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23rd November 1871.*

No. 88. Read the following letter from the Collector of North Arcot, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Chittoor, 6th November 1871, No. 81 :—

I have the honour to submit, for the orders of Government, copy of a letter* from the Acting Sub-Collector recommending the transfer of the Fort Jail to the Dispensary Managing Committee.

* Dated 1st November 1871, No. 650.

2. I would strongly urge, for the reasons given in Mr. Cruickshank's letter, that the Dispensary at Vellore should be transferred from the present premises to the Jail buildings within the Fort which Captain McLeod says are no longer required for their original purposes.

3. The building now occupied as a Dispensary is, as the Government are aware, private property, and affords very inadequate accommodation; whereas the vacant jail buildings are admirably adapted for the purpose to which it is proposed to devote them.

4. A fresh complication has besides arisen in respect to the future tenure of the present building, as it is part of the property of the late firm of Abkarri Contractors of the Sub-Division, and as such is likely to pass into other hands when sold in satisfaction of the heavy arrears outstanding against the firm while under their management.

From A. CRUICKSHANK, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector of North Arcot, to the Collector of North Arcot, dated Vellore, 1st November 1871, No. 650.

I have the honour to forward, herewith, copy of a letter sent me by Dr. Fox on behalf of the Managing Committee of the Civil Dispensary here requesting that the Government may be applied to make over the Fort Jail to the Committee to use as a Dispensary on account of the present building being insufficient to meet the requirements of the station and its being impossible to purchase the building and enlarge it as it is heavily mortgaged, and the Committee would, if they purchased the building, most likely be dragged into numerous law suits. Moreover, it is desired, I believe, to have the Police hospital in the same compound as the Dispensary. If this is done Government will have to pay for a new building; whereas if the jail premises are given they will have nothing to pay, and the building would be kept in order, and not allowed to deteriorate as they are likely to do if unoccupied.

2. As the jail is in the possession of the Superintendent, Central Jail, I wrote him asking if he had objections to such an application being made, and he replied he did not think it likely that his Department would ever require it again, but as he did not know what the intentions of the Inspector-General were he had better be written to. I did so, and he replies that the jail is not likely to be required by his Department. I enclose copies of both letters. I, therefore, request that you will kindly make application to Government to sanction the making over of the jail premises to the Committee.

From Assistant-Surgeon W. S. FOX, in charge of Civil Dispensary, Vellore, to the Acting Sub-Collector of North Arcot, dated Vellore, 14th October 1871, No. 48.

In accordance with a resolution of the Managing Committee at a meeting held at the Civil Dispensary on the 12th instant, I have the honour to request you will apply to Government for the use of the building, beside the pagoda lately used as a jail and vacated on 30th June last for a Dispensary. It was the intention of the Committee to purchase the present Dispensary; but in

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consequence of its lien mortgaged for more than the Committee consider its value, and in addition the title it is to be sold with not appearing to be very secure this is now unfeasible; the bungalow is in its present state too small for the requirements of this town; and, as there is no chance now of their purchasing it, they do not feel justified in incurring the expense of enlarging it, neither do they think, under the present circumstances, it would be advisable that Government should build a police ward in the compound. The Collector being of opinion that the property should be sold without any condition of its being retained as a Dispensary, any new building or additions, made either by the Committee or Government, would only enhance the value for the benefit of the future landlord. If Government would approve of the late Fort Jail being used for a Dispensary there would be abundant room in it for a police ward also; a very trifling amount would be required to fit it for both purposes, and a considerable expenditure would thus be saved to Government by avoiding the necessity of constructing a ward for the Police; the jail would be very convenient for the purposes of a Dispensary, it is close to the town; there is ample accommodation in which the present Dispensary is deficient, good latrines, cook-house, residence for a medical subordinate, and a contagious ward for four patients; a few alterations and repairs with construction of a dead-house would be almost all that is required; the site appears healthy judging from the usual health of the convicts in it when used as a jail; the building is now unoccupied, and probably will in consequence soon fall into a state of disrepair.

From Captain W. S. McLEOD, Superintendent, Central Jail, Vellore, to the Acting Sub-Collector, North Arcot, dated Vellore, 17th October 1871, No. 691.

In reply to your letter, No. 616, dated 16th instant, I have the honour to acquaint you that, so far as I am aware, the late Fort Jail premises are not likely to be again required by this Department, but I am unable to say positively what may be the Inspector-General's intentions on the point, and would suggest that the matter be referred to him before application is made to Government.

From the Inspector-General of Jails, to the Acting Sub-Collector, Vellore, dated Ootacamund, 27th October 1871, No. 2025.

In reply to your letter, No. 628, dated 18th instant, I have the honour to state that, to the best of my belief, the Jail in the Fort at Vellore is not likely to be required by this Department.

No. 89. ORDER THEREON, 23rd November 1871, No. 1749.

Under the circumstances stated, the Government sanction the building near the Pagoda in the Fort at Vellore recently used as a Jail, being made over to the Dispensary Committee with a view to its being utilized as a Dispensary.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Collector of North Arcot.

„ Inspector-General of Jails.

„ „ Indian Medical Department.

Vellore Jail

13. Nov. 71.

My dear Mr Ellis,

The Jail you refer to is known as the "Barrack Jail". It was formerly a Barrack for the European Troops & was converted into a Jail in 1867, under your directions when the old Fort Jail & lockups were overcrowded.

Yours sincerely
D. S. Macdonald

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From

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Cassan's Office
Chittagong 6th November
1871

To J. D. Robinson Esq
Collector of North B. & C.
The Honble R. S. Ellis Esq
Chief Secretary to Govt.
Six, Fort Saint George

* Date of
1st November 1871
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