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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
13th September 1875.*

No. 298. Read the following letter from J. O'SHAUGHNESSY, Esq., Acting District Engineer, Tanjore, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. MULLINS, R.E., Officiating Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Camp at Tranquebar, 16th July 1875, No. 1,237 :—

I HAVE the honor to forward a letter from Lieutenant Romilly, R.E., Assistant Engineer, second grade, bringing to notice that he cannot get a house at Negapatam (which is the head-quarters of the range to which he has been recently posted), and requesting that the matter be brought to the notice of Government, with the view of ascertaining whether an estimate for providing quarters for him would be sanctioned.

2. The rulings on the subject communicated with G. O., No. 1,928, dated 20th June 1866, G. O., No. 2,464, dated 14th October 1870, and G. O., No. 2,775, dated 18th November 1870, seem applicable only to officers in military employ, but the orders communicated with G. O., No. 239, dated 28th July 1874, seem to apply to all officers in civil employ.

3. There is the difficulty, however, in regard to this department, that the same duties have often to be entrusted to officers of various ranks and grades. It would be a great boon, and it would no doubt pay Government to build houses for Range Officers, where houses cannot be otherwise obtained, so long as the Range Officer is a European of the upper classes, but when one of these officers is replaced by a Native Supervisor for instance, which often happens, the house would then be probably useless.

4. The only way to overcome this difficulty would be to make it incumbent upon all Range Officers to occupy, or at all events to pay for the house provided for him; a suitable building could be erected for Rupees 5,000, and a rent of Rupees 30 a month would be a fair remuneration to Government for such a building. A European or East Indian subordinate who might happen to be in charge of a range would be always willing to occupy the building, and to pay 30 Rupees a-month for it, and natives are generally so anxious to have charge of a range that they would never demur to pay for the house whether they occupied it or not.

5. I see no reason for treating Negapatam exceptionally, and the question if considered at all must, I suppose, be considered generally; there are probably no more than 20 ranges in the Presidency where house accommodation cannot be easily procured, and houses for the accommodation of 20 Range Officers would cost about 1 lakh of Rupees. Rupees 20,000 a year might probably be devoted to this useful and necessary purpose, and in five years the whole thing would be done.

6. The money would be well invested, it would bring a fair remuneration to Government, and it would create a degree of satisfaction and contentment among a class of hard-worked and badly paid public servants, which would be of invaluable benefit to Government.

7. I beg, therefore, to recommend Lieutenant Romilly's application for favorable consideration.

No. 299. ORDER THEREON, 13th September 1875, No. 2,633.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 25.

THE principle recognized in paragraph 4 of Judicial Department Order, No. 1,266 of 10th July, is decidedly applicable in the Public Works Department. But it is not considered by His Excellency the Governor

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in Council that it applies to a town like Negapatam, where private enterprise must be looked to for supply of accommodation adequate to the increasing demands of the place. There is no doubt that individuals will suffer inconvenience meanwhile; but such would be the case at any rate, as funds are not available for the service in question this year. If quarters are available in any other locality within the range it might become the Range Officer's head-quarters till he could find accommodation in Negapatam.

(True Extract.)

Major-General, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Tanjore.
" Controller of Public Works Accounts.

N^o 1 Range Office
N^o 1146
Tanjore 8th July 1875
From Lieutenant J. J. Romilly R.E.
Assistant Engineer N^o 1 Range
Tanjore

To.
J. O. Shaughnessy Esq.
District Engineer Tanjore

Sir, I have the honor to report that in accordance with your Memo N^o 1146 dated 3rd July 1875. I am about to proceed to Negapatam to take over charges of that Range and I beg to bring the following fact to your notice. For some time I have been making enquiries in Negapatam regarding houses and the only answer I receive is that there is absolutely no house that I can have. The number of residents at Negapatam has increased considerably of late and the house that used to be occupied by the Range Officer (such as it was) has passed into other hands owing to the unsettled state of the Range for some months and the absence of a Resident Range Officer.

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At present there is no accommodation
for me whatever, nor do I see any prospect
of getting a house at some future period.
For the present I must leave a considerable
portion of my books and personal effects
at Saugor and only take with me what
I require for camping.

Under these circumstances
I have the honor to request that the matter
may be referred to Government with a
view to ascertaining whether an estimate
would be sanctioned for providing quarters
for the Range Officer. In consequence of
the recent reduction of the Range it is
most probable that the Range Officer at Rega-
pataur will always be one of such standing
that he would be desirous of renting a good
house, and in a few years the original
outlay would be recovered from the monthly
rental.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most obedient servant

J. J. Russell

Assistant Surgeon Saugor

No 1234

Superintendent

No 1 Range Jayne District

From

The Office Charge

No 1 Range

Jayne

Jo. H. District Engineer

Jayne

Receded 8th July 1875.

No 797

Reports that he is unable to
get accommodation for him
at Repabata and requires
to ascertain whether or not
would be sanctioned for pro-
viding quarters for Range 1st

Enclame No 1 in a letter
from the Acting District
Magistrate to the
Secretary to Govt NW
Madras. dated 16th
July 1875

Original Letter
from South Romilly
Requesting to
provide quarters at
Regapalam.

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No 1237 Superintendent
Camp Tranquilur 16 July 1876.
To the Secretary to Government
Madras.
J. B. Shaughnessy Esq.
Acting District Magistrate.
Tranquilur.
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I beg therefore to recommend
 Yours truly
 C. C. C.

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Respectfully
 Obedient
 Servant
 J. C. C.

Your most obedient servant

Enclosed Herewith is Application
 for favorable consideration.
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25 July/74 No 239
16 Oct/74 - 177-198
20 June/66 - 224-225
16 Nov/70 - 360-361

P. W. 1895 Dept.
No 1237

From No: 4719
The Actg Dist. Eng.
Bangalore

To The Secretary to Govt.
P.W.
Madras.

Dated 16 July 1895
Received at
Encls: 1 ✓

Recommending the
construction of a
house for the P.W.
Officer at Resapattanam.

S.B. 2655. 13-9-75.

No 298

Cu - 3.9.76 Vm 13.4.76
Recd at Madras 21.7.76

No 2633 Public Works Dept.

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 13 Sept 1895
Read the following

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Bangalore -

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In the main, the same
is laid down by the
P.W. Council for the
a large number of
cases. In the present
case, the same is not
in conflict with the
other provisions of the
Act.

On 13th July 1895

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Sc. Order - 30-9-75

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X. Attf

4719
Govt. of ^{Madras} Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

To

Mr. [Signature]
[Signature]
[Signature]

Dated

Issued

Recd.

Encl.

G. O.,

Sept. 26/9

No.

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House for the Range
Officer at Negapatam.

Passing orders on letter
from the Ag. Dtr.
Engr., Tanjore, recommending
the construction of a
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