

Marine (1899) Department.

G.O., No. 697 Marine

DATED 26th July 1899.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Port & Sea Customs Office at Tuticorin.

Pros. P.W.D., sanctioning, with remarks,
the estimate of Rs 21,350 for altering &
enlarging the _____ and providing therein
quarters for the Port Officers, Command to the
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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

Read—the following papers :—

From Commander T. G. R. FINNY, R.I.M., Presidency Port Officer, Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Marine Department (through the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department), dated 17th May 1899, No. 1678/187 G.

With reference to G.O., No. 857, Marine, dated 10th October 1898, I have the honour to forward, duly countersigned, for sanction and allotment of funds, the accompanying estimate, amounting to Rs. 21,350, for altering and enlarging the Port and Sea Custom offices at Tuticorin and providing therein quarters for the Port officer.

2. Of the above mentioned sum, Rs. 11,000 is for the portion which will become the Port officer's residence, and towards this there is a grant of Rs. 8,000 in the budget for 1899-1900 available for expenditure in the current year, and the balance can be provided in the next budget or met from other sources if required this year.

3. The sum of Rs. 10,350, I would propose being allotted from the reserve with the Public Works Department, and debited to Port and Provincial funds in proportion to the accommodation provided for the Port office and Custom office, respectively.

Note by the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department.

An estimate of Rs. 13,930 was sanctioned in G.O., No. 2751 W., dated 2nd October 1897, for the construction of a residence for the Port officer at Tuticorin on the reclaimed foreshore opposite the English church.

2. The local merchants having objected to the site selected, the Committee constituted to consider the requirements for passenger and goods accommodation at the port at Tuticorin was directed in G.O., No. 666, Marine, dated 3rd August 1898, to submit a report on the objection raised with suggestions, if necessary, as to alternative sites. The Committee came to the conclusion that it would be advisable to abandon the original proposal and recommended the extension of the present Sea Customs and Port office building and to provide quarters therein for the Port officer. This recommendation was approved in G.O., No. 857, Marine, dated 10th October 1898, and detailed plans and estimates were called for in G.O., No. 2864 W., dated 11th October 1898.

3. An estimate of Rs. 21,350 has accordingly been received and it provides for the building of two additional stories, the space available being limited. The following is the proposed distribution of accommodation :—

- (a) All the rooms of the first floor to be occupied by the offices.
- (b) The back room of the second story to be used by the Port officer as his office-room.
- (c) All the other rooms of the second story with the third story to form the Port officer's residence.

- (d) The store-rooms on the north side of the godown at back to the kitchen and servants' quarters and the shed at the west end to be used as coach house and stable.
- (e) The court-yard in the middle of the godowns to be opened out for the private use of the Port officer, as there is no compound.

4. The estimate is recommended for sanction with the remark that the landing as etched in pencil on the second floor and the northern parapet wall of the staircase which have been omitted should be added. The cost of this addition will be inconsiderable and will not materially affect the total of the estimate.

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

3rd July 1899.

ORDER—No. 1784 W., dated 11th July 1899.

The estimate, amounting to Rs. 21,350, for altering and enlarging the Port and Sea Customs offices at Tuticorin and providing therein quarters for the Port officer, is sanctioned.

2. The sanction accorded in G.O., No. 2751 W., dated 2nd October 1897, to the estimate of Rs. 13,930 for constructing quarters for the Port officer will be rescinded.

3. Attention is drawn to the Chief Engineer's note read above.

4. A sum of Rs. 8,000 provided for the Port officer's quarters in the current year's Excluded Local Funds Budget will be transferred to the work now sanctioned, and the Superintending Engineer will report what additional grant can be spent before the close of the official year.

5. The full amount of the estimate will be charged to Port funds, as the proposed improvements to the Sea Customs office are estimated to cost Rs. 8 only.

6. The countersignature of the Collector to the plan should be obtained before the work is put in hand.

7. The sanction accorded in paragraph 1 of these Proceedings has been registered as Excluded Local No. 7 W. of 1899-1900, and classified as Civil Buildings—Original Works.

(True Extract.)

[Signature]
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, VI Circle,
with plans and estimates (10).

- " Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
- " Marine Department.
- " Revenue Department.

Exd. T. K. Narayana Aiyangar.