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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 24th August 1871.

No. 321. Read the following letter from the Controller of Public Works Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 12th August 1871, No. 1,303.—

UNDER the Orders of Government, No. 3,140, dated 1st November 1864, the rent of the building hired for the accommodation of the offices of the Superintending Engineer of the 4th Division, and of the Consulting Engineers for Railways, and for the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company has, up to this time, been distributed as follows:—

	RS.
Superintending Engineer	127½
Consulting Engineer for Railways	63¾
Do. Madras Irrigation and Canal Company	63¾
Total ..	255

2. The office of the Consulting Engineer for the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company having now been removed into the fort, the question arises in what manner is the above charge to be hereafter distributed. In the Public Works Budget (Part IV.) a sum of Rupees 4,800 was *originally* provided for office-rent for eight Superintending Engineers. Of this amount, however, the Government in letter, No. 914, dated 28th March 1871, to the Government of India, surrendered a sum of Rupees 2,000, thus leaving available for expenditure a balance of Rupees 2,800. Against this latter amount the charges now passed monthly by this office to Superintending Engineers, under the head "Office-rent," are as follow:—

	RS.	A.	P.
Fourth Division	127	8	0
Sixth do.	20	0	0
Eighth do.	50	0	0
Total per mensem	197	8	0
Total per annum	2,370	0	0

3. If to this amount be added the charge of Rupees 600 per annum, which, it is believed, the Superintending Engineer of the 1st Division has applied for permission to incur on account of office-rent, the modified* Budget allotment, as noted above, will be exceeded.

* Rupees 2,800.

4. It is thus apparent that the Public Works Budget of Establishments cannot bear any increased outlay under the head "Office-rent," and it is therefore suggested that if the building in Nungumbaukum is to continue to be occupied by the Superintending Engineer and the Consulting Engineer for Railways, the charge for office-rent may be distributed between the two departments more proportionately than at present.

Note.—The Budget provision on account of office-rent for the Consulting Engineer for Railways is Rupees 85 per mensem.

5. The number of persons to be accommodated in both establishments is noted below.—

Superintending Engineer's Department.	*Consulting Engineer's Department.*
1 Officer.	3 Officers.
1 Manager.	1 Uncovenanted Assistant.
12 Clerks and Accountants.	9 Clerks and Accountants.
14	13

6. The resolution of Government, to remove this office from Chepauk into the fort, suggests the enquiry whether the two establishments above mentioned might not be accommodated in the building now occupied by me and my establishment. Seeing that, in all, two officers, one Assistant, one Manager, and fifty-four Clerks and Accountants are now provided for in that building, it appears to me that the offices of the Superintending Engineer of the 4th Division and the Consulting Engineer for Railways would find ample accommodation therein, and if there be no objection to the removal of those establishments from their present location, a saving would be effected of Rupees 3,000 per annum by the proposed arrangement.

No. 322. ORDER THEREON, 24th August 1871, No. 2,176.

ACCOUNT, No. 39.

PARAGRAPHS 4 to 6 of the foregoing letter will be communicated for the consideration of the Committee appointed in G. O., Public Department, No. 1,174, dated 4th August 1871.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) A. deC. SCOTT, Captain, R.E.,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the President of Committee.
„ Controller of Public Works Accounts,
with copy of G. O., No. 1,174, dated 4th August 1871.

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No 2176, P. Wks. Dept.

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The Controller of
P. Wks Dept } (K. E. & No 1303) 12th Augt 71

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No 1174 dated 4th
August 1871.

The President of
Committee
with Sheet with Copy of
G O No 1174 d/ 4 Aug 71

4th Aug 1871

In-s-desp to date 24/8/71.
C-C ——— to date 1/9/71

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PUBLIC WORKS.

To The President of Committee

Dated

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G O. 24 Augt. No 2176.

Nos. 321 & 322

Office Memo.- The proposal of the Comptroller of P Accounts to cause the rent now paid, by the removal of the Offices of the Secy Board of Revenue and the Consulting Engr for Railways to Chepauk referred to the Committee appointed vide G O No - 1174 of 4th August 71 P.D.