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South Arcot.

Ref. on No. 859
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Collector's Office

Cuddalore

17th November 1891

From

M. Hamrick Esquire

Ag. Collector of South Arcot.

To

The Secretary to the ^{603/1}
Commissioners of

Land Revenue.

Madras.

Sir

With reference to Board's Pro-
ceedings dated 15th July 1891 No. 420 I hope
the Board will not think me unduly
importunate if I venture again to ask
it to reconsider the question of the provision
of better accommodation for the Collector
and his office in this District.

2. I enclose again the plan of the
existing office from which the Board
will see that at present, the Collector
has been given a room and an anti-room,
the Treasury has been rebuilt, and the
room for the Treasurer and his clerks
is

is now undertaken.

3. I first would draw the Board's attention to the rate at which the new office accommodation is being provided. It was in Board's Proceedings read in G.O. 26 January 1883 N^o. 294 Public Works, that the scheme under which the new buildings are being provided was first decided upon. That is nearly 7 years ago. Since then in nine years, dealing with an office which the Collector in 1873 described as a "Kennel", progress has so far been made that we have got a Collector's office room and a Treasury.

The Deputy Collector, the Assistant Collector, the Sheristadar, the Treasurer, and all the clerks belonging to these departments, have still to work in rooms of which Mr. Salt's

own description was hardly exaggerated. In the hot weather they are almost unbearable, and in the rain, the damp

is so great that the records and maps and stationary must suffer untold damage. At the present rate of progress the whole office may perhaps be housed decently at the close of the year 1910! I would ask the Board if nothing else can be done, at all events to attempt to get the work of restoration carried out at a more rapid rate than is the case at present. . 60³/₂

4. The Board seems to have made up its mind that the existing design or rather want of design is to be followed in future and I hardly like to say more against it. But I venture to make the following remarks on the subject.

5. The origin of the building seems to have been a design of the Consulting Architect; but as far as I understand the matter, his design appears to have gone no further than the Collector's room, and the other rooms seem to be executed as each Executive Engineer pleases that officer being only bound to follow out the general design. Moreover I cannot call

Call the Collector's room a success.

6. There is no compound to the Collector's office the ground just outside the Collector's room is the play ground of the place and as the spot where parties from the District Court apparently like to meet and discuss their cases. The verandah is a narrow one, and the result is a constant buzz of noise during all the office hours which renders any work difficult. I have moreover no hesitation in saying that the design is ridiculous. A huge portico has been erected in front under which no body ever drives for the very good reason that the entrance leads not into the Collector's office room but into his retiring room! It is the order of Government that Collectors should do their work

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in their public offices but it is most inconvenient to do so here. The distraction of the outside noise added to now by the work of restoration which is going on and the fact that you are looked at all day by the petitioners and suitors who wait for business make it almost impossible to get through a proper day's work in the room. I have been compelled in consequence since the Department of Public Works has begun building, to make my office hours in the building as short as possible.

7. I venture also to point out that the result from an architectural point of view of the present method of rebuilding the office will be the erection of a long low line of building, which will be extremely ugly and very inconvenient. The records will be
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at a great distance away, the District Forest Office, when one is built (though how it is to be contained in the new buildings I don't understand) must also be a long way off and no provision will be made for the Police Superintendent's office for which I am now finding a site in another quarter of the Town.

8. As regards the two latter offices especially that of the Forest Office, I venture to lay stress on the importance of their being near the Office of the Collector and District Magistrate. I am or should be in daily communication with Forest Officer whose work every day brings him more and more in contact with the Revenue authorities, and having his office at a distance is most inconvenient. A new

new office is to be built for the Police Superintendent and I consider it would certainly be best if possible to arrange that his office shall form part of the Collector's Office buildings. As regards the Forest Office we now pay Rs 50 a month as rent, for a house at a most inconvenient distance from my office and according to the present rate of progress, it will be years before any office accommodation will be found for him in my buildings.

9. With an Assistant Collector at head quarters I have found it very inconvenient as when I go to office he can only use my retiring room as his office. He requires proper accommodation.

10. As regards cost, I venture to say that the ultimate cost of repairing the office in the way now sanctioned

sanctioned will be considerable. When the works now in hand are complete (Rs 8500 + Rs 5300 + Rs 7000) or Rs 20800 will have been spent and all that is provided is a room for the Collector and Treasury and rooms for the Treasury office. At this rate probably some two lakhs or more will be spent before the building is finished and as I have shown above the accommodation will then be insufficient and inconvenient.

11. I hope I have shown the Board that matter should be pushed on at a speedier rate than is at present the case and that if possible an improvement should be made in the design of the new buildings. The main thing I would ask for at present is

is the provision of an upstairs room for the Collector's use, and the provision of a proper office for the District Forest Officer. I also consider that the Sheristadar should at an early date be given a separate room. His present room is ridiculously small and most inconvenient. I also consider that it is high time that the records should be given proper accommodation. We have a large number of maps which should be placed with the other records and not as is the case at present in separate small and inconvenient rooms. A new Sub-Registry office will be required soon and that might be also provided for. New Taluk offices have been provided in almost every Taluk. A new Munsiff's Court has been

been built in Chidambaram and one
is to be built in Tirukoilur, while the Dis-
trict Court is a fine building and an
ornament to the Town. The Collector's office
remains an eye sore to the place and a
most inconvenient building for admini-
strative purposes. I venture to hope that
the Board will agree with me that this
state of things should not be allowed
to continue longer than is necessary.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant.

(Signed) P. Krishna Rao

for Ag. Collector.

(True copy)

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Ag. Asst. Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following Proceedings

of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue)
dated 22nd January 1892 No. 501. In the
following letter from Mr. Haumich Eggen
Acting Collector of South Arcot dated 17
December 1891 Ref. No. 859
B.L.

I have the honor to request
that the Board will be pleased to have
the enclosed letter substituted for the one
of the same number and date despatched
on the 26th ultimo.

Resolution

Submitted for the orders of
Government in continuation of Board's
Proceedings dated 15th July 1891 No. 420
disposed of in Government Order dated
18 August 1891 No. 4536 Revenue.

In the present letter, the Collec-
tor requests (1) that the question of
providing better accommodation for
himself and his office may be recon-
sidered; (2) if the above proposal does
not meet with approval that at least
the work of restoration sanctioned in
Government Order dated 23rd January 1886

No 285 may be carried out at a speedier rate than has been the case at present and (3) that accommodation be provided for the following officers:-

- (a) A proper office for the District Forest Officer.
- (b) A separate room for the Sheristadar.
- (c) A new office for the Police Superintendent.
- (d) Proper accommodation for the records.
- (e) A new Sub-Registry office.
- (f) Proper accommodation for the Assistant Collector.

3. As regards the Collector's first request, the Board observes that its Proceedings dated 22nd January 1883 No 576 were formulated by the Hon. Mr. Garstin who knew the buildings well and that Government accepted the recommendations then made in Government Order dated 28th January 1883 No 285. The Board therefore considers that it is useless now to reopen the question of constructing an entirely new building. In paragraph 11 of his letter, the Collector brings forward certain objections and asks for an upstairs room for himself. The Board thinks that the objections are not of much weight, and it also considers that his new room which is 30' by 18' and which is open on two sides, is ample for all reasonable requirements.

4. With regard to his second request, the Board observes that there has been considerable delay in carrying out the work promised and requests that orders may issue for their early execution. It is to be regretted that the additions and improvements already carried out have been made at intervals and apparently according to the fancy of successive engineers whose forte is not architecture. The Board would accordingly request Government to send down the present Consulting Architect to Cuddalore to design what is still wanted after consultation with the Collector and to make if possible a fairly commodious suite of offices, out of the present buildings.

5. In regard to the third request, it is observed that the Board's original proposal submitted in its Proceedings dated 22nd January 1883 No 576 makes for provision for items (a) (b) (c) (d) so that the only additional accommodation now needed is an office for the Superintendent of Police and an enlarged room for the Nazim Sheristadar. The Board requests that in the new design, suitable provision may be made for accommodating these officers also.

Order Bureau: 11 February 1892 No 857

The Board's suggestion that the Consulting Architect to Government should be deputed to Cuddalore to prepare a design for the accommodation required is approved. Orders will issue in the Public Works Department ~ directing the Consulting Architect to proceed to Cuddalore after the expiry of an official year and to submit after consultation with the Collector plans for all the offices which that officer considers necessary. In preparing the design provision should be made for an upstairs room for the Collector who has no privacy without it.

(True Extract)

Secretary to Govt.

To the Comr. of Land Rev.
with the Collr's letter & plan returned

P. W. Dept.
(with copy of the Collr's letter ~~returned~~ plan)

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Gobt. of 1892 Madras.
REVENUE.

To

The Public Works Dept.

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No. 503 Wajij Feb'y 92

Communicated to
the Consulting Architect
for information and
guidance.

Dated

Recd. 11-2-92

Encl.

Mis. G.O., 11 Feb'y 1892, No. 857

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15-2-92

SUBJECT.

Approving the Board's suggestion
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by the Collector after the expiry
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