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No. 174. Order thereon, 20th September 1875, No. 1,387.

Miscellaneous.

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(True Extract.)

(Signed) A. MACGREGOR,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. W. H. French.

Govt. of {1875} Madras.

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated September, 20th.

Recd.

G. O., 20th September 1875, No. 1,387.

SEPTEMBER.

Nos. 173-174.

Head-quarters of the Head-Assistant Collector of Coimbatore.—Resolving to have the Pollachy; and directing the submission of a plan and estimate for an office.

No. 1,730.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 22nd June 1875.

Read the following letters:—

From R. RICE, Esq., Acting Head Assistant Collector, to A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, dated 3rd February 1875, No. 32.

REFERRING to your letter to the Board, dated 26th December 1874, and Board's Proceedings thereon, dated 23rd January 1875, I have the honor to suggest that Government be addressed in view to the necessary accommodation being provided at Palladam in case it is decided that the Head Assistant's head-quarters are to be at that place in future.

2. At present there is, as you are aware, only a small traveller's bungalow consisting of two rooms with a small bath-room attached, and these rooms, if necessary furniture were introduced into them, would be inconveniently crowded and limited in space.

3. Again, the windows are small and the ventilation is very insufficient for a permanent residence.

4. There is only an extremely small room (formerly, I believe, a bath-room) for the purposes of a store-room, and the out-offices and stabling, besides being insufficient, are much in need of repair; the latter especially requires tiling in place of its present thatched roof. In fact, the whole place wants thorough renovation and repairs before any person could be expected to reside there, and I trust you will address Government in view to the place being put thoroughly in habitable order before I am desired to reside there.

No. 25

FORWARDED to the Board of Revenue in continuation of this office statement, dated 26th December 1874, and letter No. 2, of 11th January 1875, for their early consideration.

COIMBATORE,
8th February 1875.

(Signed) R. RICE,
for Collector.

From A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 1st March 1875, No. 48.

IN reply to Miscellaneous Order, No. 1,284, of the Board of Revenue, dated 19th February 1875, I have the honor to report that there is no public building at Pollachy available for a Head Assistant's office.

1 Sketch.

A new Taluq Cutcherry was built there, and the old very incommodious and partly ruinous Taluq Cutcherry is used partly as a Police Station and partly as a Post Office.

2. At Palladam, there is a former traveller's bungalow in good order, consisting of the usual two rooms, &c., as per survey sketch enclosed, of the same description as that at Kongayam, which was made over to the Sub-Collector as his residence.

3. There is a small Cutcherry at Palladam formerly used by a Deputy Collector, which might be put in order.

4. Palladam, though the town is a very small one, is of some importance as the Cusbah of a very important taluq. Tiruppur, in the same taluq, is a much larger and more important town* situated on the Railway, close to the Avenashy Road Station. It might be worth consideration if an office and residence for the Head Assistant Collector have to be built, whether this might not be an appropriate residence. Palladam is ten miles from this station.

* Population, 4,076.

5. Should Government decide in making Pollachy the head-quarters of the Head Assistant Collector, an office and residence will have to be built, and orders are accordingly requested thereon.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Survey Sketch.

From the same Officer, dated 27th April 1875, No. 116.

WITH reference to Proceedings, No. 786, of 1st April 1875, the proposed alterations of divisions in this district were already reported on by me, and approved of by Government in Revenue G. O., No. 251, of 16th, communicated to me with Board's Miscellaneous Proceedings, No. 1,284, of 19th February 1875.

From the same Officer, dated 11th June 1875, No. 176

As required by paragraph 11, Cicular Order, Board of Revenue, 379, Dalyell's Edition, page 368, I have the honor to report in continuation of my letter of the 1st March 1875, No. 48, that a suitable house for an office for the Head Assistant Collector is now vacant at [illegible] which Government considered was a more appropriate head-quarter than Palladam.

2. This house has hitherto been rented by the officer of the Survey Department when employed in that taluq, and consists of one centre and two side rooms and bath-rooms and an upstair room. The rent is Rupees 25 per mensem.

3. Early orders are required on the subject, as the house may be otherwise disposed of. I have, in the mean time, requested the owner to let Government have the first refusal of the same.

No. 184.

MEMORANDUM.

THE Collector of Coimbatore has the honor to forward plan of the house and ground suggested to be rented for the Head Assistant Collector's office at Pollachy, in continuation of his letter, dated 11th June 1875, No. 176.

COIMBATORE.
17th June 1875.

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ENCLOSURES Nos. 1 and 2.—Plans.

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(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Acting Secretary.

To the Collector of Coimbatore.

Copy to the Accountant-General.

Exd. W. H. French.

1875.

Board of Revenue,

MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 22ND JUNE 1875, No. 1,730.

Encl.

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JUNE.

No. 1,730.

Head Assistant Collector—of Coimbatore District.—Collector authorized to rent certain house at Pollachy for the present as an office for —. Plan of the building available at Palladam called for, together with an estimate of the cost of repairing it and erecting necessary offices.

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Copy to the Collector of Coimbatore.

Encl. W. H. French.

1875.
Board of Revenue,
MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 13TH AUGUST 1875, No. 2,273.

Received 23 Aug 75

AUGUST.
No. 2,273.

Head-Quarters—of Head Assistant Collector of Coimbatore.—Recommendation made to Government that Pollachy be finally selected as — and that estimates be called for, for an office or a bungalow.

FOR ORDERS.

Head Quarters of
the Light Cavalry
Commissariat

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 3291

From Bd of Rev. Dated 15 August 1875.

FOR ORDERS.

I would call for
plans & estimate
for Offices building
at Pollachi - where
there is a suitable
house. We cant
afford to build houses
all over the country Rd

Bd. call for plans
& returns for Offices
at Pollachi -
Executive Engr
Coimbatore for
plans. when
funds for Public
Buildings -

Govt Dept.

No 1387 20 Sept 75.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government under date the 8th Sept 1875

Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Making communication of plan & Estimate that Ootacamund may be finally selected as Head Quarters of the Asst & Coll. of Coimbatore, and that Estimate may be called for from Officer on the spot

M. R. 13: Aug/75 No. 2273.

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Sd

16th Oct Board's Proc dated 29th Sept

Sd

G.O

Substance of Mr. Secretary [illegible]