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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
19th August 1864.*

No. 294A. Read the following letter from Colonel A. J. M. BOILEAU, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 18th August 1864, No. 2,306 :—

SIR,

1. It has recently occurred to me that some modification may with great advantage be made in the *precise* site which has been determined upon for the new Stamp Office. All

Two Plans.

are agreed that the Commissariat Timber Depot, which has now been handed over to this Department, is a most suitable locality, but I think (and I regret that it did not occur to me before) that the great extent and value of that area, and the feasibility of economizing the space to be made over for the Stamp Office, and that quite consistently with complete security in every respect, have not been sufficiently considered.

2. The space now allotted for the Stamp Office and its auxiliary buildings is 300 feet long and 180 feet broad, affording an area of 54,000 square feet, bounded too, it is to be remembered, by broad roads on the north, east and west, and by Abercrombie's Battery on the south. Now the new building itself is to occupy only 4,900, say 5,000, square feet of ground; and allowing for the out-offices say 5,000 more, 10,000 only are actually required for all the buildings. If we divide the Timber Depot into two equal parts, as shown in the accompanying tracing, giving 27,000 square feet to the Stamp Office and reserving the other 27,000 for any other public building, we shall still have 17,000 square feet of area, of open ground unbuilt upon, and left for the free circulation of air, and for the maintenance of a clear space all round the main building.

3. Suppose, for instance, the Office to be constructed at A (the line of sheds against south wall of the area being removed), there would be a clear space on the south of 30 feet to the boundary wall, in addition to the whole open space of the Abercrombie's Battery (from which it may be observed all Engineer Workshops, Stores, &c., will probably be removed before the new Stamp Office is completed), and on the north there would be a clear space of 50 feet to the new boundary wall, beyond which again arrangements could be made for still further open ground being left if considered desirable, by so regulating the design of the building which is to occupy the northern half of the Timber Depot. On the east the building in its new position would be exactly the same distance from the road as where it was originally intended to construct it, and on the west it would be brought only 10 feet nearer to the room for the storage of paper, but this, if thought to be disadvantageous, could be easily remedied.

4. Under these circumstances I request permission to commence at once with the construction of the Stamp Office at the site marked A in upper plan, leaving the re-adjustment of the arrangement of the out-offices to be dealt with hereafter.

Referred to the Revenue Department for consideration.

(Signed) J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, Major, R. E.,
Deputy Secretary to Government, P.W.D.
CHEPAUK,
19th August 1864.

No. 294B. ORDER THEREON, 19th August 1864, No. 1,506A.

Separate Revenue, No. 82A.
Stamps.

Referred to the Board of Revenue for early report.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Request for permission

for constructing the new Stamp
Office according to the modified
plans proposed by him.

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