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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

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READ—the following papers :—

I

G.O., Mis. No. 239, Educational, dated 3rd May 1901.

Read—the following paper :—

Letter—from EDGAR THURSTON, Esq., Superintendent, Government Museum, Madras.

To—the Secretary to Government, Educational Department.

Dated—the 17th April 1901.

No.—378.

With reference to the enclosed copy of the extract from the Examiner's Audit note on the accounts of the Consulting Architect Division for the month of January 1901, I have the honour to request that sanction may be accorded to exempt the Herbarium Keeper from paying the rent for the bungalow in which he has been permitted to reside by G.O., No. 1042, Financial, dated 18th September 1900.

2. The free quarters occupied by the Herbarium Keeper are, I consider, a part of the emoluments attached to his appointment.

ENCLOSURE.

Extract from the Examiner's Audit note on the accounts of the Consulting Architect Division for the month of January 1901.

No. of item.	Remarks by Examiner.
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Return of Public Buildings, Madras, No. 32 Y.	
7.	Item 8. "Taxidermist's quarters" occupied by the Herbarium Keeper. In the G.O. (No. 1042, Financial, dated 18th September 1900) quoted, the Herbarium Keeper is simply permitted to reside in the bungalow vacated by the Head Taxidermist, but does not say that he is exempted from paying rent. Government should again be addressed on the subject.

No. 64, dated 11th April 1901.

Forwarded to the Superintendent, Government Central Museum, Madras, for favour of necessary action.

G. S. T. HARRIS,
Consulting Architect to Government.

Order—Mis. No. 239, Educational, dated 3rd May 1901.

The Herbarium Keeper will be exempted from payment of rent for the bungalow occupied by him.

(True Extract.)

C. J. WEIR,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Superintendent, Government Museum.
" Accountant-General.
" Public Works Department.

II

Letter—from EDGAR THURSTON, Esq., Superintendent, Government Museum.
To—the Secretary to Government, Educational Department.
Dated—Madras, the 5th December 1908.
No.—696.

Referring to G.O., No. 239, Educational, dated 3rd May 1901, I have the honour to address you on the subject of the disposal of the bungalow in the Museum grounds, recently vacated by M.R.Ry. K. Rangachari, my late Herbarium Keeper, who has been appointed a member of the Provincial Educational Service.

2. I consider that it is very desirable in the public interests that my Personal Assistant, who is also the Sub-Librarian, Connemara Public Library, should be required to reside in the vacant building. This arrangement will be especially useful when the Superintendent is on tour, as there will be a responsible officer on the spot to attend to any emergencies. I have, therefore, the honour to request that Government will be pleased to permit the Personal Assistant to reside in the building, and to exempt him from payment of rent therefor.

III

Memorandum No. 2602-3, Educational, dated 30th April 1909.

With reference to his letter No. 696, dated 5th December 1908, recommending that his Personal Assistant, who is also the Sub-Librarian of the Connemara Public Library, should be required to reside free of rent in the quarters in the Museum compound vacated by the Herbarium Keeper, the Superintendent, Government Museum, is requested to state

(1) what increase of salary to the Sub-Librarian the grant of free quarters may be taken to represent,

(2) whether he has considered the objection that if free quarters are provided in the premises the Sub-Librarian may permit many of his relations to live with him in the house, and

(3) what, if any, rule he would propose in order to restrict the use of the premises to the Sub-Librarian and his family if the proposal were sanctioned.

(By Order.)

C. A. SOUTER,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Superintendent, Government Museum.

IV

Letter—from J. R. HENDERSON, Esq., M.B.C.M., F.L.S., Acting Superintendent, Government Museum.

To—the Secretary to Government, Educational Department.

Dated—Madras, the 7th July 1909.

No.—337.

With reference to Memorandum No. 2602-3, Educational, dated 30th April 1909, regarding the proposed occupation free of rent by my Personal Assistant of the quarters in the Museum compound vacated by the Herbarium Keeper, I have the honour to report as follows :—

(1) The normal monthly rent of the building is Rs. 17—vide G.O., No. 2027 W., dated 15th August 1894, page 3. As, however, officers in the position of the Personal Assistant do not as a rule spend more than Rs. 10 monthly in the shape of house-rent, the grant of free quarters to him may be taken to represent an increase of Rs. 10 to his salary.

(2) In making the proposal contained in his letter No. 696, dated 5th December 1908, the permanent Superintendent Mr. Thurston considered the objection that if free quarters be provided in the premises the Personal Assistant may permit many of his relatives to live with him in the house, and was satisfied that such would not be the case.

(3) The house provides just sufficient accommodation for a small family, and it is not likely that the Personal Assistant will inconvenience himself and his family by accommodating relatives in the house. I would accordingly submit that no rule appears necessary restricting the use of the premises to the Personal Assistant and his family. I observe that there was no such restriction in force when the building was occupied by the Herbarium Keeper. If, however, the Government are of opinion that the restriction is necessary it would be sufficient to rule that the Personal Assistant shall not accommodate in the house any relatives not *bonâ fide* members of his family, except occasional guests, without the permission of the Superintendent.

Order—No. 429, Educational, dated 21st July 1909.

The Sub-Librarian, Connemara Public Library, will be permitted to occupy free of rent the quarters vacated by the Herbarium Keeper, Government Museum.

(True Extract.)

W. FRANCIS,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Superintendent, Government Museum.
" Accountant-General.
" Public Works Department.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O., No. 429, EDUCATIONAL, DATED
21ST JULY 1909.

[SUBJECT.—*Permission to the Sub-Librarian, Connemara Public Library, to occupy free of rent the quarters vacated by the Herbarium-keeper, Government Museum.*]

Previous papers.

G.O., No. 1242, Public, dated 20th Nov. 1896.
" " 1042, Financial, " 18th Sept. 1900.
" " 239, Educational, " 3rd May 1901.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O., No. 239, EDUCATIONAL, DATED 3RD MAY 1901.

From the Superintendent, Government Museum, dated 17th April 1901, No. 378.

In his letter (paragraph 5) disposed of in G.O., No. 1042, Financial, dated 18th September 1900, Mr. Thurston requested that the Herbarium-keeper might be permitted to reside in the bungalow vacated by the Head Taxidermist and in the endorsement of the Educational Department transferring the paper to Financial this proposal was approved. It was not clear, however, whether the bungalow should have been given free of rent, but this appears to have been the intention and Mr. Thurston may therefore be now informed that the Herbarium-keeper will not be charged any rent.

P. T. THARYAN—25-4-01.

As at A.

2. Apparently the doubt has been created by the omission to communicate the Educational proceeding "approving" of the proposals as a whole which were made by Mr. Thurston. It seems that only the Financial Order was sent him, but that did not deal with the matter.

A. T. PRINGLE—1-5-01.

"Free of rent" was evidently intended and should now be formally sanctioned.

H. A. STUART—1-5-01.

The draft placed below may issue.

P. T. THARYAN—2-5-01.

A. T. PRINGLE—3-5-01.

[G.O., No. 239, Educational, dated 3rd May 1901.]

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O., No. 429, EDUCATIONAL, DATED 21ST JULY 1909.

From the Superintendent, Government Museum, dated 5th December 1908, No. 696.

The Superintendent, Government Museum, Mr. Thurston, recommends that the Sub-Librarian, Connemara Public Library, pay Rs. 100—10—150, may be permitted to occupy free of rent the quarters in the Museum compound recently vacated by M.R.Ry. K. Rangachari, late Herbarium-keeper, Government Museum.

2. The quarters in question were originally in the occupation of the Head Taxidermist of the Museum. This post was abolished in 1900; and the Herbarium-keeper (pay Rs. 100—2—120) was permitted to occupy the quarters free of rent—*vide* G.O., No. 239, Educational, dated 3rd May 1901.

Paragraph 5 of Mr. Thurston's letter with G.O., No. 1042, Financial, dated 18th September 1900, on page 6 of the Government Order; also G.O., No. 1242, Public, dated 20th November 1896.

3. The Herbarium-keeper, M.R.Ry. K. Rangachari, has now been appointed to the Provincial Educational Service—*vide* G.O., R. Nos. 381-2, dated 11th September 1908. Mr. Thurston avails himself of this opportunity to make a re-allotment of the free quarters in the Museum.

4. Mr. Thurston states that the Sub-Librarian, Connemara Public Library, is also his personal assistant and that he should be required to reside in the building vacated by the Herbarium-keeper. He observes—

"This arrangement will be especially useful, when the Superintendent is on tour, as there will be a responsible officer on the spot to attend to any emergencies."

5. There appears to be no objection to the proposal of the Superintendent.

The draft below is for approval.

T.K.—15-12-08.

In paragraph 2 of his letter No. 378, dated 17th April 1901, Mr. Thurston said that the free quarters occupied by the Herbarium-keeper were a part of the emoluments attached to his appointment.

If this were so, there do not appear to be any reasons why the quarters should now be assigned to the Personal Assistant to the Superintendent instead of to the Herbarium-keeper as before. Mr. Thurston however says that "it is very desirable in the public interests" that his Personal Assistant should reside in the premises, and that this arrangement will secure that "a responsible officer will be on the spot to attend to any emergencies" when the Superintendent is on tour. For orders whether Mr. Thurston's present proposal may be accepted.

K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—15-12-08.

I submit that Mr. Thurston's proposal is a sound one. There must be some responsible person near the Museum when the Curator is away.

C. A. SOUTER—16-12-08.

To the Financial Department u.o. for remarks as to whether any objection exists to the proposed arrangement, and what special sanction, if any, would be required to such an arrangement.

H. D. TAYLOR—17-12-08.

To the Financial Department.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

As pointed out in paragraph 2 of the Educational Department office-note, dated 15th December 1908, the quarters in the compound of the Government Museum were originally intended for occupation free of rent by the Head Taxidermist. This building is included in the list of "free-quarters" in Appendix P on page 208 of the Office Manual of the Examiner of Public Works Accounts (Chapter IV). Rule XI in paragraph 919 of the Public Works Code (Volume I) states—

"When . . . a house is occupied free of rent or at a reduced rent by a Government official, and any specific sanction of the Government of India can be quoted for the existing practice, no alteration in the rent that has hitherto been charged should be made. As, however, there may probably be cases in which the grant of free-quarters or reduced rents is no longer necessary, Local Governments and Administrations should, in such cases, assess rents under these rules, and, when necessary, transfer the building from Class II to Class I."

The rule at **B** above is apparently intended to cover such cases as the abolition of an appointment, for the incumbent of which Government quarters were provided. The post of the Taxidermist in the Government Museum having been abolished, any other Government official

Obviously!

C. M. SCHMIDT.

occupying the quarters in the compound of the Museum should, it is submitted, be charged with rent under the rules in paragraph 919 of the Public Works Code (Vol. I).

2. Please see in rules IV to VI of paragraph 919 of the Public Works Code.

Also Rule III.

* Pay Rs. 100—2—120.

† Pay Rs. 100—10—150.

The maximum pay of the Herbarium-keeper * who was hitherto occupying the quarters near the Museum, and of the Sub-Librarian † of the Connemara Public

Library, to whom it is now proposed to transfer the occupancy of the quarters, exceeds in both cases Rs. 100. Rule IV in paragraph 919 of the Public Works Code (Vol. I) cannot, therefore, be applied to these officers. Hitherto the Herbarium-keeper was occupying the quarter rent-free under G.O., No. 239, Educational, dated 3rd May 1901, but it is not known if the Local Government were then competent to exempt him from paying rent.

3. In view of the facts stated above it does not seem to be within the power of the Local Government to exempt the Sub-Librarian from paying rent. The Public Works Department may, it is submitted, be also consulted on the point.

A. HANUMANTA RAO—26-1-09.

But the question is primarily for Public Works Department and it would have been simpler if Educational had consulted that department first. Financial does not as a rule interpret the Public Works Code.

C. M. SCHMIDT—27-1-09.

To the Educational Department.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

The file may now be forwarded to the Public Works Department u.o. for remarks.

K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—28-1-09.

C. A. SOUTER—28-1-09.

To the Public Works Department.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

The special sanction of the Government of India to the grant of free quarters to the Sub-Librarian is necessary under rule VII, paragraph 919 of the Public Works Department Code. This will be applied for in this Department on *Educational* furnishing information on the points specified in rule IX, paragraph 919 of the Code. The papers may be returned to *Educational* for the purpose.

C. V. GANGADHARA SASTRI—5-3-09.

To the Educational Department (not sent to Educational, but resubmitted to Under Secretary with reference to the following note).

P. HAWKINS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

In a similar case in the file now linked to this, the Examiner advises that if Government is satisfied that a Government servant is compelled for special reasons to live in public quarters in a Presidency town there is no audit objection to the *Local* Government exempting him from payment of rent under Public Works Department Code, paragraph 923, rule V. Under this ruling, there will be no need to apply to

India for the requisite sanction—if *Educational* is satisfied that it is necessary in the public interests for the Sub-Librarian to live in the particular house now in question. The papers may go back to *Educational* for a decision on the point.

C. V. GANGADHARA SASTRI—3-4-09.

P. HAWKINS—14-4-09.

To the Educational Department.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

Please see paragraph 2 of Mr. Thurston's letter on pages 1 and 2 of the current file, in which the reasons for the grant of free quarters to the Sub-Librarian are set forth. It appears that it may safely be held that it is necessary in the public interests for the Sub-Librarian to live in the particular house referred to and that the requirements of paragraph 923, rule V of the Public Works Department Code, have been satisfied.

K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—27-4-09.

The above is my view.

C. A. SOUTER—27-4-09.

The only question is whether the Sub-Librarian, Connemara Library, who is also personal assistant to the Superintendent of the Museum may occupy free of rent the bungalow in the Museum compound which was formerly occupied first by the Taxidermist and then by the Herbarium-keeper. Mr. Thurston gives reasons why this should be allowed and the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, says that the local Government has power to authorise this arrangement. It may then be approved.

A. BUTTERWORTH—28-4-09.

Office—

Ask by official-memorandum please.

A. BUTTERWORTH—29-4-09.

The great objection to providing quarters on the premises, is that the person so provided fills the house with all his relations to the remotest degree, and even in some cases has been known to take rent from them. Has the Superintendent considered these objections: and what if any rule does he propose so as to restrict the use of the premises (if the proposal were sanctioned) to the Sub-Librarian?

What increase of salary may this be taken to represent. Is the building suitable both for European and Native?

G. S. F[ORBES]—28-4-09.

Draft submitted for approval.

T.K.—29-4-09.

K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—29-4-09.

Issue.

C. A. SOUTER—29-4-09.

[Memorandum No. 2602-3, dated 30th April 1909.]

From the Superintendent, Government Museum, dated 7th July 1909, No. 337.

In Memorandum No. 2602-3, dated 30th April 1909, the Superintendent, Government Museum, was requested to report—

(1) what increase to the salary of the Sub-Librarian the grant of free quarters to him may be taken to represent;

(2) whether he had considered the objection that if free quarters were provided in the premises, the Sub-Librarian might permit many of his relations to live with him in the house; and

(3) what, if any, rule he would propose in order to restrict the use of the premises to the Sub-Librarian and his family.

2. (1) *Grant of free quarters to the Sub-Librarian as representing an increase to his salary.*—The Superintendent states that the grant of free quarters to the Sub-Librarian may be taken to represent an increase of Rs. 10 to his salary, as officers in the position of the Sub-Librarian do not as a rule spend more than Rs. 10 monthly in the shape of house-rent. The rent of the premises which it is proposed to grant to the Sub-Librarian is Rs. 17 according to G.O., No. 2027 W., dated 15th August 1894.

3. (2) *Objection to providing free quarters.*—The Superintendent states that before making his proposal, Mr. Thurston considered the objection that if free quarters were provided in the premises, the Sub-Librarian might permit many of his relatives to live with him in the house, but was satisfied that such would not be the case.

4. (3) *Whether any rule should be framed to restrict the use of the premises to the Sub-Librarian and his family.*—The Superintendent states that the house in question provides just sufficient accommodation for a small family and that it is not likely that the Sub-Librarian would inconvenience himself and his family by accommodating relatives in the house. He therefore submits that no rule appears to be necessary, restricting the use of the premises to the Sub-Librarian and his family. He observes that there was no such rule when the premises were formerly occupied by the Herbarium-keeper. If, however, the Government consider that the restriction is necessary, the Superintendent states that it would be sufficient to rule that “the Sub-Librarian shall not accommodate in the house any relatives not *bonâ fide* members of his family, except occasional guests, without the permission of the Superintendent.”

5. It is for consideration whether the proposal of the Superintendent that the Sub-Librarian of the Connemara Public Library be permitted to occupy, free of rent, the quarters in the Museum compound vacated by the Herbarium-keeper, may be approved and, if so, whether any rule should be laid down restricting the use of the house to the Sub-Librarian and his family.

T.K.—10-7-09.

The proposal of the Superintendent may, it is submitted, be approved, subject to a condition similar to that specified at C *supra*.

K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—10-7-09.

The house is said to be large enough only for a family. Since that is the case I submit that no special conditions are necessary. The draft may issue as originally submitted.

C. A. SOUTER—12-7-09.

I have no copy of Public Works Department Code, please let me have one.

M. H[AMMICK]—14-7-09.

The Public Department has been asked separately to place a copy of the Public Works Code in the Honourable Member's library. A copy of the Code, Vol. I, is however, placed in this file for reference.

K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—15-7-09.

C. A. SOUTER—15-7-09.

May issue. The Superintendent can always turn out any hangers on, if they get too numerous and become a nuisance.

M. H[AMMICK]—20-7-09.

Issue.

W. FRANCIS—21-7-09.

[G.O., No. 429, Educational, dated 21st July 1909.]

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C. No. 2602, From the S. G. M., No. 696, dated 5-12- 1908.

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No. 429, dated 21 - 3 - 1969

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vacated by the Herbarium Keeper,
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