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[Despatch Abstract.]

Assistant Archaeological Superintendent
 for Epigraphy

Revoking the orders sanctioning the lease of
 "Kensington House" for the accommodation of the ^{Government} ----- and
 raising the rent for Kelleys gardens now in the occupation of
 his office to Rs. 250 per mensem from the date of completion of
 the improvements to the ^{building} ~~the~~

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DEPARTMENT.

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Subject

Requesting Government to accord sanction of a rent of Rs. 250/- to "Kelley's Gardens" and cancel his original request for shifting his office to "Kensington House."

ENCLOSURES.

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D. No. 234.

Station Madras Dated the 25th April 1919.

From (Name) M.R. Ry. Rao Saheb H. Krishna Sastri Avargal, B.A.

(Designation) Assistant Archaeological Superintendent for Epigraphy, Southern Circle.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

H O M E (Education) Department.

"Stone House Hill" Ootacamund.

Sir,

In continuation of my letter D.No. 201, dated the 9th April 1919, I have the honour to state that the owner of "Kel-

leys Gardens", Mr. Gulam Ali Saheb, has since written to say

that he is willing to do everything for the improvement of the house, provided I promise to recommend an enhanced rent of

Rs. 250/- per mensem. This I have promised to do particularly

in consideration of the special conditions noted in his letter

(copy enclosed) and with a desire to avoid the unnecessary

waste of time involved and the danger to records caused in

shifting frequently a big office as that of mine. Besides,

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Besides, "Kensington House" has not got so much of ventilation as the present buildings; and this I beg to submit is a very important factor to consider in the reading of inscriptions which is the chief work of this office. I request that the Government will therefore be pleased to sanction the enhanced rent of Rs. 250/- for the present buildings and to cancel my request for transferring my office to "Kensington House."

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

H. Krishna Sastri.

Asstt. Archl. Supdt. for Epigraphy.
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Copy of Mr. Gulam Ali Saheb's letter dated the 23rd April 1919.

Since you have promised to pay me the enhanced rent of Rs. 250/- I now agree, in supercession of all letters written by me to you until now with reference to the conditions on which the building "Kelleys Gardens" (No. 8 Ormes Road, Kilpauk) may be occupied by your office,

- (1) To provide electric installation for 20 lights and five fans by the end of May 1919.
- (2) To repair the broken beam of one of the rooms in the first floor either by introducing a new one or by raising an iron or a masonry pillar and thus rendering the room quite safe for habitation by the end of May '19.
- (3) To attend to the repairs and oilings of all doors and windows including the bolts and hinges etc, etc., - especially making the outer doors and glass windows safe by the end of May 1919.
- (4) To provide the entrance into the premises of the building with safe wooden gates by the end of May 1919.
- (5) To repair the out houses and leave them in your charge and not to keep any tenants of mine in the office premises excepting a gardener who will work under your orders. Also to sign the lease-deed with right of

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of usufruct of the trees made over to you according to the terms of draft-lease approved by the Government, by the end of May 1919.

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If I fail to fulfil the items (five) of conditions above enumerated or even any one of them by the end of May 1919, I agree to claim only Rs. 200/- per mensem as rent from the 1st of June and to permit you to vacate my building as soon as you could find one. I will not insist upon the usual one month's notice to quit. I agree also to receive rent of Rs. 250/- per mensem only from the date on which ~~xxx~~ one and all the above enumerated conditions are fulfilled.

(True Copy)

H. Krishna Sastri.

Asstt. Archl. Supdt. for Epigraphy.
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*Order less than the
present rent
Rs. 25/-*

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Accommodation for
the office of the A.A.S.
for Epigraphy.

P.O. of No. 525 Ed. 2
(To) 26.4.19

Issued on 26/4 (To)

C.f.

Home (Ed. 2)

to 848/B, from the A.A.S. for Epigraphy, 234, 25 4/49
On the 7th April 1919 the A.A.S. for Epigraphy definitely reported that the proprietor of Kellays gardens, now in the occupation of the office of the A.A.S. on a monthly rent of Rs 225, had, in spite of repeated reminders, failed to effect the necessary improvements to the building & execute the prescribed rent deed. The dilatory proceedings of the proprietor were so irritating as to compel the A.A.S. to approach Govt. with a request for the immediate removal of his office to some other suitable building. On his own suggestion, the Govt. have just approved a proposal to take Kensington House on a year's lease and for a monthly rent of Rs 250 - Voda No. 525 Ed. 2, d/26th April 19. In the present communication, which has evidently crossed the above Govt. in post, the A.A.S. wants to cancel the arrangement for taking up Kensington and to retain Kellays gardens. ^(on an enhanced rent of Rs 250 p.M.) The only argument on which the A.A.S. bases such a sudden change of opinion is the alleged unwillingness of the landlord. Since intimated to the former to attend

to the improvements to the building including installation of electric fans & lights ~~from~~ originally agreed on

2 Apart from the inconvenience of reversing so soon the decision to take up Kensington House, it is very doubtful whether, having regard to the unbusiness-like awareness of the landlord, it would be wise to agree to the A.A.S's present proposal to retain Selley's garden and that on an enhanced rent (Rs 250) which is just the same stipulated for Kensington.

There is no knowing that the present difficulties with the landlord will not recur even if his present terms are agreed to. For orders.

29.4.19 It would be desirable to avoid the necessity for shifting an office, if we could. Obviously the landlord has come to terms on learning of the negotiations to rent another house. The definite terms he has committed himself to at (A) on page 3 of c.p. seem favourable. If he keeps to it, there is not likely to be much trouble in future. The high rent of Rs 250 was the original figure

⑩ categorically demand at pp 3-5 of L.S. 381 Ed. ⑩ 26.3.19

undated preliminary
c. 20. 2. 18
⑩ 26.3.19
21.5.18

which the land lord demanded for
payment after completion of the im-
provements agreed upon - please see copy

(C) of his letter of 20.7.18 on page 13 of fo. no. 881,
(L) of 26.3.19. We may cancel fo. no 520 of 26.4.19
and accept the terms on page 3 of cf.

indeed enhanced rate of rent (£12,250)
~~proportion of~~ ^{proportion of} execution of the improvements.

The A.S. may be asked to report by the first week of ~~May~~^{June} whether the conditions have been carried out.

20/4/09

I am not prepared to sanction any enhanced rent. All the conditions he agrees to are the ordinary obligations of a landlord or are conditions that he had already agreed to & ~~breach~~ defaulted in them.

However to avoid the inconvenience of shifting I shall consider this matter if the landlord agrees to a rent of Rs 225 even after the electric installations are fixed;

If he does not agree the order already
passed will stand. Meanwhile let the
Committee of the order to the owner of Kough house be held over

AA S (uo)

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p. 13 of Q. 381
26.30
(c)

Q. no. 342
2-5-cc



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NOTES.

Page 4

The land lord is willing to accept Rs. 225/- as rent per mensem provided he is excused from introducing electric fans and lights.

2. I am not sure if the "Kensington House" is still vacant. In as much as the landlord of the building I now occupy, promised to do the needful, I withdrew my promise to occupy "Kensington House" on the 1st instant and recommended to Government the continuation of the office in the present bungalow, ^{particularly also} on account of the good light that we have here for reading inscriptions. I request that Government will sanction Rs. 250/- as a special case as it will be very inconvenient to have no fans and lights.

H. Krishna Sastri.

5.5.19

Home (Edn.)

This seems to be a rather difficult situation to face. Mr. Krishna Sastri now feels doubtful as to whether Kensington house is available. There seems therefore to be no option but to keep on Kelley's garden and agree to a rent of Rs 250 p. M., as electric fans and lights are essential.

7.5.19.

8/5/19

very well then. Let 250 be sanctioned but for the date the lights & fans are provided. See the last para of landlord's letter nro 3 of. Reft my

This could have been ascertained.

* Presumably to the Landlord also.

D. No. 256.

5.5.19.



8/5/19



Edn no 8470-2

1784 A-2318 B

Jul. 12.5.19.

Reys clerk
This seems to be
part of A Section

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Julius 1784 A-1
19.5.19



NOTES.

A draft order is subdi. 2 of
appd.; it may issue after acceptance by
financial.

9.5.19. 9.5.19. 10/5/19

Fuller

Financial Dept.

In view of the circumstances
now explained vide pp 1-3 C.F. and notes on pp 3-4 of A.A.S.
of the Ass^t Archaeological Supdt
in the C.F. the proposal to retain
his office in "Kelley's gardens" at
an enhanced rental of Rs. 250/-
per m. ~~and~~ subject to certain
conditions, may be accepted in the
Dept. Please see this dept. notes on p.9
of notes to go. 525 Est 926-4-19.
as to the financial liability already
accepted by this Dept on account
of rent charges for the accommoda-
tion of this officer. The draft may
be accepted & the case ret.
to Home (Edn) no.

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18.7.19

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Home (Edn)

For orders as to issue of
draft.

9.5.19. 9.5.19. 22/5/19

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I shall not be surprised if we have more trouble about the housing of the Epigraphical office. Mr. Krishna Sastri does not seem to be a very business-like man. His complaint in February last (pp. 4-5 of 90.381) was that Kelly's Gardens looked badly & was infested with rats & bandicoots; also that the landlord failed to keep promises. The landlord's present promises don't cover the rat nuisance or the leaky roof; & it is quite certain that he has promised, then he can perform - no electric installation is likely to be put in "before the end of May". However as the penalty for default is a reduced rental & as Mr. Krishna Sastri has apparently on his own responsibility thrown away the chance of Kensington House, I agree to the Dept order.

If, as I rather anticipate, further trouble should arise, the procuring of an office for Mr. Krishna Sastri should be taken entirely out of his hands & be arranged by the Govt.

Ld.
20.5.19



W. 21.5.19

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on the distinct understanding (i) that
 is approved: ~~but~~ the enhanced
 rate of rent will be payable
 only from the date on which
 all the improvements to the
 building including the installation
 of electric lights & fans,
 promised by the landlords,
 are completed. ^{then} If the improvements ~~are~~ not effected by
 the 1st of June, the rent
 payable thereafter
 will be reduced to
 Rs 200 per ~~annum~~ ^{month} ~~all~~ ^{the} improvements ~~are~~
 effected ~~then~~ ^{are completed}

3 The A.A.S. is requested
 to submit in due course a
 draft of the lease deed on lines
 similar to the one approved
 in G.O. No. 1154 Home (Edn) 11
 4th Nov: 1916.

9.5.19
 9.5.19
 W. W. S. M.

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To the A.A.S. for Spogtabhy
 copy to the Supdt., Arch. Surv.
 .. A. S. (Hans: Gind:)
 .. Gind: Depth:
 .. P.W.D.
 .. coll. of Material

Dec 22/15
 A.A.S. to be reminded
 with ref to: to para 3
 15. 6. 19
 Noted in C.B.
 22.5.19

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