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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,

24th February 1864.

Read the following papers:—

No. 178. Proceedings of Government in the Public Works Department, dated 21st November 1863, No. 3414.

*Communicating the opinions of the several
Superintending Engineers, relative to the ad-
visability of granting office rent to Officers in
charge of Ranges, and as to a whether or not
temporary buildings for the purposes of a
Range office had better be constructed.*

(Vide Proceedings Public Works Department,
dated 21st November 1863, Nos. 509—517.)

The Civil Judge of Chittoor is requested to report, in communication with the Inspector General of Police, how the buildings formerly occupied by the Subordinate Court and Mufti Sudder Ameen are now used, and whether one room in them can be spared for the office of the Chittoor Range Officer, Department Public Works.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
December 1863.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

No. 179. From C. A. ROBERTS, Esq., Civil Judge of Chittoor; to A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Chittoor, 21st December 1863.

In reply to your Memorandum upon the enclosed papers in the Public Works Department, I have the honor to state that I have, in company with the Superintendent and the Deputy Inspector General of Police, and the Public Works Officer of this Range, visited the buildings formerly occupied by the late Sub and Mufti Sudder Ameen's Courts at this station.

2. The Sub-Court House is now temporarily occupied by the Collector and his Establishment during the repairs of his Catcherry, which will be completed, I understand, within a month hence. After allotting the space requisite for the preservation of the Provincial and Sub-Courts' records, the whole of the Sub-Court House and a portion of one of the adjacent buildings would be available for the use of the Police, and Captain Hearn informs me would prove sufficient for their purpose.

3. The one room formerly occupied by the Mufti Sudder Ameen, which is 19 by 13½ feet and surrounded by verandahs, together with an adjacent godown, 16 × 12 feet, which could also at present be spared, would, when put in repair, afford good accommodation to the Public Works Office of the Range.

4. I am however of opinion that it is not advisable to make over any portion of these buildings to other Departments until it be definitely decided by Government in what shape the aid, which must in my opinion be afforded to this Court, is to be granted. This latter point I have this day again referred for the consideration of the High Court.

No. 179A. ORDER THEREON, 24th February 1864, No. 242.

The foregoing letter will be communicated to the Department of Public Works.

2. Adverting to the last paragraph, it is observed that the Government have ordered an arrangement under which the room referred to in paragraph 3 will not be required by the Judicial Department.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
21st November 1863.*

Read the following papers:—

No. 509. From Captain F. J. MOBERLY, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, to Colonel W. I. BIRDWOOD, R. E., Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Viroodooputty, 23rd July 1863, No. 219.

SIR,

1. In reply to your No. 63 of the 10th instant, I have the honor to observe that a Range Office with mud walls and a thatched roof will cost about Rupees 160, and probably Rupees 15 per annum for repairs.

2. This will make for the eight ranges of the 8th Division, a present outlay of 1,280 Rupees and an annual charge of Rupees 120.

No. 510. From Captain O. W. S. CHAMBERS, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, to Colonel W. I. BIRDWOOD, R. E., Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Waltair, 1st August 1863, No. 664.

SIR,

1 Statement No. 1.

1 Do. No. 2.

* No. 63 of 10th July 1863.

1. In pursuance with the resolution of Government as per margin* calling for a report upon the advisability of building temporary sheds in ranges in lieu of granting Office rent, I have the honor to state that I have consulted the late District Engineers of the Godavery and of Ganjam on the subject, and that my opinion has been formed with the benefit of their observations and suggestions.

2. I think it inadvisable to build temporary sheds in the ranges, as they are liable to catch fire, as in them the Government stores and records are exposed to the attacks of white ants, and as they would require constant repairs; in this opinion the two District Engineers and myself fully concur.

3. It would be advisable, in my opinion, in certain localities, fixed stations of ranges, to build tiled buildings as Offices and Stores; the average cost of such houses might be the capital (at 15 per cent., the percentage usually allowed in this country on house property), of the sums proposed to be given by Government as rent, say 1,200* Rupees or 500† Rupees, according to the rank of the range.

4. In other fixed Range stations, Cantonments for example, where sites are not easily obtained, and where the same house is scarcely ever occupied by two Range Officers in succession, so that an Office conveniently situated in one case, is inconveniently so in another, it would seem to be preferable to pay the rates, mentioned by Government as not exorbitant, as Office rents.

5. I think it advisable that a Range Officer should have his Office, if not in his house or compound, at least as near him as practicable.

6. In any case, I do not think it indispensable to lay down a general rule on the subject. Each case should be treated by itself. Neither do I think that a fixed amount should be settled on as the cost of an Office, especially where there are great differences in rates in a Division.

7. Annexed are two tables showing how the Range Officers of the 1st Division are at present provided with Offices and Stores, and how I would suggest that they should be provided for in future.

8. By the scheme laid down in Table II it will appear that Rupees 4,800 will be needed as a first outlay, together with the cost of occasional repairs to five buildings, besides a yearly allowance of 672 Rupees, to put the Offices of the ranges in this Division on a good footing.

No. 511. From Captain E. A. FOORD, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 6th Division, to Colonel W. I. BIRDWOOD, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Tanjore, 15th August 1863, No. 408:—

SIR,

1. With reference to the Proceedings of Government No. 63 of the 10th July 1863, I have the honor to inform you that no Range Offices have been built in the Tanjore or Trichinopoly Districts. In the latter, an Office has been built at Trichinopoly for the District Engineer, and this is now available for the Executive Engineer of the first or Trichinopoly Range. The stores of the Tanjore District have been kept in a Government building near Tranquebar, and the District Engineer has had his Office in his own house at Tanjore.

2. There are six ranges in the Tanjore and four in the Trichinopoly District. At the fixed stations of four of those in Tanjore, viz., Tanjore, Combaconum, Tranquebar and Nega-patam, there are houses in which the Offices can be accommodated, and therefore it is not absolutely necessary to build Range Offices, but in the fifth and sixth ranges, no houses are to be had.

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3. There is a Travellers' Bungalow at Kordachari in the sixth range. It is on the road from Tanjore to Negapatam and close to the Railway, but since the opening of the Railway the bungalow is scarcely at all used by travellers, and therefore might be taken for a range Office. At Mannargudi it will be necessary to build an Office for the fifth range, and Offices are required for all the ranges in Trichinopoly except the first.

4. As to the question of allowing Office rent to Range Officers, or building Offices, I believe that in all cases it will be better to build Offices. The records are seldom well kept in private houses and there is more likelihood of their being mislaid or lost, particularly as the Officers are so often transferred from one District to another.

5. As to the cost and dimensions of an Office, I consider the sum named by the late Chief Engineer quite inadequate, and his plan quite unsuitable. For the sum of 100 Rupees nothing but a mere shed with mud walls and thatched roof could be built. This would require constant repairs, and in about a year would be a regular white ants' nest. Besides, a single room 16 x 14 feet could not accommodate a Range Officer, his writing and drawing tables, his Clerks and the records, stores, machinery, &c., of the Range.

6. A Range Office should consist of two rooms each not less than 14 x 15 feet. There should be a verandah all round, part of which should be enclosed to hold the stores. The cost of such a building would not be less than 350 Rupees, and then it must have a thatched roof and be roughly finished. An Office could not be substantially built for less than 1,000 Rupees.

No. 512. From Lieutenant-Colonel E. HEMERY, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Cuddapah, 9th September 1863, No. 153.

Sir,

1. With reference to the Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, No. 63, under date the 10th July 1863, I have the honor to submit the following remarks on the subject of granting Office rent, or of constructing temporary Offices in each range of this Division.

2. From the records of the Cuddapah District, I find that in November 1859, the cost of building Range Offices according to a skeleton Estimate forwarded from the Central Office was stated to be as follows:—

No.	Range	Rupees
1	Range	480
2	do.	680
3	do.	680
4	do.	680

3. On the 8th July 1862, the late Acting District Engineer of Bellary forwarded for sanction six Estimates, amounting in the aggregate to Rupees 1,237, for temporary Range Offices in that District.

4. In Kurnool, the sum of Rupees 520 was estimated by Captain Beatty as the probable cost of four sheds to be used as Range Offices in that District, but these buildings are of such a temporary nature that the Estimate would require to be revised.

5. I am of opinion that Range Offices in this Division would average Rupees 200 including a site, but in preference to constructing these buildings, I would recommend that a small sum be allowed to Officers and Upper Subordinates in charge of ranges, to the former 15 and to the latter 10 Rupees a month.

6. My reasons for coming to the above conclusion are, that it will not always be possible to procure a piece of ground near the residence of the Range Officers for an Office, and that the members of the Department much prefer devoting a room in their own bungalows for the purposes of an Office to a building at some distance off.

7. During their absence in their Taluqs they can always provide for the safe custody of Office records, &c., in their own bungalows, whereas a detached building would require a watchman, whose pay must fall either on Government or on the Range Office.

8. In the Cuddapah District, there are four ranges all unprovided with Office accommodation.

9. In Bellary, there is accommodation for one Office in the Engineer's yard, and five ranges to be provided for.

10. At Kurnool, the late District Engineer's office is now used by the Officer in charge of No. 1 Range, but there is no Office accommodation in the other three ranges.

11. Out of fourteen ranges therefore in this Division, only two are provided with Offices leaving twelve where buildings should be constructed or Office rent granted to the Officer or Upper Subordinate in charge.

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12. In the first case Rupees 2,400 would be required for temporary buildings, and in the second, the annual charge to Government will be as follows:—

		at	Rupees	Rs.
Cuddapah	2 Officers	at 15 Rupees	...	300
	2 Upper Subordinates	at 10 "	...	240
	1 Officer	at 15 "	...	180
Bellary	4 Upper Subordinates	at 10 "	...	480
Kurnool	3 Upper Subordinates	at 10 "	...	360
				1,620

No. 513. From Lieutenant-Colonel J. C. ANDERSON, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Masulipatam, 10th September 1863, No. 494/78:—

Sir,

1. Referring to Proceedings of Government No. 63, dated 10th July 1863, requiring a report on the temporary Office sheds proposed in paragraph 8 of Government Proceedings, No. 798, dated 17th April 1862, I have the honor to state that, in my opinion, it would be desirable that Officers in charge of ranges should be allowed a small sum for Office rent, in preference to providing them with buildings, the very name of which is suggestive of rapid deterioration and constant repairs.

2. A shed of the pattern circulated* by the Deputy Chief Engineer, Northern Circle, consequent on the above-mentioned Proceedings of Government, would not cost less than 300 Rupees on the average instead of 100 or 120 Rupees as contemplated by Government.

3. In the larger stations, where houses are obtainable, the Range Officer could probably always set apart a portion of his house, for the accommodation of the small Office Establishment attached to him, and in the Districts, where the Officer may have to provide himself with shelter, it would evidently be more economical to construct his shed sufficiently large to accommodate himself and his Office than to construct two separate buildings. Of course the Officer would not be expected in either case, to accommodate his Office Establishment at his own expense.

4. I would recommend that 10 Rupees per mensem should be allowed as Office rent for 1st Class, and 5 Rupees for 2nd Class Ranges.

5. In the Kistna District there are four 1st Class and three 2nd Class Ranges. I propose to move the head quarters of the 1st Range (1st Class) from Dooggerallah to Bezoarah; and I think that a similar arrangement may be made in regard to the 5th Range (re-arranged as proposed in the Statement of distribution of Officers and Subordinates in the 2nd Division, forwarded on the 1st August 1863), there would then be accommodation for the following Offices:—

1st Range (1st Class)	Bezoarah, Government building.
2nd Do. (2nd Class)	Chabrole do. do.
3rd Do. (1st Class)	Guntur, do. do.
5th Do. (2nd Class)	Bezoarah, do. do.
6th Do. (1st Class)	do. do. do.
7th Do. (1st Class)	Masulipatam, Government building or Superintending Engineer's Office.

The only range remaining unprovided for would thus be the 4th, 2nd Class, head quarters Wipperla on No. 7 Trunk Road.

6. In the Nellore District only one of the Ranges is provided with a Government building, namely, the Nellore Range, but as the Office there is attached to the Workshop and Stores, the transfer of which to the Canal and Irrigation Company is under consideration, it will probably be necessary to accommodate the Range Office Establishment elsewhere.

7. There are two 1st Class and two 2nd Class Ranges in the Nellore District, and consequently for the whole Division Office rent would have to be provided for two 1st Class and three 2nd Class, at Rupees 10 and 5 per mensem according to the scale proposed above.

8. Should the construction of sheds be considered preferable, I think it probable that they would cost 300 and 200 Rupees for 1st or 2nd Class Ranges respectively.

No. 514. From Lieutenant-Colonel H. W. HITCHINS, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 5th Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Salem, 22nd September, 1863, No. 823.

Sir,

1. With reference to the Order of Government dated 17th April 1862, No. 798, on the subject of temporary sheds for Range Officers, I have the honor to state that I am of opinion that a building constructed of sun burnt bricks in clay with a thatched roof and plastering of

mud is not a suitable structure for the custody of Government records, and if there is no intention to construct buildings of a more permanent character, that it would be advisable to grant an allowance of 15 Rupees monthly to each Range Officer that is not already provided with Office room at the expense of the State.

2. Many of the Police buildings that have been recently constructed of such materials as the above, are infested with white ants, and I do not consider it a wise economy to erect such buildings.

3. I am aware that a structure of a more permanent character of the size indicated in the Standard Plan could not be executed for less than 300 Rupees in most stations, and to provide them wherever they may be required would doubtless involve an expenditure of 20,000 Rupees, but I am satisfied that within a short period this sum would be reached for keeping the temporary sheds in a proper state of repair for the preservation of the Government records and valuable instruments, that may occasionally be deposited in a Range Office, to say nothing of the injury they may sustain by being kept in such places. The size of room fixed by Colonel Horsley is only 16x14 feet with a verandah on one side 4 feet in breadth, and I would ask whether an Officer could carry on his duties with any degree of comfort such quarters, which besides containing his Writer and Draughtsman would be liable at times to be filled by persons having business to transact with him, and in which room he would also be compelled occasionally to keep tools, &c., before issuing them to his Taluk Overseers.

4. I am of opinion that it would be far preferable for an Executive Engineer or an Assistant to hold his Office in one of the godowns attached to his dwelling house, as offering greater advantages than the description of shed which was considered by Colonel Horsley to be a suitable Office for them, even supposing it were made of substantial materials; and I would therefore strongly recommend, that two rooms of the abovementioned size should be granted to each Range Officer, thereby increasing the cost to about 600 Rupees for each Range, or 40,000 for such accommodation for the entire Presidency. This sum need not be at once laid out, but where the want of such Offices are most pressing might be ascertained, and the entire outlay distributed over four or five years.

5. If however it is determined that temporary sheds of the value of 120 Rupees are to be constructed at the head quarters of each range, I beg to state that three will be required for the Salem District, and three only for that of South Arcot, as the Officer in charge of the Cuddalore Range occupies the late District Office, and the Executive Engineer of Bangalore is provided with a tolerably good Office at that station.

No. 515. From Lieutenant-Colonel G. W. WALKER, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Coonoor, 15th October 1863, No. 187.

Sir,

1. I have the honor with reference to Government Order No. 63 of 10th July, to submit a Statement of the Ranges of the 7th Division, with remarks as to the Office accommodation enjoyed or required by each.

COIMBATORE DISTRICT.

Neilgherry Range.—Sufficient accommodation both at Ootacamund and Wellington. Suggested that the Office at Wellington should be moved into the Post Office about to be vacated as a much more substantial building, and affording accommodation which is much wanted for the Cantonment Overseer.

Coimbatore Range.—Amplly accommodated in the Superintending Engineer's Office.

Errode and Collegal Ranges.—Comprising the Sattimungalam Perindoray, Bhowany and Collegal Taluqs. Temporarily accommodated in the Travellers' Bungalow at Bhowany, now appropriated by the Revenue Department. Proposed with the approval of the Collector, that it be permanently made over to this Department as an Office for both ranges (but without excluding occasional travellers) on the Revenue Department moving into the public bungalow at Errode, lately purchased from the Postal Department. Bhowany is the most central point for all the important irrigation works of the District, and at the head of the Calingeroyen Channel.

Caroor.—Accommodated in the Sub-Collector's Sheristadar's Catcherry.

Pollachi Range.—Accommodation required.

MALABAR DISTRICT.

Palghat Range.—Sufficiently accommodated in portion of the old Military buildings in Palghat Fort.

Calicut Range.—Amplly accommodated in the District Engineer's Office.

Cannanore Range.—Accommodation required.

Wynad Range.—Do. do. do. Application has been made for portion of the Revenue Survey Office, but it is thought to be already appropriated by the Judge.

CANARA DISTRICT.

Mangalore Range.—Amplly accommodated in the District Engineer's Office.

Pootoor Range.—Accommodated in the old Taluq Catcherry at Pootoor, in which certain alterations are required.

Coondapoor Range.—Adequately accommodated in the Overseer's shed.

I object to temporary buildings, and think it would be cheaper in the end to allot Rupees 600 each for provision of decent range accommodation at Cannanore and Manantoddy, Rupees 400 for Pootachy Range, and Rupees 250 for alterations to Pootoor Office, total Rupees 1,850.

No. 516. From Lieutenant-Colonel A. J. M. BOILEAU, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 26th October 1863, No. 3,059:—

Sir,

1. Your Official Memoranda No. 27, dated 3rd September 1863 and No. 33, dated 8th October 1863, direct my attention to G. O. No. 798, and to the Miscellaneous Circular No. 63, dated 10th July 1863, which requires a full report with reference to the latter clause of paragraph 8 of the Government Order, i. e., "whether it would not be advisable to build temporary sheds for Range Offices instead of granting Office rent, and to state the amount that will be involved in the measure."

2. The Officers at the Presidency have already got Offices assigned them in buildings either the property of, or rented by Government.

3. In the Madras District the late District Engineer's Office at Gindi is available for the Executive Officer, Mount Range. The authorized head quarters for No. 1 or the Northern Range is Poodoovail, which though geographically a central point is not in fact as much so practically as other points. The Range Officer ordinarily holds Office at Seeralore close to Perampalli, which I do not object to his doing, so long as he does his work well. In special cases, as here, where I have directed him to make his head quarters at Sattivadu as there are numerous tank repairs ordered in the neighbourhood of that place. Rent may be granted for this Range tank repairs ordered in the neighbourhood of that place. Rent may be granted for this Range Office at Seeralore. Chingleput is the fixed station of No. 3 Range; but, as in the case of No. 1 Range, the Officer, so long as he gives himself to frequent and prolonged inspections, is allowed to reside at Poonamallee. No rent need be granted for this Range as the old Travellers' Bungalow at Streepermatoor, now belonging to this Department, is available for the head quarters of the Office which indeed is often there.

4. On return of Captain H. N. D. Prendergast from leave of absence, the 4th Range already sanctioned by Government will be established, and will consist of the Madrantacum Taluq, (nearly the whole of that portion of the Madras District south of the Palar river) with head quarters at Carangooly. I hope the Officer will be permitted to reside there, and have his head quarter's Office in the large Bungalow of Carangooly; otherwise a shed will have to be constructed for his Office.

5. In the District of North Arcot the Range Office and the Stores of the late District Office were until very recently located in one of the empty Barracks at Ranipett, but a peremptory order from the Military authorities enjoined the Barrack being vacated by the 15th instant, as they were said to be required for the 2nd Battalion of Her Majesty's 21st Regiment, expected shortly from England. Under these circumstances it was necessary for me to authorize the Range Officer to rent a house at 30 Rupees a month, a measure which I trust will meet with approval.

6. In the Vellore Range there is a spacious room in the old Arsenal formerly used as a Store room which would make a good Range Office, and the Executive Agent names other buildings which however are now in occupation. If none of these can be granted for the purpose, there is besides a small house well situated on the main road, which would be rented for 6 Rupees per mensem.

7. The Chittoor Range Officer is very solicitous of obtaining a room in one of the buildings formerly occupied by the late Subordinate and Moofier Sudder Ameen's Courts at that station for his Office Establishment and Records; and I trust that arrangements may be made to this end. Should the greater part of the buildings be required by the Police, a room might still be found, I think, for the Range Officer.

8. The Sub-Engineer in charge of Chendragherry Range proposes that if the Police do not require the whole of the old Travellers' Bungalow at Kircumbady, half may be given up to him as a Range Office. Chendragherry is now his fixed station, and if it be incumbent on him to consider it so, it would be necessary to construct a shed there for that purpose.

9. At Arnee there is a very suitable Office in one of the numerous vacant Military buildings at that old station.

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10. On the whole present sanction is required for

	Month.	Rs.
Renting a house at Seeralore at 20 Rupees per mensem...	6	120
Do. do. at Ranipett at 30 do. do. ...	6	195
Do. do. at Vellore at 6 do. do. ...	6	36
Total.....		351

(If Government buildings cannot be given up.)

And for constructing sheds at

	Cost.	Rupees
Carangooly (if Bungalow cannot be occupied) ...	150	150
Chendragherry (if Kircumbady Bungalow is not available) ...	150	150
		300
Total...		651

To be charged as follows:—

Rupees 351 to savings out of contingent charges of the Department Public Works.
Rupees 300 to the Reserve Fund.

No. 517.

ORDER THEREON, 21st November 1863, No. 3,414.

1. In their Proceedings No. 798, dated 17th April 1862, the Government, after reviewing the previous correspondence on the subject of the grant of Office rent to members of the Public Works Department in charge of Ranges, and the rates of rent proposed by the late Chief Engineers (Colonels Bell and Huxley), observed that temporary buildings, having suitable accommodation, sufficiently substantial for Range Offices, and calculated to last for a number of years might be constructed at a cost not exceeding 100 or 120 Rupees each. The Chief Engineer was accordingly requested to take the matter into his further consideration, and report whether it would not be advisable to build temporary sheds instead of granting Office rent and the amount that would be involved in the measure.

2. The appointment of Chief Engineer having however very shortly after been abolished, the subject was remitted for the consideration and report of the Superintending Engineers. The papers recorded above are the replies of these Officers.

3. The Government observe that the opinions of the Superintending Engineer's are divided, some being in favor of Office rent, while others consider that Office accommodation should be provided. The following Statement shows in one view the recommendations of each Officer:—

Divisions.	No. of Ranges in which Office accommodation is provided.	No. of Ranges for which buildings are proposed to be constructed.	Cost of buildings.	No. of Ranges for which Office rent is recommended.	Rates of Office rent recommended.	Total outlay per annum on account of Office rent.	
1st Division...	*10	5	4,800	5	10 and 15	65	*Including buildings for four Officers now insufficiently accommodated.
2nd Do.	6	6	1,400	6	5 and 10	40	If it be decided that buildings are to be constructed. The Superintending Engineer is in favor of Office rent.
3rd Do.	12	12	12,400	12	10 and 15	135	Do. do.
4th Do.	15	2	300	3	5, 20 & 30	56	If accommodation cannot be provided for the Range Officers at Vellore, Kircumbady and Carangooly.
5th Do.	6	6	3,600	6	15	90	Same remark as is entered opposite to the 2nd Division.
6th Do.	9	**9	3,150	...	...	...	** If accommodation cannot be provided in the Kircumbady Bungalow in the 5th Range of Tanjore District.
7th Do.	3	3	1,600	...	...	...	
8th Do.	8	8	1,280	...	...	...	

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4. It will thus be seen that the recommendations of the local Officers involve an outlay of Rupees 11,130 in the construction of buildings where such are recommended, and a monthly expenditure of Rupees 336 in the shape of Office rent where Office accommodation does not now exist, and is not intended to be provided. The rates of Office rent proposed by the

1st Division, from	Rupees 50 to 1,400.
2nd Do. from	20 to 300.
3rd Do. from	500.
4th Do. from	125.
5th Do. from	500.
6th Do. from	125.
7th Do. from	400, to 224.
8th Do. from	100.

local Officers vary from Rupees 5 and 10 in the 2nd Division, to Rupees 20 and 30 in the 4th Division, while the estimated cost* of constructing Range Offices varies from Rupees 150 in the 4th Division, to Rupees 1,400 in the 1st Division, the great difference being attributable to the character of the buildings proposed in each case.

5. In sanctioning† fixed rates of travelling allowance to the Officers and Subordinates of the Public Works Department, the Government intended that that allowance should cover all *bona fide* travelling charges, as well as charges on account of Office rent and the conveyance of Office records, and they are therefore not now prepared to grant special allowance under the head of "Office rent." Seeing however that some of the Officers in charge of ranges are provided with Office accommodation in public buildings not used for other purposes, the Government will be prepared to sanction the construction of small Offices in cases in which special accommodation may be indispensably necessary, on the distinct understanding however that the cost of the buildings shall on no account exceed Rupees 350 each.

6. Separate orders have been passed on the subject of paragraph 5 of the letter from the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division.

7. Lieutenant-Colonel Walker is requested to communicate with the Postal authorities on the subject of the Post Office at Wellington.

8. The subjects referred to in paragraph 8 of the letter from the Superintending Engineer 4th Division, paragraph 3 of the letter from the Superintending Engineer 6th Division, and paragraph 1, clause 3, of the letter from the Superintending Engineer 7th Division will be considered in the Revenue Department.

9. Paragraph 6 of Lieutenant-Colonel Bilsau's letter will be referred to the Military Department, and paragraph 7 to the Judicial Department for consideration.

10. The subject of paragraph 5 of the letter from the Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division, should be separately submitted for the consideration of Government.

(True Extract.)

Amherst

Colonel, R. E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineers.

.. Revenue Department.

.. Military do.

.. Judicial do.

Ed. S. T. Angasia.

Recd. by P.D. 21 Dec/63 - No 2414
 Order from the Civil Judge of Chittoor - 21 Dec/63 -

Order 24 February 1864 No 242

The foregoing letter will be communicated to the Department of Public Works.

Adverting to the last paragraph, it is observed that the Government have ordered an arrangement under which the room referred to in para. 3 will not be required by the Judicial Department.

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 The Secy. of the P.W.D. }

In a letter from
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 referred to in para. 3
 will not be required
 by the Judicial Department.

With a receipt

The Civil Judge of
 Chittoor is requested to report
 in communication with the
 Inspector General of Police, how
 the buildings formerly oc-
 cupied by the subordinate
 Government staff the Chittoor
 Prison are now used -
 and whether the same are
 them can be improved
 for the office of the Chittoor
 Prison Officer, P.W.D.

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