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No 203W d/17th January/88

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Communicated to
the Consulting Architect
for information with
reference to his letter
No. 891 d/5th Octr 1887

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[6] P.W.C. No. 402

Govt. of {188} Madras.

To

The P.W. Dept

R/13-1-88

Proceedings, dated 12-1-1888
No. 58

Subject.

No. 203W dated 17th January/88

Passing orders regard-
-ing Combined Office
of the I.G. of Regn
the Registrar of Madras
& the Registrar of
the Diocese

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CA to Govt. dated 18-1-88
Ahw 14.1.88

With order

Judicial Department.

CHIEF SECRETARIAT MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

READ the following papers

Again G.O. 29 April 1887 No. 932 and 27 July 1887 No. 1647.

Read also the following paper

From the P.W.D. 20th October 1887 No. 3595 C.

Order, 12 January 188 No 58

In G.O. 27 July 1887 No. 1647 the Government remarked that the estimate of Rs 90,000 for the proposed combined Registration Office was altogether excessive, and requested that a fresh estimate at the lowest possible figure might be prepared. In the foregoing letter, the Consulting Architect states that the lowest figure at which the projected building could be erected would be Rs 85,000.

2 After a full consideration of the matter, the Government have decided that there is no such necessity for the proposed building as would justify the expenditure of so large a sum of money. They are not prepared to take further action in the matter and the papers will be recorded.

(True Extract)

H. E. Stokes

Chief Secretary

Public Works Dept. ✓
Inspector General of Registration
& Diocesan Registrar

No. 1038 W d/ 5.4.83.
" 3464 W d/ 3.12.83
" 3686 W d/ 22.12.83
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" 3269 C d/ 24.9.86.
" 2812 W d/ 25.10.86.
" 1358 W d/ 17.5.87
" 537 D d/ 9.9.87
" 2221 W d/ 20.8.87
" 3895 C d/ 20.10.87

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P. W. DEPARTMENT.

Current No. 7832

From Consg: Archt to Go

Enclos.—

No. 891
Dated 5th October/87
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Subject.

Submitting sketch plans for a combined office for the Inspector General of Registration District & Diocesan Registrars.

Disposal.

No. 3595 C Dated 20th October/87

Forwarded to the Judicial Department, with advertence to G.O. in that Dept. No. 1647 dated 27th July 1887.

/Sd/ J.O.H

Judicial Dept. W. & D.

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the Consq. Architect
in continuation of G.O.
No 1358 W d/ 17th May
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G.O., 27th July 1887, No. 1647.

No 2221 W a/ 20th August/87

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Registration.

Passing orders in regard to the provision of suitable buildings for the location of offices of the Registration Department.

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o 203 W d/17th January/88

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27th July 1887, No. 1647, Judicial.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following paper:—

From G. HAMNETT, Esq., Inspector-General of Registration, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Coimbatore, 20th June 1887, T. No. 1963.

With reference to G.O., Judicial, dated the 29th April 1887, No. 932, intimating that the Government were not prepared to accept the plan for the combined offices of the Inspector-General of Registration, the Registrar of Madras, and the Registrar of the Diocese, or to hold out any hopes of sanction being accorded for such a building as that contemplated, I beg that I may be pardoned for once more urging the necessity for providing the Registrar of Madras with suitable accommodation for the valuable records in his charge.

2. The Registrar in a letter, No. 272, dated the 23rd May 1887, writes to me as follows:—

"I most respectfully request that the Government may be moved to accord their sanction for the construction of a separate office for the Registrar alone on the finally selected site at a moderate cost of about Rs. 15,000, or Rs. 20,000, as they have already done in the case of the Registrar of Tanjore.

"I make this urgent request in the interests of the public convenience and of the safe custody of the very valuable and increasing records of this office, as the present rented building on the Second Line Beach, belonging to Messrs. McDowell and Co., though convenient to the public, is not sufficiently safe and fire-proof, seeing especially that the records are secured in huge almirahs placed on the second floor of this building, while the first or ground-floor is a godown for the custody of inflammable liquors and spirits, and therefore several respectable parties, such as Mr. Robert G. Orr of Messrs. Orr and Sons, and others have very recently bitterly complained to me against my apparent indifference in the matter in the interests of the public, and of the valuable records of the office. Mr. Orr even went further and told me the other day in the office that he was about to address both you and the Government on the subject.

Note.—Mr. Orr did speak to me and I told him that I did all I could since January * 1881, and could do no more.

* *Vide* Proceedings, Public Works Department, 15th October 1881, No. 2520 W.—G. H.

"I therefore most humbly request that you may be pleased to bring this urgent matter to the favorable consideration of Government, in view to their according their early sanction for the construction of a new building for this office alone at a cost of about Rs. 15,000, or Rs. 20,000, as the rental, calculated at 8 per cent. on this proposed outlay, would not be much in excess of the present. Such a building would answer all the requirements of the office at present; and as for the future requirements the necessary accommodation can easily be added from time to time on the space which would be left vacant on the site near Parry and Co.'s office on the First Line Beach, or opposite Pachiappah's Hall."

Order—dated 27th July 1887, No. 1647, Judicial.

Communicated to the Public Works Department with a request that orders may be issued for the preparation of an estimate of the lowest figure at which a combined office for the Inspector-General of Registration, the Registrar of Madras, and the Registrar of the Diocese can be built. It is believed that the site next the Post office has been appropriated in the Public Works Department for this combined building, and if a moderate estimate can be prepared, the Government will sanction it. A portion of the ground-floor may be required for store-rooms for the Stationery office. The former estimate of Rs. 90,000, referred to in G.O., dated 29th April 1887, No. 932, was altogether excessive.

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2. With reference to the Inspector-General's first para., in which he requests that he "may be pardoned for once more urging the necessity for providing the Registrar of Madras with suitable accommodation for the valuable records in his charge," the Government believe that this is the first time on which the Inspector-General has represented the Registrar's present office to be unsuitable. The order of the 19th September 1881, No. 1949, Judicial, shows that the Registrar of Madras then obtained "premises admirably adapted for the purpose," and it does not, therefore, appear that there is any emergent need for a new office for this officer. Nor is the necessity in the case of the Inspector-General himself clear. He rents an apparently suitable building in the Mount Road, and in his letter, No. 958, dated 3rd March 1885, recorded in G.O., dated 27th March 1885, No. 840, he could do no more than suggest that "it would be a great comfort to him and to his establishment to be located on the North beach."

(True Extract.)

H. E. Stokes
Ag. Chief Secretary.

To the Inspector-General of Registration.
" Public Works Department.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

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No. 537 D. of 9th Sept. 1887

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No 537 D d/ 9th Septr 1887

Memo.

Memo: from the Chief Secy. requesting for reference, the Hon'ble Mr Hutchins' Note of 23rd April 87, and precis regarding a building for the Registrar of Madras.

Furnished —
Favour of return requested.
Sd/ J.D. Hasted Col R.E.
Secy to Govt P.W.D.

+ Returned 9-9-87

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Consulting Architect's Office,
Chepauk, Madras,
9th December 1886.

No. 1108

From

The Consulting Architect
to the Government of Madras,

To

The Chief Engineer
Public Works Department.

Sir,

Enclosure.
1 Plan of upper & lower floor
1 Site plan
1 Dioc^{n} Registrars sketch

With reference to G. O. No. 1516 W dated the 15th June 1886, I have the honor to submit plans of the basement, and upper floors of a combined Office for the Inspector General of Registration, the Registrar of Madras and the Registrar of the Diocese.

2. The Inspector General of Registration has approved of the arrangements for his, and the Madras Registrars office but the Registrar of the Diocese states as follows:—

"I would suggest the plan of the"
"basement being altered in the manner I have"
"indicated in the rough sketch, which will"
"enable me to put my Clerks, downstairs with"
"the

"the records as they are in the building now in use"
"as the Diocesan Registry I should be given the"
"rooms now shewn as "Inspector Generals Record"
"Room," "Library", and the smaller of the rooms"
"shewn as Inspector Generals stores"
"I would give up the large"
"room the furthest back of the three rooms shown"
"as "Diocesan Registrars Records", with the verandah"
"outside it."

"The plan of the upper floor"
"can remain as it is, and the room intended for"
"my clerks could be used for the class of Records"
"to which the public do not require to refer"

He again states as follows:–

"The persons who come to"
"my office for searches of my Records are"
"from the nature of things, chiefly Europeans"
"with some Eurasians, and hardly any native."
"It is therefore desirable, as I submit that the"
"Record rooms of my office where the searches"
"are made should be as cool and airy as"
"possible."

3. On a reference being made to the Registrar General that officer states
"I strongly object to the arrangement proposed"
"by the Diocesan Registrar, and adhere to the"
plan"
"plan which you have proposed"

"If the Diocesan Registrar's wants"
"in the way of accommodation are to be complied"
"with, I should advocate that a separate building"
"be provided for him"

4. In arranging the accommodation one half the East or Sea face was accorded to the Office of the Inspector General of Registration and the other half to the Diocesan Registrar's office and, as the site is flanked by high buildings, a space of 20 feet, on each side was left; if this space is taken up, and the East portion of the building widened it will not only interfere with the light and Ventilation of the lower rooms of the proposed building but will materially affect the ventilation of the Church of Scotland Mission Institution which contains a large number of students, and it will be undesirable to build close up to it.

5. In drawing up these plans additional space was provided in the Offices to be accommodated, for any increase of Establishment or records.

The accommodation in the present Diocesan Registry Office is as follows;

follows:–

	Supl: ft.	
Basement floor	805	
First floor	505	
Second floor	404.	1714.

The accommodation provided in the plans is as follows:–

Basement floor	1414	
First floor	1,059	2,473

so that the plan provides 759 Supl: feet in addition to the present office.

6 The Diocesan Registrar is now in communication with the High Court authorities about getting accommodation for his office in the additional buildings to be erected at the High Court, he is also an officer of the Court (Official Assignee) and a practising lawyer.

7. If the Diocesan Registrars office is to be accommodated elsewhere some other office might take the place provided for it in the plans, as the site is a valuable one it would be a pity not to utilize it as much as possible

Soliciting

Soliciting the orders of Government on the subject.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant.
J W Brassington
Offg: Consulting Architect
to Government.

with Original Current to be returned

F.S.D

CURRENT NO. 1118

Judicial Department.

CHIEF SECRETARIAT, MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

READ the following ~~paper~~

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PW 3477/87

Endorsement of the Public Works Department, dated 11th December 1886 – No. 4411C.

Order thereon. 8 January 87 No 32 Ms.

The result of the Diocesan Registrar's communication with the High Court, referred to in para 6 of the Consulting Architect's letter, should be reported.

2. The Government desire also to have detailed information as to the basis on which the accommodation provided for the several offices was estimated. The approximate cost of the proposed building should be stated.

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(True Extract)

H A Stuart
Under Secretary

To
The Public Works Department
with Original Current to be returned

$\frac{8}{1}$ S.D

No. 125C of 14th Jany 1887

Referred to the Consulting Architect for the requisite information -

J. H. Caster Colonel R.E.
Secy: to Govt. P.W.D.

Put 11/8/87

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Govt. of {188 } Madras.

P. W. Dept.
To be returned with reply.

To

The P.W. Dept

11.1.87

Ins: + 4
(+ 3 plans

Ry 11.1.87

Proceedings, dated 8/1/1887
No. 32 Mis

Subject.

Registration Dept.

Calling for further particulars in connection with the proposed building of the combined offices for the Inspector Genl of Registration, the Registrar of Madras & the Registrar of the Diocese.

Referred

P. W. D

Consulting Architect's Office,
Chepauk, Madras,
3rd March 1887

No. 1480

From
J. W. Brassington Esqr.
Offg: The Consulting Architect
to the Government of Madras,

To
The Chief Engineer
Public Works Department

Enclosure.
3 Statements
3 Tracings
1 File of papers

Sir,

With reference to your Endorsement No. 125C, dated 14th January 1887, on the Proceedings of Government, Judicial Department No. 32 Mis: dated the 8th January 1887, I have the honor to state that I addressed the Diocesan Registrar, on the subject who replied as follows:—

"I regret that I am unable to "inform you what accommodation will be ultimately "provided for me in the High Court Buildings"— After seeing the plans of the proposed additions to the High Court building, I do not think that the Diocesan Registry can be better accommodated in this building, as the best portion of it has been allotted to the officers of the court.

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2. The accommodation for the Office of the Inspector General of Registration was arranged in communication with the head of that Department, and after an inspection of the premises now occupied as his office.

3. The accommodation for the Madras District Registrars Office and Diocesan Registry was based on the plan prepared in accordance with G. O. No. 2520 W dated 15th October 1881, which was cancelled as the site selected on the South side of the combined Post & Telegraph Office was to be reserved for the Town Magistrates Court, see No. 66 W. P. W Department dated 10th January 1884.

4. The accommodation in the private buildings now occupied by the offices in question and that provided in the plan prepared in this Office and detailed in the accompanying statements is as follows:–

	In present building.	In Consty: Archts: plan.	Difference more.	less
Office of Inspector General of Registration. Supl: ft	3653	4043	390	"
Madras District Registrars Office	3818	3719	"	99
Diocesan Registrars Office	1714	2474	760	"

5. The approximate cost of the building is Rs 89537, which divided between the three offices according to the space occupied by each is as follows:–

Office of Inspector General of Registration	Rs 42,013
Madras District Registrars Office	" 24,989
Diocesan Registrars Office	" 22,535

The rents paid on account of the private buildings now occupied are as follows:–

Office of Inspector General of Registration – Mount Road	Rs 80 per mensem
Madras District Registrars Office – Black Town	" 60 "
Diocesan Registrars Office do	" 35 "

6. In addition to the accommodation required for the Diocesan Registry the Government have in G. O. No. 253, dated 13th December 1883, Ecclesiastical Department, sanctioned the building of some additional rooms to be rented by the Registrar of the Diocese for his business as a lawyer, there is no space for them on the basement or 1st floor but they can form a third storey.

7. The papers received with the Memo: under reply are herewith returned.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant.
J W Brassington
Offg: Consulting Architect
to Government.

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Judicial Department.

CHIEF SECRETARIAT, MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read ~~the following paper~~ again

G.O. 8th January 1887 No. 32.
From the Public Works Department, dated
7th March 1887 No. 826 C.

Order thereon 29th April 1887 No. 932.

It is observed from the statements
now furnished that the cost of the comb
offices is estimated at about Rs 90,000
that the increase of accommodation ther
provided compared with that which
available in the buildings now occupied
is only 11 per cent. The rental calculate
at 8 per cent on the proposed outlay
should be Rs 600 per mensem, but the
aggregate rent now being paid for priv
buildings amounts to only Rs 175 a month

7 1/2 %
full Govt rate
562 1/2

2. In these circumstances the Gover
are not prepared to accept the plan su
mitted for approval or to hold out any
of sanction being accorded for such a buil
as that contemplated.

True

/ True Extract /

F. Elliott
Ag Chief Secretary

To The Public Works Deptmt
with 3 Encls & 3 plans
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Comd., and the plans returned to the Consulting architect, who will carefully revise his proposals and report the lowest approximate sum for which a suitable building of the required accommodation can be constructed

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C.A.
with 3/plans
Jud. Dept

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P.W. No. 3477

Govt. of (188) Madras.

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To

The P.W. Dept

En: 7
(+ 3/plans)

R. 7-5-87

Proceedings, dated 29-4-1887
No. 932

Subject.

Combined office for the I.G. of Regn Madras. Registrar of Madras & the Registrar of Diocese

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No. 1358 W

Cno 3477.

The order can be communicated to C.A. It has been decided in Council that the whole question of public buildings required should be considered on receipt of report from C.A. on the subject of the High Court lately called for.

W
13/5/87

With reference to the pencil draft on this paper, it seems doubtful whether it is necessary to do more than communicate the order to the C.A.

The Judicial Dept do not call for any lower estimate, & they practically accept the present system of occupying rented ~~offices~~ buildings for the three offices.

It is not apparent whether, in passing the present order, the Judicial Dept gave due consideration to the repeated representations of the I.G. of Registration relative to the

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insufficient protection afforded to the valuable records of the Town Registrar by the present rented building, but that is not a matter with which the P.W.D. need deal.

The I.G. of Registration will probably again go up to Govt on that point.

Cn
9.5.87

No. 1358 W

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 17 May 1887

READ the following

Letter from the Cons: Archt. to Govt. H.C. No. 1108 of 9.12.86.
Proceedings of Govt, Judicial Dept. " No. 32 Mis of 8-1-87.
Letter from the Cons: Archt. to Govt. " No. 1480 of 3.3.87.
Pros: of Govt. Judicial Dept. " No. 932 of 29.4.87.

Communicated to the Consulting Architect to Government.

16/5/87 16.5.87

To
The Cons: Archt to Govt.

18/5/87

Cn

Note for Madras office
This file should be put up with C.A.'s reply relative to site for High Court.

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B. No. 1358 W d/ 17 May 1887

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P. W. DEPARTMENT.

Current No. 1737 & 1380 of 87 & 9671 of 86

From

Ho Cons: Archt to Govt

Enclos.— 7 (+ 3 plans)

No. 1480

Dated 3-3-87

Received 3-3-87

SUBJECT.

Submitting the information called for in Memo No. 125 C d/ 14-1-87 in connection with the combined office for the I.G. of Registration, Registrars of Madras and the Registrar of the Diocese.

DISPOSAL.

No. 826 C Dated 7th March 1887

Forwarded to the Judicial Dept with reference to G.O. in the Dept No. 32 mis Dated 8th January 1887, the enclosures of which are returned.

Despd 8/3/87

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P. W. DEPARTMENT.

Current No. 9671 & 138

From

The Jadl: Dept.

ENCLOS.—4 (3 plans)

No. 32 Mis

Dated 8th January 1887

Received 11th — " —

SUBJECT.

Calling for further particulars in connection with the proposed building of the Combined Office for the Inspector Genl of Registration, the Registrar of Madras & the Registrar of the Diocese —

DISPOSAL.

14/1/87

No. 125C Dated 14th January 1887

Referred to the Consg. Architect for the requisite information.

(Sd) J. O. Hasted, Col. RE.
Secy. to Govt. P. W. Dept.

D 14/1/87

To
The Consg. Architect.

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P. W. DEPARTMENT.

Current No. 9671

From The Consulting Architect to Govt.

Enclos.—3
(plans)

No. 1108

Dated 9 Decr 86

Received 10 "

SUBJECT.

Submitting with remarks plans of the basement and upper floors of a Combined office for the Inspector General of Registration, the Registrar of Madras & the Registrar of the Diocese

DISPOSAL.

B.H.
11/12/86

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No. 4411C Dated 11th December 86

Forwarded to the Judicial Dept for consideration, with advertence to G.O. in that dept No. 1329 dated 19th May 1886.

(Sd) J. H. Hasted Col. R.E.
Secy to Govt P.W.D.
(Bldgs)

No. 2812 W a/ 25.10.86.
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Govt. of {1886} Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 25th October 1886, No. 2,812

Seven Wells water storage cistern next to Messrs Parry & Company's offices at Madras

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The proposal to dispense with this — Sanctioned with remarks

Cno 4898

To W

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In para 1 of G.O. d/ 19.5.86. No 1329 Judicial, the Collector of Madras was directed, in communication with the Commissary General, to submit proposals for a fresh site for the Ambulance transport dept.

The C.A. now submits plans & estimates, which were prepared in 1883, & which provided for locating the Ambulance transport dept. alongside the mule lines on the beach, & he suggests that possibly there may be no necessity to select a fresh site.

When in 1883 it was proposed to place the Transport sheds alongside the mule

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Consulting Architect's Office,

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lines, the latter were in the possession of the Commt. dept., & the consequently no objec to the arrangement –

Now however the mule lines have bee converted into Post O stables, & it is a ques whether the Postal dep would not object to t transport sheds being built up against them or whether the Commt dept would care to so close to the Postal stables.

As the selection of a site for the Ambulance Transport dept. has been left to the Collector & the Commissary Genl., it is submitted that the C.A. should have addressed his proposals to those officers. The C.A. might also ascertain ~~whether~~ from the Presy. Divn., whether the storage cistern referred to in para 3, is required.

For orders whether the C.A. may be inform

accordingly. No object would be gained apparently by forwarding the C.A.'s letter to the Judicial Dept, as proposed in the pencil draft, for the Military & Postal are the depts most interested in the matter.

Cn
1.7.86

C.A.'s letter No. 399 has been submitted with reference to para 1 of G.O. No. 1329 Judicial. But that para was addressed only to the Collector of Madras & the Commissary General.

The instructions given to C.A. in para 1 of G.O. 1516 W of 15.6.86 were for the early submission of plans & estimates for the Registration Offices.

The plans & estimates now submitted are for the Ambulance Transport buildings, and should have been sent, as suggested above, to the Collector for consideration in communication with the Com: General

1.7.86

P. W. D

Consulting Architect's Office,
Chepauk, Madras,
24th June 1886.

No 399

From

The Consulting Architect
to the Government of Madras,

To

The Chief Engineer, P. W. D.
Madras.

Sir,

Enclosure.

1 Detailed Estimate
1 Duplicate abstract
1 Site plan
1 plan of new ambulance stable
1 Do Existing Do

With reference to para 1 of G. O. No 1329 Judicial Department dated the 19th May 1886 communicated to me with G. O. No 1516 W dated the 15th June, I have the honor to state that a plan and Estimate for constructing the Ambulance Transport buildings adjoining the Post Office stables (late Mule stables) were was submitted to Government, with this Office letter No 872 dated the 20th October 1883 and returned with G. O. No 1319 dated the 26th May 1884. As the plans are approved and countersigned by the Military authorities I beg to re-submit the same for the Orders of Government, as possibly there may be no necessity for the selection of another site-

2 - The Estimate makes no provision for water supply but as the water is laid on to the Post office stables where a cistern is constructed I presume there will be sufficient water for the cattle of the ambulance Department as well.

3 - I also submit a ground plan of the present ambulance stables and the seven wells water storeage cistern- The Registration Offices will probably occupy the whole area, in which case the Presidency Executive Engineer who is in charge of the cistern should report whether it is necessary to retain the cistern in its present position or whether it is required at all- as Red Hills water is available all along the beach-

I have the honor to be
Sir
your most obedt. servant,

Col. R.E.

Executive Engineer in charge
Consg Architects Divn

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„ 379 W 16.2.83
„ 5859 W 8.1.83
Pro 19 C 6.1.83
„ 2027 C
G.O. 3003 8.12.84
B.Pro 2767 W 5.12.84
Pro 1799 C 16.11.84 6.11.84

Comn and the Enclos forwarded to the Judicial Dept with refce to para 1 of G.O. No: 1329, d 19th May 1886.

2. Para 3, and the plan, will be comd. to the S.E. v. C. for report.

24/6/86

Judl Dept with Enclos.

S.E. C
Copy of para 3 of plan

Ca. C. 28.6.86 R. 6.7.86

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Public Works Department.

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From

THE CONSULTING ARCHITECT
TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

To

The Chief Engineer
P. W. D.

No. 399

Dated 24th June 1886
Received 25 —

No. OF ENCLOSURES. (5)
(3 plans)

Subject.

Stables for the Ambulance Transport Department

W

No. 2383 cd/ 6-7-86

P. W. Department

(9)

Memorandum.

With advertence to letter from the Consulting Architect No. 399 dated 24th June 1886, the undersigned has the honour to observe that para 1 of G.O. dated 19th May 1886, No. 1329 Judicial, with reference to which the letter above quoted has been submitted, was addressed only to the Collector of Madras and the Commissary General.

2. The instructions given to the Consulting Architect,

in para 1 of G.O. No 1516 W. d/ 15th June 1886, were for the early submission of plans and estimates for the Registration offices.

3. The plans and estimates now submitted are for the Ambulance Transport building, and the Consulting Architect should address his proposals on this subject to the Collector for consideration in communication with the Commissary General.

4. The question whether the storage cistern on the site proposed for the Registration offices should be retained in its present position, can be settled between the Consulting Architect + and the Executive Engineer Presidency division

J.L.S.
2.7.86

C.W.

5/7/86

To,

The Cons. Architect to Govt.

with 5 enclosures returned

Cw

7/7/86

No II – A.

No. 2383c d/ 6-7-86

6-7-86

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24.9.86

As the Jail is supplied by two mains the Cistern & Balls &c seem superfluous & may therefore be abandoned. S.E.V. & the E.C. seem to be of the same opinion

4/9/86

P.W. Dept

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No. 2383. C. d/ 6.7.86
" 1516. W. d/ 15.6.86
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B. No. 1038. W. d/ 5.4.83
717. C. d/ 30.3.83
G.O. 2524. W. d/ 15.10.81

6.7.86

P.W. Dept

No. 3269c d/24-9-86

From the Superintending Engineer V Circle No. 2535 dated 30th. August 1886.

No. 6735 with 3 Enclosures
outfwhich one is plan - It relates
to the removal of 7 wells
Water Cistern near Parry & Co:

Referred, with advertence to G. O. dated 19th. May 1886, No. 1329 Judicial, to the Military Dept. for favor of information whether the cistern in question may be dispensed with.

22/9/86.

To
The Military Departments

Desptd 24.9.86 with E. No 6735 & Encls. 3.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Military Works.

Read—the following papers:—

From Colonel ROSS THOMPSON, R.E., Executive Engineer, Presidency division, to the Superintending Engineer, V Circle, dated Bangalore, 29th August 1886, No. 2548.

Consulting Architect's letter, No. 491, dated 10th July 1886, together with this office endorsement, No. C. 207, dated 12th July 1886.
Lieut. Plummer's letter, 1735, 21st Aug. 1886.
1 Plan.

In forwarding, herewith, for information and orders, the marginally-noted correspondence (in original, to be returned), I have the honor to recommend that Lieutenant Plummer's proposals with regard to the abandonment of the cistern and piping in question may be adopted.

Enclosures.

From the officer in charge, Consulting Architect's division, to the Executive Engineer, Presidency division, dated Chepâk, 10th July 1886, No. 491.

I have the honor to state that orders have been received in this division for the preparation of plans and estimates for a combined office for the Inspector-General of Registration, District and Diocesan Registrars, on the site now occupied by the ambulance transport department, and the Seven Wells water storage cistern next to Messrs. Parry and Company. Please let me know, as early as practicable, whether it is necessary to retain the cistern in its present position, or whether it is required at all, as Red Hills water is available all along the beach. If the cistern should be constructed, I request that you will be good enough to furnish me with a plan for a new cistern, site plan and an estimate including all charges for altering the piping, &c, which I can submit to Government with the design for the new offices required.

No. 207 C.

To the sub-divisional officer, Madras, with a request that the report asked for may be furnished as soon as practicable, also that an approximate estimate may be prepared of the cost of removing and reconstructing the cistern, should such removal and reconstruction be found necessary.

12th July 1886.
(Signed) ROSS THOMPSON, Colonel, R.E.,
Executive Engineer, Presidency Division.

From Lieutenant S. C. PLUMMER, Assistant Engineer, Presidency sub-division, to the Executive Engineer, Presidency division, dated Madras, 21st August 1886, No. 1735.

With reference to the report called for in your No. C. 207, dated 12th ultimo, I have the honor to report that I consider the cistern at Messrs. Parry and Company's can be, without inconvenience, entirely dispensed with. At present it is used only for storing water for the fort supply, but so long as we have two mains from the Seven Wells to the fort, one will only be closed at a time when repairs to the other pipes are required. By doing away with this cistern a long range of pipes which, no doubt, are rotten might be abandoned also. When the municipality were improving the drainage of Madras through Wall Tax Road (please see plan sent, to be returned), they came on our line of pipes, and, having to remove some of them, found them so decayed that they could not be put down again. Consequently, the municipality laid on the Red Hills water to the Clive's battery and to the cistern at the pier, which supplies the shipping with water. As we have no use for the cistern at the pier, I propose we should hand it over to the municipality and that we take away our picottah.

No. 2535.

Referred to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department.

2. I think that the cistern at Parry's can be dispensed with.

Chepâk,
30th August 1886.

(Signed) W. H. BURTON, Col., R.E.,
Superintending Engineer, V Circle.

No. 3269 C., Public Works.

Referred, with advertence to G.O., dated 19th May 1886, No. 1329, Judicial, to the Military Department, for favor of information whether the cistern in question may be dispensed with.

(By Order.)

Chepâk,
24th September 1886.

(Signed) D. McN. CAMPBELL, Major, R.E.,
Under Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

No. 5988, Military.

Forwarded for favor of the opinion of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief.

(By Order.)

27th September 1886.

(Signed) A. R. KENNEY-HERBERT, Lt.-Col.,
Secretary to Government.

From Brigadier-General E. FAUNCE, Officiating Quartermaster-General, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated Ootacamund, 12th October 1886, No. 3182 B.

In returning the papers received with reference order, No. 5988, dated 27th September 1886, I have the honor, by order, to state that the Commander-in-Chief has no objection to the cistern near Messrs. Parry and Company's premises being dispensed with, on the understanding that the two mains from the Seven Wells to the fort continue to be maintained.

2. The cistern is reported to be only used for storing water for the fort supply, presumably formerly when the main required repair, but there being now two mains, it can be dispensed with.

3. With reference to G.O., Military Department, No 3444, of 9th June 1886, it is presumed that no actual work will be undertaken until another site is found for the ambulance transport shed.

Proceedings of Government, Judicial, No. 1329, dated 19th May 1886.

No. 6443, Military.

Transferred to the Public Works Department and the referred papers returned.

(By Order.)

14th October 1886.

(Signed) A. R. KENNEY-HERBERT, Lt.-Col.,
Secretary to Government.

Order—dated 25th October 1886, No. 2812 W., Public Works.

The proposal to dispense with the cistern near Messrs. Parry and Company's offices is sanctioned.

2. The attention of the Superintending Engineer, V Circle, is drawn to the latter part of paragraph 1 of the Quartermaster-General's letter.

3. With advertence to paragraph 3 of the Quartermaster-General's letter, it is observed that the present site of the ambulance transport department shed will not be appropriated until a fresh shed and yard on another site have been provided.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, V Circle, with one plan.
" Consulting Architect to Government.
" Judicial Department.
" Military "

Exd. E. Fernandez.
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BUILDINGS AND ROADS
MILITARY WORKS.

Govt. of {1886} Mad

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated October, 25th.

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 25th Oct. 1886, No. 2812 W.

OCTOBER.

Seven Wells Water Storage Cistern next to Messrs. Parry and Company's Offices at Madras

The proposal to dispense with the — sanctioned with remarks.

P. W. D.

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Consulting Architect's Office,
Chepak, Madras,
10th July 1886.

No. 491

From

The Consulting Architect
to the Government of Madras,

To

The Executive Engineer
Presidency Division.

Enclosures.

Sir,

I have the honor to state that ords have been received in this Division for the preparatio of plans & Estimates for a combined Office for the Inspector General of Registration, District and Diocesan Registrars on the site now occupied by the Ambulance transport Department and the seven wells water storage cistern next to Messrs. Parry & Co. Please let me know as early as practicable whether it is necessar to retain the cistern in its present position or whether it is required at all as Red Hills water is available all along the beach. If the cistern should be constructed, I requ that you will be good enough to furnish me wi a plan for a new cistern, site plan and an Estimate including all charges for altering the piping &c which I can submit to Government with the Designs for the next offices required

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant

Rw Thompson
Colonel R.E
Executive Engineer in Charge
Consulting Architect Division

10 JUL 86

No. 55
Rd
12-7-86

No C/207 d/12 July 1886

To the S. D. O. Madras with a request that the report asked for may be furnished as soon as practicable also that an approximate estimate may be prepared of the cost of removing and reconstructing the cistern - Should such removal and reconstruction be found necessary.

Rw Thompson
Col. RE
E. E. P. S. Dn.
(To be returned)

12 JUL 86

No 6435

Dn 877
5/12/86

Encl

No 1735

Madras.
21st August 1886

From,
The Assistant Engineer
Presy Sub Dn.

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER'S OFFICE
P. W. D.
24 AUG. 86
PRESIDENCY DIVISION

To,
The Executive Engineer
Presidency Dn.

Sir -

With reference to the report called for in your No C/207 d/12th ultimo I have the honor to report that I consider the Cistern at Parry & Co's can be without inconvenience entirely dispensed with. At present it is used only for storing water for the Fort Supply, but so long as we have two mains from the 7 wells to the Fort, are

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1 Apl Est.
1 Plan to be returned.

one will only be closed at a time when repairs to the other pipes are required. By doing away with out this Cistern a long range of pipes, which no doubt are rotten, might be abandoned also. When the Municipality were improving the drainage of Madras through Wall Tax Road - please see plan sent - they came on our line of pipes and having to remove some of them found them so decayed that they could not be put down again. Consequently the Municipality laid on the Red Hills water to the Clive's Battery and to the Cistern at the Pier which supplies the shipping with water. As we have no use for the Cistern at the Pier, I propose we should hand it over to the Municipality and that we take away our Picottah.

I have &c.

Lieut.

Asstt. Engr. Prs. Int. Dn.

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No. 5988

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Government of Madras.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

27 September 1886.

To

QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL.

FORWARDED for favor of the opinion of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief.

(By Order.)

A. Kenney Herbert Lieut.-Col.,
~~Offg.~~ Secy. to Govt., Mily. Dept.

N.B.—Reply *may* be endorsed on this docket.

Ono 877
5/10/86

Madras. D. P. W.
No. 2548 Bangalore 29th August 1886

From

The Executive Engineer
Presidency Division

To

The Superintending Engineer
5th Circle

Sir

In forwarding herewith for information and orders the marginally noted correspondence (in original to be returned) I have the honor to recommend that Lieut. Plummer's proposals with regard to the abandonment of the Cistern and piping in question may be adopted.

Cons. Architects letter No. 491 dated 10 July 1886 together with this Office Endt. No. C/207 of 12 July, 1886.
Lt. Plummer's letter No. 1735 of 21-8-86, Plan

I have &c

(Sd) Ross Thompson Coll. R.E.
Executive Engineer Presy. Dn.

No. 2535

Enclosures 3 to be returned viz 2 Letters 1 Tracing plan.

Referred to the Chief Engineer P. W. Department.

2. I think that the Cistern at Parrys can be dispensed with.

W. H. Burton Coll. R.E.
Sutg. Engr. 5th Circle

Chepauk
30th August 1886.

G.O. 703. 20.3.85
No 495 D. 26.2.85
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No 1799 C. 6.11.84
" 800 E. 20.10.84
G.O. 2555 W. 18.10.84
No 700 E. 19.9.84
" 633 E. 6.9.84
" 616 E. 3.9.84
" 588 E. 29.8.84
" 645 E. 8.8.84
G.O. 1961 W. 11.8.84
" 1963 W. 11.8.84

G.O. 1623 W. 27.6.84
" 1261 W. 19.5.84
O. No 1319 W. 26.5.84
G.O. 1261 W. 19.5.84
No 2135 C. 5.11.83
" 2066 C. 26.10.83
" 2061 C. 26.10.83
" 2383 C. 26.10.83
O. No 1567 W. 18.6.86
6.7.86

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From

The Supdg. Engr.
5 Circle

To

The Chief Engineer
P.W. Department.

Dated 30th
Recd 31 August 1886

Enclosures 3 (1 plan)

7 Wells Water Cistern near Parry & Co. —

Refers for orders correspondence relative ~~to the removal of~~ with his opinion in connection therewith

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Sent 6/9/86

R.Y.S. 30/9.

6.6.9.86 R 13.9.86

Jno 877 / 5/10/86

P.W. Department

No. 3269 C

Chepauk 24th September 1886.

Memorandum

From the Superintending Engineer V Circle No. 2535 dated 30th August 1886.

Referred with advertence to G.O. dated 19th May 1886, No. 1329 Judicial to the Military Department for favor of information whether the cistern in question may be dispensed with.

(By Order)
D. McW. Campbell Major R.E.
Under Secretary to Govt.
P.W.D.

To
The Military Department

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Former papers.

MILITARY (1886) DEPARTMENT.

No. 6435

Memo:
From

The P. W. D

No. 3269/C

Dated 24th
Recd. 25th } September.
Registered

4 Enclosures.

P. G., No. , dated

Referring correspondce whether the cistern at Parry & Co's can be dispensed with.

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Quo 877
5/10/86

Form No. 20 A./7 B.

Quarter Master General's Office,
Ootacamund,
12th October 1886.

No. 3182 B.

From

Brigadier-General E. FAUNCE,
Officiating Quarter Master General,

To

The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT,
Military Department.

Sir,

In returning the papers received with Reference Order No. 5988, dated 27th September, 1886, I have the honor, by order, to state that the Commander-in-Chief, has no objection to the cistern near Messrs. Parry & Co's premises being dispensed with, on the understanding that the two mains from the Seven Wells to the Fort, continue to be maintained.

2. The cistern is reported to be only used for storing water for the Fort supply, presumably formerly when the main required repair,

but

but there being now two mains it can be dispensed with.

3. With reference to O. G. Military Department No. 3444 of 9th June 1886, it is presumed that no actual work will be undertaken, until another site is found for the Ambulance Transport Shed.

N.G. (~~[illegible]~~ Indl/Li
1329 G 19 May 86.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

Brig. Genl.
Offg. Quarter Master General.

P.G. 9th June 1886 No: 181.82 R

No 6443. Transferred to the Pub: Works Dt. & the referred papers returned.

(By order)

A Kenney Herbert Lt Col

Secy to Govt

14 Octr 1886.

No 717 C d/ 30.3.83
" 1038 W d/ 5.4.83.
" 3464 W d/ 3.12.83
" 3686 W d/ 22.12.83
" 1267 W d/ 19.5.84
" 1319 W d/ 26.5.84
" 198 W d/ 24.1.85
" 262 W d/ 4.2.85
" 878 W d/ 10.4.85
" 1675 C d/ 21.10.85
" 1810 C d/ 10.11.85
" 1516 W d/ 15.6.86
" 2383 W d/ 6.7.86
" 3269 C d/ 24.9.86.

P.W.C. No 8051

Military (1880) Department.

No. 6874.

From

THE OFFG. QUARTER MASTER GENERAL,

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
15 OCT 86
M.D. DEPARTMENT MADRAS

No. 3182 B

Dated 12 }
Received 14 } October 1886.

15.10.86

ENCLOSURES. ~~2~~ 6 (+1 plan)

States that there is no objection to the cistern near Messrs: Parry & Co's office being dispensed with.

C No 8051

To W

Dispensing with the cistern near Messrs. Parry & Co's office — Subject to C & M.

With advertence to the accompanying draft order submitted for approval; the papers + in the linked file are attached for perusal.

+ Judl. No 2417 d/ 7.9.86 rel. to on-site office Cn

The draft G.O. which was counter-initialled by Colonel Shaw Stewart on 4.8.86 was subsequently cancelled. The instructions in Judl. Dept. G.O. of 19.5.86, No 1329 therefore still hold good.

Cn

20.10.86

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~~Buildings & Roads~~

Military Works

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

P. G. 9th June 1886 Nos: 181.82R

Buildings & Roads
Military Works
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

No. 2812 W dated 25th October 1886.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

READ the following

From the Supt'g: Engineer V Circle A.E. No. 2535 d/ 30th August 1886.
Memo to Military Department " No. 3269C d/ 24th Septr 1886
From the Qr. Mr. General " No. 3182 B d/ 12th Octr 1886
Endorsement from the Mily Dept " No. 6443 d/ 14th Octr 1886

The proposal to dispense with the cistern near Messrs. Parry & Co's offices is sanctioned.

2. The attention of the Supt'g Engineer V Circle is drawn to the latter part of para 1 of the Qr. Mr. General's letter.

3. With advertence to para 3 of the Qr. Mr. General's letter, it is observed that the present site of the ambulance Transport Department shed will not be appropriated until

until a fresh shed and yard on another site have been provided

Nw 23-10.86

JoH 20/10/86

Desd 5/11/86

To
The Supdg. Engr. V Circle with plan ✓
" Consg. Archt to Govt ✓
" Judicial Dept ✓
" Mily Dept ✓

Entd in RR

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Govt. of {1886} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated

Recd. Encl.

G.O., 25th October 1886, No. 2,812 W

Seven Wells Water
Storage cistern
next to Messrs
Parry & Company's
offices at Madras

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The proposal to
dispense with
this — Sanctioned
with remarks

Memo No. 1675 C d/21-10-85
G.O B No. 878 W d/10.4.85
" " " 3686 W d/22.12.83
" A " 2520 W d/15-10-81

B No. 1516 W. d/15th June 188

~~Communicated to the~~
~~Consulting Architect~~, for
the early submission
of the required
plans & estimates

G.O. Judicial
22 No 840 d/27-3-85
was Comd. under
G.O. No. 878 W d/10-4-85

10.4.85.

9/6/86

11.6.86

~~C A to Govt~~
~~S le V C for information~~
Judl. Dept

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Govt. of {1886} Madras.

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Issued

Recd. 4/6/86 Encl.

G.O., 19th May 1886, No. 1329.

No. 1516 W. d/15 June 1886

MAY.

Office of Inspector-General of Registration, Madras.

Directing the Collector of Madras, in communication with the Commissary-General, to submit proposals for a fresh site for the Ambulance Transport Department, and requesting the issue of orders meanwhile in the Public Works Department for preparation of plans and estimates for a combined office for the Inspector-General of Registration, the Registrar of Madras, and the Registrar of the Diocese on the site at present occupied by the Ambulance Transport Department.

Entd in RR

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Govt. of (1886) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

19TH MAY 1886, No. 1329, JUDICIAL.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers :—

From G. HAMNETT, Esq., Inspector-General of Registration, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 19th December 1885, G. No. 5311.

It is nearly five years since I brought to the notice of the Government the necessity for providing the Registrar of Madras with suitable accommodation, but up to this date no definite action has been taken in the matter.

2. My first letter on the point, dated 22nd January 1881, No. 31, is recorded in the Proceedings of the Government, Public Works, No. 2520 W., dated the 15th October 1881, and my last letter, dated 3rd March 1885, G. No. 958, is recorded in Proceedings of the Government, Judicial, dated the 27th March 1885, No. 840.

3. I beg that you will be pleased to obtain the definite orders of His Excellency the Governor in Council for building a suitable office for the Registrar and for the valuable records in his charge.

G.O., dated 14th April 1886, No. 2348, Military.

Read—the following papers :—

From the Judicial Department, No. 281-C, dated 13th February 1886.
From the Commissary-General, No. I. B.-4063, dated 23rd March 1886.

From the Quarter Master General, No. 763-B, dated 10th April 1886.

In returning the correspondence forwarded under your reference order No. 1886 of 24th ultimo, I have the honor, by order, to inform you that His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief is prepared to meet the wishes of Government by placing at its disposal the site at present occupied by the Ambulance Transport Department shed at Madras, in order that it may be utilized as a site for a combined office for the Inspector-General of Registration, the Registrar of Madras, and the Registrar of the Diocese, provided that a shed and yard for the accommodation of the ambulance and transport carts be provided on some other site equally conveniently placed with reference to the beach and pier.

2. The necessity for a depôt conveniently placed with reference to the pier, &c., for carriage required to be held in readiness for emergent work, and for conveyance of invalids and of troops, baggage, disembarked at Madras, is distinct, and will be apparent to Government. Sir H. Macpherson therefore regrets he cannot assent to make the site of the present yard and shed available unconditionally.

Order—dated 14th April 1886, No. 2348, Military.

Ordered that the above letter from the Quarter Master General be communicated to the Judicial Department, with reference to that department memorandum, No. 281-C, dated 13th February 1886.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) A. KENNEY-HERBERT, Lt.-Col.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Judicial Department.

ORDER—dated 19th May 1886, No. 1329, Judicial.

With reference to the foregoing Proceedings of Government, Military Department, dated 14th April 1886, No. 2348, the Collector of Madras will, in communication with the Commissary-General, submit proposals for a fresh site for the Ambulance Transport Department.

2. Meanwhile orders will be issued in the Public Works Department for the preparation of plans and estimates for a combined office for the Inspector-General of Registration, the Registrar of Madras, and the Registrar of the Diocese on the site at present occupied by the Ambulance Transport Department, described in the letter of the Inspector-General of Registration recorded in G.O., 27th March 1885, No. 840, Judicial.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Military Department.
„ Public Works Department.
„ Inspector-General of Registration.
„ Collector of Madras.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

Memo No 1675 C a/ 21-10 85

G.O B No 878 W a/ 10.4.85

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No 1675 C a/ 21-10-85

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13th 11/11

No 1675 C a/21-10-85

Judicial Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following

from the Public Works Department, No 1675 C, dated 21st October, 1885 Communicating Report of the Committee on the proposed improvement of accomodation for the High Court buildings.

Order thereon 31st October 1885 No. 2921 Mis

Recorded pending further report.

(True Extract)

H A Stuart

Ag Asst Secretary

To

The Chairman of the Committee,

High Court Buildings.

No 1675 C a/21-10-85

K 26/10

C

No. 1675 Cay 21st October /85

Chief Secretary

In letter reference to G.O. No. 2707 dated the 7th inst, I have the honor to report that the Committee appointed in G.O. No. 840 of the 27th March 1885, deferred making any recommendations for the future occupation of the High Court buildings; because the Consulting Architect was of opinion, that he could modify those buildings, in such a way that there would be no necessity for having a new High Court on another site –

Mr Chisholm tells me now, that he expects, some time next month, to lay before the Judges of the High Court, his design for additions to, and alterations of the present buildings; and he expects that the work can be carried out while business is still ~~carried~~ going on, in the Courts

H.L.S.
Chairman of Committee
Sec 21/10

Incl 9030

Recd 16/10/85.

+ already given & sent to C.A.W. 16-10-85 – D.R. 21-10-85

No. 1675 Cay 21-10-85

Judicial Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

READ ~~the following~~

Again G.O. 27th March 1885, No. 840.

From the P.W. Dept. No. 1054 W dated 6th May 85, transferring design for the Construction of a new Court-house for the Residency Magistrates' Courts.

Order, 7th October 1885, No. 2707 (Mis.).

Ordered to lie over pending receipt of the report of the Committee appointed in G.O. 27th March 1885, No. 840. The Committee will state when their report may be expected.

(True Extract)

H A Stuart

Actg. Asst. Secretary

To

The Committee, appointed in G.O. No. 840 of 85

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878 W.A. 10th April/85

Communicated

the S.E. V Circle

and the offg. Consg

Architect

Sd/ J.S.S.

E. V Circle

ffg. Consg: Architect

P. W. D.

Govt. of (1885) Madras.

JUDICIAL.

Issued

Recd. Encl.

G.O., 27th March 1885, No. 840.

No. 878 W.A. 10th April/85

MARCH.

Buildings for Offices.

Requesting certain gentlemen to form themselves into a committee to report on the steps to be taken in order to provide sufficient accommodation for certain courts and offices.

With order

27th March 1885, No. 840, Judicial.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following paper :—

From G. HAMNETT, Esq., Inspector-General of Registration, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 3rd March 1885, G. No. 958.

With reference to G.O., Judicial, Mis. No. 156, dated the 19th January 1885, I have the honor to state that I accompanied Colonel J. L. Morant, the Consulting Architect to the Government, this morning and inspected the Town Police Court-house, and am of opinion that the building, in its present state, is not adapted for the office of the Registrar of Madras and for the safe deposit of the valuable records of title of property belonging to the department. The building was not designed for an office, and its position for a registration office is most objectionable.

2. In connection with this matter I would submit for the consideration of the Government the question of providing the Inspector-General of Registration with a suitable office. He rents a private building now on the Mount Road at Rs. 80 a-month, or Rs. 960 a-year, but it would be a great comfort to him and to his establishment to be located on the North Beach.

3. The office may well be combined with that of the Registrar of Madras and Registrar of the Diocese.

4. Colonel Morant and I looked at some sites, and we agreed in thinking that the place in which the Commissariat bullocks are kept, between Messrs. Parry and Co.'s offices and the Church of Scotland Mission House, would answer exceedingly well, while the erection of suitably-designed offices would be an ornament to the locality and be greatly appreciated by the public who resort daily to the Registrar's office for the registration of their documents.

Order—dated 27th March 1885, No. 840, Judicial.

His Excellency the Governor in Council resolves to request the marginally-noted gentlemen to form themselves into a committee with a view to submitting a report to Government on the steps they would advise to be taken in order to provide sufficient accommodation for the following courts and offices :—

Colonel Prendergast, Chairman.
J. W. Handley, Esq.
Colonel T. Weldon.
The Inspector-General of Registration.
The Consulting Architect to Government.
F. Rowlandson, Esq.

The Small Cause Court.
The Town Police Court.
Office of the Inspector-General of Registration.
" " Registrar of the Diocese.
" " Registrar of Madras.

2. The committee should determine whether any of these offices can be accommodated in the High Court buildings, when vacated, and should also suggest how the buildings now occupied by the offices for which new accommodation is required can be ultimately disposed of.

3. Site plans of the various localities proposed for new buildings should be submitted for the information of Government.

(True Extract.)

E. F. WEBSTER,
Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works department.
,, J. W. Handley, Esq., First Judge, Small Cause Court.
,, Colonel T. Weldon, Chief Presidency Magistrate.
,, G. Hamnett, Esq., Inspector-General of Registration.
,, F. Rowlandson, Esq , Registrar of the Diocese.

Exd. J. Wright.

P. W. D.

Govt. of (1885) Madras.

JUDICIAL.

Issued

Recd. Encl.

G.O., 27th March 1885, No. 840.

No. 878 W d/ 10th April/85

MARCH.

No. 878 W d/ 10th April/85

Communicated to the S. E. V Circle and the offg. Consg Architect

Sd/ J.S.S.

Buildings for Offices.

Requesting certain gentlemen to form themselves into a committee to report on the steps to be taken in order to provide sufficient accommodation for certain courts and offices.

S. E. V Circle

Offg. Consg: Architect

With order

1884

P. W. DEPARTMENT.

Current No. 7323.

From The Consg Archtt to Govt.

Enclos.—

No. 906

Dated 1-9-84

Received 2-9-84

SUBJECT.

Inquiring whether the plans & estimates for a new Court House for the Presidency Magistrate is to be prepared, in accordance with G.O. 66W d/ 10-1-8[illegible] or whether the decision of the question of constructing a new building for the High Court is to be awaited before taking action on the matter.

DISPOSAL.

No. 1623D Dated 11th Septr /84

Notes from DW to W & from W to DW

To W/ For orders

12/ CB DW

The question of a new building for the High Court is not likely to be settled for some time – And I think it would be well for the C.A to carry out now the instructions

Entd in Recpd Regtr

Conveyed in G.O. of 10-1-84
No. 66W-

|Sd| J.L.S.

To C.A.

For information

|Sd| [illegible]
D.W.

No. 66 W a/10-1-84

1261 W 19.5.84
2135 C 5.11.83
2066 C 26.10.83
2061 C 26.10.83
2743 W 11.10.83
2140 W 4.8.83
1038 W 5.4.83
717 C 20.3.83
584 W 22.2.83
23 W 6.1.83
2520 W 15.10.81
3570 W 20.12.75

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B/No. 1819 W a/26th May/84

Recorded with reference to G.O. No. 1261 W of 19 May 1884.

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23-5-84

D 29/5

Convey Architect to give with 6 enclos

Entered Recpd Regr

W.C. 28/5 Epd 30/5- J 28/5

6.17/4/84 R 28/4/84 Sent back 3-5-84

Conveyed in G.O. of 10-1-84
No. 66W.

P. W. D.

Consulting Architect's Office,
Chepauk, Madras,
30th October 1883.

No. 915

From

The Consulting Architect to the Government of Madras,

To

The Chief Engineer, Public Works Department.

Enclosures.

Sir,

In reply to your Memo No. 2066 C dated 26th October 1883, I have the honor to state that the stables and shelter for Military Ambulance Transport can be completed during the current official year and the amount of the Estimate Rupees 5,380 may be transferred to augment the Grant for the Post Office.

I have the honor to be
Sir
your most obedt. servant

J. L. L. Morant Major R.E.

Offg. Consg. Archt. to Governmt.

Rw. Ov-9516

This I think must await the reply from Mil-y Dept regarding the ~~stables~~ ambulance sheds.

Cs.

31/10

P. W. D.

Roads and Buildings.

From (2)

THE CONSULTING ARCHITECT

TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

To

The Chief Engineer P. W. D.

No. 915

Dated 30th October 1883

Received 31 /

2135 C 5. 11. 83

B. 1319 w 26. 5. 84

No. of Enclosures.

Subject.

Transfer of funds from the amount surrendered to the Military Ambulance Stables.

17/4/84 R. 23/4/84

P. W. D.

Consulting Architect's Office,

Chepauk, Madras,

13th November 1883.

No. 1021

From

The Consulting Architect to the Government of Madras,

To

The Chief Engineer, Public Works Department.

Enclosures.

Sir,

I have the honor to state in reply to your memorandum No. 2135 C dated 5th Instant that I now find the balance of the Grant resigned (viz Rs. 4620) can be utilized in the purchase of materials for the construction of the Post Office stables but as this work can only be begun after the completion of the stables and shelter for Military Ambulance Transport I request that early sanction may be accorded to the plan and Estimate submitted with my No. 872 dated 28th October 1883.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedt. servant

J. L. L. Morant

Major R.E.

Offg. Cnsg Architect to Govt.

Dr. No. 10044

P. W. D.

Roads and Buildings.

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G.O. 3570 d/20.12.75
" 584 W d/22.2.83
" 1038 W d/5.4.83
" 2140 W d/4.8.83
" 2743 W d/1.10.83
" 2061 C d/26.10.83
" 2066 C d/26.10.83

From

THE CONSULTING ARCHITECT
TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

To

The Chief Engineer
P. W. Deptt.

No. 1021

Dated 13th November 1883.

Received 1/4

No. of Enclosures.

Subject.

Utilization of portion of Telegraph Office Grant resigned in constructing the Post Office stables.

G. 17/4/84 R. 28/4/84

P. W. D.

Consulting Architect's Office,
Chepauk, Madras,
21st October 1883.

No. 872

From
The Consulting Architect to the Government of Madras.

To
The Chief Engineer, Public Works Department.

Enclosures.
3 Tracings
1 Detailed Estimate
1 Duplicate Abstract

Sir,

With reference to G.O. P.W.D. No. 2064 W dated 30th July 1883, I have the honor to submit for sanction plans and Estimate amounting to Rupees 5300 for providing shelter for military Ambulance transport adjoining the mule stables. The Estimate also provides for improving and extending the approach Road

With regard to the water supply referred to in para 3 of G.O. 2743 W dated 1st Instant, I have seen the plans made by the Executive Engineer Presidency for the Mule stables they will answer also for the Ambulance stables by shifting the southern drinking trough and washing stand from A to B as shown in the enclosed site plan.

There now remains the work of re erecting the Seven wells water storage cistern and construction of the Post Office stables. The former work I have transferred to the Executive Engineer

Presidency who is in charge of the water works. Plans for the latter have been submitted to the Postmaster General for approval.

I have the honor to be
sir
your most obedt. servant

Offg Consg Archt. to Governmt.

Jn D6189/183

Pf aug/83. Nov 234/5

Chepauk
26th Octr/83

2061 C

Submitted for the approval of Govt, in the Military Deptt, with advertence to G.O. No. 2064 W d/ 30th July 1883

M. D. P. G.O.
4405. &
10 Aug. 83

(By order)

C. Unwin Major RE
Dy Chief Engineer P.W.D.

REQUESTED TO BE
RETURNED WITH REPLY.

No. 5845 Mily
30 Octr/83

Referred to the Commissary General for countersignature of the 3 plans if approved and resubmission to Govt through the Quartermaster Genl's dept as only one of the plans has been approved by that department.

C. Hawkins Colonel
Secry to Govt.

To the Comy Genl
with the papers

G.1714/84

July 1883 Dr

P.W.D.

Roads and Buildings.

No.

From

THE CONSULTING ARCHITECT

TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

To

the Chief Engineer
P.W.D.

From the P.W.D.
2061 C

D/26 Oct
R/29 No. 872

Dated 20th October 1883.

Received ~~22~~
14/11/83

No. of Enclosures. 5 (3 Tracings & 2 in Duplicate)

Subject.

Submits for sanction plan and Estimate for stables and shelter for Military Ambulance Transport.

No: 6118

Approved.

(By order)

F. S.C. G.O. 13 Nov 83

C. Hawkins Colonel
Secretary to Govt

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the

READ the following

From the Consg Architect (H.E. No. 872 d/ October 20th 1883)
Proceedings in the Mility Deptt (" " 6118 d/ Novr 13th ")
From the Consg Architect (" " 915 d/ October 30th ")
" do (" " 1021 d/ November 13th ")

The estimate amounting to Rs. 5,380, for constructing stables and shelter for Military Ambulance Transport, on a site adjoining the Existing Mule Stables on the North Beach, is sanctioned as supplemental to the general estimate for the new combined Post and Telegraph offices, referred to in P.G. No. 23 W d/ 6th January 1883

2. Subject to the confirmation of the Govt of India, which

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will be applied for in the usual course, the Sum of Rs 5380 is appropriated by transfer from the current years grant to the new Telegraph office.

3. A plan & estimate for the stabling required for the new Post office should be submitted for sanction without delay in view to funds being allotted for the purchase of materials.

4. The Sanction accorded in para 1 has been registered as Imperial Other Services No. W of 1883/84, and classified as Civil Buildings - Original Works.

5. Ordered that a copy of these Proceedings be forwarded to the Govt of India for information, with reference to their letter No. 503 Bd/ 23rd Decr 1883.

(H.E. No. d/)

Forwarded,

To,

The Consg. Architect to Govt
with 5 Enclosures.

" Examiner P.W.A. with duplicate
abstract Estimate

" Post master General

" Military Dept

BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
CIVIL WORKS.

Govt. of {1884} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated May, 19th.

Recd. *Encl.*

G.O., 19th May 1884, No. 1261 W.

MAY.

Stables

Estimates called for for adapting the present Commissariat mule stables on the beach as — for the new Post office, Madras; and for building fresh ones for the mules on the Pudupet maidan.

1261 W 19.5.84
2135 C 5.11.83

Works Circles

Wd 28/5 Enc 30/5 I 28/5

Entdm Reapd Regtr

6.17/4/84 R 28/4/84 Sent back 3-5-84 R 24/5/84

19TH MAY 1884, No. 1261 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

READ—the following papers :—

Remarks of the Committee appointed under G.O., No. 3464 *W., Public Works, dated* 3*rd December* 1883.

In pursuance of G.O., dated 3rd December 1883, No. 3464 W., Public Works, the committee therein nominated met on 21st January 1884.

The different sites alluded to in the Consulting Architect's letter were inspected, viz.:—

1. The proposed site on beach road near Messrs. Parry and Co's office.
2. The site marked A.
3. The site marked B known as Mofuskhan's gardens, and C close to Post and Telegraph offices.
4. The present mule stables.

The committee are of opinion that Messrs. Parry and Co's objection to having a stable located just under their office and the neighbouring school is a valid one and should, if possible, be respected.

The site marked A is, on inquiry, found likely to entail a much greater outlay than the amount mentioned in the Consulting Architect's letter, viz., Rs. 25,000 ; it would more nearly approach 75,000.

But a small piece of ground not alluded to in the paper, close by the Post office marked C might be acquired for (Rs. 3,000 ?) and on it suitable stables might be erected for the officials only. The stabling for the service horses to be placed on the piece of ground called Mofuskhan's garden. The two would cost, including building, about Rs. 47,000.

Then there remains the present mule stables which come under consideration because the Executive Engineer, a member, informs the committee that he is in want of space for 500 mules, and that it will be necessary considerably to enlarge the present building. As Messrs. Parry and Co. already object to the comparatively small establishment, their objection to 500 would, of course, be much stronger. It will probably therefore be necessary presently to erect stables for mules in some other locality, and the present stables would have either to be pulled down or utilized in some other way. Why not convert them at once into stables for the Post office ? The cost would be, including accommodation for the horses and carriages of officials, about Rs. 22,000, a probable saving of Rs. 25,000 to Government and their proximity to the Post office makes the site a desirable one.

Convenience and economy are on the side of converting the present mules stables into Post office stables. Against this it is urged that as the Harbour and Port of Madras become devoloped it is not probable that stables will be allowed to occupy such a site, the land will be wanted for more important buildings. This is a point Government would probably be able to decide better than the present committee.

The choice seems therefore to lie between Mofuskhan's garden and the present mule lines. In Appendices X and Y attached are given the approximate cost of each site, and a tracing showing the different localities accompanies this report.

Madras,
29th January 1884.

(Signed) M. C. FURNELL, M.D., F.R.C.S.,
Sanitary Commissioner.

(„) J. L. L. MORANT, Major, R.E.,
Offg. Consulting Architect.

(„) S. SULLEN,
Presidency Postmaster.

As there appears to be no probability of Government allowing any large extension of the present mules stables now capable of containing 75 mules, &c., and as the Commissariat and Quartermaster-General's Departments require much larger accommodation so as to contain in addition to the above, 144 bullocks, 59 carts, 4 dhoolies, 20 trollies, 169 cattle attendants and families, 1 gram boiling shed and other buildings, I am of opinion there is no choice in the matter but for these mule stables to be either pulled down, or handed over to the Post office authorities for whose purposes they are apparently very suitable and can be adapted.

The early selection of a new site for Commissariat cattle lines elsewhere will then be necessary.

(Signed) W. H. BURTON, Lieut.-Col., R.E.,
Executive Engineer, Presidency Division.

No. 375 C., Public Works.

Referred to the Military Department, for favor of information whether His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief and the Government have any objection to the proposal to convert the mule lines on the beach into Post office stables.

Chepâk,
16th February 1884.

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

No. 791, Military.

Referred to the Commissary-General for report through His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief (Quartermaster-General's Department).

(By Order.)

Fort St. George,
18th February 1884.

(Signed) A. R. KENNEY-HERBERT, Lieut.-Col.,
Offg. Secretary to Government.

From Colonel B. H. W. MAGRATH, Commissary-General, to the Quartermaster-General, Ootacamund, dated Madras, 28th March 1884, No. 7926.

The committee appointed in G.O., No. 3464 of 3rd December 1883, to select a site for the Post office stables at Madras advocate the conversion of the present mule lines for that purpose, on the grounds of economy and convenience, and as their recommendation will probably meet with the approval of Government, I have the honor to enclose, for submission to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, a sketch of some Government land on which I believe it would, from every point of view, be most advantageous to locate the transport establishment of this district.

2. For many years this question has been cropping up but no definite solution has ever been arrived at.

3. Originally it was intended to make lines for all the cattle and their attendants at Washermanpettah: plans and estimates were prepared by the Public Works Department, but that fell through.

4. Subsequently Government sanctioned the erection of the present mule lines, and it was intended to concentrate all the transport in the same place: this scheme has also fallen through.

5. Nothing can be more unsatisfactory than the state of affairs now; the draught bullocks with their carts and attendants are at Washermanpettah where the transport officer cannot exercise a proper supervision over them; the mules are on the beach, but their attendants live two miles away; the non-commissioned officer who should superintend the feeding of all the cattle daily cannot do so as the two lines are so far apart; the bullocks have on an average to go three miles to their work and after their work is over have to return the same distance, thus entailing much additional labor which the cattle should be spared; it is impossible to comply promptly with emergent requisitions the cattle lines being so far away from indenting officers; in fact, there can be no method, no supervision and no economy, as long as the transport cattle are kept where they are.

6. His Excellency will see by a reference to the plan that the land required by this department for mule, bullock and attendant lines is but a small corner, the alienation of which for this purpose cannot injuriously interfere with any one.

7. The situation is very central and in every respect the best available in Madras; it is a mile closer to the Fort than Washermanpettah, and nearly five miles closer to the Bakery, St. Thomas' Mount, Pallávaram and Poonamallee; it is further from the Commissariat stores where transport cattle have a good deal of work, but even this one drawback will cease if my suggestion of moving the office of the Executive Commissariat officer, Madras, into the Fort is carried out.

8. I trust His Excellency will be pleased to apply to Government for this land and that he will be good enough to use his influence to have the lines erected as soon as possible.

From Colonel B. H. W. MAGRATH, Commissary-General, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 21st February 1884, No. 2662 T.B. (through the Quartermaster-General).

In returning the proceedings of a committee appointed to select a site for the stables of the new Post office, referred for report under your endorsement, No. 791, dated 18th February 1884, I have the honor to state, with reference to the proposal therein made, that, with the following provisos, there is no objection to the present mule stables being surrendered for that purpose.

2. In appendix Y, it is estimated that a sum of Rs. 14,000 would be sufficient to erect similar mule stables elsewhere. This estimate will require confirmation when the new site has been selected.

3. An estimate of about Rs. 81,770 has been sanctioned by Government for the erection of stables and quarters for animals and attendants as per margin, and plans have been submitted by the Chief Engineer, and approved of by this office, for their construction; the site of the new mule lines should therefore be chosen so as to admit of the proposed additions being carried out when funds are allotted. The committee have been misinformed that extra accommodation is required for 500 more mules; such is not the case.

Sheds for 206 bullocks, 100 carts, 23 trollies, 12 sick carts, 5 dhoolies.
1 Gram boiling shed.
1 Grass shed.
1 Guard room.
1 Gram soaking room.
1 Store room for grain.
1 do. for stock articles.
2 Drinking troughs.
Quarters for 17 petty officers, 173 attendants.

4. The present mule stables cannot be given up until the proposed stables in their stead have been actually built upon an approved site. For if they were given up now there would be no shelter for the mules while new stables were under construction, and it is more than likely that there would be considerable delay in even aliotting funds for the purpose.

No. 2112.

Forwarded, with the suggestion of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief that, whatever amount may be required for new stabling for mules of the transport department be provided from funds which are available from the grant for the Post office buildings, the present mule stabling in the beach being made over for Post office purposes when the new ones are completed.

2. The cost of acquiring a site for the new mule stables, &c., should likewise be met from the grant for the Post office buildings, the site originally set apart for these stables being now required for Post office purposes.

3. A letter, No. 7926, dated 28th instant, from the Commissary-General on the subject of a site for the new stabling, &c., is herewith forwarded for the consideration of Government.

Ootacamund,
1st April 1884.

(By Order.)
(Signed) R. C. STEWART, Brigadier-General,
Quartermaster-General.

No. 1685, Military.

Transferred to the Public Works Department and the referred papers returned. The Government in the Military Department have no objection to the arrangement, provided the expenditure already incurred on the present mule stables be written back to Military.

2. The site proposed by the Commissary-General for cover for the whole of the Military transport located at Madras is approved.

Fort St. George,
8th April 1884.

(By Order.)
(Signed) A. R. KENNEY-HERBERT, Lieut.-Col.,
Offg. Secretary to Government.

From W. R. CORNISH, Esq., F.R.C.S., C.I.E., Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Ootacamund, 7th May 1884, No. O-47.

With reference to your letter, No. 86 E., dated the 5th instant, I have the honor to inform you that in my opinion the site proposed for the erection of stables for the Commissariat mules on the Pudupet maidan will not inconvenience the new ophthalmic hospital, if arrangements are made for proper conservancy.

2. The plan is herewith returned as requested.

Order—dated 19th May 1884, No. 1261 W., Public Works.

After careful consideration of the various proposals which have been made for providing the requisite stabling accommodation in connection with the new Post office at Madras, the Government are of opinion that the present Commissariat mule stables on the beach should be availed of, other accommodation being provided from Postal funds for the Commissariat mules on the Pudupet maidan the property of Government. The Surgeon-General is of opinion that the proposed site on the Pudupet plain will be unobjectionable so far as the new ophthalmic hospital in the same locality is concerned, provided arrangements are made for proper conservancy.

2. The Consulting Architect to Government will now, in communication with the Commissary-General, frame the requisite estimates for new mule stables, the cost of which should be added to separate estimates which should be drawn up for adapting the existing mule stables for Postal purposes,

3. The new mule stables should first be taken in hand, and, on their completion, the stables on the beach will be vacated and the requisite alterations to them carried out.

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

To the Consulting Architect to Government, with plans and estimates.
,, Superintending Engineer, V Circle.
,, Military Department.
,, Financial ,,
,, Examiner, Public Works Accounts.

Exd. A. Aubert.
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No: 66 W. 10th Jany/84.

Commd. to the Cons: Architect to Govt: who will, in communication with the officers concerned, frame plans & estimates for a new Court House for the Presidency Magis=trates on the site previ=ously selected for Registration Offices. He will also report on the suggestion to adapt the existing Court House as a combined office for the Registrar & Diocesan Registrar

(True Extract)

(Sd) C. Brown Major R.E.
Under Secy to Govt:
P.W. Dept.

To the C.A. to Govt:

Govt. of {1883} Madras.

JUDICIAL.

Issued

Recd. Encl.

G.O., 24th December 1883, No. 3387.

B No: 66 W d/10th Jany 1884

DECEMBER.

Courts.

Orders relative to a site for a Presidency Magistrate's Court in Black Town.

With Order

24th December 1883, No. 3387, Judicial.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following papers :—

From W. M. SCHARLIEB, Esq., Presidency Magistrate, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 10th November 1883, No. 250.

I beg most respectfully to bring again, under the notice of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, the grave need that exists for a suitable court-house for the Presidency Magistrates of the Black Town division of the city. I ventured to submit this need in the strongest manner open to me in my letter, dated 13th February 1882, No. 26, which letter still remains to be disposed of by the Government.

2. I have reason to think that His Excellency in Council was impressed with the representation I then made of the evils of the present building, and its locality, and was much in favor of a more suitable building being provided for the accommodation of my colleague and myself. I believe that negotiations were even opened with Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co. for the purchase of those very eligible premises, known as Byard Gair and Co.'s offices, on the First-line Beach; and that those negotiations were entirely frustrated by the intermediate purchase of the premises for 60,000 rupees by an indigo merchant named Hadji Mahomed Bátcha Sáib. I was afterwards demi-officially requested to look for another likely building.

3. I have ever since been on the look out for a suitable building; but I have utterly failed in my mission. No building whatever is open to us. The only one I could learn of was that next to the Oriental Bank, occupied as "Lippert's Hotel," and belonging to C. Cunniah Chetti Gáru; but this gentleman's terms are not such as can be entertained. He sent me a message to say that, as he obtains a rent of 450 rupees a-month for the premises, he would require the transfer to him of as much Government paper as would secure to him the same monthly income, *plus* a premium of 15 per cent. on the total value of the paper. This is simply an exorbitant expectation that only needs mention to be forthwith dismissed from consideration.

4. I now venture to submit an alternative for the consideration of Government, which, to my non-professional mind, so far as building is concerned, seems to me to be very feasible. There is yet a piece of unoccupied Government ground on the First-line Beach. It lies immediately next to, and to the north of, the Chartered Mercantile Bank, which was formerly occupied by the Town Police Court. It forms part of the site of Abercrombie's Battery, on the major portion of which the new Telegraph and Post office buildings are now rapidly approaching completion. A road divides these buildings from the spot I indicate; and the site in question seems to be of sufficient area on which to erect a suitable structure for the accommodation of the Black Town Magistrates.

5. I would by no means advocate any pretentious building of elaborate and ornate design. I would respectfully suggest a plain brick-and-chunam building, which, being commenced immediately after the present rains, might be rapidly run up, and made ready for occupation on the approach of the next "dog days." Such a building, of the plainest and most unpretending character, need only cost about 30,000

or 40,000 rupees; the site being already the property of Government. The building would be of two stories, with a verandah all round to mitigate the glare; but it would be fully open to light and air. The upper story would contain two court-rooms, divided by a wide passage, with retiring rooms for each Magistrate, and a set of office rooms at the back for the establishment; the public gaining access to the court-rooms, to the chief clerk, and to the summons clerk through the main passage. The lower story would contain a large open space, in which witnesses and others may wait till their business comes on, as well as record and store rooms, and rooms for the accommodation of the court inspector, and his police staff. A small portion of the site must be reserved for a backyard, in which a water-tap, latrines, a small lock-up, and coach-house, and stables for the Magistrates should be provided. The lock-up need only be a small one for prisoners under trial during the day, as there is a separate commodious lock-up known as "The Justices' Jail" in Davidson's street, for the accommodation of under-trial prisoners during the night.

6. If my present proposal commends itself to the Government, I would respectfully suggest that the Executive Engineer be at once instructed to inspect the site and prepare the necessary plans and estimate; and that, on the completion of the new court-house, the present building be made over to the District Registrar of Assurances, or to some other public functionary, whose office is but a small one, and to whom but a very limited number of persons resort at a time.

No. 2403-C.

MEMORANDUM.

In returning Mr. Scharlieb's letter, No. 250, dated 10th November 1883, referred under Judicial department order, Mis. No. 3122, dated 26th idem, the Chief Engineer has the honor to report that the site indicated therein has been reserved for an office for the Registrar of Assurances and the Diocesan Registrar (*vide* G.O., No. 2520 W., dated 15th October 1881).

2. The site is a suitable one for a building such as Mr. Scharlieb alludes to, and it has been suggested by the Consulting Architect to Government that the Registrar's offices might be built on the plot of ground between Messrs. Parry and Co.'s office and the Grant school, now occupied by the Military Ambulance Transport department.

3. The latter site has been appropriated for stables for the new Post office, but objections have been raised by the public in the vicinity to the location of stabling in such a locality, and the question of selecting another site is about to be referred to a committee.

4. If it be finally decided to construct the Post office stables elsewhere, and if the site near Parry and Co.'s office be selected for the Registrar's offices, Provincial will have to provide the Military department with shelter for ambulance transport on the beach, or in some other locality, at a cost of about Rs. 12,000.

MADRAS,
4th December 1883.

(Signed) J. SHAW-STEWART, Col., R.E.,
Chief Engineer, P.W.D.

To the Judicial department, with one enclosure, returned.

ORDER—dated 24th December 1883, No. 3387, Judicial.

The Department of Public Works are requested to reserve, if possible, for a new Police Court the site referred to in paragraph 1 of their memorandum, No. 2403-C, dated 4th December 1883, and to have plans and estimates prepared in communication with the Chief Presidency Magistrate. It should also be considered whether the present Town Magistrate's Court could not be adapted for the combined office for the Registrar and Diocesan Registrar, instead of building the new office contemplated in G.O., 15th October 1881, No. 2520 W. The officers concerned will of course be consulted in the matter. Perhaps the Ambulance Transport department could be accommodated there, if the site near Parry and Co.'s office was appropriate for the Registration department.

(True Extract.)

E. F. WEBSTER,
Offg. Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works department.
" the Chief Presidency Magistrate.
" W. M. Scharlieb, Esq., Presidency Magistrate.

Exd. J. Wright.

No. 3686 Wo/s 22d Decr/83

Communicated to the Consulting Architect to Government, for information

(Sgd) J.S.S.

Govt. of (1883) Madras.

ECCLESIASTICAL.

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G.O., 13th December 1883, No. 253.

No. 3686 Wo/s 22d Decr/83

DECEMBER.

Office of the Registrar of the Diocese.

Directing that the additional rooms proposed to be rented by the Registrar of the Diocese for his business as a lawyer be provided for in the design for the new office for the Registrar.

Consg. Arct. to Govt.

Write Order

Order—dated 13th December 1883, No. 253, Ecclesiastical.

The additional accommodation will be provided for.

(True Extract.)

E. F. WEBSTER,
Offg. Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works department.
„ Right Rev. the Bishop of Madras.

Exd. J. Henrious.

13TH DECEMBER 1883, No. 253, ECCLESIASTICAL.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

ECCLESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers:—

From Major J. L. L. MORANT, R.E., Officiating Consulting Architect to Government, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works department, dated Chepauk, 5th November 1883, No. 974.

In taking up the proposed design of new offices for the Diocesan and District Registrars of Madras, I find the Diocesan Registrar makes the following proposal. He says:—

G.O., No. 2520 W., dated 15th October 1881, P.W.D.

> "I may mention as long as the registrar is a practising lawyer, he will probably be prepared to rent further accommodation in the same building for his lawyer's office as in the case of the rooms in the High Court house which are rented by the Government Solicitor; for example, I myself would gladly rent three suitable rooms, if permitted to do so, in the building about to be erected."

2. May I inquire whether I am to provide in the design for this additional accommodation for the Diocesan Registrar.

No. 2217 C.

Referred to the Ecclesiastical department with reference to G.O., No. 2520 W., dated 15th October 1881.

CHEPAUK,
14*th November* 1883.

(Signed) C. BOWEN, Major, R.E.,
Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Ecclesiastical department.

No. 2538 D.

MEMORANDUM.

With reference to the Chief Secretary's note, No. 2252, dated 21st November 1883, the undersigned begs to say that the cost of the three additional rooms in the Registration office for private chambers for Mr. Rowlandson would be Rs. 3,500, and that a rental of Rs. 20 per mensem would probably be assessed by the Public Works department.

2. Should the rooms be built, they will no doubt be occupied by Mr. Rowlandson; but in the event of a successor being appointed, the rooms may not be rented. The question thus arises as to whether it is expedient that Government should erect private chambers for practising lawyers.

MADRAS,
29*th November* 1883.

(Signed) C. BOWEN, Major, R.E.,
Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Chief Secretary to Government, with papers in original.

BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
CIVIL WORKS.

Govt. of {1883} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated December, 3rd.

Recd. *Encl.*

G.O., 3rd Dec. 1883, No. 3464 W.

DECEMBER.

Post Office Stables

Appointing a Committee to select a site for — at Madras.

3rd December 1883, No. 3464 W., Public Works.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

Read—the following papers :—

From Messrs. PARRY and Co. and others, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 6th November 1883.

As we learn that there is a proposal before Government to convert the piece of land on the First Line Beach, now used by the Commissariat as a water-shed, and situated between the offices of Messrs. Parry and Company and the Scotch Mission, into a large stable for the use of the new Postal and Telegraphic offices, we, the undersigned, beg to enter our protest against the same as destructive, not only of the value of property, but of the health of a large portion of the neighbourhood.

We had, some years ago, only Kelly's chimney pouring out its contaminating abomination, a nuisance now somewhat mitigated but still a scandal; next came the storing of harbour work blocks, which were speedily utilized as a latrine by all the coolies about the place, and lastly was added the mule stables.

The result has been that the Scotch Mission has ceased to be available as a residence, and that the sea-breeze, instead of bringing health into the town, now enters contaminated, not only by the horrors of Kelly's chimney, but by the abominable exhalations from the mule stables and excreta deposited near the harbour blocks. Under these circumstances, we think, we do not ask too much when we desire that a large stable should not be placed in our midst to intensify the injury.

No. 2143, Public.

Referred to the Public Works Department for early remarks.

9th November 1883. (Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Chief Secretary.

From Major J. L. L. MORANT, R.E., Officiating Consulting Architect to Government, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Chepauk, 15th November 1883, No. 1033.

With reference to your endorsement, No. 2185 C., dated 13th November 1883, on Messrs. Parry and Company's letter (herewith returned), in which they protest against the proposal to convert the land near their office into a stable for the Post office, I have the honor to report that, in my humble opinion, there is good ground for the protest.

2. The enclosed tracing shows that the proposed site for the stables is on the Beach Road, facing the sea, and between Messrs. Parry's office and the Scotch Mission school. It has a frontage of 100 feet and is 185 feet deep, and would be a very suitable site for some Government office or public building. The ambulance stables are there now, but their nuisance is small compared to what the proposed Postal stables would cause.

3. In the event of your considering the proposed site objectionable, I have the honor to suggest another site for the Post office stables. A site might be acquired, marked A on the accompanying tracing. If forcibly acquired under the Act, I estimate it will probably require Rs. 25,000 to obtain it, as it holds some poor buildings. Failing this site, there is an unoccupied site, marked B, known as Mofuskhan's gardens, to acquire which in a similar way will, I estimate, cost Rs. 10,000. But B is 850 yards from the Post office while A is 100 yards.

4. If the stables be built on the present objected to site, Rs. 12,000 will have to be expended in re-erecting the ambulance stables and "Seven Wells" water-tank elsewhere. This expenditure will be saved as long as the ambulance stables are left where they are.

Memorandum by the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated 30th November 1883.

ORDER—dated 3rd December 1883, No. 3464 W., Public Works.

The Government accept the recommendation of the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, and resolve to refer the question of a site for the Post office stables to a Committee composed of the following officers :—

President.

The Sanitary Commissioner.

Members.

The Consulting Architect to Government.
The Presidency Postmaster (with the consent of the Postmaster-General).

2. The Committee will be requested to submit the result of their inquiries as early as practicable.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Public Department.
,, Postmaster-General.
,, Consulting Architect to Government.
,, Military Department.

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Roads and Buildings

From
The Consulting Architect
to Government

To
The Chief Engineer, P. W. D.
Roads and Buildings branch

No. 1146

Dated 31st March 1883.
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No. 1038 W dated 5-4-83

No. of enclosures. 2

New Offices for Registration at Madras.

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Forwarded to C.E.
with request that
he will report whether
the plans may be
expected before he goes
on furlough –

It is observed that the
design was called for
in October 1881, and
explanation of the delay
in its submission should
be given –

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Ought not Mr Chisholm be called upon to settle this matter before he goes on leave –

It is just seventeen months since he was called upon to frame the plan –

27/3

D.W.

Point out plans to the C.A. and ask him if we may look to have plans before he goes – I hardly think it would do to stop his leave – He has as a fact been overwhelmed with urgent subjects 28/3

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

15th October 1881, No. 2520 W.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

Read the following paper :—

No. 52. Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Judicial Department, dated 8th February 1881, No. 299.

From G. HAMNETT, Esq., Inspector-General of Registration, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 22nd January 1881, No. 31.

I HAVE the honor to submit, for the consideration of the Government and for such orders as they may deem fit to pass, an extract from my notes of inspection of the office of the Registrar of Madras.

2. The time, it seems to me, has arrived when some decided action should be taken in respect of the provision of suitable accommodation for the Registrar. Nothing short of a new building can provide such accommodation and secure the valuable records appertaining to the Registration Office from the risk of fire.

3. The site in front of Patcheappah's Hall, if none can be had on the north beach, appears to be well suited. It is central, near Black Town, and will not put parties to any inconvenience.

4. The rent of the building in which the office is held is Rs. 60 a month, and since January 1872 about Rs. 6,480 have been disbursed for the purpose.

"The Office of the Registrar of Madras is held in an old building in Errabalu Chetti Street in Black Town. The place was intended and used for a dwelling house, and is, in my opinion, wholly unsuited for the Office of Registrar of Madras with his valuable records. The thirty-one almirahs containing the Registers, Indexes, &c., are placed partly in the rooms on the ground floor, and partly in the rooms on the second floor of the building. On the second floor is the Registrar's Office. The accommodation altogether is extremely limited, and parties coming for registration are put to very considerable inconvenience. A new building is urgently needed."

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. HAMNETT,
Inspector-General of Registration.

The first requisite is a site. The Inspector-General of Registration is requested to select one most suitable to the purpose.

(Signed) G. S. FORBES,
Under Secretary to Government.

REPORT.

THE piece of ground on which it was originally proposed to build stables is separated from the new Post and Telegraph Office by a road at the south end of that building.

2. This open space is a part of the old Abercrombie Battery; it is at present used as a work-yard for the large building under construction, and is occupied by temporary store and work sheds. There is an average width fronting the beach of about 80 feet, and the depth (westward) is about 160 feet. We are of opinion that the plot is too good to be given over for stables, and that it is much better suited as a site for the Registrar's and Diocesan Registrar's Office.

Madras,
19th September 1881.

(Signed) H. L. PRENDERGAST, Colonel, R.E.
(„) W. H. BURTON, Lieut.-Colonel, R.E.
(„) ROSS THOMPSON, Lieut.-Colonel, R.E.

To the Deputy Chief Engineer, Public Works Department,
with Office Note No. 806, dated 8th instant, and other original papers.

No. 53. Order thereon, 15th October 1881, No. 2520 W.

The Consulting Architect to Government will, in communication with the officers concerned, frame a design for a combined office for the Registrar and Diocesan Registrar on the site indicated by Colonel Prendergast's Committee.

2. The records of the Diocesan Registrar's Office are now located in a private building admittedly unsuited to the purpose. Their removal to the site now selected will not be open to the objection previously raised* by Mr. Rowlandson to the old College premises ordered to be made available in G.O., No. 121, dated 27th April 1878 (Ecclesiastical).

* *Vide* letter dated 10th May 1878, to the Chief Secretary to Government.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. H. SANKEY, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Inspector-General of Registration.
„ Diocesan Registrar.
„ Consulting Architect to Government.
„ Superintendent of Works, Presidency.
„ Judicial Department.
„ Ecclesiastical Department.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.
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BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
MILITARY WORKS.

Govt. of {1881} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL
OF REGISTERATION,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated October, 15th.

Issued

Recd. *Encl.*

G. O., *15th October* 1881, *No.* 2520 W.

OCTOBER.

NOS. 52-53.

Combined Office for the Registrar and Diocesan Registrar.—The Consulting Architect requested to frame a design for a —.

P. W. Deptt.
Madras 30th March/83

No 717 C.

Endorsement of the Judicial Department No 666 d/26-3-83 on letter from the Inspector-General of Registration (submitting letter from the Consulting Architect to Govt regarding Office accommodation for the Registrar of Madras)

Transferred to the Consulting Architect to Govt with request that he will report whether the plans may be expected before he goes on furlough

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2. It is observed that the design was called for in October 1881, and the explanation of the delay in its submission should be given

(B.O)

(sd) J. Pennycuick
Major R.E.
Under Secretary to Govt
P.W.D.

G.O. 2520 W d/15-10-81

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To The Consg Archtt to Govt.

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P. W. D.

Consulting Architect's Office,
Chepauk, Madras,
19th March 1883.

No. 1105

From
The Consulting Architect
to the Government of Madras,

To
The Inspector General of
Registration
Madras.

Sir,

Enclosures.

In reply to your letter No. 437 dated 21st ultimo, I have the honor to state that the drawings in question have not yet been submitted to Government.

I have the honor to be
Sir
your most obedient servt.
R. Chisholm
Consulting Archtt. to Govt.

L. No. 877. 20th March /83 -
Madras.

Submitted for the information of the Government with reference to Proceedings Public Works Department No. 2520 W. of 15th October 1881.

2. It is more than two years since I brought to the notice of the Government the necessity for providing the Registrar of Madras with suitable accommodation to "secure the valuable

records appertaining to the Registration Office from risk of fire.

E. Hammett
Inspr. Genl. of Regn

To,
The Chief Secretary
To the Government.

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From

The Consg Architect
to Government.

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To

The Inspector General
of Registration
Madras.

No. 1105

Dated 19th March 1883
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Plans for Registrars
Office at Madras.

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No. 666

Transferred to the Public Works Department.

By order.

G. Master
Chief Secretary
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Judl. (1883) Dept.
(Registration)

From
The Inspector General
of Registration
Madras

P.W. 2794

To The Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort St. George

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Dated 20th } March 1883
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G. No. 877.

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No.

~~CURRENT No.~~ 1163

Submitting for the information of Government letter from the Consulting Architect to Govt. regarding office accommodation for the Registrar of Madras.

CHIEF SECRETARY
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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

No. 146

Consulting Architects Office
Chepauk 31st March 1883.

From
The Consulting Architect
to Government

To
The Chief Engineer, P.W. D.
Roads and Buildings branch.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Memo No. 717 C dated 30th March 1883 and to state in reply that the plans for the new Registration Offices will not be ready before I take leave on furlough.

2. In explanation of the delay – I received Orders to prepare plans on the 15th of October 1881.

3. I obtained the necessary information from both Registrars by the end of November 1881. –

4. I prepared and submitted Sketch plans for approval on the 25th of January 1882. –

5. These plans received the approval of the Inspector General of Registration in September last, but it has not yet received the unqualified approval of the Diocesan Registrar. It was my intention however to proceed with the plans and finish them but I have not got beyond a Sketch of the

principal facade.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedt. servant.

Consg Architect to Governmt.

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Roads and Buildings

From
The Consulting Architect
to Government

To
The Chief Engineer, P.W.D.
Roads and Buildings branch

No. 1146
Dated 31st March 1883.
Received. 2nd April 83

No. 1038 W dt/5-4-83

No. of enclosures. 1

New Offices for Registration
at Madras.

with order
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New offices for Registration
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Hon. Mr Hutchins
Hon. Mr Master

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C. No. 1118

For orders.

It is not quite clear whether the Hon. Mr Hutchins has decided that all proposals for a new office for the I. G. of Regn, the Registrar of Madras, and the Registrar of the Diocese must be held in abeyance, or whether new and more moderate proposals are to be called for.

If the first is the correct view of the hon'ble member's intentions, reference is requested to the fact that Mr Hamnett has now for six years been insisting upon the necessity ~~for~~

removing the records of the Registrar of Madras from the ~~[illegible]~~ building now occupied by that officer. The I. G. first brought the matter to notice in his letter dated 22nd Jany. 1881, No. 31, which is recorded in G.O., P.W. Dept, dated 15th Oct. 1881, No. 2520 W. He again requested orders in his letter dated 5th Sept. 1881, No. 548, recorded in G.O., 19th Sept. 1881, No. 1949, Judicial.

There have been numerous subsequent letters from him on the same point; the last is printed in G.O., dated 19th May, 1886, No. 1329 Judicial.

This order of 19th Septr shows that the Registrar of Madras then obtained "premises admirably adapted for the purpose", & that no emergent need for new offices exists. That being so I do not understand why in his letter of 20 Dec 84 the I. G. quotes his letter of Jany 81 wh. referred to a wholly different office. — The case as to the I.G. himself is a very weak one — he rents an apparently suitable building on the Mount Road & cd do no more than suggest that "it wd be a great comfort to him & his Estt. to be located on the North Beach" G.O. 27 March 85, No 840.

The case of the Town Police Court seems to me infinitely more pressing.

I observe that the Commee appd by the order last quoted never ~~[illegible]~~ reported because the plan for accommodating the H. Ct. was changed. I have lately suggested in the P.W.D. an entirely new departure for the High Court, viz. to borrow money against the probable value of its premises & build a new Court as quickly as possible between the Light house & Army's, & then to sell the present Court. In ~~connection~~ therewith directions went to the Govt architect to consider the requirements of the Regn Dept, Police Ct & other offices also. It seems to me desirable that all shd be discussed together, after his report is received. We might then have a meeting up here, ~~to consider~~ at wh. Mr Barlow's presence, if he gets his leave wd be very desirable.

A careful precis of the papers in diff.t Depts wd be very useful.

Orders are now requested on the following points:

(1) Are new plans and estimates to be called for?

(2) If not, may the I. G. be told to endeavour to rent a more suitable building for the Registrar of Madras.

H.W.S.
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Mr Hamnett might be told that if he can find a better place to rent temporarily Govt. will be prepared to pay somewhat more than at present. But as I understand the Hon. Mr Stokes's note, he did not intend to call for any fresh plans at present. There is no money for any such large projects.

J.C.S.

The Chief Secy has correctly interpreted what I wrote before
23 April

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Hon. Mr Hutcheson
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New office for the Registrar

Hon. Mr Hutchins
Hon. Mr Master

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read in G.O. 15 Oct. 1881 / 2520 W.

In his letter of the 22^d Jany. 1881, No 31, Mr Hamnett wrote that he considered "the time had arrived when some decided action should be taken in respect of the provision of suitable accommodation for the Registrar", and added that "nothing short of a new building can provide such accommodation and secure the valuable records from the risk of fire". He proposed a site in front of Pacheappa's Hall (if none could be had on the North Beach) as being "central and near Black Town", but that portion of the Esplanade has since been built over with quarters for the non-Commissioned officers

officers of the Ordnance and Commissariat Departments. Mr Hammett was told that the first requisite was a site and that he should select one most suitable for the purpose. In reply to this he reported in his letter of the 28th March 1881, No. 160, that he personally examined the sites selected by Mr Wright, the then Registrar, and with reference to them recommended

G.O. 8th Feby 1881 No. 299. in G.O. of 15th Oct. 1881. No. 2520W.

See Bd's Pros 16 June 1881, No 1079, attached to original of G.O. 19 Sep 1881 / 1945.

(1) that if there be no objection in the Revenue Department, the Stamp Office might be enlarged and accommodation provided for the Registrar, or,

(2) if a portion of the ground which is reserved for the Bank× of Madras (on the North Beach next to the new Post and Telegraph offices) can be made available, a new office can be built upon it and.

(3) should there be any difficulty in respect of either proposal, then the next best site is that in front of Pacheappa's Hall.

31 March 1881 No. 643

This letter was referred to the Revenue Dept." for remark with reference to the suggestion to enlarge the Stamp Office in view to accommodating the office of the Registrar, Madras," and they in turn referred it through the Board of Revenue to the Collector of Madras for report. The Superintendent of Stamps who was one of the officers that the Collector addressed on the subject, said that he did not consider it possible to afford space for the office of the Registrar within the Compound of his office or in the upper story which it was proposed to erect; and the selection of a site for the office of the Registrar consequently lay between

4th April 1881

× The intention to erect a new building for the Bank has been abandoned.

between that next to the Mercantile Bank required for stables for the new Post and Telegraph offices and that in the Esplanade opposite to Pacheappa's Hall. The report of the Collector of Madras printed in Bd's Pros. 16th June 1881, No 1079, attached to the original of G.O. 19th Sep. 1881, No. 1945, embodying letters from the Inspector General of Registration, the Consulting Architect and the Superintendent of Stamps, was communicated to Judicial through the Revenue Department with the remark that the suggestion to enlarge the Stamp Office does not seem practicable.

At this stage the papers were sent to the late Chief Engineer (Colonel Sankey) under the orders of the Honorable the Acting Governor, (Mr Hudleston)

G.O. 24 Aug 1881
No. 2217

x Relevant papers to be called for from P.W. Dept.

for inquiry whether the site next to the Mercantile Bank could be made available for the office of the Registrar in preference to its appropriation for stables and H.E. also asked "Why not combine with the Registrars' office the office of the Diocesan Registrar whose valuable records are now in his private office and exposed to great risk as was practically shown a year or two ago." (vide G.O. 21st and 30th Nov. 1877. Nos 261 and 267) The reply to this reference will be noticed lower down.

Next in his letter of the 5th September 1881, No. 548, Mr. Hannett recommended (no definite orders having been passed for the erection of an office for the Registrar) that the office should be removed to certain premises (Nos. 3 and 4) in the 2nd Line Beach belonging to Messrs McDowell & Co. The accommodation was described by the Registrar in his report

to consist of "one fine room, 65 feet by 40, with four pillars down the centre, and a portion at one end neatly partitioned off with boards to the ceiling into two small rooms, 20 by 13 each, x x and an enclosed verandah which, when furnished with Benches, would form a waiting-room for the public." Mr Hammett thought these premises were "admirably adapted for the purpose, on certain temporary screens being removed, pending the erection of a new office" and added that "his only doubt, and a very important one too, was whether these premises, which are well built and situated on the upper floor of a suite of godowns filled with cases of brandy, wine &c are safer than those ˣoccupied ˣin Errabaloo Chetty Street, Black Town.
at present

situated opposite a godown in which kerosine oil is stored". The Registrar, who is also Registrar of Joint Stock Companies, further proposed that the premises adjoining Nos 1 and 2 should be taken for an office for that Department. The rent for Nos 1 and 2 was Rs 30, and that for Nos 3 and 4 Rs 60, in all Rs 90.

G.O. 19 Sep. 81 No. 1945

The Govt sanctioned the transfer of the offices to the premises referred to and they are still located in those buildings.—

Col Sankey, on the reference ˣ made to him about the site next to the Mercantile Bank, appears to have required Cols. Prendergast, Ross, Thompson & Burton to give him their joint opinion on the subject. In their report recorded in G.O. 15th Oct 1881 No. 2520, &c. They stated that "the site is ~~too~~ good to be given over for stables and that it

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it is much better suited for the Registrars and Diocesan Registrar's offices." Orders were accordingly passed in the P.W. Dept for a plan being prepared for a Combined office for the Registrar and the Diocesan Registrar to be built on the site indicated. Matters appear to have remained more or less in status quo till Nov. 1883, when Mr Scharlieb, the Senior Presy. Magte, brought to the notice of Govt "the grave need that existed for a suitable Court-house for the Presy Magistrates of the Black Town Division of the City". Having, as he says, failed in his mission to find a suitable building for the purpose, he proposed as an alternative that "on the piece of unoccupied Govt ground on the First Line

Beach

G.O. 20th April 1883 No 1063

Line Beach which lies immediately to the north of the Chartered Mercantile Bank which was formerly occupied by the Town Police Court" a plain brick and Chunam building of no "elaborate and ornate design" may be erected for the accommodation of the Black Town Magistrates. The description of Court-house required is set out in para 5 of his letter referred to, and in conclusion he suggests that "on completion of the new Court-house, the present building be made over to the District Registrar of Assurances × × whose office is a small one and to which but a very limited number of persons resort at a time".

On this letter, the Chief Engineer, who was consulted, says that the site indicated is a suitable one for building, but that it has already been

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G.O. 15 Oct. 1881
2520 W.

reserved^x for an office for the Registrar of Assurances and the Diocesan Registrar. He adds that the Consulting Architect suggests "that the Registrar's offices might be built on the plot of ground between Messrs Parry and Co's offices and the Church Mission (Grant's) School now occupied by the Military Ambulance Transport Dept", "but that Provincial will have to provide the Military Department with other shelter for ambulance transport on the beach x x at a cost of about Rs 12000". The order that issued in this connection was to the effect that the site referred to by Mr Scharlieb should be reserved, if possible, for a new Police Court and that the necessary plans and estimates be prepared. The P.W.D. were also requested to consider whether the

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G.O. 24 Dec. 1883
No. 3387

G.O. 10 Jany. 1884
No. 66 W.

present Town Magistrate's Court could not be adapted for the combined office for the District and Diocesan Registrars instead of a new building being erected for them. The officers concerned were to be consulted. The Consulting Architect was accordingly directed in the P.W.D. to frame plans and estimates for a new Court-house for the Presy Magistrates on the site previously selected for a Registrar's office and to report on the suggestion to adapt the existing Court-house as a combined office for the two Registrars referred to.

Copies of these Orders were communicated to Mr Hannett in G.O. 10th December 1884, No. 3223, and on the receipt he wrote to say that he, as one of the officers concerned, has not yet been consulted by the P.W. Depot.

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as to the transfer of the office of the Registrar to the Town Police Court, and further communicates, for the information of Government, a letter from the Registrar in which that officer remarked that he has personally inspected the building, and that in his opinion it was "quite inappropriate & unsuited for his office." The Govt. on this said that they awaited the personal opinion of the Inspector General. Mr Hammett replied saying that he inspected the building in company with Col. Morant, the Consulting Architect, and that "in its present state it is not adapted for the office of the Registrar and for the safe deposit of the valuable records of title of property belonging to the department × × and that its position for a registration office is most objectionable". In this letter, he, for the first time, submitted for the consideration of the Govt. the question of providing the Inspector General also with a suitable office. He adds that he rents a private building on the Mount Road at Rs 80 a month, × × but "it would be a great comfort to him and to his establishment to be located on the North Beach", and suggests that his office may "well be combined with that of the Registrar of Madras and Registrar of the Diocese".

G. O. 19 Jany. 1885
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3rd March 1885
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In this connection it may be stated that it appears from the papers of 1871 (put up) that the building at present occupied by the Town Police Court was previously the office both of the Registrar General and of the District Registrar and that when they vacated it on its being no longer

G.O. 8th July 1871, No. 920.

G.O. 13 Dec 1871 No. 1655

longer necessary for both offices to be under the same roof, the Town Police Court was moved into it from the building on the North Beach now occupied by the Mercantile Bank. Since Col. Macdonald wrote his letter of the 7th Aug 1871, recorded in G.O. 13 Dec 1871, the office requirements both of the Inspector General and of the Registrar have perhaps considerably increased and it would serve no useful purpose to quote the particulars of his Estimate or to compare his requirements with those of the present day, but in accordance with his recommendations which the Govt sanctioned, the office of the Registrar was removed from behind the High Court buildings to a rented house in Errabaloo Chetty Street in Black Town

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and the Registrar General was authorized to provide the necessary accommodation for his office in his own house. It may be observed that Col. Macdonald was of opinion ~~that~~ (vide para 5 of his letter above quoted) that, as "the Inspector General of Registration "had no business to transact with the public there does not seem any particular advantage in locating the office in Black Town".—

3rd March 1885, No. 958

To continue, Mr Hammett in his letter referred to above said that he and Col. Morant were agreed in thinking that "the place in which the Commissariat bullocks are kept, between Messrs Parry & Co's offices and the Church of Scotland Mission House, would answer exceedingly well" and the "erection of suitably designed offices would be an ornament to the locality and be greatly appreciated by the public

public who resort daily to the Registrar's office". In the office note prepared in connection with this letter it was pointed out that with reference to the suggestions made in para 2 of the High Court's letter read in G.O. 10th Sep. 1884, No. 2318, the intention to build a new Court-house for the Town Magistrates might be abandoned as they could be accommodated in the present High Court buildings when vacated and that this arrangement would set free the site next to the Mercantile Bank, which in accordance with original proposals, might be appropriated for the offices referred to by Mr Hannett. The order that issued on the foregoing letter

G.O. 27 March 1885
No. 840

requested

Col. Prendergast, Chairman.
J. W. Handley Esq.
Col. T. Weldon
The Inspector General of Registration
The Consulting Architect to Government.
J. Rowlandson Esq.

requested the marginally noted gentlemen to form themselves into a Committee with a view to reporting on the steps they would advise to be taken in order to provide sufficient accommodation for the follg. Courts and offices

The Small Cause Court.
The Town Police Court.
Office of the I. G. of Registration
Office of the Registrar, Madras
Office of the Registrar of the Diocese.

They were also asked to report whether any of these offices can be accommodated in the High Court buildings when vacated.

G.O. 7th Oct/85 No. 2707.

A design for a new Court-house for the Town Magtes was submitted in G.O. 6th May 1885, No. 1054.W, but it was ordered to lie over pending report of the Committee appointed in the foregoing order. The estimate of cost is said in the note at the back of the Current to be Rs 1,20,000 The plan which provides for a very handsome and decorative building is in the file. An allotment of Rs 10,000 was subsequently made in the Budget for 1886-87 for a new building.

G.O. 5th Jany/86 No. 3W.

This brings the Correspondence down to that period when the question of building a suitable Court-house for the High Court was engaging the attention of Govt. and a Committee. It will, however, be more convenient to refer to these papers separately. In consideration, however, of the great difficulty that was experienced in finding a suitable site and the prohibitive cost of a new building, the Govt eventually decided to remodel the present High Court, and abandoned the design of a new building. The Committee appointed in G.O× 27th March 185 No. 840 in connection with the registration and other buildings, having become aware of the aforesaid intentions in regard to the High Court, deferred making any recommendation for the future occupation of the High Court buildings. Mr Hamnett, who was a member of the Committee, followed this letter up

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Letter recorded in G.O. 31 Oct 1885, No. 2921

G.O. 19th May 1886 No. 1329.

up by another from him (19 Dec 8 drawing attention to the claims of his Dept. and begging for definite orders regarding building a "suitable office for the Registr of Madras and for the valuable records in his charge". The Milty Dept. were on this letter consulted as to whether the site occupied by the Ambulance Dept. could be vacated and made available for a combined office for the Inspector General of Registration, the Registrar of Madras and the Diocesan Registrar; and they replied that H.E. the Commander-in-Chief was willing to meet the wishes of Govt. provided "a shed & yard × ^ on some other site equally conveniently placed with reference to the Beach and Pier" are provided. The Collector of Madras was next directed to select a fresh site in

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communication with the Commissary General for the Transport Dept., and the P.W.D. were asked to prepare plans and Estimates for a combined office for the Inspector General, the Registrar of Madras, and the Registrar of Diocese, to be built on the site occupied by the Ambulance.

The necessary orders were issued in the P.W. Dept (*vide* G.O. 15th June 1886 No. 1516.W) and the site selected by the Collector for the Ambulance Dept. was that adjoining the Mercantile Bank; but it will be remembered that this identical ground was once before reserved for the Registration Offices and afterwards allotted for the Town Police Court. In these circumstances, the Collector was again requested by Govt. to select some other site for the Transport Dept. In the meantime, the P.W. Dept, in compliance with G.O. 19 May 1886 No. 1329, submitted a plan of the Combined offices showing the basement and upper floors. As the space allotted in certain portions of the buildings seemed larger than what was actually needed, information was called for as to the basis on which the accommodation provided for the several offices was estimated, & also the cost approximately of the building as designed.

G.O. 7th Sept. 1886 No. 2417

x not known if any reply received -

G.O. 8th Jany 1887 No. 32

The required information was furnished showing that the increase of the accommodation compared with that which is available in the buildings now occupied is only 11 p.c. and that the Combined office is estimated to cost about Rs 90,000. The plan was therefore rejected.

G.O. 29 April 1887 No. 932

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G.O. 3—11—87 A 6688 [illegible]

G.O. 206 W. ap. 17th January/88

From PWC No 385