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Government of Madras

Public Works DEPARTMENT

G.O. No. / B.P. No.	3377-A	Press / Mis.

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No. 14-A. Read the following letter from Colonel F. J. MOBERLY, R.E., Superintending Engineer, Chingleput, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Guindy, 5th September 1874, No. 2,322 :—

I HAVE the honor to forward the plans called for in G. O., No. 152, dated 19th August, and copy of report by the Executive Engineer, Mount Range, on the buildings mentioned as available for his and my offices.

4 Plans.
1 Copy of a letter No. 1,567. (To be returned.)

2. The store-room is out of the question. The Begum's bungalow, purchased as a Soldier's Institute, will apparently answer fairly well for the Range Taluq and Local Fund Offices, but in its premises are a set of horse lines from which the horses have been removed to the parade ground to avoid Loodiana fever, which breaks out every time they have been picketed there of late. Their watering troughs are still there, and the horses are led past the building to and from water.

3. At the back of the building are the family quarters of the Artillery.

4. I beg to point out that since I have been appointed District Engineer, now nearly two years, I have never found a vacant house. In fact, there are not enough for the officers attached to the Artillery at the station; a civilian was obliged a short time ago to move into Madras to make room for an officer requiring accommodation.

5. When the South Indian Railway is completed my present office will be very accessible to contractors, etc., as one of the stations is on the Mount Road opposite; most of them reside in Madras. The Begum's bungalow is nearly a mile from the Mount Station.

6. My office is barely a mile from the house in Sydapett, which is being rapidly put in order for my family, who will, I hope, move into it next month.

No. 14-B. ORDER THEREON, 1st December 1874, No. 3,377-A.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 1.

HIS Excellency the Governor in Council is of opinion that in the two buildings of which plans have been submitted by the Superintending Engineer of Chingleput, ample accommodation can be arranged for the Superintending Engineer's and Range Officer's Offices, the former being located in the Begum's bungalow and the latter in No. 1 Barrack store; and he directs that immediate steps be taken for so occupying those buildings on or before the 1st January 1875, from which date the payment of rent for the present Range Office shall cease.

2. Any superfluous accommodation that there may be in the former building for the Superintending Engineer's purposes will be used to supplement deficiencies in the other building for Range purposes. For instance, both officers might sit in the upper story of the Begum's bungalow while both their offices were accommodated below; and the various Overseers with their stores would be well provided for in the other building. But whatever arrangements are determined on shall be reported and carried out at once.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
1st December 1874.

3. The alternative permission given to Colonel Moberly in G. O., No. 2,831, of 22nd November 1873, to reside at Sydapett in consequence of its neighbourhood to the office at Guindy, was virtually rescinded by the subsequent proceedings taken for removing his office to the Mount. He must cease altogether to reside out of the Mount from the 1st January 1875.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, Chingleput, with four Plans.
,, Controller of Public Works Accounts.

No 1567

No 2 Range Office
23d September 1874

From

The Executive Engineer
No 2 or Mount Range
Chingleput District

To

The District Engineer
Chingleput

Sir

Enclosures 5
4 Plans

With reference to G. O. No 152 of 19th August 74 communicated with your No 1914 of 1st instant, I have the honor to report as follows.

No 1 Barrack Store is totally unfit for an Office, it is a long narrow building with all the interior space taken up by pillars vide plan, it will require a new Roof to render it habitable, and the high compound wall around it must be pulled down, It was condemned by the Barrack Department because estimate for repairs exceeded ¼ prime cost and was then made over to us.

With regard to the Begums Bungalow I forward a plan shewing the accommodation by which you will see that it will answer the purpose of a Range Office well enough but there is certainly not room enough for the

Office

Office of District and Executive Engineer combined I have marked the rooms I should require. At present I have scarcely room enough in my Compound for the Office; the larger Bungalow is rather crowded with the Office Members, especially when the Overseer Writers are all present, and the number Office is filled with stores and records, I shall therefore require all the rooms I have marked on the plan.

I have no plan of these buildings; in fact as I have before remarked there are no plans whatever in my office of any of the old buildings in this Cantonment nor can I find out to whom to apply for copies of the same.

The plans herewith forwarded I have been obliged to prepare specially

I have &c

(Signed) A. B. Smith Capt R.E.
Executive Engr Mandalay

(True Copy)

J. Hudson Col. R. E.
District Engineer, Chindwin Sub

No 2322

Chunglepet District Engineer's Office
Guindy 5th September 1874.

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From

The District Engineer

Chinglepet

To

The Secretary to Government P.W.D.

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At the back of the building are the Family Quarters of the Artillery.

P.T.O.

By Order &c
A. J. Wilkinson
Major
Executive Engineer
Mount Range
P.S. 5/9/74

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obt Servant
F. Lambert Coll^R
District Engineer Chingleput.

Memorandum —

I am directed by
Major Wardell Prime
Military Storekeeper at
Quartermaster Department
Fort Clark Texas to
request that the
Quartermaster Department
may be informed
whether the Engineer
Officer at this Station
is to receive any
Stationery or Fuel
from the Quartermaster
Department

Q.M.G.O. 1874

P. W. 1874 Dept.
Ltr. from Genl Supdt
From No: 6240
The District Engineer
Chief Depot Distt
To
The Secretary to Govt
P. W. Depart

Do. 5-70
No. 5 } Oct. 1874
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Forwards plan of
buildings which are
to be used for the Offices
of the Distt Engr and
Range Officer &c with
copy a letter from the latter
officer for consideration

G. O. No: 2377 A. 1-12-76

Ans Ltr
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3. On a remonstrance of Colonel Moberly's, he was definitely informed in Govt No 2831 of 22d November 1873 that Government declined further to discuss the question of his Head Quarters.

4. In Govt No 832 of 25th March 1874 Coll Moberly was ordered to discontinue his residence in Madras altogether from the 1st April 1874.

5 The question of accommodation for the Range Officer at the Mount was settled by grant of Rs 30 in Govt No 964 of 28th March 1873 pending provision of a Regular office.

6. In Govt No 1343 of 14th May 1873, the Inspecting Engineer for Buildings was called on to report further on his proposal to accommodate the Range Officer with District Engineer's office at Guindy.

7. This was decided against in Govt No 1829 of 9th July in which a reference was made to the Military Department to state if any unused building was available for transfer to the Public Works Department as an office for the Chingleput District Engineer — inquiries being made in other quarters as to any purpose to which his present office at Guindy might be turned.

8 In Govt No 152 of 19th August the District Engineer was called on to report on the suitability of

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Edwd Moberly was ltd on 1st P.O. of 22 Sept/14 that he would be required to live either at the Mount, Guindy, or Hydpet. His duties preparing a house for himself at Hydpet, & if so he will be allowed to live there until he is relieved.

Next he wrote that he had taken measures to have a hydpet allowance adjusted & claimed from 1st April 1874. This he has not done since but this he should be reproved.

If on refusal his request to live at Hydpet he shall resign he should be working under orders.

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there most conducive to forward Govt's interests.

of the Military buildings viz. No 1 Barrack Store Room already transferred to the Public Works Department and the Begum's Bungalow available for transfer, and of which it was stated that there was no present prospect of its being required for Military purposes.

9. Colonel Moberly now submits plans of both buildings, rejecting the Store Room as out of the question for an office, reporting that the Begum's Bungalow may do for the Range and Overseers' Offices but not for his also; and stating that he has made arrangements to live at Sydapet a mile from his present Office at Guindy

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which he desires to keep.

10. It is submitted that compliance with Colt Moberly's request is out of the question on the broad principle already affirmed over & over again that no Officer of the Department should live out of his District, still less that he should have any excuse for being in Madras; and for the special reason that the bearer the District Engineer of Chingleput is to the Military Works at St. Thomas' Mount, and Palaveram the better. Moreover his present office is most inconvenient for the Members of his Establishment from its isolated position.

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If near a proposed Railway station there will be no difficulty in selling it advantageously—

11 As to office accommodation at the Mount, both buildings are quite capable, in the Chief Engineer's opinion, of being utilized for District and Range offices, if the Begumi Bungalow will not suffice for all, which it is thought it would with a very little management— It is remarked that to put the Store room No 1 into repair has been estimated to cost Rs 630-12- It is recommended that orders be passed requiring the offices to be removed into the vacant buildings by 1st December 1874, after which rent will cease to be drawn by the Mount Range Officer

Lt Colonel R.E.
Chief Engineer D.P.W

Ref

P.W. Department

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Proceedings of the Madras Govt.

Read the following

From the D.E. Engineer Chinglepat } (H. E. No. 23229 5th Oct 74.)

G.O no: 3377 A dt 1st December 1874

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Memorandum.

It would appear from the Right Hon.ble the Governor's note on the Abstract of Colonel Moberly's case, that his Lordship was under the impression that the Order permitting that Officer to reside at Sydapett was the latest order extant on the subject; as he enters its date as the 22nd Sept.r 1874, instead of 22nd Nov.r 1873 — The fact being that although, by dint of importunity, Col. Moberly succeeded in obtaining Sydapett as an alternative Head Quarters, (although out of his District)

by reason of its municip
b the building rented
for a Dist. Insp. Office,
he nevertheless failed
to remove his family
from Madras for nearly
if not quite a twelvemonth
In the course of which
time, on a report by the
Insp. Genl. for Buildings
as to proper Office accr
commodation for the
District, it was determi
ned (in G.O. n°. 1829 of 9th
July 1874.) to abandon
that Office as "eminently
inconvenient", & seek
for other accommodation
at the Mount - With
the removal of this Office

from Guindy & the Mount
the annexation of Nº 2
at Saidapett & Guindy
also fell to ceases - G.O. nº
1829 of 9th July 1874 so far
virtually cancels G.O. nº
2831 of 22nd Nov. 1873 - It
is submitted therefore that
no inconsistency is involved
in requiring Lt. Inverty
to reside at the Mount
at the same time that
his Office is removed
there; the order proh.
ibiting this, would be
withheld by -

Chas. Marshall Lt. Col.
Offg. Ch. Insp. P.W.D.

4.11.74.

M. S.

N.B. Besides the annual Military Buildings now reported available, Officers Mess or rest two other buildings have been received from a private individual after March. which have been transferred to Colonel Inspector by long since present, but have not yet been returned by them —

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Govt. of {1874} Madras.

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To

The Superintendent
Chingleput

Dated

Recd. Encl. /

G. O. 1 Dec 1874. No. 3377

Nos. 14 & 15.

Offices of the Dt. Engr. & the Mount Range Offr. - Chingleput Dt. —

Issuing instructions relative to the utilization of certain buildings at the Mount as Dt. & Range offices & directing the Supt Dt Coll. F. J. Peshorty to cause altogether to remove out of the Mount from the 1st January 75.