

Financial (1896) Department.

ORDINARY MS.

G.O., No. 386

Dated 7-5-97

INDEXED.

10/5-
10/5/97

[Despatch Abstract.]

Requesting the P.W.D to ascertain whether accommodation for Mr. Middle-
miss's office cannot be found on the Jail hill at Ootacamund & stating that
pending settlement of this question that of the provision of funds to meet
the rent of a private house will be deferred.

Recd 48 m.
10/5/97

Done
12/5

T 1075797

7/4/97

Financial Dept.

BACK PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.	G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

FURTHER PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.	G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.
Co No. 1745197 (N.A.)							

Financial (1897) Department.

CURRENT No.

From

The Revenue department

Order

No. 1134

Dated 25th February 1897

Received 2 - 3 - 97

Registered 3 - 3 - 97

Enclosures

Spare copies

SUBJECT.

According provisional approval to Mr. McAdams' action in utilizing a portion of Mr. Hallant's private house for the accommodation of his office, requesting the P.W.D. to arrange for the examination of the building in order to ascertain whether the accommodation is for and the rent (Rs 50 p.m) is reasonable and stating that the question of providing funds to meet the extra charge will be considered in the Financial Dept.

7/4/97

BACK PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

FURTHER PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

F 2,000-26-1-07.
16

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from the

Superintendent, Geological Survey of India, No. 112/ P.,^{mis} dated
7th February 1897:-----

I have the honour to submit a request for office room in Ootacamund in which to carry out recess work and for the storage of my collection and material for assay and examination and in which myself and my colleague Mr. Holland and my subordinates may carry on their work of section cutting, assaying minerals, petrological and microchemical examination, map-work and literary work.

The reasons for the above request are as follows:---

1. Hitherto I have given up two godowns and my private office in my own house for the purpose; but the above are for private reasons no longer available.
2. Now that Mr. Holland has joined me and will have Ootacamund as his local head-quarters, and in consideration of the fact that he is a skilled chemist as well as Geologist, a separate room for assaying is urgently needed, if a proper examination of economically-valuable minerals is to be thoroughly undertaken.
3. The extension of my deputation to Madras till 1900 A.D. has necessarily caused an increase in my collections which are becoming unmanageable in their present location.
4. The Geological survey of this Presidency is represented

now by myself, Mr. T.H. Holland, Sub-assistant Māra Lal, Apprentice-3.

Sethuram Rau, Micro-section Cutter T.G.D. Athesam Pillai.

5. Mining of Corundum (and possibly of other minerals in the future) is a further feature of the recent programme of the survey, which further makes proper office accommodation a desideratum.

6. Mr. Holland (who is now with me in camp conferring on the subject of a uniform system of mapping and rock nomenclature) will afterwards take up completely separate areas and his office accommodation must be ~~fixed~~ such that he can have access to it at any time irrespective of me and my personal convenience.

Three well-lit rooms suitable in particulars for assaying and microscopical work, together with a good godown (also well-lit and roomy) are what is required.

An early sanction of the above is also desirable, in order that they may be secured on advantageous terms. For this purpose a grant of Rs. 100/ per mensem would perhaps be sufficient.

In conclusion I have the honour to say that I look upon the establishment of such an office as a great step in the work of developing the mineral resources of the province and without which things must, of necessity, come to a stand-still.

Read also the following letter from the same ~~office~~ officer, No. 130 / F., M.S., dated 19th Feby. 1897:-----

In anticipation of the sanction of the Government of Madras to the renting of rooms for the accommodation of my office in Octy - vide letter No. 113 F., M.S., of the 7th current, I have the honour to say that I have been able to engage three rooms and godown accommodation

conveniently situated. The rooms form half a house, the other half of which will be occupied by my colleague Mr. Holland. As the rent of the whole house is 100 Rs. per mensem for the year the rent for the rooms used for my office will be Rs. 50/ per mensem.

The above early action in anticipation of sanction was necessary as the house was already in demand.

Order thereon, No. 1134 M.S., d/ 25th Feby. 1897.

x 4 of this house survey
The Government is pleased to accord its provisional approval to Mr. Middlemiss's action in utilising a portion of Mr. Holland's private house for the accommodation of his office. The Public Works Department will be requested to arrange for the examination of this building in order to ascertain whether the accommodation is good and the rent (Rs. 50/ per mensem) is reasonable. The question of providing funds to meet the extra charge will be considered in the Financial Department.

(True Extract)

Donal Davidson

Under Secy. to Govt.

To the Supdt., Geol. Survey of India.
" Public Works Department.
" Financial Department.

2/12/97

Gobt. of {1896} Madras.
REVENUE.

To

Dated

Reed.

Encl.

Mis. G.O., 1896, No.
R.

SUBJECT.

Financial Department.

C. No. 713.

SUBJECT.

Exploration of Coals, Minerals &c.

Cost of the Geological Survey Party
working in Madras up to 1900

FOR ORDERS.

In July 1895, the Director of the Geological Survey of India wrote to say that it was absolutely necessary that Mr. C.S. Middlemiss should have a section ~~cutter~~ ⁱⁿ for micropetrological work in connection with the mineralogical and geological investigations ⁱⁿ this Presidency and that Provincial funds ^{requested} would provide Rs. 25 per mensem for a man engaged from the 1st July 1895. This was sanctioned. (G.O. No. 3068 Mis., Rev. dated 31st July 1895 and 4224, dated 25th October 1895).

In December 1895, Mr. Middlemiss came up with a request that a native assistant on Rs. 50 per mensem ^{+ travelling allowance} should be temporarily engaged to help him. This was also sanctioned - the cost being met from general savings (G.O. No. 242 Mis., dated 20th Jan. 1896). In October 1896, the Govt. of India ^{was} wired to know if the Madras Govt. ^{was} willing to provide funds for carrying

H. E. THE GOVERNOR.

(1) THE HON'BLE MR. BLISS, C.I.E.

(2) THE HON'BLE MR. GROSE, C.I.E.

+A *A

*B F²

* &

N D 4140219-10-96

C 27/4/97
R 27/4/97

Returned to Financial Dept.
27/4/97

on the programme laid down for the thorough examination of the geological and mineral resources of this presidency, on which ^{three} Imperial officers were to be employed up to ^{the year} 1900. On this the Hon. Mr. Bliss, C.I.E. noted that there was no objection to provide funds so long as the salaries of the superior officers were paid by Imperial and that money was to be given only for any mining work that might be found necessary to prove such deposits as might be discovered. The proposals were accordingly accepted in G.O. No. 4140 Rev., dated 19th October 1896.

In G.O. No. 869 Financial, dated 14th December/96 the travelling allowances of the establishment ^{have} been sanctioned from Provincial revenues. In the budget for 1897-98 a sum of Rs. 2,000 has been provided for the investigation of corundum deposits in Salem. In G. No. 713 sanction is requested for a House rent of 600 per annum - so that the total charges already aggregate Rs. 4,000 per annum and will continue to rise ^{until the year} ~~higher and higher~~ till 1900. The question is whether these charges are to be accepted without a contract assignment from Imperial, especially as India has carried out the reduction of 79 from the contract grant under 6 Scientific & depts. It is true that Govt. agreed to find the money for helping the programme, but to what extent are these charges to be accepted? They exceed a quarter of a lakh in the

Noted & returned
Muz.
as Secy R. Dept.

Let Mr. F. Dept.
Muz.
25/5/97

I should certainly try to get something out of India, but I don't know that it is worth while to keep about this small item alone & then be taken up as part of the General reply we have to make to India's ~~last~~ letter about the contract - I suppose the money is sent to receive an office note on this subject very soon -

I think that the Rev. J. J. sanctioning this house rent sh. not have issued without my seeing it. I cannot undertake to provide funds generally for whatever other Dept. may choose to sanction & especially cannot do so under present circumstances. Are there no for buildings available in only for Mr. M. office?

Since I wrote the above I have happened to go down to the new Volunteer Armory & find that the old Armory & several adjacent rooms - good ones too - are vacant. There is double or treble as much room there as Mr. M. wants. Please consult Mr. D. as to making some of them.

next 5 years.

18/4/97
Cms
13/4/97

The outlay in the present instance appears necessary. When Govt. accepted the proposals of the G. & I. it was probably not intended that the extent to which expenditure would ~~be~~ run. The work which is being done is for the development of Southern India in a direction which will probably prove lucrative to Govt. and if it does, India will no doubt share in and claim a share. Might it not be asked in consideration of the ~~unimpaired~~ advances in outlay to restore Scientific to Dept. to the figure originally proposed viz 4.39. It is I should think quite likely that the Geological party now at work will be employed during the whole ^{duration} of the ~~present~~ contract.

18
22/4/97

*: available for his purposes & also see whether there are any other offices in old lodges in hired buildings which could be moved in there

24/4/97

E

To P. W. Dept. - P.T.O.

Please take action on H. P. note marked A and pass the file on to Revenue Dept with reference to B - to be returned to Financial

Q 8242 J
5/10/97

Papers to be read in proceedings:—

Again G.O., dated

189 , No.

Again G.O., dated

189 , No.

Current No.

7/5

of 1897, dated 25/2, from Rec. Dept.

" "

" 189 , " , "

" "

" 189 , " , "

CS E

ORDER.
ms

10386 3 7 May 1897.

NOTE P.W.D. is taking
action
CWS

The P. W. D. will be requested
to ascertain whether accommodation
in Mr. Middleton's office
cannot be found on the Tail
bill at Ootacamund and pending
settlement of this question that
of the provision of funds for
rent to meet the rent of a
private house will be deferred

CWS
7/5/97

22 (From Order)
7/5/97.

P.W.D. (1/10)

Rec Dept (9/10)

Acct Genl (a of Rec order 10)

Desp'd
11/5/97

Ref

Recd ~~_____~~ & return
file to me soon

CWS

Seen and passed on.

29/4/97
W.

True Ref.

Under blue chalk
note below please
bl.

Returned
Re.

12/12/07

May also these papers
Came yesterday
M. J. 13-5-07

CLOSURE TO C. No.

ORDER OF GOVERNMENT

A A A A A A A

LETTER OF GOVERNMENT

STATEMENT WITH DITTO.

PAPERS NOT FILED UP, BEING MEANT FOR DESPATCH
IN ORIGINAL.

N.B.—

A = Copy in full.

B = Not to be copied.

P = Copy abstract only.

Q = Copy heading only.