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1st July 1886, No. 543, Revenue.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 28th May 1886, Mis. No. 4013 :—

Read—again the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 11th February 1886, Mis. 1152 :—

Read—the following letter from J. LEE-WARNER, Esq., Collector of Tinnevelly, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 23rd December 1885, No. 656 :—

With reference to your official memorandum (Post-card), dated 18th December, calling for a reply to Board's Mis. No. 3807, dated 24th April 1885, I have the honor to forward a letter which I received from the Sub-Collector so long ago as the 15th August 1885. On receipt of that letter I wrote privately to Mr. Thorburn arguing that his hatred of the sea was *per se* not sufficient reason why he should throw up the only well-placed dwelling bungalow in Tuticorin, and observing that other Sub-Collectors, especially married men, might not be so willing as himself to have there private dwelling under the same roof as their office. As he adhered to his original proposition and requested that no time might be lost in opening negotiations with Messrs. Volkart Brothers, I sent the papers to the Superintending Engineer for his opinion and estimate of the value of the premises which Mr. Thorburn wants to have exchanged. I have not received them back yet.

2. I do not myself see why Mr. Thorburn has not thought of turning the present Sub-Collector's bungalow into the office, and renting Messrs. Volkart's or any other suitable building for his own use if he dislikes so much being near the sea. To my own view there is no better situation in Tuticorin for a dwelling-house than the house on the sea.

ENCLOSURE.

Letter from W. M. THORBURN, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector of Tinnevelly, to the Collector of Tinnevelly, dated Tuticorin, 12th August 1885, No. 296.

With reference to your foot-note No. 847 on G.O., No. 2001, dated 20th April 1885, I have the honor to report as follows :—

1. No building fit for a Sub-Collector's office can be hired, and I cannot recommend that any such office should be built. Moreover under present financial circumstances it is not likely that funds will soon be available. It would probably cost at least Rs. 20,000.

2. I propose that the Sub-Collector and his office should be lodged in the house belonging to Messrs. Volkart Brothers in West Tuticorin, now occupied by their agent Mr. Telleweger. They consider the premises too large and valuable for their present use and also too far from their works, which are situated at the other end of the town close the present Sub-Collector's house. They are therefore willing to sell it for Rs. 20,000, which I consider a fair price. The house is two storied and contains seven large rooms, besides bath-rooms and a projecting veranda upstairs, which could be converted into a sitting room at slight expense. The house and its numerous out-buildings are in good condition and will require no expenditure on entry. The large compound contains 16 acres and a garden well.

3. There is ample room for both private residence and office on the premises. The detached billiard-room (100 yards distant) could be used as a court-house, and as there is an upper-story, no inconvenience would be caused to a married officer by the presence of his office establishment in some of the lower rooms of the main building.

4. It would be preferable to the present house as a residence for many reasons, especially to a married officer. It has an upper-story. The compound is comparatively good firm soil instead of loose sand swept by salt winds fatal to vegetation. The sea-breeze reaches it untainted, instead of bringing a stench from the decaying sea-weed and miscellaneous harbour rubbish which the south-west winds and currents heap upon a spit of sand running out in front of the existing Sub-Collector's bungalow. Its situation is more easy of access and convenient for getting about. It is much nearer the reservoir and indeed drinking-water could be led into the grounds at a small expense. There are wells fed from the reservoir, not two furlongs from that house, while good water has to be brought to this house on carts for a distance of two miles, and there is not even a brackish well on the premises.

5. As an office it would be more convenient for all persons concerned. It lies between the commercial part of the town and the inland Hindu quarter where the clerks and vakils live. It would be much nearer to them than the present office is. It is about the same distance from the railway station.

6. At 6 per cent. the rent would be Rs. 100 a month. At present, Government pays Rs. 50 for a very bad office and the Sub-Collector Rs. 75 for a bungalow in a bad situation; in all Rs. 125. Rs. 25 a month representing a capital sum of Rs. 5,000 would remain as a saving, if Government should lose nothing by the removal of the Sub-Collector from his present house. I do not think that it would. The house is an object of desire to merchants on account of its position on the shore. It is near two cotton presses—those of Volkart Brothers and Gaddum Bythell and Co. I have no doubt that Government would recover the Rs. 15,000 originally paid. In that case there would be only Rs. 5,000 to be paid to Messrs. Volkart Brothers. If Government cannot conveniently pay that amount immediately I have no doubt that the owners of the house would allow occupation on payment of Rs. 50 a month, the rent now paid for the separate office. This would be at the rate of 12 per cent., but a commercial firm can hardly be expected to take less on house property and Government would be paying no more than it does now. The locations of both office and officer ought to be changed as speedily as possible.

7. The present Assistant Superintendent of Police, who cannot get a house for himself, suggests that this bungalow should be made over to his department as a house and office combined. There is certainly room for his office in it, and Government, at present, pays Rs. 25 a month for a poor place in the town.

8. I request that you will arrange with the Public Works Department for inspection and valuation of the premises at an early date.

Read—also the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, VI Circle, to the Collector of Tinnevelly, dated 6th January 1886, No. 522, T.N., and also endorsement of the latter officer thereon, dated 15th idem, No. 21:—

In reply to your letter No. 173, dated 13th October 1885, I have the honor to inform you that the Executive Engineer estimates the approximate value of Messrs. Volkart Brothers' house as follows:—

Main building.			RS.
Downstairs basement	5,407 square feet	at Rs. 2-8-0...	12,166
Upstairs	2,566 ,,	at ,, 1-8-0...	3,849
Out-houses	4,662 ,,	at ,, 1-0-0...	4,662
			20,677
		Deduct for deterioration 25 per cent ...	5,169
			15,508
		Add for land 16 acres ...	3,200
		Total ...	18,708

2. The Executive Engineer reports that the main building is substantially built, the walls free from cracks, the rooms large and well ventilated. The roof is terraced, the verandah sloping terrace. The weak point in the building is the insufficient scantlings of the wood-work of the roof and the result is that the joists have nearly all sagged and the upper terrace roof crooked; this must always be a cause of leakage, trouble and expense.

3. The out-houses are very numerous, their value nearly one-fourth that of the main building; they are substantially built but require ordinary repairs.

4. I enclose plans of the building to be returned. I do not consider it at all adapted for a residence and office of a Sub-Collector. It is, of course, a very good residence, but if used as a residence there is not fair accommodation for the office, as I doubt any officer living in it being willing to give up, say, three rooms (with bath-rooms) for the office. Mr. Thorburn's ideas of alterations being carried out at a small expense may be, I think, put one side, unless he states definitely what accommodation he would propose to take for himself and what he would leave for the office. My own opinion is that the necessary alterations would cost a large sum of money and that either the Sub-Collector or the office (probably the latter) would be badly accommodated.

5. With regard to the present Sub-Collector's house which is a very fair house and, I should have said, well suited for a Sub-Collector (it was purchased by Government on the recommendation of several officers and was considered to be on a very good site

indeed). I do not consider in the present state of Tuticorin trade, &c., there is the least chance of its being sold for Rs. 15,000. Should it be possible to exchange it for the building belonging to Messrs. Volkart Brothers with a sum of, say, Rs. 4,000, I would recommend it being done, but I decidedly cannot recommend Mr. Thorburn's proposal being thought of, as, before stated, the present building is, I consider, suited as a Sub-Collector's residence and most certainly it is far too good and large as a police office and Assistant Superintendent of Police's residence, the latter office pays only Rs. 30 a month house-rent.

No. 21.

Submitted to the Board of Revenue in continuation of my letter, dated the 23rd ultimo, No. 656.

It will be observed that the Superintending Engineer quite agrees with my views expressed in the above letter.

Resolution—dated 11th February 1886, Mis. No. 1152.

The Board are of opinion that the recommendations advanced by the Sub-Collector for the sale of the bungalow now occupied by him and for the purchase of Messrs. Volkart's premises for the accommodation of himself and of his establishment, are ill considered and such as they cannot entertain.

2. The Superintending Engineer and the Collector concur in considering that the building now occupied by Mr. Thorburn is extremely well adapted as a Sub-Collector's residence, and the Board see no reason to differ from the opinion expressed by both officers, the more especially as the present suggestion to accommodate the office under the same roof as the Sub-Collector would probably prove distasteful to a married officer.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) C. F. MacCARTIE,
Acting Secretary.

To the Collector of Tinnevelly.

Resolution—dated 28th May 1886, Mis. No. 4013.

Submitted for the information of Government with reference to G.O., dated 20th April 1885, No. 2001, R.D.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) H. A. SIM,
Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Order—dated 1st July 1886, No. 543, Revenue.

Miscellaneous.

Government agree in the remarks of the Board; but no suggestions are offered for providing suitable accommodation for the Sub-Collector's office which is now held in a hired building. The Board will call for the Collector's proposals on this point.

2. The question of providing accommodation for the Assistant Superintendent of Police and his office might be considered at the same time.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Public Works Department.
,, the Financial Department.
,, the Judicial Department.

Exd. W. H. French.

80 Copies.

B. No. 2177 W d/31-8-86.

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Sgd/ Jso W

Govt. of {1886} Madras.

REVENUE.

Issued

Recd. Encl.

G.O., 1st July 1886, No. 543.

JULY.

A.E. VI Circle.

Sub-Collector's Office.

Board of Revenue directed to call upon the Collector of Tinnevelly to submit proposals for providing suitable accommodation for the —.

Withorder

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read again G.O. dated 22nd September 1887, No. 5711 Mis:

Read also Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue) dated 23rd February 1888, No. 1184 Mis:

Order thereon, 21st March 1888, No. 1900.

The proposal to pull down the Traveller's bungalow at Tuticorin and to erect an office for the Sub Collector on the standard plan on its site at an estimated cost of Rs 18400 is approved.

2. The papers will be transferred to the Public Works Department for the issue of the necessary orders.

(True Extract)

H A Albert

for Secretary to Government.

To the Commr of Land Rev:
" Public Works Dept [illegible]
" Judicial Dept.

2177 31-8-88

P.W.C. No. 2922

No 1054 W. d/7th April 1888

Communicated to the Supdg. Engr. VI Circle, for submission of estimates for the work ordered in para 1.

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S.E. VI Circle
with enclos. in original for perusal & return

Rev. Dept. 914

2-4-88

With order

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
6TH CIRCLE.

Trichinopoly 25th April 1888.
desp. 27th

No. 87 Mi.

From
J. W. Rundall Esqre. M. I. C. E.
The Superintending Engineer,
6th Circle.

To
The Chief Engineer
P. W. D.

Sir,

I have the honor with reference to G. O. No. 1054. W. of the 7th Instant directing me to submit an Estimate for Constructing an Office on the Standard plan for the Sub Collector at Tuticorin to report as follows.

9 ENCLOSURES viz:-
- 1. Plan
- 1 Revenue Bd. Procgs. No. 1184 d/23-2-88
- 1 Letter No. 71 from the Collector of Tinnevelly 7-2-88
- 1 Letter No. 242 from the Ex. Engr. Tinnevelly 24-4-87
- 1 Revenue Bd. Procgs. No. 1038 Mis. 31-5-87
- 1 Letter from the Collector of Tinnevelly to the Secy. to the Bd. of Rev. No. 246 1-6-87
- 1 Letter from the Ex. Engr. to the Collector No. 2954 23-2-87
- 1 Procgs. of Govt. No. 5711 22-9-87
- 1 O. O. No. 2073 9-9-87

1. From the papers which accompanied the G. O. and which are herewith returned for your perusal it appears that the Conditions of the Site have been misunderstood.

2. In para 4 of his letter No. 242 of the 26th April 1887 the Exec. Engineer of the Tinnevelly Division, Mr. A. S. Russell reported that the site available after purchasing the house which now adjoins the old Travellers Bungalow, would be 118' on the beach face and 150' deep.

3. It has been decided in the

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Revenue Department G. O. No: 1900 of the 21st March to pull down the Traveller's Bungalow and to Construct an Office for the Sub Collector on the Standard plan at a supposed Cost of Rs: 18400. –

4. The length of the building according to the Standard plan is about 130' and the breadth 60'. The present site of the Travellers Bungalow will not admit of the Construction of a Building on the Standard plan, since the greatest length of the plot, vizt. on the side facing the sea beach is only 118'. –

5. I forward herewith a tracing of the site plan for inspection. –

6. The area available is ample for the Construction of a Commodious office, and I would suggest that the Government Architect be instructed to prepare a suitable design. –

7. The Approximate Estimate of Rs: 18400, was worked out by Mr: Russell on the supposition that the area of the accommodation in the Office should be 3744. Sqr. feet, not from the Standard plan.

8. If the Consulting Architect be instructed to prepare a design, I would note the following points for his guidance. –

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The height of basement should be 2'. and the basement should be cased with granite as brick work and ordinary stone are both attacked with "Sondu" at Tuticorin. – The superstructure can be built of sand stone, a fair quality of which is obtainable from Vedanattam about 14. Miles from Tuti:Corin. –

9. No good tiles are procurable in the District, and I would recommend the use of Mangalore tiles. –

I have the honor to be
Sir.
Your Most Obedt. Servant

J. W. Rundall
Superintg: Engineer.

No. 1054 W d/7.4.88
" 2177 W d/31.8.86

~~Hon~~
~~B~~ No 1375 W d/9th May 1888

Communicated, and the papers forwarded to the Consulting Architect, who will, in communication with the Superintending Engineer VI Circle, and the Collector Tinnevelly, prepare a design for a new office at Tuticorin for the Sub-Collector.

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Comy: Archt. to Govt. with 9 enclos: and copy of G.O. Nos. 2177 W. d/ 31st August/86 & 1054 W. d/ 7th Apl/88.
Supdg: Engr: VI Circle
Revenue Department.

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P. W. D. 6TH CIRCLE.

From

The Superintending Engineer,
6th Circle.
Trichinopoly

To

The Chief Engineer
P.W.D.
Madras

No. 873K

Dated 26th
~~Desp~~ 27th } April 1888
Received 30

Enclosure. Nine.
(+ 1 plan)

Office for the Sub Collector at Tuticorin

No 1375 W d/9-5-1888

Forwards site plan and suggests that Consulting Architect be instructed to prepare design to suite the site

With Order

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No. 5089 C.

Government of Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
Chepâk, 17th Decr 1888.

OFFICE NOTE.

From
D.W.

To
C.A.

Your letter No 1347 d/ 6.12.88.

Please return for reference, the enclosures forwarded to you with G.O. No 1375 W d/ 9.5.88.

17.12.88
D.W.

No 1420

To
D.W.

Nine Enclosures herewith returned.

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Consultg: Architect to Govt

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No. 5089C d/17-12-88
P.W.C. No. 12563 (G.O.)
No. 4905C d/6-12-88
" 1375W " 9-5-88
" 1054W " 7-4-88
" 2177W " 31-8-86

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P. W. DEPARTMENT.

Current No. 12887

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From

The Secretary
Board of Revenue
(Land Revenue)

Enclos.— 9

No. 312
Dated 13th Dec. 1888
Received 15 — do —

SUBJECT.

Requesting for reference letter from the Collector of Tinnevelly d/ 1st May 1887 No. 246 and its two enclosures transferred to the P. W. D. by G.O. d/ 21-3-88 No. 1900 R. D.

DISPOSAL.

No. 5205C Dated 21st Dec. 1888

All the enclosures received with Rev. G.O. No. 1900 d/21-3-88 are forwarded herewith.

(Sd) W. L. C. Baddeley
Capt. R. E.
Under Secy. to Govt. P.W.D.

To.
The Secy. Bd. of Rev.
(Land Revenue)

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No. 256 D d/5 Jany/89

Office Note

To

The Secy: to Govt:
Revenue Dept:

The undersigned has the honor to request the favor of an early reply to this office reference No. 4905 C d/ 6th December /88, regarding the Construction of an office for the Sub Collector at Tuticorin.

Sgd. R.K.E. D.B.
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5205. C d/ 21-12-88
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1375 W d/ 9-5-88
1054 W d/ 7-4-88
2177 W d/ 31-8-86

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D.W. (Land Revenue)

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Nº 4905 C d/ 6-12-88
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No. 5089 C.

Government of Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,

Chepâk, 17 Decr 1888.

OFFICE NOTE.

From

D.W.

To

C.A.

Your letter Nº 1347 d/6-12-88.

Please return for reference, the enclosures forwarded to you with G.O. Nº 1375 W d/9-5-88

(Sd) W. L. C. B.
17-12-88
D.W.

D 17/12

P.W.C 12887

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P. W. DEPARTMENT.

Current No. 12399

From

The Supdg. Engineer
VI circle

ENCLOS.—

No. 832 T.N.
Dated 1st Dec. 1888
Received 3d — Do —

SUBJECT.

Informing that a design for the office of the Sub Collector at Tuticorin was prepared by the C. A. to Govt. & sent to the Collector on the 30th August 1888 for approval, but it is now proposal ~~for~~ to be abandoned for the present

DISPOSAL.

No. [illegible]85 C Dated 6th Dec. 188

Referred to the Revenue Dept, with adverteuce to G.O. in that Dept. No 1900 dated 21st March 1888, for orders whether the proposal to construct a new office for the

Sub Collector at Tuticorin
may be held in abeyance
for the present.

(Sd) H. R. Mead Col. R.E.
Secy. to Govt P.W.D.

(Sd) W. L. C. B
3-12-88
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P.W. Department
Proceedings of the Madras Govt.
Read the follg:

6th July 1889, No. 566, Revenue.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Read—again G.O., dated 21st March 1888, Mis. No. 1900, Revenue.

Abstract.—Approving the proposal to pull down the travellers' bungalow at Tuticorin and to erect an office for the Sub-Collector on its site at an estimated cost of Rs. 18,400.

Read—again G.O., dated 14th April 1888, Mis. No. 2243, Revenue.

Abstract.—Communicating to the Commissioners of Land Revenue, Proceedings of the Public Works Department directing the Superintending Engineer, VI Circle, to submit estimates for the erection of an office for the Sub-Collector at Tuticorin.

Read—again G.O., dated 18th May 1888, Mis. No. 2974, Revenue.

Abstract.—Communicating to the Commissioners of Land Revenue, Proceedings of the Public Works Department directing the Consulting Architect to prepare a design for a new office at Tuticorin for the Sub-Collector.

Read—again the following G.O., dated 18th December 1888, Mis. No. 7564, Revenue:—

Read—the following letter from W. HUGHES, Esq., Executive Engineer in Charge, VI Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Trichinopoly, 1st December 1888, No. 832 T.N.:—

With reference to G.O., No. 1054 W., dated 7th April 1888, calling for an estimate for constructing an office for the Sub-Collector at Tuticorin, I have the honor to inform you that a design for the office was prepared * by the Consulting Architect to Government and sent, through the Executive Engineer, to the Collector on the 30th August 1888 for approval.

2. In his letter † to the Executive Engineer, the Collector has stated as follows:—

"I have the honor to forward, herewith, copies of Sub-Collector's letters, No. 547, dated 23rd September 1888, and No. 621, dated 6th current, and to inform you that I quite agree with the Sub-Collector in thinking that the construction of a new office is unnecessary for the reasons stated therein.

"2. From the former of these you will see that he does not much approve of the plan, and I believe considers it rather unsuitable. In the second letter written in answer to one from myself, he states that there is no special necessity for a new office.

"3. I have personally inspected the place, and I agree with the Sub-Collector. The present office is 760 square feet larger than the proposed new office, and the rental Rs. 600 per annum, out of which the landlord finds repairs and municipal taxes. This is far less than even 4 per cent. on the amount (Rs. 18,400) of the new estimate, in addition to which the cost of repairs and municipal taxes would fall on Government.

"4. Under these circumstances, I consider that the proposal to build a new office should be abandoned till it is really required."

3. I think that the proposal may be abandoned for the present. I have also communicated this to the Consulting Architect to Government, and returned his design on the 30th November 1888.

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* *Vide* G.O., No. 1375 W., dated 9th May 1888.

† No. 340, dated 23rd November 1888.

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Endorsement No. 4905 C.

Referred to the Revenue Department with advertence to G.O., in that Department, No. 1900, dated 21st March 1888, for orders whether the proposal to construct a new office for the Sub-Collector at Tuticorin may be held in abeyance for the present.

6th December 1888.
(Signed) H. R. MEAD, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

Order—dated 18th December 1888, Mis. No. 7564, Revenue.

Referred to the Board of Revenue for remarks.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Commissioners of Land Revenue,
with papers in original, to be returned.

Read—also the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), dated 20th June 1889, Mis. No. 3638:—

The Hon. J. Grose, M.A., C.S.

Read—the following letter from F. A. NICHOLSON, Esq., Acting Collector of Tinnevelly, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue, dated 23rd November 1888, No. 706.

With reference to Board's Proceedings, Mis. Nos. 2222, 2832 and 3539, dated 6th April, 5th May and 9th June 1888, respectively, regarding the construction of a new office for the Sub-Collector at Tuticorin, I have the honor to forward, herewith, copy of my letter, No. 340, dated to-day, to the Executive Engineer, with copies of the Sub-Collector's letters, No. 547, dated 23rd September 1888, and No. 621, dated 6th current. I do not think there is any need for a new and costly office which is not more convenient and is less spacious than the present rented building.

Enclosures.

From W. C. HOLMES, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector of Tinnevelly, to the Collector of Tinnevelly, dated 23rd September 1888, No. 547.

In returning the Consulting Architect's letter, No. 775, dated 22nd August 1888, to the Superintending Engineer, and its enclosures, forwarded in original with your footnote No. 2191, dated 6th September 1888, I have the honor to make the following remarks.

2. With regard to the sufficiency of accommodation, I beg to say that I had my present office measured and I find that the floor area upstairs and downstairs including verandahs is about 6,000 square feet. The floor area of the proposed new building including verandahs is 2,608 square feet downstairs and 2,632 square feet upstairs, total 5,240 square feet. The accommodation is less than the accommodation in my present office, but may be made to answer.

3. The Magistrate's private room would, I think, as at present placed, intercept the breeze from the sea. I think it might be to the south of the court and I think it will be convenient if a door opened into it close to the dais.

4. I fear the two clerks' rooms at the back—one downstairs and one upstairs—being unprotected by verandahs from the afternoon sun would be hot.

5. It would be more convenient, I think, if the main entrance and the stairs were in the front (east) verandah.

6. There is no necessity for there being separate rooms for the Sheristadar and the clerks. One large one will do. But there is no objection to there being two if it would be more convenient to design the building so.

7. Although the point is doubtful I think on the whole the building should be flush with the streets to the east and north of it. If not, there will be very little room at the back. In front there is the sea, and to the north of the site there is open ground.

8. The dimensions of the proposed court (40′ × 20′) considerably exceed the dimensions of the present court (33′ 6″ × 17′ 6″). The present court is, I think, large enough. Good high rooms would be a great advantage, especially as the rooms upstairs with a terraced roof over head would, unless left, be hot. If necessary, sufficient height might be obtained by reducing the area.

9. You are aware that it is proposed to build an office for the Assistant Superintendent of Police in Tuticorin. No better site could be selected than the one on which the old travellers' bungalow now stands and it would be convenient and economical if both the Assistant Superintendent's and the Sub-Collector's offices were in the same building.

From W. C. HOLMES, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector of Tinnevelly, to the Collector of Tinnevelly, dated 6th November 1888, No. 621.

With reference to your letter No. 2583, dated 24th ultimo, I have the honor to state that I inspected the site therein referred to, said to belong to Mr. Roche Victoria, but actually, I understand, belonging to V. M. (வீ. ம.) Veerapatti Mahomed Kanni Rowthan. It measures about 6 acres and is situated immediately at the back of the Sub-Collector's bungalow compound. In my opinion the site is not suitable, being too far from the business part of the town. In my opinion no better site could be had for new public offices than the site of the old travellers' bungalow. The advantage and convenience both to officials and the public of this office being close to the Sub-Magistrate's office, the Police station, the Sea Custom office, the Port office, Post office, Bank and various Mercantile offices more than compensate for the noise which one soon gets accustomed.

2. As to your first question, I beg to say that, in my opinion, there is no special necessity for a new office for the Sub-Collector. The present building is convenient. The rent is Rs. 600 a year, the landlord keeping the building in repair and paying the municipal taxes. A lease might be obtained; but the present arrangement has worked well for the last 15 years, and I would not propose to alter it. Enclosures returned.

From F. A. NICHOLSON, Esq., Acting Collector of Tinnevelly, to the Executive Engineer, Tinnevelly, dated 23rd November 1888, No. 340.

With reference to your note (herewith returned with enclosures), No. 2126, dated 30th August 1888, on Superintending Engineer's foot-note to your No. 542 T.N., dated 27th idem, to letter No. 775, dated 22nd idem, from the Consulting Architect to the Government of Madras, regarding the construction of a new office for the Sub-Collector at Tuticorin, I have the honor to forward, herewith, copies of Sub-Collector's letters No. 547, dated 23rd September 1888, and No. 621, dated 6th current, and to inform you that I quite agree with the Sub-Collector in thinking that the construction of a new office is unnecessary for the reasons stated therein.

2. From the former of these you will see that he does not much approve of the plan—and I believe considers it rather unsuitable. In the second letter written in answer to one from myself, he states that there is no special necessity for a new office.

3. I have personally inspected the place and I agree with the Sub-Collector. The present office is 760 square feet larger than the proposed new office and the rental Rs. 600 per annum, out of which the landlord finds repairs and municipal taxes. This is far less than even 4 per cent. on the amount (Rs. 18,400) of the new estimate, in addition to which the cost of repairs and municipal taxes would fall on Government.

4. Under these circumstances, I consider that the proposal to build a new office should be abandoned till it is really required.

Reference thereon, dated 23rd January 1889.

Before expressing their opinion, the Board would like to have the Collector's opinion on the present Sub-Collector's office building. Mr. Lee Warner considered it "a wretched building" in 1885 (G.O., dated 8th April 1885, No. 1 M., Financial). If the present Collector considers that building suitable for the purpose for which it is used, it would certainly not be worth while to spend money on constructing a building which, it is shown, would not contain suitable accommodation sufficient for the Sub-Collector and his office.

Read—the following letter from J. THOMSON, Esq., Acting Collector of Tinnevelly, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue, dated 31st May 1889, No. 382 :—

Regarding the reference on General Register No. 3945 of 1888, dated 23rd January last, and reminder of 23rd May current, No. 1720, Routine, having reference to the Sub-Collector's present office building at Tuticorin and the proposal to provide a new one, I have the honor to submit the following observations.

2. The building now occupied is in the front line of the beach buildings and is close to the Port, Post, Sea Customs and Sub-Magistrate's offices, the District Munsif's Court and the Bank of Madras. It consists of a ground-floor and upstairs; the ground-floor of three rooms and back and front verandahs is occupied by the clerks and record; the Court and Taluk Board rooms are upstairs open to the sea breeze. The ground-floor is damp and not well lighted. There are two godowns, one of which is used for book-binding, and a privy as out-buildings. Mr. Grose has been over the building with me. The ground-floor could be improved by repairs with cement, and possibly more light could be admitted; and the out-houses require repairs. I have asked the landlord, Mr. Pereira, to see me as to these and as to the grant of a three-years' lease with two-years' notice and have waited for him for two months, but he has not come forward. The present rent is Rs. 50 a month, which is fair; the landlord is supposed to repair, and he pays municipal taxes. I wished to obtain a lease with long notice because if we are warned out without that, there may be considerable difficulty in providing ourselves with another building, and it may be necessary to build for ourselves.

3. Properly repaired and well kept up the present office is not at all unsuitable. Its floor area upstairs and down including verandahs is about 6,000 square feet and the accommodation is sufficient for the establishment.

4. Mr. Holmes considers the presently occupied building convenient and that there is no special necessity for a new office. The present arrangement has existed for fifteen years; he does not propose to alter it. The repairs that I would stipulate for are not such as should materially, if at all, increase the rent.

5. The site in view for the new office which it has been proposed to build would be equally handy with the present, but if a new building is taken in hand I would certainly endeavour to obtain a site on the north end of the town near the Sub-Collector's house. The length from end to end of the town may be one mile. Mr. Holmes does not object to bustle and noise around him; most others, myself among them, would. The distance of the Sub-Collector's house from the centre of the town is not so great as that the public should regard it as any hardship to have the office near it.

6. If it is decided to go on with the building, of which the plans have been prepared, there are certain points therein to which the Sub-Collector has taken exception as per his letter No. 547, of 23rd September 1888, copy already forwarded.

7. I shall report further what arrangements I can come to with the landlord, if I come to any.

Read—G.O., dated 18th December 1888, Mis. No. 7564, Revenue.

Resolution—dated 20th June 1889, Mis. No. 3638.

The Collector's letters read above will be submitted to Government with reference to G.O., dated 18th December 1888, No. 7564.

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2. Under the circumstances reported by the present Collector and Sub-Collector, the Board consider that the proposal to build a new office for the latter officer may be abandoned for the present.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) M. HAMMICK,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, with two enclosures in G.R. No. 2728 of 1888 returned, and with G.R. No. 3945 of 1888 and its three enclosures and G.R. No. 1752 of 1889, in original, to be returned.

Copy to the Collector of Tinnevelly.

Order—dated 6th July 1889, No. 566, Revenue.

Miscellaneous.

The Government agrees with the Board.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Commissioners of Land Revenue, with five enclosures, returned.

Copy to the Public Works Department.
" " Judicial Department.

Exd. P. L. Pereira.

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