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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 1215 Press Mis.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 12th July 1864.

No. 196. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel F. J. B. PRIESTLEY, Superintendent, Revenue Survey, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Bangalore, 1st July 1864, No. 435/20 :—

SIR,

1. On the receipt of the Order of Government dated 20th June, No. 1,066, I called on the Officer under whose orders the Coimbatore Branch Survey Office is placed, to "ascertain and "report with as little delay as possible,

"I. Whether the Moonsiff's Court is fit for a Survey Office. The Superintendent is under "the impression that on examination he was of opinion neither accommodation nor light were "found suitable.

"II. Whether any other or better arrangement can be made,

"III. Whether any dwelling houses are likely to be vacant before long."

2. I have the honor to enclose Captain Hessey's reply with its accompaniments,* by which it will be perceived that the Moonsiff's Court is not well suited for a Survey Office, being deficient in Store-rooms, and the only place in which there is sufficient light for Draughtsmen being the verandah. Their working there during inclement or windy weather would be unadvisable, if not impossible. It is unsuited for the Office of an European Officer, being surrounded by houses and open drains, and of insufficient elevation. It has only one advantage over the present Office, viz., that it is in the centre of the Town, and consequently nearer to where the natives employed in Office reside.

* Letter from Lieutenant Baynes and Plan of Moonsiff's Court.

3. Captain Hessey is strongly opposed to the removal of the Office, and states that the Moonsiff's Court will be totally inadequate to accommodate the Establishment when increased as it will be ere long. It is also pointed out that the Judge of Coimbatore voluntarily resigned his present house when going on leave, and that by the 1st July a house formerly occupied by the Collector will, it is believed, be vacant. It is further stated that the present Survey Office is not arranged for a private dwelling, and needs very considerable repair.

4. I trust under the circumstances now reported, it will not be deemed necessary to dispossess the Survey Establishment. Should it however be resolved to do so, I have to solicit sanction to rent the house above alluded to as formerly occupied by the Collector at a monthly rent of Rupees 120.

No. 197. ORDER THEREON, 12th July 1864, No. 1,215.

Miscellaneous.

As the Moonsiff's Court is not adapted for an Office for the Survey Department and a house is available for Mr Harris, the Government cannot comply with the request contained in his letter dated 14th June 1864.

(True Extract.)

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

To G. A. Harris, Esq.
„ the Superintendent, Revenue Survey.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Fo 20 June/64 No. 266-267.

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Dated 1st July
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Informing him with reference to G.O. No. 166 of the 20th Ultimo, that the Provincial Court is not and the Surveyor Office of the Province in occupied by the Garrison, and that No. 120 for Lower Canada should be available for the Courts

No. 196 & 197.

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Ft 1215.

The Provincial Court is not adapted, for an Office for the Surveyor Gen[era]l Department and a House is available for the Minister of Militia, the Government will comply with the request contained in this Letter dated 11th June 1864.

Head Qrs
12th July 1864

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Lieut. of Civil Secretary with 3 Plans

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