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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
5th March 1863.*

No. 44. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Judicial Department, dated 24th February 1863, No. 303 :—

Issuing certain instructions for the location of the High Court, the Court of Small Causes, and the Town Police Court, and requesting the Collector of Sea Customs to report on the subject of appropriating the lower story of the Bonded Warehouse as a Record-room for the High Court. } (Vide Judicial Proceedings, 24th February 1863, Nos. 211, 212.)

No. 45. ORDER THEREON, 5th March 1863, No. 466.
Communicated to the Board of Revenue for information.

(Signed.) C. G. MASTER,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.
PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following Memorandum :—

MEMORANDUM.

As directed in the Proceedings of Government, under date the 10th instant, I went over to the late Supreme Court House on Friday last with the Honorable the Chief Justice and the Registrars of the two branches of the High Court. I found that it would be impossible except at considerable expense to convert any of the rooms in the present building into a second Court room. It has been suggested that the present Grand Jury room and those occupied by the Master might be turned into Courts, but the first is too small and the Master's rooms cannot be adapted without much alteration and considerable expense. The rooms on the basement of the Court House are generally very small and dark, and although a few of them might be made available for the Office Establishment attached to the Appellate side of the Court, they would not be sufficient for the whole of that Establishment. It is necessary therefore that either the Court of Small Causes or the Police Court should be removed into another building, and that the Court House so vacated should be assigned to the High Court. On the whole the best arrangement appears to be, to remove the Police Court, and to transfer the Court of Small Causes to the premises now occupied by the Police Court; the latter can be transferred to the Bank premises on the Beach which I understand may be had at a monthly rent of Rupees 250.

2. In the Police Court premises there is one excellent Court room and another which with some slight alterations may be made use of as a second Court. For the third Court the Administrator General should be required to vacate the room now occupied by the records at the end of the Supreme Court House, adjoining the present Police Court. In the lower part of the Police Court premises there is ample space for the Establishment of the Small Cause Court.

3. The present Small Cause Court House will furnish ample accommodation for the Appellate branch of the High Court excepting the old records which with the records of the Original side of the High Court can be lodged in the lower story of the Bonded Warehouse.

4. The Honorable the Chief Justice approves of this arrangement and will be prepared to arrange for the removal of the Appellate branch as soon as the transfer of the Small Cause Court and Police Court shall have been effected. I should mention that the 1st Judge of the Small Cause Court objects to the removal of that Court, on the ground that the Police Court premises are too small. I cannot admit the validity of the objection. It appears to me that these premises with the addition of the room now occupied by the Administrator General as a Record room will be ample.

5. The Sheriff requires additional accommodation for his office; and a guard room for European prisoners awaiting trial before the High Court is much needed. The four rooms referred to in the note to the Statement of accommodation appended to Mr. Chamier's letter of the 9th instant might be made available for these purposes.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
24th February 1863.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

ORDER THEREON, 24th February 1863, No. 303.

His Excellency the Governor in Council directs that the Commissioner of Police will take immediate steps for renting the Bank premises for the Town Police Office and for transferring the Police Court to those premises as soon as possible. They will probably afford accommodation for the Marine Police also. The Court of Small Causes will be transferred to the present Town Police Court, the room now used as a Record room by the Administrator General being vacated and converted into a 3rd Court room for the Court of Small Causes.

2. The District Engineer of the Presidency will wait upon the Honorable the Chief Justice and take his instructions as to the alterations and repairs necessary to adapt the Small Cause Court premises for the Appellate branch of the High Court. Two new benches will probably be required, and the whole of the premises should be thoroughly cleaned.

3. The District Engineer will also in communication with the 1st Judge of the Court of Small Causes, ascertain what alterations are required to adapt the southern room in the upper story of the Police Court Houses as a Court room for the 2nd Judge and the Administrator General's Record room as a Court room for the 3rd Judge. The work should be put in hand at once and done as speedily as possible. He will also ascertain from the Commissioner of Police what alterations will be necessary to adapt the Bank for use as a Police Court.

4. The Honorable the Chief Justice will be requested to arrange the distribution of the rooms now occupied by the Officers belonging to the Original side of the Court so as to provide the Sheriff with such additional accommodation as he may require, and a room for the confinement of European prisoners awaiting trial.

5. If after duly providing for the requirements of the Court there should still be a room or rooms available for the records of the Administrator General, the Governor in Council will not object to their being retained in the Court House, but they must be removed at once from the room in which they are now deposited. The Government Law Officers need not be disturbed.

6. The lower story of the Bonded Warehouse will be appropriated as a Record room for the entire records of the High Court as soon as it can be made available, on which point the Collector of Sea Customs will report. The District Engineer will take the instructions of the Chief Justice as to the alterations requisite for this building, and will submit an Estimate of their cost.

(True Extract.)

H. J. L. M. M. M.
Chief Secretary.

To the Registrar of the High Court.

- „ Commissioner of Police.
- „ Judges of the Madras Court of Small Causes.
- „ Administrator General.
- „ Public Works Department.
- „ District Engineer Presidency.
- „ Collector of Sea Customs.
- „ Civil Paymaster.
- „ Accountant General.
- „ Revenue Department.

Exd. T. McMootry.

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For A. Dec.
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To the Hon. Secy.
of the Ind. A. S. 1863.
Canton

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and requesting the Secy of the Ind. A. S. 1863
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A. 1100. 5th March

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