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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No.	3011	Press / ~~Mis.~~
5-6. Dated	1-12-	No 1868.

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No. 5. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 6th November 1868, No. 7,892 :—

Read the following letter from the Collector of Malabar, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Calicut, 28th September 1868, No. 274.

1. I have the honor to enclose a communication from my Sub-Collector, informing me that the landlord of the house, long occupied as the Sub-Collector's Cutcherry at Tellicherry, has intimated that the rent will be raised from Rupees 60 to Rupees 100 per mensem, from the 1st January next. The rental was raised* from Rupees 50 to its present rate only two years ago.

Sent in original.

* *Vide* Board's Procs., 3rd February 1866, No. 809.

2. The premises spoken of in paragraph 5 of Mr. Logan's letter, comprising his office above-said, and his present dwelling-house are well situated, but the price demanded is, I conceive, beyond their value; and, moreover, it would be very undesirable to take them up for public offices, as the want of private accommodation in Tellicherry is much and increasingly felt. The present Civil Surgeon had to build a new house for himself, and though there are just enough houses, owing to particular private arrangements to accommodate the Government Officers at present, a change of the *personal* might render it exceedingly difficult for a succeeding Officer to find accommodation.

3. A few years ago Government did sanction a new Sub-Collector's Office; but, under the circumstances of Tellicherry, I beg to submit, for the consideration of the Board and Government, whether it would not be desirable to take advantage of the opportunity, and proceed to provide a range of public buildings that would at once be convenient to the public and the Government officials, and be an ornament to the capital of North Malabar, which, with its great natural advantages of site and scenery, has not a single building, erected and suitably arranged for a public office. The scattered private dwelling-houses now occupied as offices would then be given up to their legitimate uses much to the convenience of residents, and in the end the plan would probably be economical as the aggregate of the rents, which in other cases, besides in that of the Sub-Collector's present office, I am informed are threatened to be raised, would go far to pay the interest of a considerable expended capital.

Vide G. O., 30th January 1865, No. 148—Estimate amounted to Rupees 9,810.

4. The different departments would, of course, be communicated with before any definite arrangements were made; but it is probable that a range of public offices, as proposed, might most conveniently provide accommodation for—

The Sub-Collector and Joint Magistrate.
The Small Cause Court Judge.
The Superintendent of Police.
The Municipal Commissioners.
The Post Office.
The Telegraph Office.

	Per mensem. Rs.
Sub-Collector's, 60 Rs. to be raised to	100
Small Cause Court	40
Superintendent of Police	25
Post Office	7
Telegraph Office	30

5. The rents now paid for the houses occupied as Offices are as noted, and the accommodation is generally very inconvenient and inadequate.

I trust, therefore, the proposal now made will recommend itself.

A fine site most convenient and appropriate in every way may be obtained facing the open Parade Ground, which may be looked upon as the centre of Tellicherry.

From the Sub-Collector, to the Collector of Malabar, dated Tellicherry, 2nd September 1868, No. 225.

1. I have the honor to enclose, for your information, copy of a letter of to-day's date from Mr. Brown, Trustee of the late Mr. Brennan, proprietor of the bungalow now used as my office.

2. Mr. Brown, you will observe, gives notice that he intends to raise the rent of the bungalow, on and after the 1st January next, from Rupees 60 to Rupees 100 per mensem.

3. There is absolutely no other house in Tellicherry available, nor is there likely to be one vacant for a long time. Owing to the increase of the European population, the ordinary Government Officials have found it very difficult to obtain houses for themselves; the Zillah Surgeon was, as Mr. Brown observes, obliged to build for himself, and the Superintendent of Police still has not a house of his own. If any objection is raised to the amount of increased rent demanded, the only way out of the difficulty is to build an Office for the Sub-Collector.

4. The Small Cause Court and the Office of the Superintendent of Police are both at present very badly accommodated; the one in a native house in the middle of the Bazaar, the other in one, not much better, at the end of the Bazaar. Both the Small Cause Court Judge and the Superintendent of Police are, I understand, applying, or about to apply for better accommodation, and possibly funds could be set apart from the Judicial, the Police, and the Revenue Departments to build a suitable block of public buildings for all three Officers.

5. You have already heard from me demi-officially that Mr. Brown is willing to sell my present office and its grounds, and my present house and its grounds in one lot for Rupees 30,000; he is not willing to sell them separately, and I cannot recommend the purchase of the whole of the premises at the price Mr. Brown sets on them, as, I believe, if put up to auction, they would not fetch more than Rupees 18,000 to Rupees 20,000.

From Mr. F. C. BROWN, to the Sub-Collector of Malabar, dated Tellicherry, 2nd September 1868.

1. You are aware of the demand which exists in this town for private houses.

2. This year the Civil Surgeon arriving with his family to fill his appointment, could not find a house for them or for himself, and was obliged to build a temporary one of stone and mud.

3. As a Trustee of house property, I should no longer be justified in not requiring the fair present rent of your Tookdy Cutcherry.

4. This letter is, therefore, to give notice that, from and after the 1st of January 1869, the rent charged to the Government for the Tookdy Cutcherry will be Rupees 100 a month.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

2. The Board recommend the early construction of a suitable office for the Sub-Collector. The rent of the building now occupied for this purpose was originally 50 Rupees per mensem; two years ago it was raised to 60 Rupees, and the Sub-Collector has now received a notice that it will be further increased to double the original amount from the 1st January 1869.

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1st December 1868.

3. Government may not only be subjected to a higher rent for these premises, but they may be at any time required to vacate the building. The Board are not in favor of locating the several offices noted in the margin in one building, as the Collector suggests, in the new structure he proposes. A collection in the same building of offices not under the same control, but each independent of the other, is apt to lead to much confusion and inconvenience. The Sub-Collector's office, which the Board now recommend may be built at an early date, should, however, be of a design with which the other offices could be made to harmonise.

Sub-Collector's.
Small Cause Court.
Superintendent of Police.
Post Office.
Telegraph.
Municipal Commissioner's.

No. 6. ORDER THEREON, 1st December 1868, No. 3,011.

Miscellaneous.

1. Transferred to the Public Works Department, in view to funds being provided at the earliest possible date for the erection of a Sub-Collector's office at Tellicherry, as it is clearly inexpedient to continue to rent the present building, at Rupees 100 per mensem, longer than is absolutely necessary.

2. The office should be erected on the site proposed by Mr. Ballard, and on a plan which would be susceptible of development in the form of a group of bungalows.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Public Works Department.
,, the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Govt. of Madras.

REVENUE.

To

THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

&c., &c., &c.

Dated December, 1st.

Recd.

G. O., 1st December 1868, No. 3,011.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 28th January 1869 Nos. 532.

DECEMBER

Nos. 5-6.

Sub-Collector's Catcherry at Tellicherry.—Board's Proceedings regarding its construction referred to Public Works Department in view to funds being provided at an early date.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 3567.

From Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Dated 6th November 1868.

FOR ORDERS.

The Board abstain from any observation, for the present, on the reasons, & the urgency under which the Collector solicits the sanction of Government to the erection of a Sub-Collector's Catcherry at Tellicherry. But it seems obvious, that the Collector ought not to continue to pay rent for a building at the high rate now demanded, when sufficient permanent accommodation might be constructed at an outlay of Rs. 3500 - Their case was mentioned by the Collector in October 1863 as likely to be brought at present rates - I apprehend 25 or 30% more than he wanted - I would recommend the P.W.D to commence building a Sub-Court Catcherry as soon as funds can be procured - and should such funds be sanctioned, be prepared to act, on the P.W.D being made aware of

of the urgency of the matter, by transfer of funds from other works; & thereupon meanwhile, the Govt. must submit 6 monthly payments of twice the sum we was paid for the building in 1863. Jany. and sanction should be hauled accordingly.—
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I dont see why a Work of building shd not be separate estimates shd be prepared & the circumstances suggested by the Board. Shd it not be, that Public Works might connect with each other. I would in connection with the great advantage Calcutta commercial & intellectual, Calcutta should stand the site be provided by the Govt. & a plan what would be necessitated by the Kidderpore Bungalows.—

NOS. 3-6.

Sub-Collector's Cutcherry at Tellicherry.

Board's Proceedings regarding his construction referred to Public Works Department in view to funds being provided at an early date.

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