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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
25th November 1867.*

Read the following :—

No. 457. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 7th October 1867,
No. 6,408.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Salem, to the Secretary to the Board
of Revenue, dated 6th September 1867, No. 241.

1. I beg to bring to the notice of the Board the great inconvenience experienced in the building at present used as the Deputy Tahsildar's Cutcherry at Yercaud.

2. The building itself does not belong to Government, but is rented from a Mr. Rahm, to whom is paid 35 Rupees a month. Nor is the whole of the building given up for the Tahsildar, but only the western side, the eastern side being occupied by Mr. Rahm and his family. I myself saw the inappropriateness of the building when doing the settlement of the hill villages this last Fusly, and can easily understand the inconvenience complained of by the Deputy Tahsildar.

3. Government have approved an estimate of Rupees 3,300 for the building of a new Cutcherry, but there is not any Government land in Yercaud available; and under any circumstance Government would have to buy a spot. The rent of the Cutcherry is at the rate of

Government Proceedings, 24th November 1863,
No. 2,117, Revenue Department, conveyed
in the Board's Proceedings, 26th November
1863, No. 7,492.

Rupees 420 per year, and if Government could for the same yearly amount obtain quarters of its own, there is no doubt it would be a great advantage. There are two blocks of land now for sale in Yercaud, and on one of them stands a house built by Mr. Beatti. It is now the property of Major Hunter, who wishes to part with it solely in consequence of his having entirely removed to the Green Hills. He is unwilling to part with the block only on which the house stands. The price he asks is Rupees 5,500, which I do not consider by any means dear. I enclose a plan of the house. There is within ten feet of the main house another bungalow which would be well suited for a Record-room and for the District Munsiff when he comes to the Hills for the disposal of suits. The two blocks contain 32 acres; and, as the building of new Police lines is in contemplation, a portion of this land would do for this purpose also. If new lines are to be built, land will have to be purchased. Again, the situation, I consider, is well-adapted for the Cutcherry, and the having the Police lines and lock-up close at hand, would be advantageous. The interest at eight per cent. on the outlay (Rupees 5,500) would be (440), or within a few rupees of what is now paid yearly for renting the house belonging to Mr. Rahm. I think the subject is well worth consideration, and I would strongly recommend the purchase to be made.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Plan.

1. The Board observe that Rupees 3,300 have been sanctioned for building a Tahsildar's Office at Yercaud.

2. Before submitting Mr. Pochin's proposal to Government, they wish to be informed whether a site, sufficient for the erection of the Cutcherry according to the approved plan and estimate, cannot be obtained at a rate which will entail a total expenditure considerably less than the price asked by Major Hunter for his house

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and ground. The Collector will also state whether any, and what alterations will be necessary to adapt the buildings, if purchased for public offices.

No. 458. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 15th November 1867, No. 7,447.

Read again Board's Proceedings, dated 7th October 1867, No. 6,408.

Read also the following letter from the Collector of Salem, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 16th October 1867, No. 268.

1. In reply to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 6,408, dated 7th October 1867, I have the honor to inform you that I know of no eligible piece of land at Yercaud for sale, save that of Major Hunter's, referred to in my letter of the 6th ultimo.

2. Though a site sufficient for the erection of a Cutcherry according to the approved plan might be obtained at a rate which would entail a total expenditure less than the price asked for by Major Hunter for his land and ground, yet there would be no compound whatever, and when the Sub-Jail, or Lock-up, proposed to be built at Yercaud, is sanctioned, Government would again have to purchase another piece of land adjoining; whereas, if Major Hunter's property was purchased, there would be a house fit for an office ready, plenty of land for a Sub-Jail or Lock-up, and also for Police lines, and no need to dig any wells for water, as there are three good ones now there.

3. I doubt much whether a suitable Cutcherry could now be built for 3,300 Rupees. This estimate was made some time ago, and, since then, expenses connected with brick and chunam have vastly increased. Again, in the house proposed to be purchased, the Deputy Tahsildar might have quarters, as he at present does, in Mr. Rahm's house, and he might be required to pay house-rent at the rate of either 12 or 15 Rupees a month. This would be a yearly saving of some 150 Rupees.

4. I do not consider that any alterations are required to adapt the building for an Office. The flooring of the two back rooms require some chunam, which has been cut up in places from use; and with this done the Tahsildar might enter at once into possession.

5. At present Government has not a foot of land anywhere in Yercaud. This purchase would give Government no less than 32 acres, and I take it that so much land, with a good house included, to be had for 170 Rupees per acre, is by no means dear.

1. In a letter, dated 6th September 1867, No. 241, embodied in Board's Proceedings above quoted, the Collector of Salem brought to notice the insufficiency of the accommodation afforded in the Deputy Tahsildar's Cutcherry at Yercaud, and observed that Government had, in their Proceedings, dated November 24th, 1863, No. 2,117, sanctioned an estimate, amounting to Rupees 3,300, for a new Cutcherry.

2. The Collector pointed out that no Government land was available for a site, and that if a new Cutcherry were built the site would have to be purchased; and he stated that two blocks of land, the property of Major Hunter, on one of

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which was a house in all respects suitable for a Cutcherry were for sale, and recommended that the house and land (Major Hunter being unwilling to sell the house and its site without the other block of land) should be purchased by Government.

3. The price asked was Rupees 5,500, the interest on which at eight per cent., namely, Rupees 440, would be nearly the same amount as that now paid as rent for the inconvenient premises at present occupied as a Cutcherry.

4. The two blocks of lands contain 32 acres, and Mr. Pochin observed that, as new Police lines were in contemplation, a portion of this land might be appropriated for their site, for which additional land would otherwise have to be purchased.

5. The Board request the Collector to state whether a site could not be purchased and a Cutcherry built according to the estimate, sanctioned by Government in November 1863, at a less total cost, than would be involved in the purchase of Major Hunter's house and land, and also whether any alterations would be necessary to fit the house up as a public office.

6. The foregoing letter is his reply.

7. Under the circumstances therein detailed, the Board approve of Mr. Pochin's proposal to purchase Major Hunter's property, and recommend the same for the sanction of Government.

No. 459. ORDER THEREON, 25th November 1867, No. 2,793.

Miscellaneous.

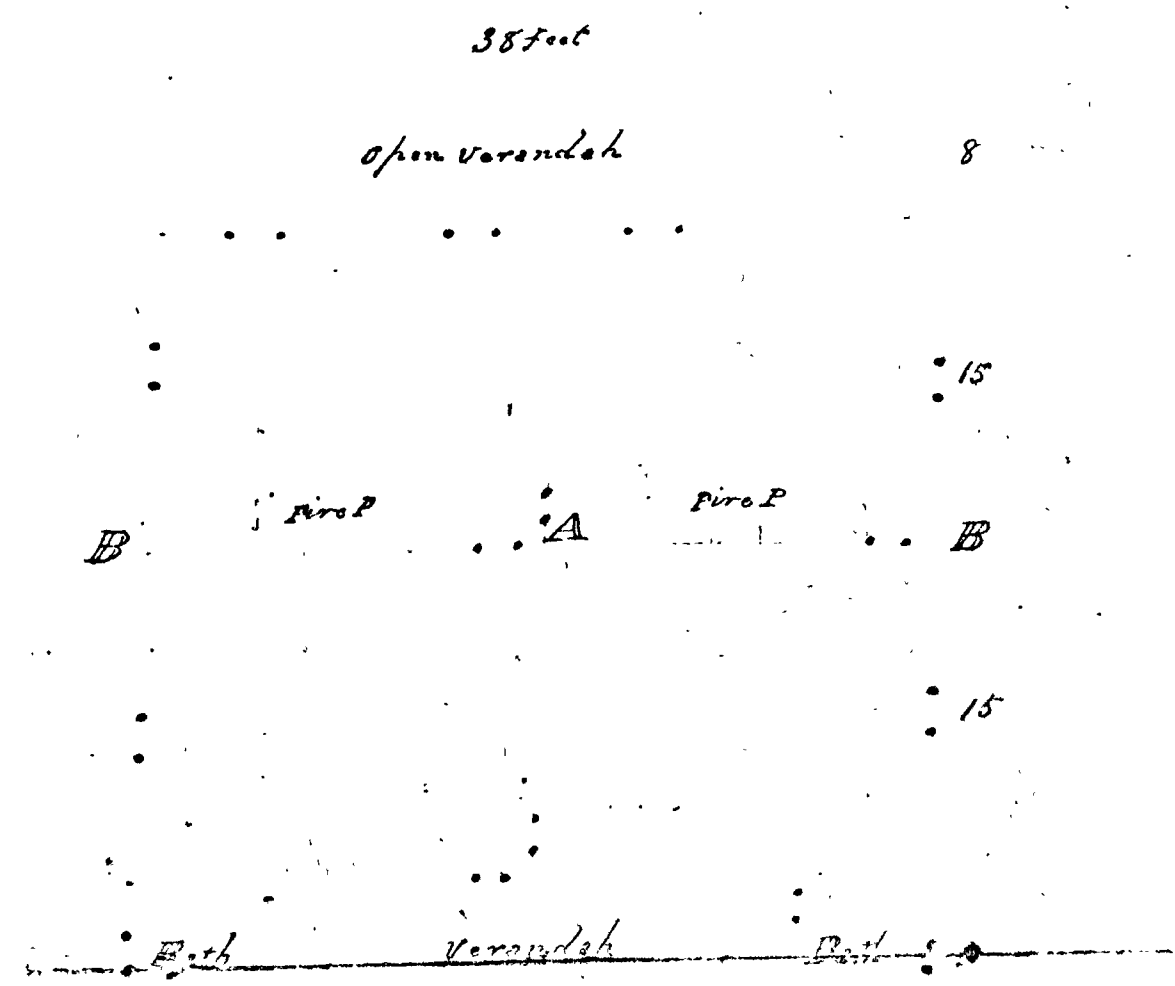
The Board will obtain and submit fuller information as to the value and character of the building which it is proposed to purchase.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. S. T. Augustin.



16
Spare Room

Cook Room

13½

11½

13½

A 19 feet high
B 10½ feet walls outside
Roof Palmirah with Teak
Peepers and flat tiles chm.
named called half terrace
32 acres facing east—
2 Tinsid several Thatched godowns
4 Wells—

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Collector

7. Under the circumstances therein detailed, the Board approve of Mr. Pochin's proposal to purchase Major Hunter's property, and recommend the same for the sanction of Government.
(A true Copy and Extract.)

M. Pochin

Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with copy of Board's Proceedings, dated 7th October 1867,
No. 6,408, and with plan referred to therein.

Copy to the Collector of Salem.

Exd. J. Wright.

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The M. Pochin will obtain & submit
following as to the value
& character of the building &
it is proposed to purchase

14 Copies to the Secretary to Government
21 Copies to the Collector of Salem

25th Jan. 1867.

In a letter from the
Collector of Salem dated
6th September 1867 & 24th

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Recd. 31/12/67.

W. Pochin

Plan of the house
recommended for the
cutting on the drawing hill

25th January 1867
W. Pochin