Postmaster's quarters. An estimate of Rs. 8,900, for a new Post office at Calicut, was submitted to your office for sanction in this office letter No. 464, dated 22nd August 1885.

6. (IV) *Forest*.—This department also demand the use of the munsif's court building for their office which is now located in a rented building; but suitable accommodation for the Forest office has been provided in the new Collector's cutcherry at Calicut.

7. (V) *Salt and Abkari*.—The Assistant Commissioner of Salt and Abkari Revenue states that he would be glad if the munsif's court building be handed over to his department.

8. A letter from Messrs. P. C. Atchuthan Brothers, proprietors of the *M. and T. Spectator* Press, offering to purchase the premises, is enclosed.

9. As requested, a valuation statement of the court-house in question has been prepared and is herewith forwarded.

10. Some expenditure on alterations and additions would be necessary to render the building suitable for any one of the above offices.

11. As the building has been applied for for five public offices, it is presumed that Government will hardly be prepared to give it up to the municipality for a travellers' bungalow.

ORDER—dated 26th November 1886, No. 3147 W., Public Works.

In the circumstances reported by the Superintending Engineer, the Government regret that they are unable to comply with the request of the Municipal Council, Calicut.

2. The arrangements proposed in paragraph 4 of the Superintending Engineer's letter appear to be satisfactory, and are accordingly sanctioned.

3. Messrs. Atchuthan Brothers should be informed in reply to their letter of the 8th October that the building at present occupied by the munsif will not be for sale when vacated by that officer.

4. In regard to the requirements of the Postal department, it is observed that in the correspondence recorded in G.O., No. 717 W., dated 23rd March 1885, it was decided to postpone the erection of a new Post office at Calicut, and nothing further has been heard of the subject.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. O. HASTED, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle.

" Financial Department.
" Judicial "
" Revenue "
" Postmaster-General.
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5. It might be well to have the building and premises valued by the Public Works Department.

(Signed) H. M. WINTERBOTHAM,
4th September 1886. Acting Collector.

No. 580, Financial.

Transferred to the Public Works Department for disposal.

(By Order.)

MADRAS, (Signed) E. S. LAFFAN,
24th September 1886. Under Secretary.

From Colonel J. BEATTY, R.E., Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Coimbatore, 18th November 1886, No. 444 E.W.:—

As directed in your endorsement, No. 3351 C., of 29th September 1886, I have the honor to report that the probable value of the old district munsif's court at Calicut, which is still occupied by the district munsif and will not be available for any other purpose until the new court is completed, is Rs. 7,488.

2. The building is wanted by other departments, so that it is not advisable that Government should sell it or present it to the municipality.

3. I send, herewith, a report from the Executive Engineer, who states that five departments desire to have the building, either temporarily or permanently.

4. I recommend that, when vacated by the munsif, it shall be occupied temporarily by the Police Superintendent, while his office is being put in a state of safety; and that it shall afterwards be transferred to the Public Works Department, the present Public Works office being turned into offices for the Forest department and the Salt and Abkari.

5. The present Public Works office would not be suitable for a Post office, as it is not in a central position; but it would probably suit the Forests and Salt and Abkari. The Post office is now in a rented building in a central position near the new law courts.

ENCLOSURE.

From H. S. TAYLOR, Esq., Executive Engineer, West Coast Division, to the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, dated Calicut, 13th November 1886, No. 768.

With reference to your endorsement, No. 756 W.C., dated 5th October 1886, from the Under Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, to your address, I have the honor to report as follows.

2. The local heads of the several departments of this district have been addressed on the subject of the future disposal of the building now occupied by the district munsif's court at Calicut, and from the reports received from those officers it appears that the following departments require the building:—

- (I) Public Works Department.
- (II) Police.
- (III) Postal.
- (IV) Forest.
- (V) Salt and Abkari.

3. (I) *Public Works Department*.—The present Public Works Department office at Calicut is situated far from the town, and it is a difficulty for the clerks to attend the office both in the hot and rainy seasons as they have to walk a distance of about 5 miles a day to go to and from the office. The present munsif's court is in a central position, and if this office were located there, the attendance of the clerks could be more conveniently ensured at any time in the day that they might be required.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

READ—the following papers:—

From the Chairman, Municipal Council, Calicut, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Calicut, 31st August 1886, No. 660.

I have the honor to state that the court-house now occupied by the district munsif of Calicut will be vacated as soon as the building intended for him in the new civil court premises is completed.

2. At their meeting on the 12th June last the municipal council passed a resolution to seek the transfer of the present munsif's court building, when vacated, to the council, with a view to converting it into a travellers' bungalow and to enabling them to build the long-contemplated town-hall on the site of the present bungalow as no better site is available.

3. The Collector of Malabar was accordingly addressed on the subject. He informs the council that the charge of public buildings relinquished by Government officers does not devolve on him but on the Public Works Department, and that the council should make their application to Government. The Collector has kindly ascertained from the District Judge of Calicut that he has no objection to the building in question being made over to the municipality, when vacated by the munsif, which in all probability will be in October next.

4. The provision for a town hall at Calicut has been repeatedly made for the last three or four years in the municipal budget, but nothing could be done in the matter, mainly through want of an eligible site. There is a provision of Rs. 3,000 in the current budget, which the council wish to utilise this year if possible.

5. The site of the present travellers' bungalow is the fittest place available in the town for erecting a town-hall, which is admittedly a great desideratum. And the absence of a town-hall will be much felt when the railway is extended to Calicut. The council undertake to spare no expenditure to fit up the munsif's court-house, when placed at their disposal, for the convenience of travellers. The munsif's court-house is on the west of the Mananchira tank, and the present travellers' bungalow is on the east of it. The two are within hailing distance of each other.

6. I have therefore the honor to request that the Government will be pleased to permit the municipal council to utilise the site of the present travellers' bungalow for a town-hall and to issue orders for placing the munsif's court building, when vacated, at their disposal for the purpose above indicated.

Endorsement on the above.

No. 155 M.D.

Submitted to Government.

2. If Government think fit to present the old munsif's court to the town council, I have nothing to urge against the project.

3. It will certainly be a handsome present.

4. The District Judge states that the Judicial Department have no use for it.