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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
30th October 1868.

Read the following papers :—

No. 463. From the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madras, 14th August 1868, No 2,349 :—

1. I have the honor to forward, with a view to their being laid before the Board, a copy of a letter from the Sub-Engineer in temporary charge of the Southern Range, Presidency District, together with a plan, in pencil, exhibiting the lower storey of the Board's Office, together with the proposed additions, and, with reference to the question put by Mr. Walch, I should be glad to be favored with the Board's views as to the arrangements to be made in the proposed addition on the northern face (lower storey) of the building.

1 Plan.
1 Letter, No. 364, dated 13th August 1868.

It would appear that the Conservator of Forests is to take possession of the rooms recently occupied by the Lithographic Department.

From the Officer in charge of Southern Range, Presidency, to the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, dated Madras, 13th August 1868, No. 364.

1. Mr. Chisholm having informed me that he requires all the necessary plans for the additions to the Revenue Board Office, showing the internal arrangements of both floors, to enable him to furnish plans for the stair-cases, for which I applied to him, I have the honor to request you will be good enough to ascertain what arrangements the Revenue Board wishes to be made in the lower storey of the proposed addition on the northern face of the building, which I understand is to be made over to the Board.

2. I have got a plan of the arrangements that Colonel Priestley wishes to be made in the proposed upper storey of the north face.

3. At the same time, I beg to report that the repairs of the old Lithographic Office are now nearly completed, and as Colonel Orr directed that this Office should be made over to the Conservator of Forests, may I request you will be good enough to inform the Board of this arrangement.

From the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, to the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, dated Madras, 19th September 1868, No. 6,689.

1. With reference to your letter, dated 14th August 1868, No. 2,349, and your subsequent conference with the Board, I am directed to return the plans of the Board's Office with the allotment of accommodation shewn on them. The part colored blue represents the space required by the Board, and the portions colored pink and yellow, the accommodation assigned to the Inam and Revenue Settlement Departments, respectively. The uncolored portion is that remaining for the Survey Department.

2. The Board are aware that the intention of Government is to make over to them the whole of the lower storey of the new northern wing. This, according to your plan, will measure 194 feet by 26 feet, or 5,044 superficial feet. It was probably overlooked that a department like the Survey Department must have accommodation on the ground-floor for its presses. The Board, however, as you will see by the plan, take only a portion, 54 feet by 26 feet, of the lower storey, leaving the remainder, 140 feet by 26 feet, available for the Survey Department. The proposed prolongation of the Sheristadar's rooms, and the Referencers' room is absolutely necessary; both are now over-crowded, and unless the Referencers' room be thus extended, it will be too dark.

3. With regard to Mr. Walch's statement, that "Colonel Orr directed" the late Lithographic Office to be made over to the Conservator of Forests, I am to state that the Board have received no such instructions from Government. You will observe from the correspondence marginally noted, that the Lithographic Press, occupying rooms A, B, and C, was removed at the instance of the Board, in order to enable them to accommodate the Inam Commissioner's increased Establishment, and to lessen the over-crowding of their own Office. The room marked C is absolutely required for the Inam Commissioner's establishment, and that marked B for the Board's records. The remaining room A, the Board place altogether at the disposal of the Survey Department.

Board's Procs., 8th February 1867, No. 791.
G. O., 25th February 1867, No. 453.

4. The Board find it absolutely necessary to give the Director of Revenue Settlement more space for his establishment, and have added to his Office two rooms now occupied by them in the lower floor.

5. In the upper floor the Board require the two rooms adjoining their present rooms. These aggregate 54 feet by 26 feet, or 1,404 superficial feet.

6. You will perceive from the above that, whereas Government intended to give the Board 5,044 additional superficial feet, the Board have availed themselves for their own Office, and the Offices of the Director of Revenue Settlement, and the Inam Commissioner, of only 2,808, and have left the Survey Department 8,164 feet, while Government assigned it only 5,044.

7. As a *temporary* arrangement, the Forest Department might at once be moved into the rooms marked A and B until the rooms now being constructed for them are finished. These aggregate 1,804 superficial feet, while the new quarter designed for them in the western upper storey contain only 1,404 superficial feet.

8. I am directed to request your attention to paragraph 2 of my letter to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated 18th June last, No. 4,532, regarding a masonry verandah at the back of the Members' rooms, and to the last paragraph of the same letter regarding the isolation of the different departments. In plan A the places where divisions are necessary are marked with ink crosses; but the whole back of the Forest Office, as now planned, opens into the main building upstairs.

9. The new arrangements will remove the present bath-room upstairs and leave the Members without any accommodation of this kind. There will in fact be only one small bath-room in the Office, and it opens into the Secretary's room. It is proposed, therefore, to convert B in plan B into two bath-rooms.

10. The Board presume that you are aware that the five departments, which, under the new arrangements, will occupy the building, number 552 individuals.

No. 464. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 30th September 1868, No. 6,938.

Read the following letter from the Superintendent of Revenue Survey, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Camp at Nayer, 21th September 1868, No. 1511-56.

1. As I believe the question of accommodation in the new portion to be added to the present Revenue Board Office building is under consideration, I have

the honor to forward copy of a letter from the Executive Engineer, Presidency Division, and of my reply thereto.

2. I may mention that the present accommodation for my Office Establishment is miserably insufficient, the entrance passage being even occupied by Draughtsmen. I should be glad if some experienced person were deputed to visit it and settle definitely the area indispensable for accommodating the Survey Office.

3. I have reason to believe that the space available in the new building will be very far from adequate, and, as stated in my letter to the Executive Engineer, the division of an office impairs the efficiency of supervision, unless an addition of some highly paid subordinates be made to the present strength.

Copy of a letter from the Executive Engineer, Presidency, Southern Range, to the Superintendent, Revenue Survey, dated Madras, 6th July 1868, No. 254.

1. I have been requested by the Secretary to Government, Department of PublicWorks, to ask you what accommodation you will require in the new rooms about to be added to the Revenue Board Office, or rather, (supposing that the space which is to be given to you is considered sufficient,) what divisions, either in the way of screen or of partition walls, will be required, so as to divide off the accommodation for your Department into rooms.

2. The northern face of the Revenue Board Office is to be widened to 24 feet, with an upper storey, and it is proposed that you should have the upper floor, which will give from wall to wall a space of 192′ 6″ by 24′; but if you require this to be divided off into rooms for separate offices, I must know what supporting walls to build on the lower storey.

Copy of a letter from the Superintendent of Revenue Survey, to the Executive Engineer, Presidency Range, dated Chepauk, 22nd July 1868, No. 1,076-136.

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 254, of the 6th instant, requesting information regarding the accommodation required for my Office.

2. The room available in the upper storey of the Revenue Board building, 192′ 6″ by 24′, would suffice for my Draughtsmen, myself, my First Office Assistant, and for a few Tracers. The divisions required are shewn in the accompanying plan.

3. This would leave the Clerks and Computers, Moochies, Lithographic Press Establishment, and Record and Map rooms unprovided for, at present occupying a superficial area of square-feet 6,255, which is far from sufficient. Square-feet 9,000 is, in my opinion, the smallest space required to accommodate the above, independently of the new room in the Revenue Board building.

4. Unless I am made acquainted with the arrangements proposed for housing my entire Office Establishment, I cannot inform you satisfactorily of the method in which I should wish any particular portion of it divided. I beg also to state, that the separation of the Office Establishment, and its location in two or more buildings, I consider very detrimental to efficient supervision.

5. In conclusion, I may say that the present site would afford all necessary accommodation, either by adding an entire upper storey, or by enlarging it laterally to the north.

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1. SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

2. It appears that the Survey Department requires, in the judgment of the Superintendent, an aggregate space of about 14,000 superficial feet.

3. This is more than the whole of the additions contemplated by Government, inclusive of the rooms now being constructed for the Forest Department.

4. It will be seen from the Board's letter, dated 19th September 1868, No. 6,689, to the Superintending Engineer, that while Government assigned only 5,044 superficial feet to the Survey Department, the Board propose to give up to it

8,164 superficial feet; but this is still 6,000 feet short of the area which the Superintendent believes to be necessary.

No. 465. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 9th October 1868, No. 7,228.

Read the following letters:—

From the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, to the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, dated Madras, 1st October 1868, No. 6,951.

1. In continuation of the subject of my letter of the 19th September 1868, I have the honor to request the room marked C on your plan of the lower storey of their Office, lately vacated by the Lithographic Department, may be handed over to the Board without delay.

2. The papers* printed with Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, dated 25th February 1867, No. 453, indicate clearly the object with which these rooms were vacated; but should you still not feel yourself at liberty to make over the room, I am to request that you will let me know, in order that application may be made to Government.

* Copy of which is forwarded.

From the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madras, 5th October 1868, No. 3,305.

1. In reply to your letter, dated 1st instant, I have the honor to inform you that it will be necessary for you to make application to Government for the room or rooms lately vacated by the Lithographic Department being handed over to the Board of Revenue.

2. The enclosure referred to in your second paragraph was not received.

The Board request that orders may be issued to hand over the room in question for the use of the Inam Department.

2. As pointed out in their Acting Secretary's letter of the 19th September, there will be still available for the temporary use of the Forest Department, a space of 1,804 superficial feet of the space lately occupied by the Lithographic Department.

No. 466. Order thereon, 30th October 1868, No. 2,741.

Miscellaneous.

1. The distribution of the accommodation provided by the additions to the Revenue Board Office at Chepauk, detailed in the first paper above recorded, is approved, and the construction of the masonry verandah on iron pillars in the rear of the rooms now occupied by the Members of the Board will be undertaken as desired.

2. The rooms on the ground floor of the west side of the building will be transferred to the Board, as requested in the third paper, for the use of the Inam

Department, and the temporary accommodation of the Forest Department as proposed by the Board. This arrangement will enable the Conservator of Forests' Office to vacate the building now occupied by them at once.

3. The accommodation of the Survey Department in the new building will be considered hereafter.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Public Works Department.
,, the Officiating Inam Commissioner.
,, the Officiating Conservator of Forests.
,, the Superintendent of Revenue Survey.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Revenue Department

No. 6,951.

From A. MACGREGOR, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue,
To the Superintending Engineer, Fourth Division.

SIR,

In continuation of the subject of my letter of the 19th September 1868, I have the honour to request the room marked C on your plan of the lower story of their office, lately vacated by the Lithographic Department, may be handed over to the Board without delay.

2. The papers printed with Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, dated 25th February 1867, No. 453, indicate clearly the object with which these rooms were vacated; but should you still not feel yourself at liberty to make over the room, I am to request that you will let me know in order that application may be made to Government.

Copy of which is forwarded.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Signed) A. MACGREGOR,
Acting Secretary.

REVENUE BOARD OFFICE,
Madras,
1st October 1868.

To the Superintending Engineer, Fourth Division,
with copy of G. O., dated 25th Feb. 1867, No. 453.

Exd. J. Wright.

Govt. of 1868 Madras.

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated October, 30th.

Read.

Book.

G. O., 30th October 1868, No. 2,741.

OCTOBER.

Nos. 463-466.

Revenue Board Office at Chepauk.—Distribution of the accommodation provided by the additions to it, approved.

Revenue Department

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
dated 9th October 1868.

Read again letter from the Ag Secretary Board of Revenue dated 1st October 1868 No. 6951.

Read the following from Colonel A. J. Mc. Boileau R. E. Superintending Engineer 4th Division No. A.c 3315

To The Ag Secretary Board of Revenue

Sir,

In reply to your letter dated 1st instant I have the honor to inform you that it will be necessary for you to make application to Government for the Room or Rooms lately vacated by the Lithographic Department, being handed over to the Board of Revenue.

The enclosure referred to in your 2nd para was not received.

I have &c.

Signed J. A. Mc. Boileau Colc RE
Supg Engr 4th Div.

Why? Then how is it that the Board found that a portion of Department still occupied this room?

A.A.

Supt. Engineer's Office 4th Div.
Madras 5th October 1868

The Board Requests that orders may be issued to hand over the Room in question for the use of the Room Department.

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Entered the Board's Proceedings
Dated 9th October 1868
No. 6951

1868. Department.

No. 3222/68

From the Acting Secy. to the Board of Revenue,

To the Supg. Engineer, Fourth Division.

Dated 1st October 1868.

Received

No. 6,951.

Requesting to hand over to the Board the room marked C on plan of lower story of the office, lately vacated by Lithographic Department.

Entered 3d Oct 1868

As pointed out in their Ag Secretary's letter of the 19th September there will be still available, for the temporary use of the Forest Department, a space of 1800 Superficial feet of the space lately occupied by the Lithographic Department

/ True Copy and Extract /

Allan Cuyler
Ag Secretary

To

The Ag Secretary to Government
Revenue Department

with Copy of B.C. letter dated
1st October 1868 No 6951

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Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the November 1868.

Read again Proceedings of Government 30th Oct.
1868 No. 2741.

Read also the following letter from the Offg
Conservator of Forests.

Requests that the Central Office may be allowed to remain in the present building pending the completion of the Western upper wing of the Board's Office.

(H.E. 9th Nov./68 No. 1006)

See another draft - but keep this for reference until the destiny of these proceedings is known

In para 3 of the Proceedings noted above, the Government deferred the consideration of the accommodation for the

the Survey Department
in the new addition to
the Revenue Board office
at Lepauk.

2 Colonel Priestley
stated that 14,000 sup.
perficial feet would
be required for the
proper accommodation
of his establishment,
and the Board ob.
served that they
could not conveniently
ly allot to him more
than 8164 superficial
feet, which was more
than

than 3000 feet beyond
the original allotment
made by Government
for his office when the
addition was first
projected.

3 On reference to the
Superintending Engineer's
plan which has been al
ready before the Board,
the Government find that
the Survey Department has
been allotted in the new
building on the north
front 133 feet x 26 feet
both above and below,
and in the existing
building

building 34 feet × 26 feet
below, with the corresponding
room above in the addition
on the western front, or in
all 8654 superficial feet,
instead of 8164 as supposed
by the Board. It appears
that the new room on the
the western front intend-
-ed for the Forest De-
-partment measures 1404
superficial feet, and that
the room marked B on the
plan which the Board
proposed to add to their
record room measures
716 superficial feet.

Until

4. Until recently the accommodation provided for the office of the Superintendent of Revenue Survey in his present office was but little over 8,000 superficial feet in extent, though two buildings measuring nearly 4,000 superficial feet have been at his lately placed at his disposal. The Govt are clearly of opinion, therefore, that if in addition to the room already allotted to him by the Board the two rooms offered to be provided as above are placed at his disposal, Colonel Bilsley should find no difficulty in locating his department in the new buildings, as he will have a superficial space of nearly 11,000 feet

felt for its accomo-
=dation.

5. The Govt accord-
=ingly resolve to direct
that the room marked
B: on the plan as well
as the whole of the add-
=ition on the upper story
facing westwards be
reserved for the Survey
Department, and that
the Conservator of Forests
take immediate mea-
=sures to rent a building
capable of accomo-
=dating his office Establishment
for the present, as the
existing Forest office
must be vacated at
the end of the current
month.

6. When the works
of the Indian Department
is complete, there will
be ample space available
on the lower story of the
Revenue Board building
for the accomodation

of the office of the Con-
=servator, and, if needed,
additional rooms may
then be allotted to the
Superintendent of Reve-
=nue Survey.

S.D. Hall

Accommodation for Forest Conservator Dept.—

Council

Revenue Depart.

No. 2741.

Proceedings of the Madras Govt. under date the 30th Octr 1868

Read the following Bo: of the Bd of Rev

Returning to the Surveyor Genl's 4th Div. plans of the Bd's office with allotments of accommodation marked on them.

(H. L: 19th Septr 1868)

Submitting letter from the Supdt. of Revenue Survey stating that his Deptt will require 14,000 superficial feet for its accommodation.

(H. L: 30th do do)

Requesting orders to hand over to Imam Deptt one of the Rooms lately vacated by Lithographic Deptt.

(H. L: 9th Octr)

Noted

The distribution of the accommodation provided by the additions to the Revenue Board

Board office at the park details in the first paper above recorded is approved, and the construction of the masonry verandah on iron pillars in the East of the rooms now occupied by the members of the Board will be pursued as desired.

The rooms on the ground-floor of the west side of the building will be transferred to the Board, as required in the third paper for the use of the Indian department, and the temporary accommodation of

of the Forest department as proposed by the Board. This arrangement will enable the Conservator of Forests office to vacate the building now occupied by them at once.

The accomodation of the Survey Department in the new building will be considered hereafter.

14 Copies to the P.W.D. Rev. Dept. & Min.
21 ——— P.W. Dept.
8 ——— Off. Indian Govt.
13 ——— Off. Conservator of Forests
13 ——— Supdt. of Rev. Survey

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Bo of Govt. for Octr.

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Bo of the Madras Govt.
d/ 30th October 1868.

From Commissr of Customs
9 November 68 & No 35661

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