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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
24th January 1873.*

Read the following letters :—

No. 187. From the Collector of Tinnevely, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated Tinnevely, 12th December 1870, No. 607 :—

IN Government Proceedings No. 1,869, dated 25th November 1870, I am required to report on the marketable value of the Military buildings at Palamcottah.

2. These buildings consist of—

- (1.) A Place of Arms, with gun-shed and tent store.
- (2.) A Hospital and out-houses enclosed by a wall.
- (3.) Two Serjeants' quarters, with Regimental store-room all under one roof.
- (4.) A Magazine.
- (5.) Solitary cells.
- (6.) A Place of Arms for Artillery, with out-houses, surrounded with posts and rails.
- (7.) A Commissariat store-house.
- (8.) An Arsenal.

3. The cost of some of these has been ascertained, but there are no records regarding the others; their probable

Place of Arms	...	...	...	...	...	Rs. 5,100
Serjeants' quarters	...	...	...	...	...	3,040
Solitary cells	...	...	...	...	...	400
Plunge-bath, Artillery Barracks	...	...	...	...	...	974
Wash-house, do.	...	...	...	...	...	277

cost, however, has been estimated by the Superintending Engineer at Rs. 20,000.

4. If the regiment now here is withdrawn, these buildings would not be saleable as buildings, and their marketable value is therefore merely what the roofs, doors, and windows, would fetch; for about a dozen houses now occupied by Regimental Officers would be thrown on their owners' hands, and, though tenants might be found for some of them from among the Civil community, there would be no further demand for houses and very little for building materials.

5. The whole of the Military buildings can, however, be utilized admirably for Government purposes, and, in communication with the several departments, I have arranged for their allotment as under :—

- (1.) Place of Arms. As a Revenue Survey Office.
Gun-shed and tent store. As a Police jail guard.
- (2.) Hospital and out-houses. As a Police Office reserve, head-quarters and school.
- (3.) Solitary cell. } for Police use.
- (4.) Magazine }
- (5.) Serjeants' quarters and Regimental store-room. As a Police Superintendent's Office.
- (6.) Artillery barracks. As a Post Office.
- (7.) Commissariat store-house. As a Sub-Magistrate's Office.
- (8.) Arsenal As a Department Public Works Office and Stores.

6. The Revenue Survey employs a large establishment for which house-room is now with difficulty procured; the large long room of the Place of Arms, with its stone flooring and spacious verandahs, is exactly suited to the wants of the Survey Department, which is likely to be employed in this district for three or four years longer.

7. The Police would be well provided for with the buildings allotted to them, and the Superintendent believes these buildings to be amply sufficient for his wants.

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8. The Artillery barracks are now used as a Post Office, and the Postmaster-General, who is now here, considers this the best Post Office in Southern India.

9. The Commissariat store-house is now empty, and has been made over to the Department Public Works as no longer required by the Military authorities. I have inspected it with the Superintending Engineer, and we both think it well suited for a Sub-Magistrate's Office. At present the Sub-Magistrate has no regular office. At one time he was housed in a dark room in a pagoda, and latterly in an almost equally objectionable room in the Municipal Office; the store-house now available can be adapted to the purpose required without any cost to Government.

10. The Arsenal consists of a court-yard with inner verandah all round, and was for some years used as a Department Public Works Office and store. The Superintending Engineer thinks it well suited for his requirements, and would gladly retake possession; it is now occupied by the Police, and the Department Public Works Stores are kept in the out-houses attached to the Artillery barracks.

11. The whole of the buildings reported on are in good order, and might be turned to the purposes mentioned without any charge whatever. It would be a great pity to sell them, as they might again be required for troops, while in the present state of the market they would fetch literally nothing at all.

12. I enclose a map on a large scale, showing the Regimental buildings, the Arsenal, Artillery barracks, and Commissariat store-house lie in another part of the town about half a mile away.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From the Acting Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, to the Collector of Tinnevely, dated
Palamcottah, 7th December 1870. No. 2461.

1. Place of Arms, with gun-shed and tent store.
2. Hospital and out-houses.
3. Solitary cell.
4. Magazine.
5. Sergeants' quarters.
6. Artillery barracks and out-houses.
7. Commissariat Store.
8. Arsenal.

I HAVE the honour to annex list of Military buildings in Palamcottah, and to inform you that the following was the original cost, as gathered from the records of this department, of those under-mentioned :—

							RS.	A.	P.
Place of Arms ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5,100	6	3
Serjeants' quarters	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,040	4	3
Solitary cells ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	400	6	7
Plunge-bath, Artillery barracks			...	...	...	...	973	14	6
Wash-house, do.		...	...	...	...	...	276	15	3

2. The original cost of the other buildings cannot be ascertained.

3. The hospital and out-houses might have cost in 1845, when I believe they were constructed, some Rs. 8,000 or 9,000.

4. The Commissariat godowns probably Rs. 3,000 to 4,000, the Arsenal about the same, and the Artillery barracks Rs. 7,000.

5. None of these buildings could be built at the present time for anything like these sums, the prices of materials and labour having risen so very considerably.

6. As nearly all the buildings can be utilized for Government purposes in the event of the Regiment being removed, it does not seem necessary to ascertain their market value. This undoubtedly would not be much as so many other houses, etc., will be vacated.

7. I have the honour to state that if the Arsenal is given up by the Police Department, it could be utilized as heretofore as a Range Office and stores.

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ENCLOSURE No. 2.

Received from the Station Staff Officer at Palamcottah the under-mentioned Public Military Buildings and Fixtures for the use of the 22nd Regiment, Native Infantry.

[illegible]

FRZPATRICK, Lieutenant,
Quartermaster, 22nd Regiment, N.Y.

(Signed)

PALANCOTTAH,
28th December 1867.

Received from the Station Staff Officer the undermentioned Public Military Buildings and Fixtures at Palamcottah for the use of the 22nd Regiment Native Infantry.

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Description of Buildings.	Doors.					Windows.										Iron Padlocks with keys.					Arm Racks to contain Muskets	Accoutrement Pegs.	Necessary Seats.	Tin Lamps.	Remarks.		
	Pairs of folding.	Single.	Iron upright Bolts to	Cross Bolts to	Iron Handles to	Iron Staples and Chains to	Iron Hooks and Hinges to	Iron Hooks and Eyes to	Wooden cross Bolts to	Pairs of folding.	Single.	Iron upright Bolts to	Iron cross Bolts to	Iron Handles to	Iron Hooks and Hinges.	Iron Hooks and Eyes.	Iron Bars to	Teak Weather-boards to	Wooden Buttons to								
Sepoys' Barracks and Place of Arms, Verandah, north and south	14	...	28	14	14	14	50	23	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14	1*	750	...	...	1	* To contain 750.
Non-Commissioned Room, south-east end...	1	...	2	1	1	1	4	2	...	3	...	12	...	6	12	6	...	...	3	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	† To contain 20.
Barrack Guard-room, south-west end	1	...	2	1	1	1	4	2	...	6	...	24	...	12	24	12	...	...	6	...	1	1†	40	...	...	1	† To contain 7.
Drum and Flag-room, north-east end	1	...	2	1	1	1	4	2	...	3	...	12	...	6	12	6	...	...	3	...	1	2†	5	...	...	...	...
Prison-room, north-west end.	1	...	2	1	1	1	4.	2	...	1	...	4	...	2	4	6	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Gun-shed to the west of Barracks...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Artificers Workshop to the west of Barracks...	3	...	6	...	...	3	12	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	8	...	12	...	2	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...
Store-room with verandah, east side...	2	...	4	2	...	2	8	4	...	7	...	28	...	...	28	14	46	...	14	2	2	2§	62	...	...	...	§ To contain 65
Serjeants' quarters, north end...	5	...	10	5	1	3	20	10	1	3	...	12	...	6	12	6	21	...	6	3	3	...	6	...	...	...	...
Cook-room, north end	1	...	2	...	...	1	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Privy	1	...	2	...	...	1	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
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Cook-room, south end...	1	...	2	...	...	1	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Privy	1	...	2	...	...	1	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Solitary cell, No. 1...	1	2	...	1	2	1	4	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	4	2	18	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Privy to ...	...	1	...	...	...	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	2	18	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Solitary cell, No 2...	...	2	...	1	2	1	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	2	18	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Privy	...	1	...	...	...	1	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...

PALAMCOTTAH, 28th December 1867. (Signed) F. S. FRIZPATRICK, Lieutenant, Quartermaster, 22nd Regiment, N.I.

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No. 188. Memorandum from the Collector of Tinnevely, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Tinnevely, 30th December 1870, No. 640.

RENT paid by Government for the accommodation of certain departments at Palamcottah:—

	Monthly Rent.
	RS.
Revenue Survey Office	120
Police Office... ..	50
	170
(Signed) R. K. PUCKLE,	Collector.

No. 189. ORDER THEREON, 24th January 1873, No. 94.

Miscellaneous.

RECORDED, the question of removing the Regiment at Palamcottah to another station not having been yet settled.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Secretary to Government.

To the Collector of Tinnevely.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman;

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Tanjore Cutcherry
Tamilvelly 12th December 1870

From R. R. Puckle Esq
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Collector

Campbell

N^o 21.61. 3 Palamcottah, 11th Decr 1870

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I have &c.
Signed G. M. Payne Major
M. Superintendent Engineers &c.
(True Copy)

Compd. H.

A. K. P. S.
Collector

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Enclosure is a letter from
the Collector of Amravati
to the Secretary to Govt
Revenue Department
Fort Saint George
Dated 12th December 1870
No 604

No 187-189

Copy of a letter from the
Acting Superintending
Engineer 8th Division
Dated 7th December 1870
No 2461 reporting on the
Military buildings

(Received from the Station Staff Officer at Palamoo that the undermentioned Public Buildings
Buildings and fixtures for the use of the 22^d Regiment Native Infantry.

Description of Buildings

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	Single	Double	Other	Single	Double	Other	Single	Double	Other		
Garrison & Native Hospital also	3	12	6	3	6	6	9	36	27	18	1
Apothecary, Quarters 3, Prison under roof	3	1	50	12	9	18	30	120	90	60	2
A Kitchen	2	5	2	2	4	4	2	4	2	2	1
2 Cook rooms under separate roofs	2	2	8	2	2	4	2	4	2	2	2
2 Kitchens under separate roofs	1	4	2	1	2	2	1	4	2	2	1
1000 sq. ft. Guard Room	1	4	2	1	2	2	1	4	2	2	1
1 Compound Gate	1	4	2	1	2	2	1	4	2	2	1

37th Dec 1867
 28 December 1867

Signed J. L. Fidy. Patrick & Co. Ld.
Per Nov 22. Capt. R. L.

(True to each.)

Signed A. J. S. Toronto Capt'n.
Station Staff Officer.

Paid as Nat. B.
8 Decem^r 1870 33

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Revenue Department

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

21st Decr 1873

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Collector of Tinnevely

Reporting on the probable
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Collector of Tinnevely Deserj Jan'y 73

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Revenue 1871.

For 1873.

For Collector of

To the Chief Secretary
to Government

For Chief Secy

30th Decr 1870
31st Decr 1870
31st Decr 1871.

For 640

For

Revenue & Accounts
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the accommodation of certain
Sepoiments at Palamcottah.

S.D. No 94-24 Jan'y 73

