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The period of exemption from the examination rules granted to N. Purushottam 2808 WB 3.11.93 in G.O. dy 20th October 1893. No. 773, Educational will be extended to the 11th December 1893.

(True Extract)

A. Sutherland.
Under Secretary.

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26TH DECEMBER 1893, No. 1100, REVENUE.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—again the following G.O., dated 8th December 1892, Mis. No. 5360, Revenue:—

Read—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), dated 17th October 1892, Mis. No. 6644:—

Read—the following letter from H. M. WINTERBOTHAM, Esq., Acting Collector of Tanjore, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue, dated Vallam, 26th August 1892, No. 572:—

I have the honour to forward herewith a ground plan of the new taluk cutcherry at Kumbakónam and its surrounding buildings, together with a report from the Sub-Collector, dated 5th instant, No. 919 R., proposing arrangements for the accommodation of the Revenue and Magisterial establishments at Kumbakónam.

2. After years of consultation, it was finally decided in G.O., dated 14th April 1890, No. 1103 W., to erect at Kumbakónam a first-class taluk cutcherry on the standard plan. The building has been erected accordingly and was made over by the Public Works Department to the Revenue Department in April last. The Sub-Collector's office was to be removed from the rented building which it now occupies to the old taluk cutcherry which was repaired for this purpose. It is now found that neither the Tahsildar's establishment nor his records can, by any means, be crammed into the new cutcherry, unless the new sub-jail, forming the eastern wing, is unprovided with a walled compound, the facilities for escape would be so great that the new sub-jail has not yet been brought into use. It is also unprovided with any place where the prisoners' meals can be cooked.

3. The small bungalow on the north-east of the plan, now occupied by the court of the Town Sub-Magistrate, is utterly unfit for a court and has long since been condemned. A Stationary Magistrate will be entertained from the 1st of October next and has to be provided with a court.

4. The problem is—

(1) To find room for the overflow of the Tahsildar's establishment and records.
(2) To provide decent accommodation for the Town Sub-Magistrate.
(3) Do. do. do. Stationary Sub-Magistrate.
(4) To provide a compound and kitchen for the new sub-jail.

The Sub-Collector's report * contains his proposals to meet the difficulty, and after three careful inspections of the premises, his recommendations have my support.

* No. 919, Revenue, dated 5th August 1892 (copy enclosed).

5. His proposals are—

(1) That the taluk records should remain in the old horse-shoe room forming the eastern half of the ground-floor of the old taluk cutcherry, and that the record-room of the new taluk cutcherry should be converted into an extra room for clerks by removing the record racks.
(2) That the Town Sub-Magistrate should be allotted the upper storey of the old taluk cutcherry which was intended for the Sub-Collector.
(3) That the Stationary Sub-Magistrate should hold his court in the south-east wing of the old sub-jail, and that the rest of the old sub-jail buildings should be allotted for his requirements and for the Taluk Police station. For the present it would only be necessary that the wall marked X in the ground plan, between the old sub-jail and the road on the south, should be removed, and a very small expenditure would then convert the wing aforesaid into a commodious court.

(4) That the small bungalow now occupied by the Town Sub-Magistrate should be pulled down, and a sub-jail kitchen erected on its site and that the new sub-jail should be surrounded by a compound wall. I think that a wall with broken glass on the top should be built in the north and east sides, and that on the south and west spiked iron railings might take the place of a wall.

(5) That the Sub-Collector's office should remain for a time in the rented building which it has hitherto occupied.

If the Board and Government should approve of these proposals, I will have the necessary estimate of the cost of the alterations at once prepared. The cost will not be great. I perhaps ought to add that I entirely concur with the Sub-Collector's view that the Tahsildar cannot be deprived of his room on the west end of the new cutcherry. It measures only 25 by 18 feet and is none too large for his daily business requirements. I also concur with the Sub-Collector as to the necessity of the Sheristadar's room, 15 by 18, being reserved for the Head Accountant.

Resolution—dated 17th October 1892, Mis. No. 6644.

The Board's Acting Third Member has availed himself of the opportunity of a visit to the district to inspect the buildings at Kumbakónam, with reference to the Collector's proposals, which will now be submitted with the Board's remarks to Government.

2. The Taluk cutcherry, which has just been completed at Kumbakónam, has been constructed upon Mr. Brassington's standard design, which was approved in G.O., dated 3rd June 1887, No. 1495 W., in supersession of all previous standard designs for a first-class Taluk office, but has since been itself superseded under G.O., dated 11th November 1891, No. 3023 W.

3. Omitting the Treasury and the Tahsildar's Court, a cramped apartment half filled by a dais, but with no dock or witness-box, the office accommodation proper, consists of four * rooms, of which the total area is 1,224 square feet. In this space, 24 clerks, &c., the cashier *and* the Taluk Head Clerk require accommodation. In the cashier's room C, three shroffs and the cashier can sit—(26 — 4 = 22). The weights' stamping gumastah can be accommodated, with the smith, outside in the verandah, and the Bench clerk, when in attendance on the Tahsildar, can sit in the Court. This leaves 20 clerks to be provided for, and the remaining space including the Sheristadar's room is 1,008 square feet. It is not now necessary for the Taluk Head Accountant, who has no magisterial work to do, to have a room to himself and three gumastahs might sit in his room. This will leave 16 clerks for the remaining two rooms = 738 square feet or 46 square feet a piece. This, considering the fact that village officers constantly attend the cutcherry and are occupied there for hours at a time, is barely sufficient, and there can be no doubt that these rooms will often be overcrowded. Moreover, this distribution of space takes no account of almirahs and boxes of current records which ought, for convenience, to find place in the clerks' rooms. On the occasion of Mr. Gibson's visit, in company with the Collector, it was pointed out that no attempt had been made to economize space, the clerks, their tables, their boxes and their dufters being spread about the rooms without any attempt at arrangement. But after making all deductions it admits of no doubt that the accommodation for the clerical establishment is insufficient.

Clerks' room.	
* A = 30 × 18 = 540	square feet.
B = 11 × 18 = 198	"
Sheristadar's.	
= 15 × 18 = 270	"
1,008	
Cashier's.	
C = 12 × 18 = 216	"

(See Collector's plan.)

4. Complaint is also made that the record-room is too small, and it is certain that the racks are now fairly filled, while a mass of paimash and other accounts are still left in the old cutcherry.

5. The Board deprecates, however, the proposal made by the Collector to transfer all the records to the old building because the new room, as far as it goes, is an excellent one for records, but would not be equally good for an office. Moreover, it is fitted with teak racks well constructed. In regard to these it is necessary that they should be moved forward so as to stand at a distance of 3″ from the walls where white ants are already asserting themselves. This will reduce by 6″ the central passage, but there will still be room to pass freely along it. The Collector should address the Public Works Department on the subject at once.

6. But when every economy in space is effected, it will still be necessary to find accommodation elsewhere for the new Stationary Magistrate. This can best be done by locating him, as proposed by the Collector, in the building lately used as the sub-jail, where it was intended to accommodate the Town Sub-Magistrate. This latter officer should now be placed in the upper part of the old Taluk cutcherry which has lately * been repaired for the use of the Sub-Collector. The Court room is very spacious and would suit the Sub-Collector and Joint Magistrate sufficiently well; but, should he occupy it, it would be absolutely necessary to build a new cutcherry for the Town Sub-Magistrate. For any more buildings in this locality there is no room and yet there is some advantage in all these Courts being placed together. If to the Town Sub-Magistrate is assigned the upper part of this building, the lower part can be utilized for the overflowing records of the Taluk cutcherry and for a portion of the Tahsildar's establishment, and thus relief would be given to the congestion in the new building.

* G.O., dated 26th June 1891, No. 1716 W.
" " 13th July " " 4022 R.

7. The compound of these buildings requires to be cleared. The ugly wall around the old sub-jail should be entirely removed and the present Town Sub-Magistrate's Court must be pulled down as already decided and a cook-room built as proposed by the Collector. There is also an unsightly and ragged thatched shed in which the Sub-court stores attached property. This should be altogether removed, being inflammable as well as unsightly; it is a source of danger to the surrounding buildings.

8. If these suggestions are accepted, it will be necessary to build a new cutcherry on the standard design for the Sub-Collector and this should be done at once, as the rented building now occupied by that officer is very much out of repair and is falling to pieces. The Collector should select a site in the vicinity of the temporary office where land can probably be had. The situation is a good one and convenient for the town and the Railway station.

9. In regard to the proposed wall round the sub-jail, the Board observes that this involves in effect a departure from the standard design. The question indeed is a general one involving all Taluk cutcherries alike and will be referred to the Inspector-General of Police for his remarks. The construction of a wall will not improve the appearance of the main building.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

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

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with Collector's letter and two enclosures (to be returned).

" the Collector of Tanjore.

" the Inspector-General of Police, with reference to paragraph 9
and with copies of Collector's and Sub-Collector's letters.

Order—dated 8th December 1892, Mis. No. 5360, Revenue.

The Government is unable to accept the Board's proposals contained in the Proceedings read above. If a new building has to be constructed, it should be for the use of the Town Sub-Magistrate, who should be located in the heart of the town as formerly and not on its outskirts. The Stationary Sub-Magistrate may be accommodated in the old sub-jail as proposed. To relieve the Taluk cutcherry, a

sufficient record-room, as shown on the plan in blue pencil, should be built across the end of the present one and parallel to the main building, the present record-room being utilized for clerks. The Sub-Collector would then have the whole of the old Taluk cutcherry which would give him sufficient accommodation. Till an office is built for him in the town, the Town Sub-Magistrate may remain in the old Taluk cutcherry, the Sub-Collector remaining where he is.

(True Extract.)

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

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

READ—also the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), dated 28th September 1893, Mis. No. 5564 :—

Read—the following letter from ROBERT B. CLEGG, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector of Tanjore, to the Collector of Tanjore, dated Kumbakónam, 11th January 1893, No. 294 R.:—

With reference to your foot-notes No. 1211, dated 22nd February 1893, and No. 74, dated 10th January 1893, I have the honour to submit the following proposals regarding the new taluk cutcherry, Stationary Sub-Magistrate's and Town Sub-Magistrate's buildings at Kumbakónam.

2. It has practically been decided by Government that the old sub-jail has to be converted into a Stationary Sub-Magistrate's office and Taluk Police station and the Town Sub-Magistrate located in the heart of the town.

3. The new sub-jail cannot, I agree with the Inspector-General of Police, be used as a sub-jail without the erection of a high wall or fence around the yards. A wall would have to be a considerable height to be any use at all, as there is the Cauvery bank close by, and the new Sub-Registrar's office is not more than 20 feet from the sub-jail verandah. Any wall or fence must pass between the sub-jail and the Sub-Registrar's office. A wall, I think, is entirely out of the question. It would be extremely unsightly, spoil the whole block of buildings, and keep out the air.

4. I have gone carefully over the place with Mr. Lambert, the Executive Engineer, and he has prepared me the accompanying plan.

5. We propose that instead of a wall round the sub-jail and yard, an iron spiked fence should be erected, as shown in the plan, from A to the end of the proposed new record-room E. The old Sub-Magistrate's Court X and ryots' shed Y will be pulled down and a new cook-room and latrine will have to be erected for the prisoners. Such a fence would not spoil the look of the place and would not shut out the air. From C to D a wall might be erected, though an iron fence would look better.

6. With regard to the Tahsildar's records the present record-room, 40 × 15 feet, does not hold one-half. I think to contain all he should have a record-room 120 × 15 feet. The present record-room is to be used for clerks and a new room built parallel to the main building. Mr. Lambert and I propose to extend the present record-room 20 feet in length and to add on an another room 100 × 15 feet, as shown in the plan. This will give the required space. If a room 120 × 15 or even 100 × 15 is added to the present record-room, the corner F will come very close to the corner C of the sub-jail verandah. This is not advisable. The proposed arrangement will give plenty of open space, and not shut out the air.

7. For the Town Sub-Magistrate there is a building formerly used as a Sub-Magistrate's office and recently as an European Head Constable's quarters. It is opposite the Town Police station in the very heart of the town and as good a site as can be desired. The building is one of the old style of cutcherries with a court-yard, in the middle and large verandah all around. With repairs it could be made into a very fair Sub-Magistrate's Court or it might be pulled down and a new one built.

8. With regard to the suggestion of the Inspector-General of Police to retain the old sub-jail as sub-jail and Taluk Police station, there is the objection that a double guard for the treasury and sub-jail would still be necessary and I hardly think Government would sanction it. The new sub-jail is 70 × 15 feet. It could be extended and used for a record-room, or as it is at present, with the partition walls removed, might be used and together with the old Sub-Magistrate's office X would hold all the taluk records. If this arrangement were accepted, we should want a Stationary Sub-Magistrate's Court. There is an old District Munsif's Court-house, one of the old style, falling into disrepair, in the charge of the Public Works Department close to the gate of the present sub-jail. This might be repaired or a new building erected for the Stationary Sub-Magistrate.

9. However, I think, the abolition of the old sub-jail and the proposals I now submit are the best and are in accordance with the orders of Government. The demolition of the old sub-jail wall would make a fine open space and would improve the general appearance of the entire site.

Endorsement by J. STURROCK, Esq., Acting Collector of Tanjore, dated Kumbakónam, 21st August 1893, Ref. C. No. 1391-Ver.

Submitted to the Board of Revenue, with reference to Board's Proceedings, Mis. No. 8233, dated 15th December 1892, and Mis. No. 980, dated 9th February 1893.

2. The points for consideration are :—

(1) The extension of the record-room of the taluk cutcherry.
(2) The arrangements required for the secure guarding of the prisoners in the sub-jail.
(3) The provision of accommodation for the Stationary Sub-Magistrate.
(4) The construction of an office for the Town Sub-Magistrate.

3. I have myself inspected the buildings and am prepared to generally support Mr. Clegg's proposals.

4. The suggestions for the extension of the record-room are in general accord with the orders of Government, communicated with the first of the Proceedings above quoted, but I consider that 100 × 15 feet will afford sufficient accommodation, and I have requested the Executive Engineer to submit detailed plans and estimates accordingly.

Paragraph 6 of the Sub-Collector's letter.

5. In paragraph 9 of the same Proceedings, the Board remarked that the construction of a wall round the sub-jail involved a departure from the standard design and referred the question as a general one for the remarks of the Inspector-General of Police. In his reply received with the second of the Proceedings above quoted, the Inspector-General does not deal with the matter as a general one, but suggests that the old sub-jail should be retained and the new sub-jail used as a record-room. The immediate vicinity of the bed of the Cauvery with its rushes and nanul makes the necessity for a wall or fence round this sub-jail perhaps greater than usual, but the difference is only one of degree and, as remarked by the Board, the question is a general one and should be so disposed of. The retention of the old sub-jail would involve a revision of the proposal approved by Government for the accommodation of the Stationary Sub-Magistrate, besides the cost of a special guard for which there seems no real necessity, as the new sub-jail could be made quite secure by the erection of an iron railing as suggested by the Sub-Collector* and the Executive Engineer.

* Paragraph 5 of the Sub-Collector's letter.

6. The Government has directed that accommodation should be provided for the new Stationary Sub-Magistrate in the old sub-jail. Mr. Winterbotham's proposal is to remove a wall between the jail and the road and incur such expenditure as may be necessary to convert the south-east wing into a court. I have asked the Executive Engineer to let me have the plans and estimates, but to me it seems that this arrangement will be a mere make-shift, and a Joint Magistrate, who takes a real

interest in the administration of the sub-division, will not rest satisfied until he has obtained sanction for the construction of a Court-house and Taluk Police station more in keeping with the other public buildings immediately adjoining.

7. As the Government have practically acknowledged the necessity for a new building in the heart of the town for the Town Sub-Magistrate, I have asked the Executive Engineer to prepare a plan and estimate. In paragraph 7 of his letter, the Sub-Collector describes an old cutcherry on a suitable site, and says that with repairs it could be made into a very fair Sub-Magistrate's Court, or it might be pulled down and a new one built. His predecessor, Mr. Hamnett, had approved the latter proposal, and Mr. Clegg has informed me that the suggestion to repair the old building was made solely because it would be better than nothing, and he was afraid that funds for a new building would not be forthcoming. I have inspected the old cutcherry and must strongly deprecate any attempt to patch it up, as it is quite certain that any arrangement of the kind would be only temporary. Kumbakónam is a large town with fine municipal and other public buildings, and, as the head-quarters of the wealthiest taluk in the Presidency, it has a strong claim on any funds that may be available for the erection of respectable court-houses anywhere. I have said above that I think a new court for the Stationary Sub-Magistrate desirable, but the Town Sub-Magistrate must first be suitably provided for.

Reference on the above, dated 6th September 1893.

The plan referred to by the Sub-Collector has not accompanied the current, and the sketch forwarded by the Collector does not contain the references given in paragraphs 5, 6 and 8 of the Sub-Collector's letter. The sketch is accordingly returned with the request that the references may be filled in.

Read—also the following letter from J. STURROCK, Esq., Acting Collector of Tanjore, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue, Madras, dated 14th September 1893, Reference on C. No. 1391-Ver. :—

Referring to the Board's Reference, dated 6th September 1893, on General Register No. 2041, I have the honour to send herewith the Sub-Collector's plan referred to therein and to state that it contains the references given in paragraphs 5, 6 and 8 of his letter. I regret that, by an oversight in my office, a wrong sketch was forwarded along with my letter, dated 21st August 1893, Reference on C. No. 1391-Ver.

Resolution—dated 28th September 1893, Mis. No. 5564.

The papers read above will be submitted to Government with reference to G.O., dated 8th December 1892, No. 5360.

2. In this Government Order, Government considered—

(*a*) that a new building might be constructed for the Town Sub-Magistrate of Kumbakónam in the heart of the town;

(*b*) that the Stationary Sub-Magistrate might be accommodated in the old sub-jail; and

(*c*) that, to relieve the Taluk cutcherry, a sufficient record-room should be built across the end of the present one and parallel to the main building.

3. With regard to (*a*), the Inspector-General of Police, in his letter, dated 17th January 1893, No. 178, disposed of in Board's Proceedings, dated 9th February 1893, Mis. No. 980, copy of which has already been submitted to Government with Board's Proceedings, dated 14th February 1893, Mis. No. 1077, suggested that the building opposite to the Town Police station used till recently as European Head Constables' quarters, would, with slight alterations and improvements, make a good office for the Town Sub-Magistrate, or the Stationary Sub-Magistrate. The Collector, to whom the Inspector-General's letter was referred for remarks, after personal inspection of the building, strongly deprecates any attempt to patch it up, and recommends the construction of a new building. The Board supports his recommendation.

4. As regards (*b*), the Inspector-General of Police pointed out that the new sub-jail could not be conveniently used as such without a protective wall round the yard, as, owing to the proximity of the Cauvery, it would be nearly impossible to prevent the escape of prisoners allowed out of the cells during the day, and that the building of such a wall would destroy the appearance of the main building. He therefore suggested that the old sub-jail should continue to be used. The Collector, however, does not advocate the Inspector-General's proposal as it involves the necessity of a double guard, one for the treasury and one for the prisoners, and as the new sub-jail can be made more secure by erecting a spiked fence round the jail from point A to E as shown in the sketch accompanying. The Collector's recommendation commends itself to the Board. The Collector at the same time recommends that, instead of converting the old sub-jail into an office for the Stationary Sub-Magistrate, a new office should be built for that officer in keeping with the other public buildings immediately adjoining. The Board supports this proposal also.

5. In respect of (*c*), the Collector has called for detailed plans and estimates which will be submitted to Government when received.

6. In paragraph 5 of his letter, first read above, the Collector considers that the question of erecting an iron railing round sub-jails should be treated as a general one and referred back to the Inspector-General. This, however, the Board now considers unnecessary.

(True Copies and Extract.)

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

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with Collector's letter (G.R No. 2041 of 1893),
and plan and G.R. No. 2476 of 1892, and one enclosure (to be returned).

ORDER—dated 26th December 1893, No. 1100, Revenue.

Miscellaneous.

The Board's recommendations that a new building be constructed in the heart of the town for the Town Sub-Magistrate, and that, instead of converting the old sub-jail into an office for the Stationary Sub-Magistrate, a new building be constructed for him also in keeping with the other buildings immediately adjoining, are approved. Orders will issue in the Public Works Department for the preparation of the necessary plans and estimates.

2. Before passing orders on the proposal to erect a spiked fence instead of a wall round the new sub-jail, the Government desires to have a plan properly prepared showing clearly the position of the new sub-jail with reference to the other public buildings in the locality, such as the old sub-jail, the old Town Sub-Magistrate's cutcherry, the latrine, &c. The doors of the new and the old sub-jails and the yard proposed to be enclosed round each should also be marked on the plan.

3. The Inspector-General of Jails will be requested, in the Judicial Department, to report what superficial area would be required for the jail airing yard.

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To the Commissioners of Land Revenue, with the enclosures returned.
,, the Public Works Department.
,, the Judicial Department.

Exd. C. M. Brisson.

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