No. 752, Revenue, 18th November 1895.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

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2. I can arrange easily for accommodation for my office without any extra cost to Government, and I beg that you will be so good as to do your best to expedite the matter, the present management being in every way most unsatisfactory.

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Under the Forest Code (paragraph 195), the District Forest office should be part of my office, but it is quite impossible to carry this out when the two offices are twenty miles apart.

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I may add that, as I am only acting in a privilege leave vacancy, I would not have moved in the matter but for the fact that the Board in its Proceedings, Forest No. 261, dated 14th April 1893, has ordered the discontinuance (to a large extent) of office-notes, by the use of which delay in correspondence had been obviated.

The District Forest-officer's office-note is enclosed.

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Government buildings so that no additional expense will be incurred under this head. As matters stand at present there must be loss of time in sending papers backwards and forwards from Vellore to Chittoor and *vice versâ* as well as a considerable expenditure in postage stamps.

Resolution—Forest Mis. No. 751, dated 27th June 1893.

The Collector is requested to report what house and office accommodation is available for the District Forest-officer at Chittoor.

(True Copy and Extract.)

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

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3. If it is decided not to repair the above building, or if repaired, to give it back to the Collector, which I should prefer, the present District Munsif's Court house can be utilized for the District Forest-officer's office, as it is to be vacated shortly by the removal of the Court to the present Police office building. In that case Mr. Marshall suggests that the old Jailor's bungalow might be given to him as a residence. It is now used as a rest-house by the Public Works Department, but as there is a good travellers' bungalow at Chittoor, this rest-house is a luxury which may well be given up. This house, however, though suitable for a bachelor, would be somewhat inconvenient for a married Forest-officer. I hope, therefore, that the Collector's old bungalow will be restored, in which case the District Forest-officer could rent the house now occupied by the Collector or he could have the Assistant Collector's house and the latter could take the Collector's present residence.

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Referred to Mr. LeFanu for favour of remarks.

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The papers read above will be submitted for the orders of Government.

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3. As regards the provision of accommodation for the District Forest-officer's office and residence at Chittoor, the Board thinks that the District Forest office may, as suggested by Messrs. Stuart and LeFanu, be located in the building occupied by the District Munsif's Court, the removal of which to a more convenient locality is now under the consideration of Government in the Judicial Department. The District Forest-officer may either occupy for his residence the old Jailor's house referred to by Mr. Stuart or rent some private bungalow.

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Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
„ Collector of North Arcot (through the Conservator of Forests, Central Circle).

Order—Mis. No. 2739, Revenue, dated 10th July 1895.

Before passing final orders on the question of the transfer of the District Forest-officer's head-quarters from Vellore to Chittoor, the Government desires to have more definite information as to the accommodation available at the latter place for the

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(True Extract.)

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As directed in G.O., No. 2739, dated 10th July 1895, the Board's Forest Member has visited Chittoor in order to report on the accommodation available for the District Forest-officer's office and residence in the event of Government sanctioning the proposal made in Board's Proceedings, No. 329, dated 9th March 1894, that the head-quarters of the District Forest office should be transferred from Vellore to Chittoor.

2. In that Proceedings it was suggested that the District Forest-officer's office should be located in the present District Munsif's Court which was shortly to be vacated under the arrangements discussed in the papers recorded with G.O., No. 1759, Judicial, dated 29th August 1893. No definite decision seems ever yet to have been arrived at as to whether the Munsif is to move into the old Sub-Judge's Court now occupied by the office of the Superintendent of Police or to have a new Court house built; but he evidently must remain where he is until new quarters have been provided, either for him or for the Superintendent of Police, and consequently his office may not be available for the District Forest-officer for some years to come. In the opinion of the Forest Member, moreover, the building is not a suitable one. Many of the objections urged against it as a Court house in Mr. Wolfe-Murray's letter recorded with G.O., No. 1759, dated 29th August 1893, tell equally against it as an office for the District Forest-officer.

3. The suggestion to utilize the Collector's old house for the purpose need not be discussed, as it has been decided that if the building is repaired it shall be restored to the Collector as a residence (G.O., No. 204 W., dated 23rd January 1894).

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Endorsement No. 2186.

Referred to the Inspector-General of Police for remarks.

(By order.)

Ootacamund,
17th September 1895.

(Signed) L. DAVIDSON,
Acting Under Secretary.

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Endorsement No. 2581.

Transferred to the Revenue Department.

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Order—No. 752, Revenue, dated 18th November 1895.

Forest No. 291.

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To the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue).
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REVENUE.

No 3253 Wdj 19th Decr 1895

Communicated to the S.E. IV circle, in view to the preparation of the requisite estimate.

(Sd) C.H.B.B.

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NOVEMBER.

Office for the District Forest-officer.

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Endorsement No. 2186.

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2. I can arrange easily for accommodation for my office without any extra cost to Government, and I beg that you will be so good as to do your best to expedite the matter, the present management being in every way most unsatisfactory.

Read—the following letter from the Collector of North Arcot, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue (through the Conservator of Forests, Central Circle), dated 11th May 1893, No. 352:—

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Under the Forest Code (paragraph 195), the District Forest office should be part of my office, but it is quite impossible to carry this out when the two offices are twenty miles apart.

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I may add that, as I am only acting in a privilege leave vacancy, I would not have moved in the matter but for the fact that the Board in its Proceedings, Forest No. 261, dated 14th April 1893, has ordered the discontinuance (to a large extent) of office-notes, by the use of which delay in correspondence had been obviated.

The District Forest-officer's office-note is enclosed.

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(True Copy and Extract.)

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Acting Secretary.

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3. If it is decided not to repair the above building, or if repaired, to give it back to the Collector, which I should prefer, the present District Munsif's Court house can be utilized for the District Forest-officer's office, as it is to be vacated shortly by the removal of the Court to the present Police office building. In that case Mr. Marshall suggests that the old Jailor's bungalow might be given to him as a residence. It is now used as a rest-house by the Public Works Department, but as there is a good travellers' bungalow at Chittoor, this rest-house is a luxury which may well be given up. This house, however, though suitable for a bachelor, would be somewhat inconvenient for a married Forest-officer. I hope, therefore, that the Collector's old bungalow will be restored, in which case the District Forest-officer could rent the house now occupied by the Collector or he could have the Assistant Collector's house and the latter could take the Collector's present residence.

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3. As regards the provision of accommodation for the District Forest-officer's office and residence at Chittoor, the Board thinks that the District Forest office may, as suggested by Messrs. Stuart and LeFanu, be located in the building occupied by the District Munsif's Court, the removal of which to a more convenient locality is now under the consideration of Government in the Judicial Department. The District Forest-officer may either occupy for his residence the old Jailor's house referred to by Mr. Stuart or rent some private bungalow.

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Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
„ Collector of North Arcot (through the Conservator of Forests, Central Circle).

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2. In that Proceedings it was suggested that the District Forest-officer's office should be located in the present District Munsif's Court which was shortly to be vacated under the arrangements discussed in the papers recorded with G.O., No. 1759, Judicial, dated 29th August 1893. No definite decision seems ever yet to have been arrived at as to whether the Munsif is to move into the old Sub-Judge's Court now occupied by the office of the Superintendent of Police or to have a new Court house built; but he evidently must remain where he is until new quarters have been provided, either for him or for the Superintendent of Police, and consequently his office may not be available for the District Forest-officer for some years to come. In the opinion of the Forest Member, moreover, the building is not a suitable one. Many of the objections urged against it as a Court house in Mr. Wolfe-Murray's letter recorded with G.O., No. 1759, dated 29th August 1893, tell equally against it as an office for the District Forest-officer.

3. The suggestion to utilize the Collector's old house for the purpose need not be discussed, as it has been decided that if the building is repaired it shall be restored to the Collector as a residence (G.O., No. 204 W., dated 23rd January 1894).

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Endorsement No. 2186.

Referred to the Inspector-General of Police for remarks.

(By order.)

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Forest No. 291.

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To the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue).
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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Read—again the following G.O., Mis. No. 2739, Revenue, dated 10th July 1895:—

Read—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), Forest Mis. No. 329, dated 9th March 1894:—

Read—again the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), Forest Mis. No. 751, dated 27th June 1893:—

Read—the following office-note from the District Forest-officer, North Arcot, to the Collector of North Arcot, dated 29th April 1893, No. 466:—

I have the honour to point out that the fact of my office being at Vellore and yours at Chittoor causes great and unnecessary delay in all matters. According to orders my office should be a part of yours, the Collector being almost the Conservator of the district under recent rulings. I beg therefore that you will recommend to the Board, through the Conservator, the transfer of my head-quarters to Chittoor.

2. I can arrange easily for accommodation for my office without any extra cost to Government, and I beg that you will be so good as to do your best to expedite the matter, the present management being in every way most unsatisfactory.

Read—the following letter from the Collector of North Arcot, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue (through the Conservator of Forests, Central Circle), dated 11th May 1893, No. 352:—

I have the honour to bring to the notice of the Board of Revenue that great inconvenience and delay is caused by the District Forest-officer's head-quarters being at Vellore and mine at Chittoor.

Under the Forest Code (paragraph 195), the District Forest office should be part of my office, but it is quite impossible to carry this out when the two offices are twenty miles apart.

I have therefore the honour to request that the Board of Revenue will sanction the transfer of the District Forest-officer's head-quarters from Vellore to Chittoor. The District Forest-officer says that the arrangement will cause no extra cost to Government, and now that Chittoor is on the railway, I can see no objection to the proposal while the advantages will be very great.

I may add that, as I am only acting in a privilege leave vacancy, I would not have moved in the matter but for the fact that the Board in its Proceedings, Forest No. 261, dated 14th April 1893, has ordered the discontinuance (to a large extent) of office-notes, by the use of which delay in correspondence had been obviated.

The District Forest-officer's office-note is enclosed.

Endorsement by the Conservator of Forests, Central Circle, dated 12th May 1893, No. 285.

Forwarded. There is every reason in favour of the transfer of the District Forest office to Chittoor and no objection as far as I can see. Chittoor is central for touring. The District Forest-officer states there is office accommodation available in

Government buildings so that no additional expense will be incurred under this head. As matters stand at present there must be loss of time in sending papers backwards and forwards from Vellore to Chittoor and *vice versâ* as well as a considerable expenditure in postage stamps.

Resolution—Forest Mis. No. 751, dated 27th June 1893.

The Collector is requested to report what house and office accommodation is available for the District Forest-officer at Chittoor.

(True Copy and Extract.)

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

To the Collector of North Arcot.

Read—also the following letter from H. A. STUART, Esq., Acting Collector of North Arcot, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue (through the Conservator of Forests, Central Circle), dated 4th August 1893, No. 4168:—

With reference to the Board's Proceedings, Forest Mis. No. 751, dated 27th June 1893, I have the honour to inform you that there is sufficient house accommodation for the District Forest-officer at Chittoor.

2. I beg to refer to my letter No. 793-Eng., dated 22nd June 1893, in which I have made alternative proposals for the disposal of the building formerly used as the Collector's residence at Chittoor. One of the proposals therein made is that, if the building is to be repaired, it may well be assigned to the District Forest-officer for his residence and office, as it would provide accommodation for himself and his office in a most convenient locality, the Collector's office being in the same compound.

3. If it is decided not to repair the above building, or if repaired, to give it back to the Collector, which I should prefer, the present District Munsif's Court house can be utilized for the District Forest-officer's office, as it is to be vacated shortly by the removal of the Court to the present Police office building. In that case Mr. Marshall suggests that the old Jailor's bungalow might be given to him as a residence. It is now used as a rest-house by the Public Works Department, but as there is a good travellers' bungalow at Chittoor, this rest-house is a luxury which may well be given up. This house, however, though suitable for a bachelor, would be somewhat inconvenient for a married Forest-officer. I hope, therefore, that the Collector's old bungalow will be restored, in which case the District Forest-officer could rent the house now occupied by the Collector or he could have the Assistant Collector's house and the latter could take the Collector's present residence.

Endorsement by the Conservator of Forests, Central Circle, dated 6th August 1893, No. 946.

Forwarded.

Reference on the above, dated 4th November 1893.

Referred to Mr. LeFanu for favour of remarks.

2. It is observed that the Collector's letter referred to (but with the date wrongly quoted) in paragraph 2 of the paper second read above has been disposed of in the Government Order communicated with Board's Proceedings, Mis. No. 5617, Land Revenue, dated 2nd October 1893.

Read—also the following letter from H. LE FANU, Esq., Collector of North Arcot, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue, dated 31st December 1893, No. 26:—

With reference to Board's Reference, dated 4th November 1893, No. 2544, I have the honour to state that the Collector's old bungalow can, if the Public Works Department think it worth while to repair it, be made over to the Superintendent of Police for an office, and I would urge this being done, as the house is objectionable in many ways and a very much better one is available for the Collector. The house in question was the first house purchased by Government for that purpose, under circumstances to which it is not necessary to refer. No Collector would live in it who had the opportunity of living elsewhere.

2. There is no necessity to press for the house for forest purposes, for, when Mr. Agar's present office is taken over by the District Munsif, the District Munisf's office will be available and will do very well for a Forest office. Mr. Agar is also willing to cede any of the old jail buildings which the District Forest-officer might want for storage of timber, &c. Mr. Stuart has already referred to the Public Works Department rest-house which might be made available as a residence for the District Forest-officer. I must, however, add that I have been more than six years in Chittoor, and have never found any difficulty arise from the District Forest-officer being stationed at Vellore and his being there has many advantages. However, I do not oppose his transfer to Chittoor if Government think it desirable.

Resolution—Mis. Forest No. 329, dated 9th March 1894.

The papers read above will be submitted for the orders of Government.

2. The Board considers that it is desirable that the District Forest-officer's head-quarters should be transferred from Vellore to Chittoor and would invite the attention of Government to the main argument adduced in its Proceedings, Forest Mis. No. 813, dated 11th July 1893, which applies with equal force to all districts. Further, Chittoor is now connected by rail with Vellore and the other parts of the district; and there is therefore no apparent reason why Vellore should continue to be the head-quarters.

3. As regards the provision of accommodation for the District Forest-officer's office and residence at Chittoor, the Board thinks that the District Forest office may, as suggested by Messrs. Stuart and LeFanu, be located in the building occupied by the District Munsif's Court, the removal of which to a more convenient locality is now under the consideration of Government in the Judicial Department. The District Forest-officer may either occupy for his residence the old Jailor's house referred to by Mr. Stuart or rent some private bungalow.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) L. M. WYNCH,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
" Collector of North Arcot (through the Conservator of Forests, Central Circle).

Order—Mis. No. 2739, Revenue, dated 10th July 1895.

Before passing final orders on the question of the transfer of the District Forest-officer's head-quarters from Vellore to Chittoor, the Government desires to have more definite information as to the accommodation available at the latter place for the

District Forest-officer's office and residence in case the proposed transfer is sanctioned. The Board's Forest Member is accordingly requested to visit Chittoor at an early date and report on the above point.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) E. GIBSON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue).

Read—also the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), Forest Mis. No. 1142, dated 9th August 1895:—

Read—G.O., Mis. No. 2739, Revenue, dated 10th July 1895.

Resolution—Mis. Forest No. 1142, dated 9th August 1895.

As directed in G.O., No. 2739, dated 10th July 1895, the Board's Forest Member has visited Chittoor in order to report on the accommodation available for the District Forest-officer's office and residence in the event of Government sanctioning the proposal made in Board's Proceedings, No. 329, dated 9th March 1894, that the head-quarters of the District Forest office should be transferred from Vellore to Chittoor.

2. In that Proceedings it was suggested that the District Forest-officer's office should be located in the present District Munsif's Court which was shortly to be vacated under the arrangements discussed in the papers recorded with G.O., No. 1759, Judicial, dated 29th August 1893. No definite decision seems ever yet to have been arrived at as to whether the Munsif is to move into the old Sub-Judge's Court now occupied by the office of the Superintendent of Police or to have a new Court house built; but he evidently must remain where he is until new quarters have been provided, either for him or for the Superintendent of Police, and consequently his office may not be available for the District Forest-officer for some years to come. In the opinion of the Forest Member, moreover, the building is not a suitable one. Many of the objections urged against it as a Court house in Mr. Wolfe-Murray's letter recorded with G.O., No. 1759, dated 29th August 1893, tell equally against it as an office for the District Forest-officer.

3. The suggestion to utilize the Collector's old house for the purpose need not be discussed, as it has been decided that if the building is repaired it shall be restored to the Collector as a residence (G.O., No. 204 W., dated 23rd January 1894).

4. At the suggestion of the present Collector, the Forest Member inspected the old jail hospital, and concurs with Mr. Wynne in considering that it would serve very well indeed as a District Forest office. It seems in very good repair, but of course it should be examined and reported on by a professional officer and an estimate submitted for any petty repairs and alterations which may be required to make it fit for immediate occupation. One of the proposals now under consideration in the Public Works Department is the conversion of the jail wards into an office for the Superintendent of Police. It seems very doubtful if this can be done, but in any case it would not interfere with the proposed utilization of the jail hospital which is a separate building at some distance from the wards and enclosed by a high wall. It is too small for a Police Superintendent's office and too far removed from the main buildings to be of any use as an adjunct to any office which may be made by converting the jail wards.

5. There is at present a vacant bungalow in the station which could be secured as a residence by the District Forest-officer. It appears that in 1882 the Conservator allowed the District Forest-officer to fix his head-quarters at Vellore, as he reported that no accommodation was available at Chittoor, either for himself or his office, but the difficulty seems to have been temporary. It might be well for Government to have official residences for many of its officers, but the urgency does not seem to be

more pressing at Chittoor than at many other small up-country stations. The proposal to assign to the District Forest-officer as a residence the old Jailor's house now used as a rest-house by the Public Works Department does not commend itself to the Board so long as a vacant bungalow can be found in the station. The Public Works Department would probably be unwilling to surrender it and, as remarked by Mr. Stuart, it would be somewhat inconvenient for a married District Forest-officer.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) L. M. WYNCH,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Read—also G.O., No. 1647, Judicial, dated 7th August 1895.

Abstract.—Requesting the Hon'ble the Judges of the High Court to favour Government with their opinion as to the advisability of constructing a separate Court-house for the District Munsif of Chittoor, ordering that the necessary steps be taken for the conversion of the old jail buildings at Chittoor into Police lines, and requesting the Inspector-General of Police to state whether he has any objection to this course being taken.

Read—also G.O., No. 1893, Judicial, dated 9th September 1895.

Abstract.—Requesting the Public Works Department to issue the necessary orders for the preparation of plans and estimates for a District Munsif's Court house, Chittoor.

Read—the following office-note from the Honourable Mr. E. GIBSON, I.C.S., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Ootacamund, 10th September 1895, No. 55:—

With reference to the correspondence contained in G.O., No. 1647, Judicial, dated 7th August 1895, the undersigned has the honour to enquire whether there is any objection to the old jail hospital building at Chittoor being placed at the disposal of the Revenue Department to be used as an office for the District Forest-officer of North Arcot.

Endorsement No. 2186.

Referred to the Inspector-General of Police for remarks.

(By order.)

Ootacamund,
17th September 1895.

(Signed) L. DAVIDSON,
Acting Under Secretary.

To the Inspector-General of Police.

Read—the following letter from M. HAMMICK, Esq., I.C.S., Inspector-General of Police, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 14th October 1895, No. 5241:—

With reference to your endorsement, No. 2186, Judicial, dated 17th September 1895, on office-note from the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, I have the honour to report that there is no objection to the old jail hospital building at Chittoor being placed at the disposal of the Revenue Department for use as the District Forest-officer's office.

Endorsement No. 2581.

Transferred to the Revenue Department.

(By order.)

Fort St. George,
30th October 1895.

(Signed) L. DAVIDSON,
Acting Under Secretary.

Order—No. 752, Revenue, dated 18th November 1895.

Forest No. 291.

In the circumstances reported in the first of the papers read above, the Government considers that the most suitable course to adopt is to direct the conversion of the old jail hospital building at Chittoor into an office for the District Forest-officer. The Public Works Department will accordingly be requested to arrange for the preparation in consultation with the Collector of North Arcot of an estimate for such repairs and alterations as may be required in order to fit the building for the purpose intended.

2. On completion of the necessary repairs and alterations, the head-quarters of the District Forest-officer will be transferred from Vellore to Chittoor.

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue).
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