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Government of Madras.

*Public Works* DEPARTMENT.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.  
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

18th September 1877, No. 749 W.

General.  
Account.

Read the following paper :—

No. 138. From Captain A. G. BEGBIE, R.E., Officiating Examiner of Public Works Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, General Branch, dated Fort St. George, 11th September 1877, No. 101 W.

I HAVE the honor to submit, for the orders of Government, the enclosed letter from the Executive Officer, Mangalore Division, No. 154, dated 1st August 1877, on the subject of rent due for a public building at Coondapur for the period between the 29th April and 3rd June 1877.

2. It will be seen from the Executive Officer's letter that the bungalow in question was occupied by Mr. G. Stokes, the Sub-Collector of South Canara District, at a monthly rent of Rupees 35, and that it was vacated by him on the 28th April 1877. The building was actually vacant from the 29th April to the 2nd June 1877, after which date it was occupied again by Mr. Stokes' successor Mr. Wynne.

3. The Executive Officer further explains that Mr. Stokes vacated the bungalow without handing over the building to the Public Works Department, or giving the least intimation of his having vacated the bungalow, and that he was in consequence called upon to pay rent up to the date of occupation by his successor. Mr. Stokes, however, declined doing so, on the ground that he handed over charge of his office as Acting Head Assistant Collector to the Collector of South Canara on the 28th April.

4. I am unable to trace any order directing that an officer occupying a public building shall be responsible for the rent of the building up to the date on which he formally reports his having vacated it, and I would suggest that in the present case the Government should forego its claim to rent for the time the building in question was unoccupied. But I respectfully request that Government may be pleased to lay down distinct rules for future guidance.

No. 139. ORDER THEREON, 18th September 1877, No. 749 W.

THE Governor in Council directs that all officers occupying public buildings be warned to give notice of having vacated them to the Public Works Department.

2. In the case reported no claim should be advanced for rent.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,  
Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

To District Engineers.  
To the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.  
" Consulting Engineer for Railways.  
" Examiner of Public Works Accounts, with one enclosure.  
" of Railway Accounts.  
" Consulting Architect to Government.  
" Departments of Government.  
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FROM THE EXAMINER,

P.W.ACCOUNTS, MADRAS.

TO THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,

GENERAL BRANCH.

NO. 101 W.

FORT ST. GEORGE, 11TH. SEPT. 1877.

SIR,

I HAVE THE HONOR TO SUBMIT FOR THE ORDERS OF GOVERNMENT, THE ENCLOSED LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER, MANGALORE DIVISION, NO. 154, DATED 1ST. AUGUST 1877 ON THE SUBJECT OF RENT DUE FOR A PUBLIC BUILDING AT COONDAPUR FOR THE PERIOD BETWEEN THE 29TH. APRIL AND 3RD. JUNE 1877.

2. IT WILL BE SEEN FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S LETTER THAT THE BUNGALOW IN QUESTION WAS OCCUPIED BY MR. G. STOKES, THE SUB-COLLECTOR OF SOUTH CANARA DISTRICT AT A MONTHLY RENT OF RS. 35 AND THAT IT WAS VACATED BY HIM ON THE 28TH.

APRIL 1877. THE BUILDING WAS ACTUALLY VACANT FROM THE 29TH APRIL TO THE 2ND. JUNE 1877, AFTER WHICH DATE IT WAS OCCUPIED AGAIN BY MR. STOKES' SUCCESSOR MR. WYNNE.

3. THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER FURTHER EXPLAINS THAT MR. STOKES VACATED THE BUNGALOW WITHOUT HANDING OVER THE BUILDING TO THE P.W. DEPT. OR GIVING THE LEAST INTIMATION OF HIS HAVING VACATED THE BUNGALOW, AND THAT HE WAS IN CONSEQUENCE

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CALLED UPON TO PAY RENT UP TO THE DATE OF OCCUPATION BY HIS  
SUCCESSOR. MR. STOKES HOWEVER DECLINED DOING SO ON THE GROUND  
THAT HE HANDED OVER CHARGE OF HIS OFFICE AS ACTING HEAD AS-  
SISTANT COLLECTOR TO THE COLLECTOR OF SOUTH CANARA ON THE  
28TH. APRIL.

4. I AM UNABLE TO TRACE ANY ORDER DIRECTING THAT AN OFF-  
ICER OCCUPYING A PUBLIC BUILDING SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR  
THE RENT OF THE BUILDING UP TO THE DATE ON WHICH HE FORMALLY  
REPORTS HIS HAVING VACATED IT, AND THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD  
FOREGO ITS CLAIM TO RENT FOR THE TIME THE BUILDING IN QUES-  
TION WAS UNOCCUPIED. BUT I RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT GOVERN-  
MENT MAY BE PLEASED TO LAY DOWN DISTINCT RULES FOR FUTURE  
GUIDANCE.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE

SIR,

YOUR MOST OBEDIENT SERVANT,

*Alfred*  
CAPTN. R. E.  
OFFG. EXAMINER, P. W. ACCOUNTS.

FROM THE EXAMINER,

P. W. ACCOUNTS, MADRAS.

TO THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

GENERAL BRANCH.

NO. 101 W.

DATED 11TH. SEPTEMBER 1877.

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ENCLO. ONE. to be returned

FORWARDS CERTAIN LETTER FROM  
THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER, MANGALORE  
DIVISION, ON THE SUBJECT OF RENTS  
DUE FOR A PUBLIC BUILDING AT COOH-  
CAPUR FOR CERTAIN PERIOD, FOR THE  
ORDERS OF GOVERNMENT.

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No. 749 W

Public Works Department

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 18<sup>th</sup> Sept 77.

Read the following:—

Letter from the Examiner,  
P. W. Accounts } (H.C. No 101. W. dated 11<sup>th</sup> Sept 77)

The Governor in  
Council <sup>directs</sup> ~~decides~~ that all Officers  
occupying public buildings  
in Madras &  
shall give notice of having  
vacated them to the Public  
Works Department.

2. In the present case  
reported to claim H. has  
~~the claimant do not wish~~  
admission  
to ~~force~~ ~~claim~~ for rent.

11/9

To District Engineers 132.  
The Chief Engineer for irrigation 9  
" Consulting Engineer for Railway 11  
" Examiner Public Works Accounts with one enclosure -  
" Do. — Railway Accounts 7  
" Consulting Architect to Govt. 3  
" Departments of Government. 20-7-15  
" J. W. Russell 24-9-77  
" + Despatch 24-9-77



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Sept. of 1877 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

Dated

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Encl.

*W. L. Es.*

G. O., 18 Sep. 1877, No. 7496

Nos. 138-139

All officers occupying  
the public buildings named  
to give notice of having vacated  
them to the P. W. Dept.

*Subd. Dir. P. W. Dept.  
26.9.77.*