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23th November 1876 No 3,204*

No 535 Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Judicial Department, dated 30th October 1876, No 2,219 —

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of Nellore, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Nellore, 19th October 1876, No. 2,920

REFERRING to the correspondence noted in the margin, I have the honor to state that I concluded the purchase of the houses at Nellore and Kistnapatam, tenanted by the Collector of Nellore, with Mrs Smith on the 18th ultimo for Rupees 16,000, obtaining from her a deed of transfer drawn up by the Government Solicitor

G O, dated 26th June 1876, No 1,275  
To Govt, No 1,894, dated 14th July 1876  
G O, No 1,510, dated 25th July 1876  
To Govt, No 2,114, dated 27th July 1876  
G O, No 1,572, dated 2nd August 1876

2 There are certain articles in the houses for which I consider a separate payment should be made, as they cannot be taken to be included in the transfer of the premises

They are as follow —

- A { Nine punkahs in the Nellore house  
Two do in the Kistnapatam house
- B—Three pairs of carved half doors in the drawing-room of the Nellore house
- C—Rattan matting in four rooms of the Nellore house
- D—Twenty-five pictures in the Nellore house

There is also some common reed matting in other rooms in the Nellore house not worth taking into account

3 For the above property I propose to pay on behalf of Government a lump sum of Rupees 325, calculated approximately as below —

|                           |        |
|---------------------------|--------|
| A—Punkahs ...             | Rs 150 |
| B—Carved half doors . . . | 50     |
| C—Rattan matting . . .    | 100    |
| D—Pictures . . .          | 25     |

A friend and quasi-agent of Mrs Smith has discussed the matter with me, and intimates that she will assent to this.

4 With reference to C, the rattan matting in the drawing-room should be replaced by new material to a large extent at once, as it is much out of repair in parts and disfigured by pieces cut out I request sanction for obtaining new matting for about two-thirds of the room from the Friend-in-Need Society, Madras, and for getting repairs executed locally to the rest of the rattan matting in other rooms where necessary. The other rooms with rattan matting are the dining-room, a room used by me as an office, and a small sitting-room—their dimensions are given below approximately —

|                        |              |
|------------------------|--------------|
| Drawing-room . . .     | 40 x 25 feet |
| Dining-room . . .      | 25 x 23 "    |
| Office-room . . .      | 30 x 17 "    |
| Small sitting-room . . | 25 x 15 "    |

The reed matting of some other rooms requires renewing or replacing also

5 As to Item D, it is not customary for landlords to provide their tenants with pictures; but if the Government do not take these I, as tenant, may legitimately ask that the nails by which they have been suspended in the drawing and dining-rooms (three for each picture) may be removed, and the nail-holes be filled up. As the walls to which they are attached are of hard polished chunam, this would be a far more expensive business than to purchase the pictures These consist of a series of coloured

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engravings of Windsor Castle, glazed and in gault frames, and about 29 inches x 22 inches in dimensions including frames The latter are not in very good order, and in the course of two or three years will probably be too shabby to be presentable As the walls are not in need of repair at present, I recommend the pictures may serve their purpose of covering the walls and hiding the nail-holes for the above two or three years. They have been in their present positions for very many years

6 There are several petty repairs wanted to the house at Nellore, which I have refrained from asking my late landlady to carry out from consideration of her circumstances, but which I may fairly ask the Government to perform as early as possible, and I request the Department Public Works may be directed to undertake them

7 I have, in conclusion, to request the Government to fix the rent of the houses at Nellore and Kistnapatam As regards the latter, it is used, as a rule, only for about a-month in the year by the Collector, and occasionally by others with his permission I paid my rent to my late landlady up to and inclusive of the 18th September, the day on which I purchased the property from her for Government.

THE purchase of the articles named for Rupees 325 may be concluded, the cost being included in that of the house property

2. The question of repairs and rent will be disposed of in the Public Works Department.

(True Extract)

(Signed) W HUDLESTON,  
Chief Secretary

No 536 ORDER THEREON, 28th November 1876, No 3,204

CIVIL WORKS, No 40-A.

For the house at Nellore the rent of Rupees 117½ a-month which was paid by the Collector to the late private

proprietor, and which is about 8½ per cent on the purchase money, seems an equitable charge

2 The house at Kistnapatam may be held by the Collector on the condition that he keeps it in good order

3 The District Engineer will attend to the repairs at present necessary to these buildings.

(True Extract)

Major-General, R E.,

Secretary to Government

To the District Engineer, Nellore  
„ Examiner of Public Works Accounts  
„ Judicial Department

Exd S T Austin

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7th April 1876.*

No 102. Read the following Circular from the Government of India, Public Works Department (Account-General,) dated Fort William, 18th March 1876, No 18 —

Read again—  
Rules for letting buildings as contained in Section III, Chap XI, of the P W Code

RESOLUTION—The Governor-General in Council has been pleased to decide, as a general rule, that the rent to be recovered for the occupation of Government buildings from all Government Officers other than those allowed residences free of rent, or for whom rents are fixed on a special scale under the sanction of some general arrangement or particular order of the Government, shall in each case be fixed by the Superintending Engineer of the Circle

2. In fixing rents, the Superintending Engineer will so calculate that the rent shall cover interest at 4½ per cent on the actual or estimated Capital cost of the property, in addition to a fair allowance for risks and for the average cost of repairs

ORDER—Ordered that a copy of the above be forwarded to the Local Governments and Administrations noted in the margin for information and guidance Also to the several Departments\* of the Government of India for information

The Governments of Madras and Bombay, in the Public Works Department,  
Buildings and Roads, Irrigation and Railway Branches  
The Governments of Bengal, North-Western Provinces and Punjab, in the Public Works Department, Buildings and Roads and Irrigation Branches  
The Chief Commissioners of Oudh, Central Provinces, British Burmah, Mysore and Coorg, and Assam  
The Resident at Hyderabad  
The Agents of the Governor General for Central India and Rajpootana  
The Superintendent of Port Blair, and Chief Commissioner, Andaman and Nicobar Islands  
The Director-General of Telegraphs  
The Inspector General of Military Works  
The Accountant General, Public Works Department  
The Director of State Railways  
\* Home Department.  
Foreign „  
Military „  
Financial „  
Department of Revenue, Agriculture and Commerce.

(Signed) J J McLEOD INNES,  
Dy Secy to the Govt of India

To the Secretary to the Government of Madras, P W. Dept, Railway Branch

No 103

ORDER THEREON, 7th April 1876, No 907

ACCOUNT, No 7.

COMMUNICATED to the Officers of the Public Works Department, and to all Departments of the Secretariat for information and guidance.

(True Extract)

Colonel,

Offg Under Secy. to Govt, P.W.D

To District Engineers  
To the Consulting Architect  
„ Chief Engineer for Irrigation  
„ Consulting Engineer for Railways  
„ Examiner of Public Works Accounts  
„ of Railway Accounts.  
„ Public, &c, Departments.  
„ Revenue Department  
„ Military „

Exd A. Raitt

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Proceedings of Government Judicial  
Department No 2219 dated 30 October 1876

FOR ORDERS.

The collector paid to  
the private proprietor the  
sum of  $117\frac{1}{2}$  about  $8\frac{1}{2}$  per cent  
on the purchase money  
for the house "undoubtedly"  
one of the best houses in  
the "proposed" without  
the Ristrapatan house to  
the latter might be sold  
or utilized for some other  
public purpose.

Consul General  
Secretary to Government

FOR ORDERS.

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other Dept.

Excerpt from Govt of India P.W. Code.  
Chap: VI. Sect. III. Clause 6.

The practice of allowing public officers and others to occupy government buildings rent free, on condition of keeping them in repair is prohibited. A rent fixed by the Executive Engineer with reference to the value of the property shall in all cases be demanded, and the repairs shall be made by the Agency of the Public Works Department.

*H. Atty*

FOR ORD

Received from Mrs. J. B. Smith  
 the sum of \$10.00

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No 3204 Public Works Department

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT

UNDER date the

Read the following —

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UNDER date the 20<sup>th</sup> Sept

Read the following —

Proc. Ind. & Dep't. (149 h. 2217 d 30<sup>th</sup> Oct 1910)

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it in good order.

3 The District Engineer  
attended ~~and~~ to  
will ~~for~~ the preparation  
at present processing

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Govt. of Madras.

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The N. & S. S. S. S.

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G O. 28<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1876, No 3204

Nos. 535/36

Purchase of houses at the  
Sellu St

Passing orders on the  
question of repairs, and  
rent of the two houses  
purchased by Govt at  
Sellu and Kichnapalam

No 535/36

But no P. O.