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No. 41. Read the following letter from G. LEE MORRIS, Esq., Officiating Government Agent, Tanjore; to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Point Calimere, 13th April 1863.

With reference to the Proceedings of Government, dated 23rd December 1862, No. 515, in which I am directed to ascertain from Her Highness Kamatchi Boyi Sahiba on what terms she is prepared to part with the Residency buildings and to submit a proposal for their purchase or rental, I have the honor to forward herewith copy of a letter from her on the subject, from which the Government will perceive that Her Highness does not wish to sell the property in question and is only willing to allow a part of it to be used as a Court House, subject to the payment of such rent as may be considered proper.

2. I was away from Tanjore when this letter reached me, but immediately on my return I placed myself in communication with the Sessions Judge, and settled with him that a rent of 90 Rupees a month would be fair for the part of the late Residency occupied by the Session and two Principal Sudder Ameens' Courts. I beg therefore that the payment of this amount every month may be sanctioned, if the Government agree with us in thinking that it is a proper sum.

3. I cannot refrain from adding that the accommodation is any thing but good, and that a greater part of the records belonging to the Sessions and late Sub Judges' Courts are at Combaconum, where they will have to remain as long as the Courts are located as at present, there being no room for them in such parts of the Residency as Her Highness Kamatchi Boyi Sahiba is willing to give up.

4. With reference to the houses mentioned in paragraph 5 of the accompanying letter, I have the honor to observe that Somnath Pundit's house has been converted into the Jail; that the Tahsildar's Cutcherry is accommodated in Venkata Row's house; and that the Tanjore District and Additional District Moonsiffs hold their Courts in Mr. Ram's Bungalow. The rent of the first and third have been reduced by Her Highness on the representation of the Sessions Judge to 50 and 60 Rupees respectively, and as I think that Venkata Row's house is worth the amount asked, I beg to request the sanction of Government for the monthly payment of Rupees 155 for the three buildings in question.

5. The last two buildings, viz., the Cutwal's Choultry and the Hospital are at present occupied by the Police; the first I am informed by the Superintendent of Police is not required and will be vacated immediately, but the rent asked for the second will be readily paid, as it is the same amount as was paid to Government when the building was under their management.

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From KAMATCHI BOYI SAHIBA; to G. LEE MORRIS, Esq., Officiating Government Agent at Tanjore, dated Tanjore Palace, 3rd March 1863, No. 14.

I have received your letter dated 28th February as well as your former letters stating that some of the houses belonged to me are become useful for the Public Cutcherry of Government, consequently either the rent or purchase money for those houses should be required by me.

2. Though it becomes my duty to concur with the intention of Government, yet I do not consider it proper to sell the premises belonged to me.

3. As to the Residency Bungalow, I beg to say, that my ancestors (the Rajahs) had purchased the said Bungalow at a vast cost of sum and erected some new buildings thereabout, and placed the Bungalow and its garden for the accommodation of the Residents, &c., together with furnitures furnished suitably to their convenient lodging, so that the Residents, Governors and other eminent gentlemen who had happened to visit Tanjore, had come and took their comfortable lodging in the said Bungalow according to their pleasure; as it seems good and proper to follow the precedent which my ancestors (the Rajahs) had exemplified in this respect, and as there is not here a commodious place as this for the accommodation of the Governors and other eminent gentlemen whenever they may happen to visit Tanjore, I propose it as proper to place the said Bungalow in full repair for the accommodation of yourself as our Agent, and other gentlemen free from rent, but if there is no other place here to be provided for establishing the Civil Court, a

part of the Bungalow may be transferred for the use of the Court; and to which whatever amount of rent you may be pleased to fix, will be received by me; as to the other part of the Bungalow, I am glad to place, according to the former customs of my ancestors, in full repair at your disposal for the accommodation of yourself and other gentlemen who may come to Tanjore.

4. As to the Bungalow situated at Combaconum I am well aware that the Government has for the public welfare established at a vast cost of sum a School for the liberal education of the children of the Natives; in that respect I propose to afford my assistance as far as I am able to do, consequently I have no desire at all to fix rent on the said Bungalow at any rate, and you may keep up the said Bungalow so as it is now, until another commodious place for the School may be provided according to the intention of Government; and you may give orders that the garden, &c., belonging to the said Bungalow should be made over to my possession.

5. As to the other houses stated in your letter I propose to fix the amount of monthly rent as specified below :—

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| To Somaneider Pundit's house... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 55 |
| Venkut Row's house... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 45 |
| Mr. Ram's Bungalow... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 70 |
| Cutwall's Chavady situated in the north street of the Fort... ... | 10 |
| Hospital outside the Fort... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 20 |
| Rupees... | 200 |

What can I say more.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) G. LEE MORRIS,
*Officiating Government Agent.*

No. 42. ORDER THEREON, 27th June 1863, No. 179.

Under the circumstances stated in the foregoing letter, the Governor in Council is of opinion that arrangements should be made for building a suitable Court House and Jail at Tanjore. It appears that in the building now occupied by the Session Court and two Principal Sudder Ameens' Courts, there is no room for the greater part of the records of the Session Court and of the late Subordinate Judge's Court, which consequently are still kept at Combaconum; and it is understood that the building now used as a Jail—Somnath Pundit's house—is very unsuitable for the purpose.

2. Orders will accordingly be issued in the Department of Public Works for the immediate preparation of plans and estimates for a Court House and Jail to be built in the little Fort which is the property of Government. The Court House should be so planned as to accommodate the Session Judge and two Principal Sudder Ameens. The plans of the two buildings will be prepared in communication with the Civil and Session Judge and Inspector General of Jails respectively; and if the former Officer should think it advisable that accommodation should be provided in the new building for the Court of Small Causes and for one or both of the District Moonsiffs who now occupy the house designated as Mr. Ram's Bungalow, he will arrange with the Superintending Engineer for the necessary addition being made to the plan.

3. Meanwhile, the Governor in Council authorizes the rental of the several buildings named in the margin at the sums specified. The rent of the Residency has been fixed at Rupees 140, which includes the amount now paid by the Civil and Session Judge for the rooms occupied by him as his private residence. The rent will be paid in arrears from the dates on which the buildings have been severally occupied as public offices.

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| Residency... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 140 |
| Somnath Pundit's house... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 50 |
| Vencut Row's house... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 45 |
| Mr. Ram's Bungalow... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 60 |
| Cutwall's Choultry... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 10 |
| Hospital... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 20 |
| Rupees... | 325 |

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4. The Governor in Council cannot permit the Government Agent or any other public Officer in future to occupy the Residency buildings free of rent.

5. As Her Highness Kamatchi Boyi wishes that the School house at Combaconum which was transferred by the late Rajah to Government, for Educational purposes, should be retained free of rent so long as it may be required, the Governor in Council sanctions its being so retained until another suitable building can be provided. The garden attached to this building will be placed in Her Highness' possession.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
*Secretary to Government.*

Exd. T. McMootry.

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The Post. Agent, Tanjore.
Civil & Sessions Judge, Tanjore.
Judge of the Court of Small Causes, Tanjore.
Inspector General of Jails
Inspector General of Police
Public Works Department
The Registrar of the High Court

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