

Marine (1899) Department.

G.O., No. 115 Marine

DATED 4th Feb 1899.

Port Officer's Residence at Gambou [Despatch Abstract.]

Pass: F.W.D. passing orders on Mte
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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads,
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I have no remarks to offer beyond stating that I concur in the proposals intended to be made to Government on the subject.

Note by the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department.

In G.O., No. 625 W., dated 6th March 1894, an estimate of Rs. 6,400, for constructing a residence for the Port officer at Pámban in the Madura district, was sanctioned. While the building was under construction, the Presidency Port Officer who inspected it reported that it was altogether unsuitable, owing to the side walls having no verandah protection, and the number of rooms being insufficient for a man with a family, whether for comfort or decency. Accordingly, in deference to the Presidency Port Officer's wishes, the estimate was revised, providing for certain additions, which raised the total cost of the building to Rs. 10,500. The Government refused to sanction the estimate as the amount was considered excessive for an officer on Rs. 300 per mensem, and the cost of the residence was ordered to be restricted to Rs. 8,000 as an outside limit (*vide* G.O., No. 1556 W., dated 19th May 1896). The actual outlay incurred on the work amounted to Rs. 8,228-10-10, and the excess of Rs. 228-10-10 was passed in G.O., No. 2744 W., dated 2nd October 1897.

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- (a) Converting the front verandah into a drawing-room as shown in red lines on plan.
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3. The Superintending Engineer considers that the proposed additions to the main building and erection of stable and coach-house are quite unnecessary, while the Presidency Port Officer is of opinion that the works should be carried out.

4. The undersigned inspected the building last March and found that the following additions only were needed:—

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And therefore recommends that items (c) and (d) which are urgently necessary be sanctioned at once, and that the Superintending Engineer be directed to submit a revised estimate for items (a) and (b). The Presidency Port Officer concurs in the above recommendations.

(Signed) W. B. DEWINTON,
Chief Engineer.

16th December 1898.

ORDER—No. 123 W., dated 12th January 1899.

The recommendations made in paragraph 4 of the Chief Engineer's note read above are approved, and the following estimates aggregating Rs. 1,230 are accordingly sanctioned:—

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(1) Constructing a compound wall for the Port officer's residence at Pámban	1,180
(2) Clearing up the compound of the Port officer's residence at Pámban	50

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3. The sanction accorded in paragraph 1 of these Proceedings has been registered as Excluded Local No. 31 W. of 1898-99, and classified as Civil Buildings—Original Works.

(True Extract.)

A. S. Russell

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, VI Circle, with eight enclosures.

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