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APRIL.

Occupation by Government Officials of Residences provided for them

Stating, with remarks, that Native officers must pay rent for the Government quarters attached to the office they hold, and that any officer, whether European or Native, misusing or damaging a Government residence, or any part of it, or making it unfit for occupation by his successor, will be held liable to pay the cost of all repairs and restoration that may be necessary.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
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READ—the following papers:—

From Colonel O. V. BODDY, R.E., Superintending Engineer, VI Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Trichinopoly, 15th August 1900, No. 583 T.N.

I have the honour to forward, herewith, copy of letter No. 32, dated 21st July 1900, from M.R.Ry. P. S. Srinivasa Chari Avargal, Assistant Superintendent of Police, Tinnevely district, bearing endorsements of the Superintendent of Police and of the Executive Engineer of the division on the subject of refunding the rent already recovered from the Assistant Superintendent from 15th December 1899, for the residential portion of the Police building at Tuticorin, and to request orders whether, under G.O., No. 55, Revenue, dated 29th January 1900, communicated with Public Works No. 904 W., dated 28th March 1900, the refund asked for is allowable.

2. M.R.Ry. Srinivasa Chariar Avargal is not an officer deputed to discharge the duties of an Assistant Superintendent of Police.

ENCLOSURES.

From M.R.Ry. P. S. SRINIVASA CHARIAR Avargal, Assistant Superintendent of Police, Tinnevely district, to the Executive Engineer, Tinnevely division (through the District Superintendent of Police, Tinnevely), dated Tuticorin, 21st July 1900, No. 32.

With reference to the order of Government, No. 55, dated 29th January 1900, Revenue Department, copy herewith, I have the honour to request you will be good enough to refund to me the rent already recovered from me for the residential portion of the Police building at Tuticorin from 15th December 1899. I may add that I have not occupied the building during the period above specified.

The building is planned and designed for European officers only.

Cur. No. 1521 Gl.

Forwarded to the Executive Engineer, Public Works Department. I consider that M.R.Ry. Srinivasa Chari Avargal should come under this order and request refund of the amount of rent he has paid.

28th July 1900.

(Signed) F. A. DENE,
Ag. Dist. Superintendent of Police.

No. 2964.

Copy submitted to the Superintending Engineer, VI Circle, for favour of orders as to whether the refund claimed by the Assistant Superintendent can be allowed. M.R.Ry. Srinivasa Chariar Avargal is a permanent Assistant Superintendent and is not an officer to discharge the duties of an Assistant Superintendent.

(Signed) A. NILAKANTA SASTRIYAR,
Offg. Executive Engineer.

8th August 1900.

From Colonel O. V. BODDY, R.E., Superintending Engineer, VI Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Trichinopoly, 31st August 1900, No. 625 T.N.

With reference to G.O., No. 904 W., dated 28th March 1900, I have the honour to request to be informed whether Native officers and subordinates in charge of sub-divisions should be compelled to pay rent for the residences provided by Government when they do not occupy them, because the residences have been designed for European officers.

2. I forward a copy of letter No. 332, dated 5th August 1900, from the Sub-divisional officer, Srivaikuntam, to the address of the Executive Engineer, Tinnevely division, in which he asks to be relieved from paying rent for the Sub-division officer's bungalow, which he does not occupy, as it is unsuitable to him as a residence, since he is a Hindu.

ENCLOSURE.

Copy of letter from the Sub-Engineer, Srivaikuntam, to the Executive Engineer, Tinnevely division, dated the 5th August 1900, No. 332.

With reference to G.O., No. 904 W. of 28th March 1900, I have the honour to inform you that the Sub-division officer's quarters, Puthukudy, is a building designed solely for an European officer to live in. It is absolutely unsuitable to a Hindu and as a result, I and my people are all living in the village of Srivaikuntam. I am paying rent simply because I thought that it could not be helped.

But now that the gracious order above referred to has been issued, I request you will be pleased to arrange to have no more rent collected from one, who is born a Hindu, who is provided with a quarters designed for an European and who, unable to live in such a building, is living in the village paying rent for the Government building which is vacant.

Office-note from the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, dated 21st September 1900, No. 1069 A./A.

If the residence has been constructed to suit the requirements of a European and if Government is satisfied that M.R.Ry. Srinivasa Chariar Avargal did not actually occupy it, he may be held not to be responsible for the prescribed rent. But the questions for consideration are whether the orders contained in G.O., No. 904 W., dated 28th March 1900, should be given retrospective effect, and if so whether any refund of rent actually recovered should be made. It is possible that there may be other similar applications for refunds and the matter is one entirely for Government to decide.

From Lieutenant-Colonel W. L. C. BADDELEY, R.E., Superintending Engineer, III Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Bellary, 5th October 1900, No. 3793 W.

In Revenue G.O., No. 55, dated 29th January 1900, communicated with Public Works Department G.O., No. 904 W., dated 28th March 1900, it has been decided that Native officials are prohibited from occupying quarters designed for European officers except with the special sanction of the Board of Revenue.

2. I have the honour to enquire whether the spirit of the ruling holds good in the Public Works Department. For instance, the Sub-divisional officer's quarters at Anantapur have just been vacated by Sub-Conductor Blake who goes on three months' leave. The officer now in charge of the sub-division is Mr. N. Ratnasabhupati Pillai, an Executive Engineer, and I have not raised any objection to his occupying the quarters, as he may find it difficult to get a suitable house in Anantapur.

3. It appears to me that the rule in the Revenue Department cannot be applied rigidly in the Public Works Department.

Any house built by Government for the use of a Sub-divisional officer would certainly be more adapted for the use of Europeans than Natives, and I think it should be optional for Native officers to occupy such residences, and they should not

be charged rent if they elect to live elsewhere. Should they choose to occupy the house they should make good any damage done by using any portion of the building for a purpose for which it was not built. I would also suggest that no Native officer in the Public Works Department below the rank of Assistant Engineer should be allowed to occupy a Government house without the special sanction of the Superintending Engineer.

From Colonel O. V. BODDY, R.E., Superintending Engineer, VI Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Trichinopoly, 4th December 1900, No. 911 T.N.

M.R.Ry. R. V. Narayana Aiyar, Supervisor, 2nd grade, in Tinnevely division, has applied for the refund of the rent for the Sub-division officer's bungalow at Sérmádévi from 17th October to 14th November 1900, both days inclusive, during the period he was in temporary charge of that sub-division in addition to his legitimate charge of the Srivilliputtūr and Sattūr taluks. The Supervisor states that he did not live in the bungalow, the residence being designed for European officers. I have therefore the honour to request, with reference to G.O., No. 904 W., dated 28th March 1900, that sanction may be accorded to the refund of the house-rent alluded to.

2. A copy of the Supervisor's letter, bearing Executive Engineer's endorsement, No. 4579, dated 28th November 1900, on the subject, is herewith sent.

ENCLOSURE.

Copy of letter from the Supervisor, Srivilliputtūr, to the Executive Engineer, Tinnevely Division, dated 21st November 1900, No. 352.

I beg to bring to your notice that, although I have not lived a single day in the quarters provided for the Sub-divisional officer at Sérmádévi during my tenure of sub-division charge from the 17th ultimo to the 14th instant, both days inclusive, a deduction of Rs. 4-13-5 has been made from my pay for October in the shape of house-rent as if I had occupied the building intended for the Sub-divisional officer's residence, and I believe there will be a corresponding reduction of Rs. 4 from my current month's pay too. Such buildings are, I believe, generally intended for European officers, or Native officers who have adopted the European ways of living. I therefore beg to request you will lay the matter before the Superintending Engineer for the refund of house-rent. The deduction of house-rent from my pay was an additional loss to me, as I had not, in consideration of the probable short duration of my charge of the sub-division, vacated my hired quarters at Srivilliputtūr, my permanent head-quarters, for which I had been paying rent at the same time.

No. 4579.

Forwarded to the Superintending Engineer for favour of disposal. As the Supervisor had charge of Srivilliputtūr and Sattūr taluks, as well as the charge of Sérmádévi sub-division during the short period mentioned, I consider he may not be made liable to pay rent for the Sub-division officer's quarters at Sérmádévi even though it may be considered fit to be occupied by Native officers.

(Signed) S. GOPALAKRISHNA AIYAR,
Ex. Engr., Tinnevely Division.

28th November 1900.

From the Sub-divisional Officer, Srivaikuntam, to the Executive Engineer, Tinnevely Division, dated 13th December 1900, No. 532.

Referring to your No. 3554 of 17th September 1900, I have the honour to request you will kindly send a reminder for disposal on my application. Since writing my application, trouble of the Maravars has increased and there is a special police now kept in Srivaikuntam to take care of the town. I mention this as an additional circumstance for my being exempted from the rent of Rs. 24 which I am paying now. I mentioned this circumstance to the Chief Engineer on the 2nd December, when he passed through Srivaikuntam to Manapad.

No. 4889.

Submitted to the Superintending Engineer, VI Circle, in continuation of this office No. 3070, dated 15th August 1900.

(Signed) S. GOPALAKRISHNA AIYAR,
16th December 1900. Ex. Engr., Tinnevely Division.

No. 40 T.N.

Copy submitted to Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, for favour of orders, in continuation of this office No. 625 T.N., dated 31st August 1900.

(Signed) O. V. BODDY, Col., R.E.,
16th January 1901. Superintending Engineer, VI Circle.

ORDER—No. 1193 W., dated 26th April 1901.

The Government observes that the cases referred to in the correspondence read above differ from the class of cases with which G.O., No. 55, Revenue, dated 29th January 1900, was intended to deal inasmuch as this order applies only to Native Deputy Collectors who are appointed temporarily to discharge the duties of appointments which are usually held by Covenanted Civilians, and to which Government residences are attached.

2. The Native officers concerned in the present cases hold appointments for which Government residences have been provided, and the Government can find no reason for exempting them from the occupancy of such residences. All Native officers, with the exception of those referred to in G.O., No. 55, Revenue, dated 29th January 1900, must pay rent for the Government quarters attached to the office they hold, and the applications made in the letters read above for exemption from payment of rent will accordingly be refused.

3. Any officer, whether European or Native, misusing or damaging a Government residence, or any part of it, or making it unfit for occupation by his successor, will be held liable to pay the cost of all repairs and restoration that may be necessary.

(True Extract.)

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For Under Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, III Circle.
„ other Superintending Engineers.
„ the Consulting Architect to Government.
„ the Superintendent of Works, Lighthouse Division.
„ the Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
„ the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
„ Departments of the Secretariat.

Exd. T. K. Narayana Aiyangar.

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