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No 633. Read the following letter from Captain J L L MORANT, R E, District Engineer, Neilgherries, to Major A deC SCOTT, R E, Under Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Ootacamund, 9th December 1874, No 357 —

WITH reference to Public Works Order No 3,075, of the 28th October 1874, covering Judicial Order No 1,890, of the 10th idem, received by me on the 3rd ultimo, I have the honor to inform you that "Lower Norwood" (the property of Government) has been selected by the Quarter Master General of the Army and by the Commissioner as the site for hutting the Sappers now at Ootacamund

2. I have the honor to submit the requisite plans and estimates, of which a list is attached, as well as copy of letter from the Quarter Master General of the Madras Army.

3. I have the honor to request that the main building of Lower Norwood hitherto occupied by Government Clerks may be handed over for the purpose of being converted into quarters, etc, for a portion of the Sappers. The Government Clerks I am given to understand are not desirous of having quarters provided for them. But should any of them require quarters they might be provided with them on the Stonehouse Hill, where they would be closer to their Office than if at Lower Norwood. If Lower Norwood be given up as I propose, the cost of hutting the Sappers will be Rupees 17,714, as per Abstract Estimate No 2 attached

4. If the Public Works Department must be debited with the value of Lower Norwood, I, after making inquiries, estimate its present value *per se*, without including the adjacent ground, etc, at Rupees 4,000

5. If the main building of Lower Norwood cannot be made available for the above purpose, the cost of hutting the Sappers will be Rupees 23,189, as per Abstract Estimate No 1 attached

6. The plans which accompany this have been drawn up in communication with the Officer Commanding the Company.

7. I enclose copy of a memorandum handed to me by the Officer Commanding the Company

No 634 ORDER THEREON, 26th February 1875, No 55/

MILITARY WORKS, No 18.

His Excellency the Governor in Council is not disposed to give up the house at Lower Norwood, for which with its furniture and the grounds a sum of Rupees 8,000 was originally given, for occupation by the Sappers stationed at Ootacamund, as it would involve an extra charge of at least Rupees 800 annually in house-rent for the clerks who now occupy the building when the seat of Government is at Ooty.

2. And as the sum of Rupees 25,000 is more than can be provided by Provincial or any other funds to supply all the accommodation, including a hospital, that is stated to be necessary, there appears to be no alternative but to order that the services of a full company, with head-quarters at Ootacamund, shall be dispensed with, detachments only being maintained at Wellington, Coonoor, and Ootacamund for improving the existing accommodation at which

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latter place the sum of Rupees 1,000 is sanctioned and will be available on 1st April. The necessary arrangements will accordingly be made in the Military Department.

(True Extract)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

Quarter Master General's Office
Head Quarter Ootacamund
No 5/55 2# November 1874
From Brig General A. Howlett, C.B.,
Quarter Master General

To
Captain J. L. L. Grant R.C.
District Engineer
Nelly Perias

With reference to your letter No 325 of the 28th Ultimo enclosing a plan of the site at Lower Norwood proposed for the Detachment of 3appers & miners quartered at Ootacamund and your demi-official of the 31st Idem, I have the honor to inform you that it is Excellency the commander-in-Chief approves of the site selected and the proposal to utilize the existing House and Buildings for the accommodation of the arms, stores &c.

2 The position of the sites for Hqs is approved, excepting Block No 1 which should be subdivided so as to

to allow a free open passage between
the two half blocks for the pure
water channel, to build over the
channel appears to be decidedly object-
ionable

The Plan is returned

I have recd
(Signed) A. Howlett Brig Genl
Quarter master General

(One copy) to
Lieut. Col. A. Howlett
District Engineer

Atacamund
No. 357 District Engineer's Office
9th September 1894

The District Engineer
Sridhewer
The Under Secretary
to Government
P. W. Dept.

With reference to Public
works order No. 3075 of the 21st
October 1894, covering judicial order
No. 1890 of the 10th Nov. received
by me on the 3rd inst. I have
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the adjacent ground &c. at Rs
1,000 (four thousand).
5. If the main building of
Lower Norwood cannot be made
available for the above purpose
the cost of putting the sappers
will be Rs 23,189 as per abstract
Estimate

Estimate No. 1 attached
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communication with the Officer
Commanding the company.
7. I enclose copy of a
Memorandum handed to me
by the Officer Commanding
the company.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most Obedient
Servant
Capt. P. C.
District Engineer

It would appear that the dues, towards house & grounds, with furniture cost Rs. 8000.

It is also reckoned by the 1st Assistant in the Chief Secretary's Office, that the charge in account of House Rent payable to clerks, if not recommended otherwise, towards, will be Rs. 800 for each session.

It will accordingly be the more economical proceeding to adopt the estimate of Rs. 23189.

For this sum it is pro.

J. M. 1874 Deputy
Secy to Govt. of Madras

Mem. No. 7799.

The District Engineer
of Madras

The District Secretary
to Govt. of Madras

Dated 9th Decr 1874

Enclosure - 12.
XII. Circular No. 107 of the 1874
regarding the 1919
estimate of Madras

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posed to build new
huts for 65 men at a
cost of Ks 325 each or 2125;
besides improving 2
existing quarters to
hold 14 men at a cost
of Ks 1000; Kitchens &
latrine accommodation
costing Ks 1064 be-
sides -

This includes found
room accommodation
but no hospital, to
provide which would
raise the entire charge
to Ks 25000 in round
numbers -

But this would be
the maximum; for

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the remainder of the
company will be
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I appreciate your letter having approved of the selection of the site of the Lower Norwood for the purpose of being used as quarters which I think is under water for the Sappers and Miners & the main building and out houses for may be appropriated, here as proposed by the Div. & District Engineer, as part of the scheme. The estimate at \$1.4000 & the amount in the following - One hundred & thirty four thousand & four hundred & thirty four dollars & no cents - I am sure that a large amount of money will be saved by the Govt. & the Fin. Dept. This I shall do as carefully as I can & I shall not know the result until I have submitted it to the Board of Directors.

estimate amounting to Rs. 47,714 for increasing the present accommodation.

show and erecting extra blocks, as shown in the plan, is approved and will be entered in the Provincial Budget for 1875-76.

Quit.

Why should we have a bazaar at P. at all? There is no doubt with these and they are expensive labourers.

Q.E. 12-1-75

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Then we have a bill of some Rs. 15,000 for putting on more accommodation at one-half the cost. What is the cost of the rest? Will they ever have the power

for it? What cost? This must be shown.

It seems to me that we may be in the way to spend half a lakh of 100 working men - but the pay is under standard. Why should we pay for this? It is not a very self-governing body.

There may be some per capita - one hundred with the Asylum. But the Asylum is not to be shown.

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P. W. D.

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Read the following.

From

The District Engineer
Trichy

(A. E. & 357) 9 Dec 75

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And data command for im-
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commodation at which
later place the sum
of Rs 1000 is sanctioned
& will be available on
1st April -

being maintained at
Wellington and Coomoor.
The necessary arrange-
ments will accordingly
be made in the Military
Department.

G.M.W.

Md
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To
The District Engr. & Surveyor
- Controller of P. W. & S.
- Military Department
Recd 1-3-75

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How I Pass the Day
The first of the year
The first of the year

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The Dist Supt.
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Dated

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Nos. 633-634.

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Sappers at Coliccamun

Passing orders on
papers relating to the
proposal for building
the Sappers in Lower
Norwood —