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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—again the following papers :—

G.O., dated 8th February 1890, No. 211, Judicial.

ABSTRACT.—Approving the proposal to hand over to the Police Department the whole of the Chittoor jail buildings.

G.O., dated 19th May 1892, No. 1534 W., Public Works.

ABSTRACT.—Passing orders regarding the sale of the Government building at Chittoor occupied as a residence by the Collector of the district.

G.O., dated 23rd May 1892, No. 964, Judicial.

*Read*—the following papers :—

From H. W. FOSTER, Esq., Officiating Registrar of the High Court of Judicature, Appellate Side, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 29th October 1890, No. 2490.

I am directed to forward to you copy of letter, No. 119, dated 13th instant, from the District Judge of North Arcot, and of its enclosure, and to request that the Government may be pleased to make arrangements for handing over the sub-court building at Chittoor, now occupied by the police, to the Judicial Department for the accommodation of the District Munsif's Court at that station.

ENCLOSURES.

From F. D. A. WOLFE-MURRAY, Esq., Acting District Judge, North Arcot, to the Officiating Registrar, High Court of Judicature, Appellate Side, Madras, dated Chittoor, 13th October 1890, No. 119.

I have the honour to forward a petition from the vakils of the District Munsif's Court of Chittoor regarding the extreme inconvenience of the accommodation available in that building.

2. The facts stated in the petition are perfectly true; the building is most incommodious and unsuitable, both by reason of its smallness and its situation, for the purpose for which it is required.

3. This matter has before attracted the notice of the District Judge (Mr. Crole), but it seems to have been lost sight of.

4. It is not only that the building is far too small and too low, but it is situated in the Police parade-ground, where at many hours of the day the disturbing sounds of bugles, bayonet drill, and the monotonous "Left" "Right" of the instructing sergeant are for ever interrupting the examination of witnesses, while within a few feet of the Munsif's own room, which by the way is smaller than many a dog-kennel, is situated the Police school. The hum of voices that arises from thence must, of course, have a very distracting effect on a man who wants to collect his thoughts for the writing of judgments, to say nothing of its being equally powerful in drowning the voices of witnesses under examination.

5. It has been proposed to remedy the matter by putting the Munsif into the central building standing in the middle of the Police parade-ground and now occupied by the Police office. This building was built for and used as the Sub-Judge's Court and I understand that when it was given up to the police it was agreed that it was to be restored to the Judicial Department, should it again be so required. Mr. Agar, the present Police Superintendent, has consented to give up the building provided the Government make a Police parade-ground at the jail, at which place it is, I believe, contemplated to erect Police lines.

6. This would effect all that is required. The building I refer to is admirably suited for a Civil Court, and the transfer of the police to the jail would get rid of the irritating sounds of all drill and the hum of the Police school, which are now so distracting. I beg, therefore, that the Government may be addressed on the matter, and that should it be found impossible to effect this transfer a new Munsif's Court may be built in a locality suitable for the purpose.

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RESPECTED SIR, CHITTOOR, *9th October* 1890.

With due deference, we the undersigned vakils and clerks of the District Munsif's Court, Chittoor, most respectfully beg to lay before you the following brief statement of facts, which will give a clear idea of the sad and long-felt want of a proper Court building.

2. The building in which the Munsif's Court is now held is so near to the Police school and the parade-ground that the incessant shrill sound of the cautions given in drilling constables and the loud noise that the students make in cramming up their lessons interfere with the work of the bench and the bar in the examination of witnesses and the recording of their depositions, making the statements of witnesses inaudible.

3. The building is small and low and is thus a source of permanent inconvenience to the bench and the bar. The body of the building in which the Court is held is only $8\frac{1}{2} \times 6$ yards. About one-third of this, measuring $3\frac{1}{2} \times 6$ yards, is occupied by the raised platform and the railing constituting the judge's seat. The portion that could conveniently be reserved for arranging the seats for the bar hardly comes up to $2\frac{2}{3} \times 6$ yards exclusive of the space occupied by the tables. Hence there is scarcely any room left between the seats and the wall for the vakils to pass through to take their seats and for the parties to approach their vakils to give instructions. The inconvenience caused by the lowness of the floor is too well known to be expressed. During the rainy season the floor is very damp and there is a danger of records of the Court being eaten up by the white ants. It may not be out of place to mention here that venomous reptiles are occasionally found in the building.

4. As for the compartments occupied by the establishment, a number of clerks are huddled together in a small room, each being allowed a space hardly sufficient for keeping his desk and duffers. The seat of the head clerk affords a striking instance of the inconvenience. It nearly blocks up the entrance into the room where the clerks lower in rank do work. The amins, the process servers and all those that have constantly to go to them are highly inconvenienced in having actually to force their bodies through the narrow passage available.

5. The ventilation of the building is very bad and unsatisfactory. The ceiling is so very low that before 4 P.M. it almost excludes the light of the sun. It is in your daily experience that just before 4 P.M., if not earlier, the room gets dark and that work has to be done with the aid of lamp light. Besides, there is not a sufficient number of lamps available for providing light to the bar. Again, the big windows which are newly opened do not in the least afford any comfort. On the contrary during the summer season during midday the glare of the sun is very powerful. The inconvenience thus caused is very great, as can be easily seen.

6. The party-shed opposite to the Court building does not at all properly accommodate the vakils. It contains two wretched rooms with a small hall between, and vakils cannot conveniently stay in the room while a number of parties and witnesses are in the hall making all kinds of noise.

7. We are given to understand that the big building in front of the Court building was originally in the possession of the Judicial Department and it was occupied by the former Sub-Court. On the abolition of the Sub-Court it was handed over to the Police Department on condition of its being made over to the Judicial Department when demanded. Now there is a pressing necessity for making the demand and it is requested that advantage will be taken of this opportunity for recovering possession of that spacious building.

8. The Police head-quarter office can easily accommodate itself by securing the old jail building further south. It is more spacious and better situated to the requirements of the police. The Superintendent of Police, it would appear, expressed his willingness to occupy the said jail building. But the matter was not then pushed on and it was somehow dropped.

9. Under these circumstances it is earnestly prayed that you will kindly represent to the District Judge the inconvenience we are thus daily subjected to and recommend that the building



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occupied by the Police office might be taken possession of, or that a new building be erected or that the present building be rebuilt on a better plan as to you seems proper.

(Signed) T. S. NARASINGA ROW, Government Pleader.
&c. &c. &c.

To the District Munsif of Chittoor.

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Referred to the Inspector-General of Police for remarks.

(By Order.)

(Signed) A. BUTTERWORTH,
*Acting Assistant Secretary.*

25*th November* 1890.

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From Colonel H. W. H. COX, Acting Inspector-General of Police, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 8th January 1891, No. 110.

In returning herewith letter, No. 2490, dated 29th October 1890, from the Registrar of the High Court, Appellate Side, with its two enclosures, I have the honour to report that the building at Chittoor referred to was originally the Court of the Sub-Judge, but was handed over to the Police Department by G.O., dated 20th December 1864, No. 1822, Judicial, and has ever since that time been occupied as the District Police office.

Expenditure has from time to time been incurred in adapting it to our purposes, and as no other suitable building, public or private, is available in Chittoor, considerable inconvenience and expense would be incurred if we were required to vacate it.

It does not appear from the Government Order of 1864 that the transfer of the building was sanctioned subject to any such conditions as those mentioned by the District Judge.

Mr. Agar cannot remember having agreed to give up the present Police office if Government would make a parade-ground at the old jail. His recollection of what passed is that he said that he could not refuse to vacate the present building if Government were willing to build a suitable office and make a parade-ground.

2. The building now occupied as District Munsif's Court and found unsuitable and inconvenient owing partly to the noises made by the police was for some time occupied as the District Police school, but was surrendered by the Inspector-General at the end of 1883 at the request of the Civil Judge, who gave us in exchange a smaller building belonging to his Court and up to that time used as a record room. It was understood at the time this exchange took place that the record room would be occupied as a school.

3. The buildings at the old jail are incapable of adaptation as a District Police office, and considerable expense would be incurred in adapting to our purposes any of the private dwelling-houses now vacant at Chittoor.

4. I venture to suggest that the District Judge might be asked whether one of these buildings might not be rented for occupation as a District Munsif's Court.

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Letter—to the Honorable the Chief Justice, High Court of Judicature, dated 5th February 1891, Ref. on C. No. 95, Judicial.

In reply to Mr. Foster's letter, dated 29th October 1890, No. 2490, I am directed to forward the accompanying communication* from the Inspector-General of Police and to request the favour of the remarks of the Honorable the Judges of the High Court with reference to the suggestion contained in the last paragraph thereof.

* 8th January 1891, No. 110.

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

From H. W. FOSTER, Esq., Registrar of the High Court of Judicature, Appellate Side, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 29th July 1891, No. 1855.

Adverting to your reference on C. No. 95, Judicial, dated 5th February 1891, I am directed to forward copy of letter, No. 46, dated 3rd April 1891, from the District Judge of North Arcot, and of this Court's Proceedings thereon, No. 1077, dated 11th idem, and to state that plans and estimates for the construction of a new Court-house will be submitted for sanction when received.

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ENCLOSURES.

From T. M. HORSFALL, Esq., Acting District Judge, North Arcot, to the Registrar of the High Court of Judicature, Appellate Side, Madras, dated Chittoor, 3rd April 1891, No. 46.

I have the honour to reply to your letter, No. 441, dated 13th February last.

2. The delay in replying is due to the fact that the owner of the only building in Chittoor at all suitable for a Munsif's Court has been absent from Chittoor.

3. The building I refer to is a large residential house, built, I believe, at the beginning of the century and at odd times inhabited by European residents of Chittoor. Of late it has been much neglected owing to the gradual desertion of Chittoor by Europeans on account of its unhealthiness. The last person in it was, I believe, the Judge, but the house in which I live is a much better one and now in far better repair and the other building I speak of will not again be required by the Judge. It consists of a main block and two wings. In one of the wings the Assistant Surgeon lives, he having recently migrated thither on account of the fever at the house (now empty) where he formerly lived.

4. The owner is willing to let the remaining two-thirds of the house as a Munsif's Court for Rs. 40 per month.

5. This house is the only house really suitable for a Munsif's Court. There are one or two empty and smaller houses in the European quarter, but they are unsuitable on account of their situation. There is no suitable house in the town. I doubt, however, if the Government would be willing to give Rs. 40 per month for rent of a Munsif's Court; and I doubt whether it would be advisable to locate a Court in a building one wing of which (though a practically detached wing) is in occupation by a private person. If the Assistant Surgeon were to vacate that wing the rent of the whole building would be Rs. 50. He has no present intention of vacating.

6. I quite agree with Mr. Wolfe-Murray and Mr. Crole as to the unsuitableness of the present Munsif's Court. It is hard on the Munsif to expect him to do good work in such a small, hot building in such noisy surroundings. The only proper way out of the difficulty is to move the Police office to the old jail. I believe it would cost far less to make a building in the old jail suitable for a Police office and to construct a parade-ground there than to build a new Munsif's Court; and the present Police office was built for a Court and is well suited for a Court.

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PROCEEDINGS of the High Court of Judicature at Madras, dated 11th April 1891, No. 1077.

Read letter, No. 46, dated 3rd instant, from the Acting District Judge, North Arcot, reporting, with reference to High Court's letter, dated 13th February 1891, No. 441, that two-thirds of a private house is available for the location of the Chittoor District Munsif's Court, at a monthly rental of Rs. 40, and suggesting the removal of the Police office to the old jail building.

The Police Department declines to give up the building now occupied as a Police office and the proposal to rent a portion of a private house the remainder of which is now occupied as a dwelling-house does not commend itself to the High Court. The Honorable the Judges, however, consider it necessary to provide more suitable accommodation for the Court than is furnished by the building now occupied, and the only available resource appears to be the construction of a new Munsif's Court-house on the standard plan. The District Judge is, accordingly, requested to select a site in consultation with the Collector and to submit plans and estimates.

(Signed) H. W. FOSTER,
*Registrar Appellate Side.*

To the Acting District Judge, North Arcot.



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Reference, dated 18th August 1891.

The District Judge of North Arcot is requested to obtain and forward to Government plans of the old jail building and the building occupied by the Police headquarter office referred to in paragraph 5 of his letter to the High Court, dated 13th October 1890, No. 119.

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

To the District Judge, North Arcot.

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From Colonel C. A. PORTEOUS, Inspector-General of Police, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 19th September 1891, No. 5552.

With reference to G.O., No. 211, dated 8th February 1890, Judicial Department, sanctioning the transfer to the Police Department of the jail buildings at Chittoor, North Arcot district, I have the honour to forward for sanction the Public Works Department plans and estimates, amounting to Rs. 12,000, for converting them into police huts. These buildings are of no use as they stand, but by adapting them to police requirements, as proposed in the plans forwarded, accommodation for 56 constables and 8 head constables will be provided. At present there are only 42 reserve huts at Chittoor for a reserve strength of 107 men, and for want of a sufficient number of huts constables are compelled to reside all over the town; but with the addition of 64 huts all of them will be concentrated in one spot and so be ready to act promptly when an emergency arises. In the present police station the accommodation is quite insufficient for both town and taluk police, and it is desirable to locate there the town constables only, and to have the jail hospital so altered and added to as to make it an admirable police station for the taluk police.

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From E. J. SEWELL, Esq., District Judge, North Arcot, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 25th April 1892, No. 4.

I have the honour to report, in reply to Reference on C. Nos. 4340 of 1890 and 95 and 3425 of 1891, that I have been unable, under the circumstances detailed below, to obtain plans of the buildings referred to.

2. On receipt of the Government Order I made inquiries and ascertained that there was no one under my orders competent to make the plans called for. I therefore applied to the then District Engineer, Major Rawson, who stated that some plans had been sent to the Superintendent of Police and that he could not supply the plans.

3. The President, District Board, was then applied to in order to ascertain if he would allow the Local Fund Engineer to prepare the plans. He replied referring me to Major Rawson. He was informed that application had been made to Major Rawson and with what result. He then suggested that the Superintendent of Police should be asked for the plans sent to him. The Superintendent of Police was asked for the plans but replied that he had not got them. This reply was communicated to the President, District Board, who then requested the Local Fund District Engineer to depute a Local Fund overseer to make the plans.

4. In the end of November the District Board President wrote to say that the Superintendent of Police would not allow plans to be made of his office.

5. I then wrote demi-officially to Mr. Agar. I believe a reference was made to the Inspector-General of Police. Finally, Mr. Agar informed me demi-officially that, under the orders of the Inspector-General, he withdrew his objection.

6. This was communicated to the President, District Board.

7. No plans had been received by the Christmas holidays when I met Major Rawson and Mr. Agar at Chandragiri. Major Rawson then informed me that he was just on the point of submitting to Government plans of both the Police office and the old jail and that it would be sufficient to refer to them by quoting the covering letters and that there would be no need to prepare fresh plans.

8. As I found that the Superintendent of Police strongly objected to give up the Police office and also wanted the old jail buildings I suggested to Major Rawson that it might be found possible to put an upper story on the present District Judge's Court, which could then be used by the District Judge and the present District Judge's Court be used by the District Munsif. This would be an economical arrangement for Government and would get rid of all the difficulty and friction about the sites.

9. Major Rawson approved of the proposal and undertook to examine the District Judge's Court to see if it would bear an upper story.

10. There was some delay in his doing this, but he at length informed me that he doubted if the walls would bear an upper story. I then asked him to let me have the numbers of his covering letters forwarding the plans to Government as soon as possible, and this Major Rawson undertook to do.

11. I did not, however, receive the information. Meanwhile, the Superintending Engineer, Colonel Brockman, visited Chittoor and I took advantage of his visit to consult him on the subject. Colonel Brockman carefully examined the building, and, in company with him, we compared it and the space available with the standard plans for a District Munsif's Court. Colonel Brockman's opinion was that the building would well bear an upper story and that ample accommodation could in that way be provided with a considerable saving to Government.

12. I beg therefore to recommend the substitution of this proposal for that previously made. A large part of the cost of a new Munsif's Court will consist of the cost of foundations and flooring, which will be saved by adopting my proposal. The present District Judge's Court will make an excellent District Munsif's Court, part of the centre court-room not required by the District Munsif being walled off for clerks' rooms. The only rooms required on the upper story will be a new court-room and chambers for the Judge. For these Colonel Brockman feels no doubt that there is ample support. The arrangement of the two Courts in one building will be very convenient for the public having business in the Courts and for pleaders practising before them. It will have this additional advantage. The close neighbourhood of the railway is at present somewhat disturbing to the District Court. If the court-room is raised off the ground and built with a nearly dead wall on the side of the railway, the noise of passing trains, of engines blowing off steam, &c., will be much less audible. This matter was also discussed with Colonel Brockman and I understood him to concur.

13. The process-servers who serve District Court process are employed under the munsif. The copyist establishment is also joint. There will be economy and great convenience in having these establishments all under one roof.

14. With reference to the explanation which I am called upon to furnish as to the delay in replying, I beg to refer to the above history of the correspondence. I respectfully submit that the call for plans should rather have been made by the Judicial Department, through the Secretary, Public Works Department, to the Executive Engineer.

15. I did my best to obtain the plans or the information, but was not successful. There was some local departmental friction about the attempt to get the Police office for the District Munsif. I was unwilling to hand up either the Executive Engineer or the Superintendent of Police if I could possibly avoid doing so.

16. Since Colonel Brockman's visit and the establishment of the feasibility of my alternative proposal, I have been exceedingly busy and found it very difficult to secure time to satisfy myself of the fact that all the clerks, process-servers, copyists, &c., could be satisfactorily accommodated without an additional building on the ground-floor. I may mention that I have spent 15 days of the court vacation at the station in hard regular work necessitated by the accumulation of long civil and criminal cases during the last six weeks.

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*Order*—dated 23rd May 1892, No. 961, Judicial.

The papers read above relate to the utilization of the abandoned district jail buildings at Chittoor and the provision of better accommodation for the District Munsif of that station.

2. Upon consideration of the various proposals made and of the plans submitted by the Inspector-General of Police, the Government has come to the conclusion that the latter officer's project for converting the jail wards into lines for the reserve police is objectionable. Not only is the estimated cost of this conversion very high, but the result would probably be most unsatisfactory. The ridge ventilation of the wards will be interfered with by the construction of the central wall necessary to convert them into lines, and the only approach to the rooms would be through the backyards and by the privies; the rooms will not be properly ventilated and they are sure to prove very unhealthy in consequence.

3. On the other hand, the wards could apparently be converted into very good offices, and it seems to Government that the best course to take will be to convert one of the wards into an office for the Superintendent of Police, while the other ward can be utilized for the station police school (to which the Inspector-General does not refer in his present proposals) and for stores. The present head quarters office could then be handed over for use as a Court for the District Munsif.

4. The question of constructing a taluk police station and lines for the reserve should be made the subject of a separate communication, but meanwhile plans and estimates for carrying out the above orders should be prepared and submitted at an early date by the Inspector-General of Police. If any alterations are necessary in the present head-quartors office to fit it for the District Munsif, the necessary representations will, no doubt, be made by the Honorable the Judges of the High Court.

(True Extract.)
(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
*Chief Secretary.*

To the Honorable the Chief Justice, with C.L.
" Inspector-General of Police.

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G.O., dated 24th March 1893, Mis. No. 636, Judicial.

*Read*—the following papers:—

From Colonel C. A. PORTEOUS, Inspector-General of Police, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Ootacamund, 26th January 1893, No. 432.

I have the honour to submit copy of a letter * addressed to me by the Superintendent of Police, North Arcot, on G.O., No. 964, Judicial, dated 23rd May 1892, being communicated to him.

2. On receipt of that letter, I replied † as follows:—

"The orders of Government in paragraph 4 of G.O., No. 964, Judicial, dated 23rd May 1892, are clear. Plans and estimates for converting the jail wards into an office for the Superintendent of Police and his establishment should be obtained from the Public Works Department and submitted forthwith."

3. Nothing further has been done and matters remain *in statu quo*.

4. The District Judge of North Arcot has now requested the Superintendent of Police, North Arcot, to inform him when it will be convenient for him to hand over (as decided in Government Order quoted) the present District Police office to the District Munsif of Chittoor, for use as his court-house.

5. As there appears to be no early, if even distant, prospect of the old jail buildings being converted and made available for a District Police office, I beg permission

* No. 1036, dated 15th August 1892.

† Memo. No. 5482, dated 30th August 1892.

for the Superintendent of Police to occupy temporarily *as his office*, the Collector's old house * at Chittoor recently condemned as a *residence* for that officer, but which, the Superintendent states, is not in such a state of disrepair as to prevent its being temporarily used as an office. He reports no other building is available.

* Property of Government.

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ENCLOSURE.

From A. P. AGAR, Esq., Superintendent of Police, North Arcot, to the Inspector-General of Police (through the Deputy Inspector-General, Central Range,) dated Chittoor, 15th August 1892, No. 1036.

With reference to G.O., dated 23rd May 1892, No. 964, sanctioning the transfer of my office to the Judicial Department, for use as a Munsif's Court and directing that the Police office shall be located in the district jail, I have the honour to state that I asked the Executive Engineer, Major Smart, for his opinion as to whether they were suitable, my own being that they were not. His opinion is as follows:—

"I don't consider that without very considerable expense—say, Rs 5,000—any of the old jail buildings could be converted into a suitable head-quarter office for the police. The old jail buildings will make good lines for the constables, for which plan and estimates have been drawn up."

2. Government is doubtless under the impression that the wards are all pucka built. This is not so. Much is of brick in mud, and these walls would have to be considerably raised, necessitating a new roof, as at present they are very low and the wards far too dark for an office. The Executive Engineer thinks it quite possible that it might be found cheaper to erect new walls and this in the end would mean a new office.

3. The partition walls will not interfere with the ridge ventilation as supposed by Government in the event of these being converted into lines.

4. I again urge that this may be done before they further deteriorate. They have been unoccupied for a length of time and this must tell on them. The longer the day is put off, the larger will be the amount required. Though the sum is a considerable one it amounts to far less per hut than allowed for brick in mud of the small standard design and these will be very superior in comparison.

5. It also allows for a station, which we could not build for less than Rs. 5,000.

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The Superintendent should have forwarded the Executive Engineer's letter, original, P.O. No. 529.

22*nd August* 1892. (Signed) G. CHRYSTIE, Colonel,
*Deputy Inspector-General of Police, Central Range.*

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No. 267.

Referred to the Public Works Department for favour of remarks.

(By Order.)

9*th February* 1893. (Signed) A. BUTTERWORTH,
*Acting Under Secretary.*

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No. 628-C.

Referred to the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, for favour of report.

11*th February* 1893. (Signed) G. T. WALCH,
*Ag. Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.*



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From Major A. W. SMART, R.E., Executive Engineer, North Arcot Division to the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, dated 28th February 1893, No. 672-S.E.

With reference to your No. 56-N.A., dated 15th February 1893, I have the honour to state that the plans and estimates for altering the old jail buildings at Chittoor are being checked and will be shortly submitted; the approximate cost may be taken at Rs. 15,000. In my opinion it would be much better to go to the expense at once of a new building, that is, if the abandoned residence of the Collector is not adapted for the purpose required, which it may very well be with certain alterations and repairs.

2. There is no reason why this building (Collector's bungalow) should not be temporarily occupied by the police as proposed by Colonel Porteous; the roof must be watched, so that any room of which the roof may show signs of giving way may be vacated in time.

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No. 86-W.

Copy. Submitted to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, with reference to his No. 628-C., of 11th February 1893.

(Signed) J. C. LARMINIE,
*Superintending Engineer, IV Circle.*

6*th March* 1893.

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No. 1190-C.

Transferred to the Judicial Department, with reference to its endorsement, No. 267, dated 9th February 1893, herewith returned.

(Signed) G. T. WALCH,
*Ag. Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.*

13*th March* 1893.

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*Order*—dated 24th March 1893, Mis. No. 636, Judicial.

Communicated to the Inspector-General of Police.

2. The matter should be finally disposed of as soon as possible. The plans and estimates for converting the wards into an office and a school should be expedited; they have been unduly delayed. At the same time, as the suitability of the ward for conversion into office seems doubtful, the Inspector-General should report whether it will be feasible, at a small cost, to fit a portion of the Collector's abandoned residence as an office for the Superintendent of Police.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
*Ag. Chief Secretary.*

To the Inspector-General of Police.
„ Public Works Department.

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READ—also the following papers:—

From Colonel C. A. PORTEOUS, Inspector-General of Police, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 24th April 1893, No. 2241.

With reference to G.O., No. 636 (Judicial), dated 24th March 1893, I have the honour to forward herewith copy of a letter from the Superintendent of Police, North Arcot district, and true extract from a letter of the Executive Engineer, North Arcot division, stating that the Collector's abandoned residence at Chittoor will make an excellent office for the Superintendent of Police, in which opinion I fully agree.

ENCLOSURES.

From A. P. AGAR, Esq., District Superintendent of Police, North Arcot, to the Assistant Inspector-General of Police, Madras (through Deputy Inspector-General of Police, Central Range), dated Chittoor, 13th April 1893, No. 311.

With reference to your foot-note, No. 1856, dated 8th instant, on copy of Proceedings of the Madras Government, No. 636, dated 24th ultimo, Judicial Department, I have the honour to state that I am of opinion that the old Collector's house at Chittoor would make an excellent office. The Executive Engineer, North Arcot, is also of the same opinion and an extract from his letter, No. 615 M., dated 11th August last, is herewith forwarded.

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From Major A. W. SMART, R.E., Executive Engineer, North Arcot Division, to the Superintendent of Police, North Arcot, dated 10th August 1892, No. 615 M.

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2. I consider that the old house recently occupied by the Collector and condemned in G.O., No. 1534 W., dated 19th March 1892, could at cost of Rs. 2,000 be converted into an excellent office for your use.

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From Colonel C. A. PORTEOUS, Inspector-General of Police, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 25th May 1893, No. 2765.

With reference to G.O., dated 24th March 1893, No. 636, Judicial Department, I have the honour to submit the Public Works Department plans and estimates, &c., amounting to Rs. 13,150, for converting the old district jail buildings at Chittoor, North Arcot district, into an office for the Superintendent of Police. The proposed outlay on these buildings is large and will probably increase as the work progresses. Both the Executive Engineer and the Superintendent of Police are of opinion that the converted jail buildings will not make a good office for the Superintendent of Police. In my letter, dated 24th April 1893, No. 2241, I have reported that the Executive Engineer considers that the late residence of the Collector can, at an estimated cost of Rs. 2,000, be converted into a good office, and I beg that Government will approve of this arrangement.

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No. 1022.

The Board of Revenue is requested to state, at a very early date, what action was taken on G.O., dated 19th May 1892, No. 1534 W., and the Revenue Department Order thereon, dated 11th June 1892, No. 2781.

(By Order.)

*9th June* 1893. (Signed) A. BUTTERWORTH,
*Ag. Under Secretary.*

To the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue).

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From Major A. W. SMART, R.E., Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated 25th May 1893, No. 209-W.

With reference to your No. 186-D., dated 16th current, I have the honour to state that I am not aware that any orders have issued in the Revenue Department with regard to sale of the Collector's residence at Chittoor. I would wish to point out, however, that the question of adapting it as a Police office is still under reference in the Police Department.

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No. 283.

Transferred to the Honorable the Chief Secretary to Government with reference to his office-note, dated 12th May 1893, No. 861.

(Signed) J. HANNAN,
*1st June* 1893. *Ag. Joint Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.*

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), dated 6th July 1893, No. 2016, Routine.

*Read*—the following papers:—

Memorandum from the Acting Under Secretary to Government, Judicial Department, dated 9th June 1893, No. 1021, and the following reference thereon, dated 12th June 1893:—

Forwarded to the Collector of North Arcot for full report at an early date with reference to Board's Proceedings, dated 17th June 1892, Mis. No. 3749.

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Official Memorandum from the Acting Under Secretary to Government, Judicial Department, dated 3rd July 1893, No. 1022.

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*Resolution*—dated 6th July 1893, No. 2016, Routine.

In reply to memorandum, No. 1021, dated 9th June 1893, and the subsequent reminder, dated the 3rd instant, the Board begs to state that no action was taken in the Board's office on G.O., No. 1534 W., dated 19th May 1892, beyond communicating the orders of Government to the Collector, North Arcot.

2. The Collector has been requested to report, at a very early date, what action he has taken in the matter, and his reply will on receipt be submitted to Government.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) R. C. C. CARR,
*Acting Secretary.*

To the Chief Secretary to Government, Judicial Department.
Copy to the Collector of North Arcot.

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), dated 3rd August 1893, Mis. No. 4491.

*Read*—the following letter from H. A. STUART, Esq., Acting Collector of North Arcot, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue, dated Chittoor, 26th July 1893, No. 793-In.:—

With reference to the Board's reference on sub-register No. 1846 of 1893, dated 12th June 1893, and Board's Proceedings, No. 2016, Routine, dated 6th instant, I have the honour to inform you that no action has been taken on G.O., dated 19th May 1892, No. 1534 W., communicated with Board's Proceedings, dated 17th June 1892, Mis. No. 3749.

2. I have heard unofficially that it is proposed to utilize the building in question as a Police office. If, however, it is determined to put the house in repair, I beg to urge that it should either be given back as a residence for the Collector or that it be assigned to the District Forest officer for his residence and office. The proposal to transfer the head-quarters of the District Forest officer to Chittoor is now before the Board, and the Collector's old bungalow would provide accommodation for himself and his office in a most convenient locality, for the Collector's office is in the same compound.

3. Personally I should prefer that the building be assigned as the Collector's residence, for it is in my opinion a decidedly better house than that which he now occupies, and I have lived in both. The rent charged was exorbitant when compared with the amounts paid for other houses in Chittoor, but that is a disadvantage which is at least partly compensated for by the Collector always being certain of having a house at his disposal.

4. In any case, I hope the building will not be given to the police, for their necessity is not so great as that of the Revenue Department.

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*Resolution*—dated 3rd August 1893, Mis. No. 4491.

Submitted to Government with reference to paragraph 2 of the Board's Proceedings, dated 6th July 1893, No. 2016 (Routine).

2. A proposal to transfer the head-quarters of the District Forest officer, North Arcot, from Vellore to Chittoor on account of administrative convenience, is now under the consideration of the Board, and it would suggest that matters should remain *in statu quo* until this question has been decided on and the permanent Collector returns from leave.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. S. MEYER,
*Acting Secretary.*

To the Chief Secretary to Government.
Copy to the Collector of North Arcot.

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ORDER—dated 29th August 1893, No. 1759, Judicial.

If the description of the Collector's old residence at Chittoor given in the Superintending Engineer's letter read in G.O., dated 19th May 1892, No. 1534 W., Public Works, is correct, it must be as unsuitable for an office of any kind as it was held to be for the Collector's residence. If so small a sum as Rs. 2,000 will make it safe as an office, it ought never to have been given up as a residence. The rent was only Rs. 107 a month, which is a very moderate amount and would not be materially increased by a capital expenditure of Rs. 2,000. It seems probable that the house has been too hastily abandoned and further report upon it will be called for in the Public Works Department; the house will also be inspected by the Chief Engineer if Major Smart's estimate of the cost of repairing it is found to be not fully justified.

(True Extract.)

J. F. PRICE,
*Chief Secretary.*

To the Revenue Department.
" Public Works Department.
" Inspector-General of Police.
" Honorable the Chief Justice, with C.L.

Exd. A. Raitt.

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**Collector's old Residence at Chittoor.**

Stating, with remarks, that it seems probable that the — has been too hastily abandoned, and directing that a further report on it be called for in the Public Works Department and that the house be also inspected by the Chief Engineer if Major Smart's estimate of the cost of its pairs is found to be not fully justified.

Communicated to the Supdg Engineer IV Circle who will after personally inspecting the building at Chittoor report whether it can be restored so as to make it safe and suitable as a residence for the Collector. An estimate of the cost should also be submitted.

(Sd) J H W

S.E. IV Circle
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