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Read the following papers:—

No. 85. *From D. A. J. CROMBIE, Esq., Secretary and Treasurer, Bank of Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government; dated 17th September* 1890.

I have the honour to inform you that the Directors of this Bank are desirous, with your permission, to re-open the subject of a site for new premises, and have accordingly instructed me to explain the reasons which induce them at this time to ask for the further orders of Government.

The correspondence in this matter (copy herewith) closed with the Proceedings of Government, dated 15th March 1879, granting the Abercrombie site for the erection of the Post and Telegraph offices. The portion of this site previously offered to, and accepted by, the Bank was reluctantly surrendered by my Directors on the urgent representations of the Chamber of Commerce through Government, and for the public benefit, in order that the Post and Telegraph offices might be erected there instead of in the neighbourhood of the Central Railway Station. Had the Bank declined to surrender its lien on the site, the alternative would have been the location of the Post and Telegraph offices in a position which, for its inconvenience and other solid reasons furnished to Government, was strongly deprecated by the whole commercial community.

The matter of new premises was not so urgent at that time as to induce the Directors to ask Government for a suitable site, but it is found now that the present premises are too limited both for the general business of the Bank and the transaction of Government work in the Government Account Department, Public Debt Office, and Savings Bank.

The insufficiency of the present accommodation has arisen owing to the increase of the Bank's business, following on the expansion of the trade of the presidency, and the increase of work done for Government. The desire for new premises has found expression in a resolution at the annual general meeting of shareholders held on the 4th ultimo, authorising the Board to take the necessary steps for acquiring a site.

I am to express the hope that Government is still disposed to sell a site to the Bank, and the Directors take the liberty of suggesting the site occupied by the Commissariat granary on the beach as being central and well suited for the requirements of the Bank, while a handsome structure thereon such as the Board have in contemplation would improve the front face of the city.

The Directors are informed that there are sites elsewhere suitable for the requirements of the Commissariat Department.

R. No. 689-A, Financial.

Transferred to the Military Department, with notes by Members of Government.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
1st December 1890.

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

To the Military Department, with C. No. 1620,
and Honorable Members' notes in original.

No. 7385.

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

(By Order.)

FORT ST. GEORGE, (Signed) H. R. SHELLEY, Colonel,
4th December 1890. for *Secretary to Government.*

To the Quarter Master General.

No. 86. *From Colonel E. H. EYRE, Offg. Quarter Master General, Madras Army, to Brigdr.-Genl. A. KENNEY-HERBERT, Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Madras, 24th December* 1890, *No. 28-T (Sites).*

In returning the accompanying enclosures received under your reference order No. 7385 of the 4th instant, I am desired by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief to state that he considers it would be advisable to dispose of the Commissariat granary and the site occupied by it on the 1st Line of Beach to the Madras Bank for building purposes, provided always that a suitable site for the erection of a new granary and such other accommodation as is afforded by the present building for the Commissariat Department is obtainable, and also that no part of the cost of building the same shall be debitable against the military budget.

2. The Commissariat granary being a military building in charge of the Military Works Department, it would appear necessary that, before it can be disposed of, the sanction of the Government of India to its sale should be obtained, and for the same reason His Excellency considers that, when the Government decide to value the present granary and its site, an officer of the Military Works Department should be in attendance, for which purpose His Excellency will be prepared to name an Executive Engineer, Military Works Department, Madras Command, at any time that the Government may fix for the valuation to be made.

No. 87. *From D. A. J. CROMBIE, Esq., Secretary and Treasurer, Bank of Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government; dated 15th January* 1891, *No.* 13.

I have the honour to invite your attention to my letter, dated 17th September 1890, on the subject of a site for new Bank premises, and shall feel obliged by a reply at as early a date as may be convenient.

2. Should further delay be anticipated before a reply can be given to the Bank, my Directors desire me to ask you to be so good as to state the probable date when they may expect a communication from you upon this subject.

No. 87-C, Financial.

Transferred to the Military Department in continuation of G.O., dated 1st December 1890, R. No. 689-A.

20th January 1891. (Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

No. 88. No. 494.

The Secretary to Government, Military Department, has the honour to inform the Secretary and Treasurer, Bank of Madras, with reference to his letter, No. 13, dated 15th January 1891, that the papers on the subject of a site for new Bank premises are now in circulation, and that a reply will be forwarded in a few days.

(By Order.)

FORT ST. GEORGE, (Signed) A. KENNEY-HERBERT, Brigdr.-Genl.,
23rd January 1891. *Secretary to Government.*

To the Secretary and Treasurer, Bank of Madras.

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No. 89. No. 669.

Before passing final orders in regard to the proposal of the Directors of the Bank of Madras to purchase the present Commissariat granary and the site on which it stands, His Excellency the Governor in Council is of opinion that the Consulting Architect to Government should be called upon to value the buildings and site in question, in company with an officer of the Military Works Department, to be nominated by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, and a representative of the Bank, whom the Directors should be asked to appoint, a report being submitted as to whether accommodation equal to that which it is proposed to purchase from Government could be built for the valuation arrived at.

2. It must be distinctly understood that no part of the cost of erecting the new Commissariat godowns, which Colonel Gunning suggests should be built on the beach south of the southern arm of the Harbour, can be borne by the military budget.

3. The valuation should be effected at as early a date as possible.

(By Order.)

FORT ST. GEORGE, (Signed) A. KENNEY-HERBERT, Brigdr.-Genl.,
2nd February 1891. *Secretary to Government.*

To the Secretary and Treasurer, Bank of Madras.
" Quarter Master General.
" Commissary-General.
" Public Works Department.

No. 90. *From Colonel J. C. GUNNING, Commissary-General, to Brigadier-General A. KENNEY-HERBERT, Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Madras, 10th February* 1891, *No.* 8702.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Proceedings of Government, No. 669, dated 2nd February 1891, regarding the purchase by the Bank of Madras of the site on the north beach now occupied by the building known as the Commissariat granary.

2. In Order of Government, Financial Department, No. 610, dated 27th October 1871, I find that "the Government have given much consideration to the disposal of the building sites belonging to the State on the north beach at Madras and have come to the conclusion that the Government granaries must be retained on their present site."

3. What led to this conclusion I am not aware; but, as I have already informed His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief and the Honorable Mr. Garstin verbally, I see no objection to the site in question being made over to the Madras Bank on the distinct understanding that the Directors provide sufficient funds for the erection of suitable Commissariat godowns on a spot I have already pointed out on the beach south of the southern arm of the Harbour and adjoining the stables of the General Post Office.

4. In para. 2 of the Order of Government, Military Department, now under acknowledgment, it is very justly ruled that no part of the cost of erecting the new Commissariat buildings can be borne by the military budget, as the old buildings are to be vacated solely for the convenience of the Bank, and therefore the officers appointed to value them should be instructed to consider not only their intrinsic value but also the necessity of providing sufficient funds for building the new godown.

5. I would add that the granary cannot be vacated until new godowns are actually built and handed over to this department for occupation.

No. 91. No. 1198.

Copy furnished to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, the Secretary and Treasurer, Bank of Madras, and the Consulting Architect to Government, with reference to Proceedings of Government, No. 669, dated 2nd February 1891.

2. The officers deputed to value the Commissariat granaries should take into consideration not only the intrinsic value of the buildings but also the necessity for providing sufficient funds for the erection of the new godowns.

(By Order.)

FORT ST. GEORGE, *24th February* 1891. (Signed) A. KENNEY-HERBERT, Brigdr.-Genl., *Secretary to Government.*

To the Quarter Master General.
" Commissary-General.
" Consulting Architect to Government, through Public Works Department.
" Secretary and Treasurer, Bank of Madras.

No. 92. *From D. A. J. CROMBIE, Esq., Secretary and Treasurer, Bank of Madras, to Brigdr.-Genl. A. KENNEY-HERBERT, Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Madras, 14th February* 1891, *No.* 31.

I have the honour, by desire of my Directors, to acknowledge the receipt of Proceedings of Government, Military Department, No. 669, dated 2nd instant, and to inform you that they have chosen Mr. R. E. Ellis of the Municipal Commission, to represent them at the valuation of the Commissariat granary, and site on which it stands.

2. I have received a communication from the Executive Engineer, Madras Division, Military Works, No. 818, dated 13th instant, and have informed him that Mr. Ellis will represent the Bank.

No. 1286.

Forwarded for the information of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, with reference to Proceedings of Government, No. 669, dated 2nd February 1891.

(By Order.)

FORT ST. GEORGE, *3rd March* 1891. (Signed) A. KENNEY-HERBERT, Brigdr.-Genl., *Secretary to Government.*

To the Quarter Master General.
" Commissary-General.
" Consulting Architect to Government, through Public Works Department.

No. 93. *From H. IRWIN, Esq., C.I.E., Consulting Architect to Government, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department; dated Chepâk, 13th March* 1891, *No.* 3770.

With reference to G.O., No. 375 W., dated the 10th February 1891, I have the honour to enclose a report on the valuation of the Government granary. The plan and estimate for the new granary will follow.

Report on valuation of Government granary.

The value of the present buildings has been arrived at by calculation of the quantities at rates at which it could be now erected, including establishment and tools and plant charges allowing 24½ per cent.

	Rs.
This amounts	58,406
Less for depreciation, 14 per cent.	8,176
	50,230
The value of the site as given by the Collector is	52,955
Total value ...	1,03,185

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To build a new granary on the beach site selected by Colonel Gunning would be of course Rs. 58,406 in addition to the cost of extra foundations which would have to be at least 4 feet deeper on the average, practically doubling the cost of foundations = 7,096, making total cost, Rs. 65,502. The idea of erecting a precisely similar building to the granary would not be entertained, as it is constructed of inferior materials which would in a short time involve considerable outlay in repairs, and it is to be presumed that, if a new granary is to be erected, a suitable plan and proper construction would be adopted.

An estimate has therefore been prepared for such a building, a sketch plan and an estimate of which is herewith submitted.

	Rs.
The cost amounts to (including the usual charges for tools and plant and establishment)	77,470

So that the cost of erecting a new building, either first precisely the same as the present one or second of more suitable description, would be within the valuation of the present granary and site.

This does not take into consideration the value of the new site, as the orders in latter part of para. 1 of G.O. under reply makes no mention of the value of the new site. If, however, the value of a piece of ground of same dimensions on the site mentioned by Colonel Gunning referred to in para. 2 is taken into account, the cost would be greater, as the intrinsic value of the two sites is in our opinion equal.

	Rs.
The cost would be in first case, 65,502 + 52,955	= 1,18,457
And in the second case, 77,470 + 52,955	= 1,30,425

(Signed) H. IRWIN, C.I.E., *Consulting Architect.*
(") H. MULLALY, Capt., R.E., *Executive Engineer, M.W.*
(") R. E. ELLIS, A.M.I.C.E.

MADRAS, *13th March* 1891.

No. 1460-C.

Transferred to the Military Department with reference to the Order in that Department, No. 669, dated 2nd February 1891.

(Signed) J. PENNYCUICK, Col., R.E., *Secretary to Government, P.W.D.*

14th March 1891.

No. 94. *From H. IRWIN, Esq., C.I.E., Consulting Architect to Government, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department; dated Chepâk, 14th March* 1891, *No.* 3793.

In continuation of this office letter No. 3770, dated the 13th instant, I have the honour to submit a sketch plan and estimate, amounting to Rs. 77,470, for constructing a new granary on the beach south of the southern arm of the Harbour. The position of the building is indicated on the site plan.

REPORT and Specification to accompany the plan and estimate for constructing new granary on the Beach, Madras.

Amount of Estimate, Rs. 77,470.

Reference.—G.O., No. 375-W, dated 10th February 1891.

Report.

The granary proposed and estimated for is shown in plan and consists of sheds as per plan and section with walls of country bricks in chunam and roofs of Mangalore tiles on teak framing and supported on iron trusses 8 feet apart, with one door or window between each pair of trusses.

The filling to average six feet above ground level and flooring to be granite stone on 6 inches of brick jelly and line concrete walls plastered inside and out with ½ inch Portland cement.

The cost of one span 8 feet of such a shed has been taken out in detail, including all items (verandah excluded), and the cost per foot run of shed thus obtained and found to be Rs. 64 at schedule rates.

The cost of 12 feet verandah including posts, granite flooring, roofing with Mangalore tiles, &c., as above, has similarly been found to be Rs. 12 per foot run at schedule rates.

The highest floor level of the sheds is the same as the level of the Railway rails opposite the site and the level of the yard one foot lower than this.

The bottom of the foundations are on the same level throughout and taken to a depth of 2½ feet below the lowest ground level and 4½ feet below the highest ground level, the average depth of foundation being 3 feet below ground level.

If the level of the rails running between the beach road and the site be assumed + 20, the level of the bottom of the foundation is + 10.

The area of roofed and walled godowns is 24,516 square feet against 24,629 square feet in the existing granary and the area of open verandah provided is 4,908 square feet against an area of 4,787 square feet in the existing granary.

(Signed) H. IRWIN, C.I.E.,
Consulting Architect.

(„) W. M. ELLIS, Captain, R.E.,
Assistant Engineer.

No. 1597-C.

Transferred to the Military Department in continuation of the Consulting Architect's report and valuation estimate forwarded with endorsement of this Department, No. 1460-C, dated 14th March 1891.

20*th March* 1891. (Signed) J. PENNYCUICK, Col., R.E.,
Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

No. 1794.

Forwarded to the Commissary-General for favour of any remarks he may desire to offer.

2. It is requested that the reply may be forwarded through Army Head-Quarters (Quarter Master General's Department).

(By Order.)

FORT ST. GEORGE
24*th March* 1891. (Signed) A. KENNEY-HERBERT, Brigdr.-Genl.,
Secretary to Government.

No. 95. *From D. A. J. CROMBIE, Esq., Secretary and Treasurer, Bank of Madras, to Brigdr.-Genl. A. KENNEY-HERBERT, Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Madras, 24th March* 1891, *No.* 46.

With reference to the report on the valuation of the Government granary, a copy of which has been sent to the Bank by Mr. R. E. Ellis, I have the honour, by desire of my Directors, to submit an offer on behalf of the Bank to bear the cost of erecting suitable buildings on the beach on the site selected by the Commissary-General, and to receive in exchange the site and buildings now occupied by the Commissariat known as the Granary.

My Directors will be obliged if you will place this offer before Government and favour them with a reply with as little delay as possible.

No. 96. *From D. A. J. CROMBIE, Esq., Secretary and Treasurer, Bank of Madras, to Brigdr.-Genl. A. KENNEY-HERBERT, Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Madras, 16th July* 1891, *No.* 138.

I have the honour to ask you to favour me with a reply to my letter of 24th March last.

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No. 97. No. 4307.

MEMORANDUM.

In reply to his letter No. 138, dated 16th July 1891, the Secretary and Treasurer of the Bank of Madras is informed that the question of the purchase by the Bank of Madras of the Commissariat Granary buildings on the beach is still under consideration and that, as soon as orders are issued, their purport will be communicated.

(By Order.)

OOTACAMUND,
4th August 1891. (Signed) A. KENNEY-HERBERT, Brigdr.-Genl.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Secretary and Treasurer, Bank of Madras.

No. 98. *From D. A. J. CROMBIE, Esq., Secretary and Treasurer, Bank of Madras, to Brigadier-General H. R. HOPE, Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Madras, 7th December* 1891, *No.* 41-*PL.*

Adverting to your letter No. 4307, dated Ootacamund, 4th August 1891, I have the honour to ask you to favour me with a reply to my communication regarding the Commissariat godowns on the beach.

No. 99. *From Brigadier-General H. R. HOPE, Secretary to Government, Military Department, to the Secretary and Treasurer, Bank of Madras; dated Fort St. George, 15th December* 1891, *No.* 7195.

In reply to your letter No. 41-PL, dated 7th December 1891, I am directed to inform you that the sale of the present Commissariat granary to the Bank of Madras is dependent on the decision of the Government of India on the question of the transfer of the Commissary-General's office to Bangalore.

No. 100. *From D. A. J. CROMBIE, Esq., Secretary and Treasurer, Bank of Madras, to Brigadier-General H. R. HOPE, Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Madras, 6th May* 1892, *No.* 677.

With reference to this Bank's letter to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, of 17th September 1890, Proceedings of your Department, No. 669, of 2nd February 1891, and our reply thereto, of 24th March 1891, I have the honour to inquire how the matter now stands, as the question of new premises is one of considerable urgency.

No. 101. *From J. MATHESON, Esq., Acting Secretary and Treasurer, Bank of Madras, to Brigadier-General H. R. HOPE, Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Madras, 4th October* 1892, *No.* 39-*PL.*

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of a copy of G.O., No. 5873, dated 19th September last.

2. I am desired by my Directors to refer you to my letter of 24th March 1891, in which an offer on behalf of the Bank was made to bear the cost of erecting suitable buildings on the beach on the site selected by the Commissary-General, and to receive in exchange the site and buildings now occupied by the Commissariat known as the Granary.

3. From the report on valuation of the Government granary, dated 13th March 1891, signed by Mr. H. Irwin, Government Architect, Captain Herbert Mullaly, R.E., and Mr. R. E. Ellis, Vice-President of the Madras Municipal Commission, it will be observed that the estimated cost of new godowns to be erected was Rs. 77,470.

No. 102. *Telegram from the Secretary to Government, Military Department, to the Commissary-General, Bangalore; dated Ootacamund, 7th October* 1892, *No.* 6331.

Please return immediately all papers forwarded with my 1794 of 24th March 1891 regarding Commissariat granary.

No. 103. *From Colonel E. A. BRUCE, Commissary-General, to Brigdr.-Gen. H. R. HOPE, Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Madras, 8th October* 1892, *No.* 7980-*C.*

With reference to your telegram No. 6331 of the 7th instant, I have the honour to return herewith the enclosures of your No. 1794 of the 24th March 1891, as specified in the margin.

(1) Letter No. 3770 of the 13th March 1891 from the Consulting Architect to the Government of Madras, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department.
(2) Report on the valuation of Government granary of 13th March 1891.
(3) Endorsement No. 1460-C of 14th March 1891, from the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, to Military Department.
(4) Letter No. 3793 of 14th March 1891, from the Consulting Architect to Government to Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, with 2 plans and estimate (for Rs. 77,470).

No. 104. *From Brigadier-General H. R. HOPE, Secretary to Government, Military Department, to the Secretary and Treasurer, Bank of Madras; dated Ootacamund,* 18*th October* 1892, *No.* 6563.

In reply to your letter No. 39-PL of 4th October 1892, I am directed to inform you that the fact of your letter of 24th March 1891, remaining unreplied to was overlooked, and is regretted.

2. In August 1891, in view of the possibility of constructing docks hereafter on the accretion to the south of the Harbour, the Government forbad the erection of any buildings, except of the most temporary character, on any part of that land. The scheme for erecting new Commissariat godowns on it thus fell through, and on this decision being arrived at, other arrangements were made by which the Commissariat granary and site could be made available for the Bank at the valuation fixed by the Committee held on the 13th March 1891, *i.e.*, Rs. 1,03,185, and being under the impression that the Bank was prepared to take over the Commissariat granary and site on these terms, G.O., No. 5873 of 19th September 1892, was issued.

3. As, however, the Bank was not made aware of the change in arrangements as previously stated, I am now directed to enquire if it will take over the Commissariat granary and site at the valuation fixed by the Committee (Rs. 1,03,185) and approved by the Government of India.

No. 105. *From J. MATHESON, Esq., Acting Secretary and Treasurer, Bank of Madras, to Brigadier-General H. R. HOPE, Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Madras,* 1*st November* 1892, *No.* 48-*PL.*

I have the honour, by desire of my Directors, to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. 6563, dated Ootacamund, 18th October 1892, and to say the matter is under consideration, and that a definite reply will be forwarded as soon as possible.

No. 106. *From D. A. J. CROMBIE, Esq., Secretary and Treasurer, Bank of Madras, to Brigadier-General H. R. HOPE, Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Madras, 6th December* 1892, *No.* 62-*PL.*

In continuation of my letter of 1st November last, No. 48, and with reference to your letter No. 6563, dated 18th October 1892, I have the honour, by desire of my Directors, to submit the following, for consideration of His Excellency the Governor in Council:—

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(1) That the valuation of the Granary buildings on the north beach, viz., Rs. 50,230, has been arrived at by estimating the cost at which they could now be erected.

(2) That the buildings are reported to be "constructed of inferior materials which would in a short time involve considerable outlay in repairs."

Vide report by the valuators, 13th Mar. 1891.

(3) That my Directors, in making an offer to build new godowns which were estimated to cost Rs. 77,470 in lieu of the site and the buildings thereon, took into consideration the above facts, and that the sum of Rs. 77,470 was the maximum amount that was then intended to be offered by the Bank.

Vide Bank's letter, dated 4th October 1892.

(4) That it is not proposed by Government to erect new godowns.

(5) That the buildings are now worth to the Government or the Bank only the value of the "inferior" materials of which they are constructed.

Taking these considerations into account, I am desired by my Directors to propose that the buildings should be revalued under the altered conditions, or that, as was sanctioned in the case of the former site granted to the Bank, the building materials now on the granary site may be reserved and sold on behalf of the Government and that the Bank pay only the value of the site, viz., Rs. 52,955.

Vide G.O., No. 722, dated 29th November 1871.

I am to say, further, that since the Bank applied to the Government of Madras for a new site (over two years ago), it has lost opportunities of disposing of its present premises at a favorable price.

My Directors trust that His Excellency the Governor in Council will be pleased to consider the facts now submitted and grant a favorable reply at as early a date as possible.

No. 107. *From Brigadier-General H. R. HOPE, Secretary to Government, Military Department, to the Secretary and Treasurer, Bank of Madras; dated Fort St. George, 19th December* 1892, *No.* 8107.

Your letter of the 6th December last, No. 62, having been duly submitted to His Excellency the Governor in Council, I am now directed to state in reply, for the information of your Directors, that the Government is not disposed to have the buildings in question re-valued, as it is satisfied with the valuation* recently made and in which the representative of the Bank concurred.

* Rs. 1,03,185.

2. I am further to state that, in consequence of this valuation and the assumption that the Bank would be prepared to give this amount, the Government of India had consented to the transfer of the Commissary-General's office to Bangalore, and that this Government cannot therefore accept an offer which falls short of the sum, viz., Rs. 1,03,185, which has all along formed the basis on which the alterations have been agreed to.

No. 108. *From D. A. J. CROMBIE, Esq., Secretary and Treasurer, Bank of Madras, to Brigadier-General H. R. HOPE, Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Madras, 11th January* 1893, *No.* 3-*PL.*

In reply to your No. 8107 of the 19th ultimo, I have the honour to inform you that my Directors are not disposed to increase their offer for the granary site, viz., Rs. 77,470, as contained in my letter of the 6th ultimo.

2. As pointed out to you in that letter, the valuation of the old granary was arrived at by calculation of the quantities at rates at which a similar building could now be erected and in no way represented the present value of the buildings in question. The old buildings are practically useless for the Bank's purposes, and are worth little more than their value for old materials, so that the above offer represents, as far as the Bank is concerned, the cost of the site for its new buildings.

No. 109. *From Brigadier-General H. R. HOPE, Secretary to Government, Military Department, to the Secretary and Treasurer, Bank of Madras; dated Fort St. George, 24th January 1893, No. 535.*

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 8, dated 11th January 1893, and in reply to say, for the information of your Directors, that the Government of Madras is not prepared to take a less sum than one lakh for the Commissariat granary site and buildings thereon.

2. The Government desires to be informed if this final offer is accepted.

No. 110. *From D. A. J. CROMBIE, Esq., Secretary and Treasurer, Bank of Madras, to Brigadier-General H. R. HOPE, Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Madras, 31st January 1893, No. 14-P.L.*

In reply to your letter, No. 535 of 24th instant, offering the granary site and buildings thereon for one lakh of rupees, I have the honour to inform you that my Directors are not disposed to increase the offer of Rs. 77,470 already made.

No. 111. ORDER THEREON, 12th July 1893, No. 4511.

The sale of the Commissariat Granary and site to the Bank of Madras having fallen through, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council now directs, in supersession of the instructions conveyed in para. 2 of Proceedings of Government, No. 5873, dated 19th September 1892, that the buildings and land be offered for sale by advertisement in the *Fort St. George Gazette*.

2. The Quarter Master General is accordingly requested to place himself in communication with the Commissary-General and the local Revenue authorities in view to the invitation of tenders for the purchase of the property in question, reporting the result to Government for the orders of the Government of India.

3. The draft of advertisement, and of tenders to be submitted, should be drawn up in consultation with the Government Solicitor and submitted for the approval of Government.

4. A copy of these Proceedings will be forwarded for the information of the Government of India.

No. 112. *To the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department; dated 12th July 1893, No. 4512.*

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. R. HOPE, Brigdr.-Genl.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Quarter Master General.
" Commissary-General.
" Revenue Department.
" Public Works Department.
" Government Solicitor.
" Secretary and Treasurer, Bank of Madras.
" Controller of Military Accounts.

Exd. T. K. Narayana Aiyangar.

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To THE QUARTER MASTER GENERAL,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated July, 12th.

Issued

Recd. Encl.

G.O., 12th July 1893, No. 4511.

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Sites.

Commissariat Granary and land at Madras.—Orders passed with reference to the invitation of tenders for the purchase of the —.

No-1984 Wap 31st July 1893

Communicated to the Consulting Architect for information.

(Sd.) J.A.

D. Shelford Architect.

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Read the following papers:—

No. 85. *From D. A. J. CROMBIE, Esq., Secretary and Treasurer, Bank of Mudras, to the Chief Secretary to Government; dated 17th September* 1890.

I have the honour to inform you that the Directors of this Bank are desirous, with your permission, to re-open the subject of a site for new premises, and have accordingly instructed me to explain the reasons which induce them at this time to ask for the further orders of Government.

The correspondence in this matter (copy herewith) closed with the Proceedings of Government, dated 15th March 1879, granting the Abercrombie site for the erection of the Post and Telegraph offices. The portion of this site previously offered to, and accepted by, the Bank was reluctantly surrendered by my Directors on the urgent representations of the Chamber of Commerce through Government, and for the public benefit, in order that the Post and Telegraph offices might be erected there instead of in the neighbourhood of the Central Railway Station. Had the Bank declined to surrender its lien on the site, the alternative would have been the location of the Post and Telegraph offices in a position which, for its inconvenience and other solid reasons furnished to Government, was strongly deprecated by the whole commercial community.

The matter of new premises was not so urgent at that time as to induce the Directors to ask Government for a suitable site, but it is found now that the present premises are too limited both for the general business of the Bank and the transaction of Government work in the Government Account Department, Public Debt Office, and Savings Bank.

The insufficiency of the present accommodation has arisen owing to the increase of the Bank's business, following on the expansion of the trade of the presidency, and the increase of work done for Government. The desire for new premises has found expression in a resolution at the annual general meeting of shareholders held on the 4th ultimo, authorising the Board to take the necessary steps for acquiring a site.

I am to express the hope that Government is still disposed to sell a site to the Bank, and the Directors take the liberty of suggesting the site occupied by the Commissariat granary on the beach as being central and well suited for the requirements of the Bank, while a handsome structure thereon such as the Board have in contemplation would improve the front face of the city.

The Directors are informed that there are sites elsewhere suitable for the requirements of the Commissariat Department.

R. No. 689-A, Financial.

Transferred to the Military Department, with notes by Members of Government.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
1*st December* 1890.

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

To the Military Department, with C. No. 1620,
and Honorable Members' notes in original.

No. 7385.

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

(By Order.)

FORT ST. GEORGE,
4th December 1890.

(Signed) H. R. SHELLEY, Colonel,
for *Secretary to Government.*

To the Quarter Master General.

No. 86. *From Colonel E. H. EYRE, Offg. Quarter Master General, Madras Army, to Brigdr.-Genl. A. KENNEY-HERBERT, Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Madras, 24th December* 1890, *No.* 28-T *(Sites).*

In returning the accompanying enclosures received under your reference order No. 7385 of the 4th instant, I am desired by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief to state that he considers it would be advisable to dispose of the Commissariat granary and the site occupied by it on the 1st Line of Beach to the Madras Bank for building purposes, provided always that a suitable site for the erection of a new granary and such other accommodation as is afforded by the present building for the Commissariat Department is obtainable, and also that no part of the cost of building the same shall be debitable against the military budget.

2. The Commissariat granary being a military building in charge of the Military Works Department, it would appear necessary that, before it can be disposed of, the sanction of the Government of India to its sale should be obtained, and for the same reason His Excellency considers that, when the Government decide to value the present granary and its site, an officer of the Military Works Department should be in attendance, for which purpose His Excellency will be prepared to name an Executive Engineer, Military Works Department, Madras Command, at any time that the Government may fix for the valuation to be made.

No. 87. *From D. A. J. CROMBIE, Esq., Secretary and Treasurer, Bank of Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government; dated 15th January* 1891, *No.* 13.

I have the honour to invite your attention to my letter, dated 17th September 1890, on the subject of a site for new Bank premises, and shall feel obliged by a reply at as early a date as may be convenient.

2. Should further delay be anticipated before a reply can be given to the Bank, my Directors desire me to ask you to be so good as to state the probable date when they may expect a communication from you upon this subject.

No. 87-C, Financial.

Transferred to the Military Department in continuation of G.O., dated 1st December 1890, R. No. 689-A.

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
20th January 1891. *Chief Secretary.*

No. 88. No. 494.

The Secretary to Government, Military Department, has the honour to inform the Secretary and Treasurer, Bank of Madras, with reference to his letter, No. 13, dated 15th January 1891, that the papers on the subject of a site for new Bank premises are now in circulation, and that a reply will be forwarded in a few days.

(By Order.)

FORT ST. GEORGE,
23rd January 1891.

(Signed) A. KENNEY-HERBERT, Brigdr.-Genl.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Secretary and Treasurer, Bank of Madras.

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No. 89. No. 669.

Before passing final orders in regard to the proposal of the Directors of the Bank of Madras to purchase the present Commissariat granary and the site on which it stands, His Excellency the Governor in Council is of opinion that the Consulting Architect to Government should be called upon to value the buildings and site in question, in company with an officer of the Military Works Department, to be nominated by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, and a representative of the Bank, whom the Directors should be asked to appoint, a report being submitted as to whether accommodation equal to that which it is proposed to purchase from Government could be built for the valuation arrived at.

2. It must be distinctly understood that no part of the cost of erecting the new Commissariat godowns, which Colonel Gunning suggests should be built on the beach south of the southern arm of the Harbour, can be borne by the military budget.

3. The valuation should be effected at as early a date as possible.

(By Order.)

FORT ST. GEORGE,
2nd February 1891.

(Signed) A. KENNEY-HERBERT, Brigdr.-Genl.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Secretary and Treasurer, Bank of Madras.
" Quarter Master General.
" Commissary-General.
" Public Works Department.

No. 90. *From Colonel J. C. GUNNING, Commissary-General, to Brigadier-General A. KENNEY-HERBERT, Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Madras, 10th February* 1891, *No.* 8702.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Proceedings of Government, No. 669, dated 2nd February 1891, regarding the purchase by the Bank of Madras of the site on the north beach now occupied by the building known as the Commissariat granary.

2. In Order of Government, Financial Department, No. 610, dated 27th October 1871, I find that "the Government have given much consideration to the disposal of the building sites belonging to the State on the north beach at Madras and have come to the conclusion that the Government granaries must be retained on their present site."

3. What led to this conclusion I am not aware; but, as I have already informed His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief and the Honorable Mr. Garstin verbally, I see no objection to the site in question being made over to the Madras Bank on the distinct understanding that the Directors provide sufficient funds for the erection of suitable Commissariat godowns on a spot I have already pointed out on the beach south of the southern arm of the Harbour and adjoining the stables of the General Post Office.

4. In para. 2 of the Order of Government, Military Department, now under acknowledgment, it is very justly ruled that no part of the cost of erecting the new Commissariat buildings can be borne by the military budget, as the old buildings are to be vacated solely for the convenience of the Bank, and therefore the officers appointed to value them should be instructed to consider not only their intrinsic value but also the necessity of providing sufficient funds for building the new godown.

5. I would add that the granary cannot be vacated until new godowns are actually built and handed over to this department for occupation.

No. 91. No. 1198.

Copy furnished to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, the Secretary and Treasurer, Bank of Madras, and the Consulting Architect to Government, with reference to Proceedings of Government, No. 669, dated 2nd February 1891.

2. The officers deputed to value the Commissariat granaries should take into consideration not only the intrinsic value of the buildings but also the necessity for providing sufficient funds for the erection of the new godowns.

(By Order.)

FORT ST. GEORGE, *24th February* 1891. (Signed) A. KENNEY-HERBERT, Brigdr.-Genl., *Secretary to Government.*

To the Quarter Master General.
" Commissary-General.
" Consulting Architect to Government, through Public Works Department.
" Secretary and Treasurer, Bank of Madras.

No. 92. *From D. A. J. CROMBIE, Esq., Secretary and Treasurer, Bank of Madras, to Brigdr.-Genl. A. KENNEY-HERBERT, Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Madras, 14th February* 1891, *No.* 31.

I have the honour, by desire of my Directors, to acknowledge the receipt of Proceedings of Government, Military Department, No. 669, dated 2nd instant, and to inform you that they have chosen Mr. R. E. Ellis of the Municipal Commission, to represent them at the valuation of the Commissariat granary, and site on which it stands.

2. I have received a communication from the Executive Engineer, Madras Division, Military Works, No. 818, dated 13th instant, and have informed him that Mr. Ellis will represent the Bank.

No. 1286.

Forwarded for the information of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, with reference to Proceedings of Government, No. 669, dated 2nd February 1891.

(By Order.)

FORT ST. GEORGE, *3rd March* 1891. (Signed) A. KENNEY-HERBERT, Brigdr.-Genl., *Secretary to Government.*

To the Quarter Master General.
" Commissary-General.
" Consulting Architect to Government, through Public Works Department.

No. 93. *From H. IRWIN, Esq., C.I.E., Consulting Architect to Government, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department; dated Chepák, 13th March* 1891, *No.* 3770.

With reference to G.O., No. 375 W., dated the 10th February 1891, I have the honour to enclose a report on the valuation of the Government granary. The plan and estimate for the new granary will follow.

Report on valuation of Government granary.

The value of the present buildings has been arrived at by calculation of the quantities at rates at which it could be now erected, including establishment and tools and plant charges allowing 24½ per cent.

	RS.
This amounts	58,406
Less for depreciation, 14 per cent.	8,176
	50,230
The value of the site as given by the Collector is	52,955
Total value ...	1,03,185

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To build a new granary on the beach site selected by Colonel Gunning would be of course Rs. 58,406 in addition to the cost of extra foundations which would have to be at least 4 feet deeper on the average, practically doubling the cost of foundations = 7,096, making total cost, Rs. 65,502. The idea of erecting a precisely similar building to the granary would not be entertained, as it is constructed of inferior materials which would in a short time involve considerable outlay in repairs, and it is to be presumed that, if a new granary is to be erected, a suitable plan and proper construction would be adopted.

An estimate has therefore been prepared for such a building, a sketch plan and an estimate of which is herewith submitted.

	RS.
The cost amounts to (including the usual charges for tools and plant and establishment)	77,470

So that the cost of erecting a new building, either first precisely the same as the present one or second of more suitable description, would be within the valuation of the present granary and site.

This does not take into consideration the value of the new site, as the orders in latter part of para. 1 of G.O. under reply makes no mention of the value of the new site. If, however, the value of a piece of ground of same dimensions on the site mentioned by Colonel Gunning referred to in para. 2 is taken into account, the cost would be greater, as the intrinsic value of the two sites is in our opinion equal.

	RS.
The cost would be in first case, 65,502 + 52,955 ...	= 1,18,457
And in the second case, 77,470 + 52,955	= 1,30,425

(Signed) H. IRWIN, C.I.E., *Consulting Architect.*
(") H. MULLALY, Capt., R.E., *Executive Engineer, M.W.*
(") R. E. ELLIS, A.M.I.C.E.

MADRAS, *12th March* 1891.

No. 1460-C.

Transferred to the Military Department with reference to the Order in that Department, No. 669, dated 2nd February 1891.

(Signed) J. PENNYCUICK, Col., R.E., *Secretary to Government, P.W.D.*

14th March 1891.

No. 94. *From H. IRWIN, Esq., C.I.E., Consulting Architect to Government, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department; dated Chepák, 14th March* 1891, *No.* 3793.

In continuation of this office letter No. 3770, dated the 13th instant, I have the honour to submit a sketch plan and estimate, amounting to Rs. 77,470, for constructing a new granary on the beach south of the southern arm of the Harbour. The position of the building is indicated on the site plan.

REPORT and Specification to accompany the plan and estimate for constructing new granary on the Beach, Madras.

Amount of Estimate, Rs. 77,470.

Reference.—G.O., No. 375-W, dated 10th February 1891.

Report.

The granary proposed and estimated for is shown in plan and consists of sheds as per plan and section with walls of country bricks in chunam and roofs of Mangalore tiles on teak framing and supported on iron trusses 8 feet apart, with one door or window between each pair of trusses.

The filling to average six feet above ground level and flooring to be granite stone on 6 inches of brick jelly and line concrete walls plastered inside and out with ½ inch Portland cement.

The cost of one span 8 feet of such a shed has been taken out in detail, including all items (verandah excluded), and the cost per foot run of shed thus obtained and found to be Rs. 64 at schedule rates.

The cost of 12 feet verandah including posts, granite flooring, roofing with Mangalore tiles, &c., as above, has similarly been found to be Rs. 12 per foot run at schedule rates.

The highest floor level of the sheds is the same as the level of the Railway rails opposite the site and the level of the yard one foot lower than this.

The bottom of the foundations are on the same level throughout and taken to a depth of 2½ feet below the lowest ground level and 4½ feet below the highest ground level, the average depth of foundation being 3 feet below ground level.

If the level of the rails running between the beach road and the site be assumed + 20, the level of the bottom of the foundation is + 10.

The area of roofed and walled godowns is 24,516 square feet against 24,629 square feet in the existing granary and the area of open verandah provided is 4,908 square feet against an area of 4,787 square feet in the existing granary.

(Signed) H. IRWIN, C.I.E.,
Consulting Architect.

(„) W. M. ELLIS, Captain, R.E.,
Assistant Engineer.

No. 1597-C.

Transferred to the Military Department in continuation of the Consulting Architect's report and valuation estimate forwarded with endorsement of this Department, No. 1460-C, dated 14th March 1891.

(Signed) J. PENNYCUICK, Col., R.E.,
20th March 1891. *Secretary to Government, P.W.D.*

No. 1794.

Forwarded to the Commissary-General for favour of any remarks he may desire to offer.

2. It is requested that the reply may be forwarded through Army Head-Quarters (Quarter Master General's Department).

(By Order.)

FORT ST. GEORGE (Signed) A. KENNEY-HERBERT, Brigdr.-Genl.,
24th March 1891. *Secretary to Government.*

No. 95. *From D. A. J. CROMBIE, Esq., Secretary and Treasurer, Bank of Madras, to Brigdr.-Genl. A. KENNEY-HERBERT, Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Madras, 24th March* 1891, *No.* 46.

With reference to the report on the valuation of the Government granary, a copy of which has been sent to the Bank by Mr. R. E. Ellis, I have the honour, by desire of my Directors, to submit an offer on behalf of the Bank to bear the cost of erecting suitable buildings on the beach on the site selected by the Commissary-General, and to receive in exchange the site and buildings now occupied by the Commissariat known as the Granary.

My Directors will be obliged if you will place this offer before Government and favour them with a reply with as little delay as possible.

No. 96. *From D. A. J. CROMBIE, Esq., Secretary and Treasurer, Bank of Madras, to Brigdr.-Genl. A. KENNEY-HERBERT, Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Madras, 16th July* 1891, *No.* 138.

I have the honour to ask you to favour me with a reply to my letter of 24th March last.

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No. 97. No. 4307.

MEMORANDUM.

In reply to his letter No. 138, dated 16th July 1891, the Secretary and Treasurer of the Bank of Madras is informed that the question of the purchase by the Bank of Madras of the Commissariat Granary buildings on the beach is still under consideration and that, as soon as orders are issued, their purport will be communicated.

(By Order.)

OOTACAMUND, (Signed) A. KENNEY-HERBERT, Brigdr.-Genl.,
4th August 1891. *Secretary to Government.*

To the Secretary and Treasurer, Bank of Madras.

No. 98. *From D. A. J. CROMBIE, Esq., Secretary and Treasurer, Bank of Madras, to Brigadier-General H. R. HOPE, Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Madras, 7th December* 1891, *No.* 41-*PL.*

Adverting to your letter No. 4307, dated Ootacamund, 4th August 1891, I have the honour to ask you to favour me with a reply to my communication regarding the Commissariat godowns on the beach.

No. 99. *From Brigadier-General H. R. HOPE, Secretary to Government, Military Department, to the Secretary and Treasurer, Bank of Madras; dated Fort St. George, 15th December* 1891, *No.* 7195.

In reply to your letter No. 41-PL, dated 7th December 1891, I am directed to inform you that the sale of the present Commissariat granary to the Bank of Madras is dependent on the decision of the Government of India on the question of the transfer of the Commissary-General's office to Bangalore.

No. 100. *From D. A. J. CROMBIE, Esq., Secretary and Treasurer, Bank of Madras, to Brigadier-General H. R. HOPE, Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Madras, 6th May* 1892, *No.* 677.

With reference to this Bank's letter to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, of 17th September 1890, Proceedings of your Department, No. 669, of 2nd February 1891, and our reply thereto, of 24th March 1891, I have the honour to inquire how the matter now stands, as the question of new premises is one of considerable urgency.

No. 101. *From J. MATHESON, Esq., Acting Secretary and Treasurer, Bank of Madras, to Brigadier-General H. R. HOPE, Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Madras, 4th October* 1892, *No.* 39-*PL.*

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of a copy of G.O., No. 5873, dated 19th September last.

2. I am desired by my Directors to refer you to my letter of 24th March 1891, in which an offer on behalf of the Bank was made to bear the cost of erecting suitable buildings on the beach on the site selected by the Commissary-General, and to receive in exchange the site and buildings now occupied by the Commissariat known as the Granary.

3. From the report on valuation of the Government granary, dated 13th March 1891, signed by Mr. H. Irwin, Government Architect, Captain Herbert Mullaly, R.E., and Mr. R. E. Ellis, Vice-President of the Madras Municipal Commission, it will be observed that the estimated cost of new godowns to be erected was Rs. 77,470.

No. 102. *Telegram from the Secretary to Government, Military Department, to the Commissary-General, Bangalore; dated Ootacamund, 7th October* 1892, *No.* 6331.

Please return immediately all papers forwarded with my 1794 of 24th March 1891 regarding Commissariat granary.

No. 103. *From Colonel E. A. BRUCE, Commissary-General, to Brigdr.-Genl. H. R. HOPE, Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Madras, 8th October* 1892, *No.* 7980-*C.*

With reference to your telegram No. 6331 of the 7th instant, I have the honour to return therewith the enclosures of your No. 1794 of the 24th March 1891, as specified in the margin.

(1) Letter No. 3770 of the 13th March 1891 from the Consulting Architect to the Government of Madras, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department.
(2) Report on the valuation of Government granary of 13th March 1891.
(3) Endorsement No. 1460-C of 14th March 1891, from the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, to Military Department.
(4) Letter No. 3793 of 14th March 1891, from the Consulting Architect to Government to Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, with 2 plans and estimate (for Rs. 77,470).

No. 104. *From Brigadier-General H. R. HOPE, Secretary to Government, Military Department, to the Secretary and Treasurer, Bank of Madras; dated Ootacamund, 18th October* 1892, *No.* 6563.

In reply to your letter No. 39-PL of 4th October 1892, I am directed to inform you that the fact of your letter of 24th March 1891, remaining unreplied to was overlooked, and is regretted.

2. In August 1891, in view of the possibility of constructing docks hereafter on the accretion to the south of the Harbour, the Government forbad the erection of any buildings, except of the most temporary character, on any part of that land. The scheme for erecting new Commissariat godowns on it thus fell through, and on this decision being arrived at, other arrangements were made by which the Commissariat granary and site could be made available for the Bank at the valuation fixed by the Committee held on the 13th March 1891, *i.e.*, Rs. 1,03,185, and being under the impression that the Bank was prepared to take over the Commissariat granary and site on these terms, G.O., No. 5873 of 19th September 1892, was issued.

3. As, however, the Bank was not made aware of the change in arrangements as previously stated, I am now directed to enquire if it will take over the Commissariat granary and site at the valuation fixed by the Committee (Rs. 1,03,185) and approved by the Government of India.

No. 105. *From J. MATHESON, Esq., Acting Secretary and Treasurer, Bank of Madras, to Brigadier-General H. R. HOPE, Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Madras, 1st November* 1892, *No.* 48-*PL.*

I have the honour, by desire of my Directors, to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. 6563, dated Ootacamund, 18th October 1892, and to say the matter is under consideration, and that a definite reply will be forwarded as soon as possible.

No. 106. *From D. A. J. CROMBIE, Esq., Secretary and Treasurer, Bank of Madras, to Brigadier-General H. R. HOPE, Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Madras, 6th December* 1892, *No.* 62-*PL.*

In continuation of my letter of 1st November last, No. 48, and with reference to your letter No. 6563, dated 18th October 1892, I have the honour, by desire of my Directors, to submit the following, for consideration of His Excellency the Governor in Council:—

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(1) That the valuation of the Granary buildings on the north beach, viz., Rs. 50,230, has been arrived at by estimating the cost at which they could now be erected.

(2) That the buildings are reported to be "constructed of inferior materials which would in a short time involve considerable outlay in repairs." *Vide* report by the valuators, 13th Mar. 1891.

(3) That my Directors, in making an offer to build new godowns which were estimated to cost Rs. 77,470 in lieu of the site and the buildings thereon, took into consideration the above facts, and that the sum of Rs. 77,470 was the maximum amount that was then intended to be offered by the Bank. *Vide* Bank's letter, dated 4th October 1892.

(4) That it is not proposed by Government to erect new godowns.

(5) That the buildings are now worth to the Government or the Bank only the value of the "inferior" materials of which they are constructed.

Taking these considerations into account, I am desired by my Directors to propose that the buildings should be revalued under the altered conditions, or that, as was sanctioned in the case of the former site granted to the Bank, the building materials now on the granary site may be reserved and sold on behalf of the Government and that the Bank pay only the value of the site, viz., Rs. 52,955. *Vide* G.O., No. 722, dated 29th November 1871.

I am to say, further, that since the Bank applied to the Government of Madras for a new site (over two years ago), it has lost opportunities of disposing of its present premises at a favorable price.

My Directors trust that His Excellency the Governor in Council will be pleased to consider the facts now submitted and grant a favorable reply at as early a date as possible.

No. 107. *From Brigadier-General H. R. HOPE, Secretary to Government, Military Department, to the Secretary and Treasurer, Bank of Madras; dated Fort St. George, 19th December* 1892, *No.* 8107.

Your letter of the 6th December last, No. 62, having been duly submitted to His Excellency the Governor in Council, I am now directed to state in reply, for the information of your Directors, that the Government is not disposed to have the buildings in question re-valued, as it is satisfied with the valuation * recently made and in which the representative of the Bank concurred.

* Rs. 1,03,185.

2. I am further to state that, in consequence of this valuation and the assumption that the Bank would be prepared to give this amount, the Government of India had consented to the transfer of the Commissary-General's office to Bangalore, and that this Government cannot therefore accept an offer which falls short of the sum, viz., Rs. 1,03,185, which has all along formed the basis on which the alterations have been agreed to.

No. 108. *From D. A. J. CROMBIE, Esq., Secretary and Treasurer, Bank of Madras, to Brigadier-General H. R. HOPE, Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Madras, 11th January* 1893, *No.* 3-*PL.*

In reply to your No. 8107 of the 19th ultimo, I have the honour to inform you that my Directors are not disposed to increase their offer for the granary site, viz., Rs. 77,470, as contained in my letter of the 6th ultimo.

2. As pointed out to you in that letter, the valuation of the old granary was arrived at by calculation of the quantities at rates at which a similar building could now be erected and in no way represented the present value of the buildings in question. The old buildings are practically useless for the Bank's purposes, and are worth little more than their value for old materials, so that the above offer represents, as far as the Bank is concerned, the cost of the site for its new buildings.

No. 109. *From Brigadier-General H. R. HOPE, Secretary to Government, Military Department, to the Secretary and Treasurer, Bank of Madras; dated Fort St. George, 24th January 1893, No. 535.*

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 3, dated 11th January 1893, and in reply to say, for the information of your Directors, that the Government of Madras is not prepared to take a less sum than one lakh for the Commissariat granary site and buildings thereon.

2. The Government desires to be informed if this final offer is accepted.

No. 110. *From D. A. J. CROMBIE, Esq., Secretary and Treasurer, Bank of Madras, to Brigadier-General H. R. HOPE, Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Madras, 31st January 1893, No. 14-PL.*

In reply to your letter, No. 535 of 24th instant, offering the granary site and buildings thereon for one lakh of rupees, I have the honour to inform you that my Directors are not disposed to increase the offer of Rs. 77,470 already made.

No. 111. ORDER THEREON, 12th July 1893, No. 4511.

The sale of the Commissariat Granary and site to the Bank of Madras having fallen through, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council now directs, in supersession of the instructions conveyed in para. 2 of Proceedings of Government, No. 5873, dated 19th September 1892, that the buildings and land be offered for sale by advertisement in the *Fort St. George Gazette*.

2. The Quarter Master General is accordingly requested to place himself in communication with the Commissary-General and the local Revenue authorities in view to the invitation of tenders for the purchase of the property in question, reporting the result to Government for the orders of the Government of India.

3. The draft of advertisement, and of tenders to be submitted, should be drawn up in consultation with the Government Solicitor and submitted for the approval of Government.

4. A copy of these Proceedings will be forwarded for the information of the Government of India.

No. 112. *To the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department; dated 12th July 1893, No. 4512.*

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. R. HOPE, Brigdr.-Genl.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Quarter Master General.
" Commissary-General.
" Revenue Department.
" Public Works Department.
" Government Solicitor.
" Secretary and Treasurer, Bank of Madras.
" Controller of Military Accounts.

Exd. T. K. Narayana Aiyangar.

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MILITARY.

To THE QUARTER MASTER GENERAL,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated July, 12th.

Issued

Recd. Encl.

G.O., 12th July 1893, No. 4511.

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Commissariat Granary and land at Madras.—Orders passed with reference to the invitation of tenders for the purchase of the —.

No 1984 Way 31st July 1893

Communicated to the Consulting Architect for information.

Initialled J.A.

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The Consy. Architect.

with Order