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GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU

P.W.D. DEPARTMENT

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

16th September 1878, No. 3,653 W.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

Read the following papers:—

No. 182. From Major L. CONWAY-GORDON, R.E., Examiner of Public Works Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, General Branch, dated Chepauk, 6th July 1878, No. 120 W.

I HAVE the honor to call the attention of Government to the large expenditure which is being incurred on the Government House buildings at Upper Norwood, Ootacamund, without any estimate having been sanctioned therefor.

2. I understand from the Consulting Architect to Government that the estimate will probably amount, with furnishing, to about 3 lakhs of Rupees, in other words that the amount of the estimate will exceed the local powers of sanction. I therefore venture to suggest that the estimate, as soon as prepared, be forwarded for the sanction of the Supreme Government.

No. 182-A. From the same Officer, dated Chepauk 24th August 1878, No. 249 W.

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your memorandum, No. 3,095, dated 12th July 1878, inquiring the ruling under which the sanction of the Government of India is considered necessary to the estimate for the buildings at Upper Norwood, Ootacamund.

2. In reply I have respectfully to remark that the last orders defining the powers of local Governments in sanctioning estimates are contained in circular from the Government of India, No. 25 of 1878, dated 9th March. In this the power of the Madras Government as regards ordinary projects, chargeable to provincial funds, is given as Rupees 10,00,000.

3. The ground taken by this office in stating that the amount of the estimate exceeded the local powers of sanction was, however, that the work in question did not come within the scope of that circular, and I have herewith to enclose a copy of a letter, No. 399 G, dated 16th August 1878, received from the Accountant-General to the Government of India which supports this view.

Copy of a letter from the Accountant-General, Public Works Department, to the Examiner of Public Works Accounts, dated Madras, 16th August 1878, No. 399 G.

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your No. 57 A, dated 26th July 1878, and in reply to observe that the construction of a Government House cannot be considered an "Ordinary" project within the meaning of Public Works Department Circular No. 25 of 1878. Like any other residence for a Governor or the Viceroy, it is altogether exceptional, and requires special authorisation, and expenditure incurred on it must be treated as objectionable, until the work is sanctioned by the Government of India and agreed to in Budget Orders.

No. 182-B. From Major G. T. SKIPWITH, R.E., Assistant Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Civil Works—Buildings), to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Simla, 8th August 1878, No. 276 B.

I AM directed to request that it may be reported for the information of the Government of India—

- (1) What has been done towards providing Hill or Summer Residences for His Excellency the Governor of Madras?
- (2) How much has been spent thereon up to date?
- (3) Under what authority the expenditure has been incurred?

2. I am to point out that the provision of a residence for His Excellency the Governor at a hill station at the public expense is opposed to the orders of Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India, as contained in his despatch to the Government of Madras, No. 55, of the 24th December 1861.

No. 183.

ORDER THEREON, 16th September 1878, No. 3,653 W.

ORDERED that the Government of India be addressed.

(Here enter No. 3,654 W, dated 16th September 1878.)

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

E. A. FOORD, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

(True Copy.)

Major, R.E.,
Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Examiner of Public Works Accounts.

Edw. T. D. Ryan.
Sd/- Secy.

EXAMINED, P.W. ACCOUNTS AND MAJOR F.E.

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BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
CIVIL WORKS.

Govt. of (1873) ~~Madras~~
PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE EXAMINER OF PUBLIC
WORKS ACCOUNTS.

Dated 8th September 1878.

By

Recd.

Exd.

C. D. M. A. September 1878, No. 3,654 W.

SEPTEMBER

No. 182-183.

Government House, Ootacamund.—Ordered
that the Government of India be addressed
regarding—

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

No. 3,654 W.

No. 187.

FROM

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,
Public Works Department,

TO

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
Public Works Department.

SIR,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 276 B, dated 8th August 1878, requesting information in connection with the Hill or Summer Residence of His Grace the Governor of Madras, and pointing out that the provision of buildings of this character, at the public expense, is opposed to the orders of the Secretary of State issued in 1861.

2. In reply, I am to state that the despatch in question had escaped notice, in connection with this subject, until attention was drawn to it by the letter now under reply, which, however, is not to be wondered at, considering, not only the interval of time since its receipt, but the fact that the principle on which it proceeds of prohibiting the transfer periodically of the seat of Government to the hills has been, subsequently, deliberately abandoned by the Home-authorities, for some years past, as regards the Madras Presidency, as it had been, from a far earlier date, with reference to the other administrations.

3. The acquisition of the site and buildings, which are in course of being converted into a residence for His Grace the Governor, was desirable on public grounds, as removing a severance between and greatly adding to the value of two previously existing Government properties, including the Botanical Gardens; while it provided against an increasing difficulty of securing a suitable residence for the head of the administration in the locality to which it has been admitted to be expedient he should periodically resort, accruing very much from the larger number of persons who permanently reside on the hills, and consequent diminution in number of houses available for season use.

4. It was assumed that the local Government had full authority to incur the expenditure within their powers of sanction; and economy has been consulted by spreading the outlay over several years.

5. The expense hitherto incurred has been rather under 2½ lakhs.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) E. A. FOORD, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

OOTACAMUND,
16th September 1878.

Exd. T. D. Ryan.
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EXAMINER, P.W. ACCOUNTS AND MAJOR F.E.

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BUILDINGS AND TOILETS
CIVIL WORKS.

Govt. of (1878) 3/1/1878.

PUBLIC WORKS.

SECRETARY TO THE
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

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No. 157.

For the Secretary to the Government of India
the information called for regarding the
Government House at Ootacamund.

FROM THE EXAMINER, P.W. ACCOUNTS.

MAERAS.

TO THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,

GENERAL BRANCH.

10. 120 W

CHERAK, 6TH JULY 1878.

SIR,

I HAVE THE HONOR TO CALL THE ATTENTION OF GOVERNMENT
TO THE LARGE EXPENDITURE, WHICH IS BEING INCURRED ON THE
GOVERNMENT HOUSE BUILDINGS AT UPPER WORTWOOD OOTACAMUND
WITHOUT ANY ESTIMATE HAVING BEEN SANCTIONED THEREOF.

I UNDERSTAND FROM THE CONSULTING ARCHITECT TO
GOVERNMENT THAT THE ESTIMATE WILL PROBABLY AMOUNT WITH
FURNISHING TO ABOUT 2 LAKHS OF RUPEES, IN OTHER WORDS THAT
THE AMOUNT OF THE ESTIMATE WILL EXCEED THE LOCAL POWERS
OF SANCTION. I THEREFORE VENTURE TO SUGGEST THAT THE
ESTIMATE AS SOON AS PREPARED BE FORWARDED FOR THE SANCTION
OF THE SUPREME GOVERNMENT.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE,

SIR,

YOUR MOST OBEISANT SERVANT,

Bloway-Jordan.

EXAMINER, P.W. ACCOUNTS AND MAJOR P.E.

Q No 1745W of April 78
-- 1742W - 26 Nov 77
-- 544W - 11 Aug 78

FROM THE EXAMINER, P.W. ACCOUNTS,

MADRAS.

TO THE SECY. TO GOVT. P.W.D.

GENERAL BRANCH.

NO. 120 W

DATED 12TH. JULY 1878.

REC'D.

CALLING THE ATTENTION OF
GOVT. TO THE LARGE EXPENDITURE
WHICH IS BEING INCURRED ON THE
CONSTRUCTION OF THE GOVT. HOUSE
BUILDINGS AT UPPER NORWOOD, OOTACA-
MUND, WITHOUT ANY ESTIMATE HAVING
BEEN SANCTIONED THEREFOR.

To act 7-7-78

FROM THE EXAMINER, P.W. ACCOUNTS,

MADRAS.

TO THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,

GENERAL BRANCH.

NO. 249 W

CHEPAK, 24th AUGUST 1878.

SIR,

I HAVE THE HONOR TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE RECEIPT OF YOUR
MEMORANDUM NO. 2095 DATED 12TH. JULY 1878, ENQUIRING THE
RULING UNDER WHICH THE SANCTION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
IS CONSIDERED NECESSARY TO THE ESTIMATE FOR THE BUILDINGS
AT UPPER NORWOOD, OOTACAMUND.

2. IN REPLY, I HAVE RESPECTFULLY TO REMARK, THAT THE
LAST ORDERS DEFINING THE POWERS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN
SANCTIONING ESTIMATES, ARE CONTAINED IN CIRCULAR FROM THE
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA NO. 25 OF 1878, DATED 9TH. MARCH. IN
THIS, THE POWER OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT AS REGARDS
ORDINARY PROJECTS, CHARGEABLE TO PROVINCIAL FUNDS, IS GIVEN
AS RS. 10,00,000.

3. THE GROUND TAKEN BY THIS OFFICE IN STATING, THAT THE
AMOUNT OF THE ESTIMATE EXCEEDED THE LOCAL POWERS OF
SANCTION WAS, HOWEVER THAT THE WORK IN QUESTION DID NOT
COME WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THAT CIRCULAR, AND I HAVE HEREBY

TO ENCLOSE A COPY OF A LETTER NO. 390.G. DATED 16TH. AUGUST
1878, RECEIVED FROM THE ACCOUNTANT GENERAL TO THE GOVERNMENT OF
INDIA, WHICH SUPPORTS THIS VIEW.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE,

SIR,

YOUR MOST OBEDIENT SERVANT,

Lowry-Jordan

EXAMINER, P.W. ACCOUNTS AND MAJOR R.E.

1628-10-1-4-78.
 574 N. 11-8-77
 1702 N. 26-11-77.
 1628 N. 1-4-78
 1745 N. 8-4-78
 C.E. 2005-12-7-78

FROM THE EXAMINER, P.W. ACCOUNTS.

MADRAS.

TO THE SECY. TO GOVT. P.W.C.

GENERAL BRANCH.

NO. 249

DATED 24th AUGUST 1878.

RECD.

ENCLOSURE ONE.

APPROVES INFORMATION REGARDING
 THE RULING UNDER WHICH THE SANCTION
 OF THE GOVT. OF INDIA IS CONSIDERED
 NECESSARY TO THE ESTIMATE FOR THE
 BUILDINGS AT UPPER NORWOOD, OOTA-
 CAMUND.

Recd 11-9-78
 20-9-26-78
 C.E. 2005-12-7-78

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 Copy of a letter No 399 G. dated 16th
 August 1878, from the Accountant General, Public Works
 Department to the Examiner, Public Works Accounts,
 Madras.

I have the honor to acknowledge the
 receipt of your No 57 N. dated 26th July 1878, and
 in reply to observe, that the construction of a Government
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 Governor or the Viceroy, it is altogether extra, and
 requires Special authorization, and expenditure incurred
 on it, must be treated as Objectionable, until the work is
 sanctioned by the Government of India and agreed to
 in Budget orders.

(True Copy)

W. H. M. M.
 Superintendent Correspondence Branch

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All communications
should be addressed
to the Secretary.

No. 276 B.
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Civil Works.
Buildings.

To, The Secretary to the Govt of Madras,
Public Works Department.

Simla, 8th August 1878.

Sir,

I am directed to request that
it may be reported for the information
of the Government of India,

(1) What has been done towards
providing Hill or Summer
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(2) How much has been spent thereon
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2. I am to point out that the
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opposed to the orders of the Majesty's
Secretary of State for India as
contained in his Despatch to the
Government of Madras No. 55 of
the 27th December 1861.

Yours obediently,
Sir

Your most obedt. servant,
J. H. P. Smith

Major R. L.

Att. Secy to the Govt of India,
C. C.

No 24 of 1861

No 227 of 19 July 1862

No 14 of 1862

No 4 of 6.1.71-78

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Cir 19.8.98. Dtd 17.9.78

No 36534

Public Works Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 16 Sept 78

Read the following:

From the Engineer P. H. Dept. (N. E. No. 120. N. 11. 6 July 1879)
to ——— (N. E. No. 249. N. 11. 24 Aug 79)
to Secy of India (N. E. No. 276. D. 11. 8 — do)

Ordered that the Secy
of India be addressed

N. E. No. 36544 of 16 Sept 78

to the Secy to the
Govt of India
P. H. Dept.
Sir

I am directed to ac-
knowledge the receipt
of your letter No. 276. D.
dated 8 August 1878 re-
questing information

Encl. P. H. Dept. 25.9.78

in connection with the
Hill or Summer Residence
^{Disposal} of the Governor of Madras,
and pointing out that
the provision of buildings
of this character, at the
public expense, is opposed
to the orders of the Sec-
retary of State issued
in 1861.

In reply I am to state
that the Despatch in
question had escaped
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with this subject, un-
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under reply, which
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receipt, but the fact
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which it proceeds of
prohibiting the transfer
periodically of the seat
of Government to the
Hills, has been, subse-
quently, deliberately
abandoned by the Home
Authorities, for some years
past, as regards the
Madras Presidency, and
it had been, from a
far earlier date, with
reference to the other
Administrations.

The acquisition of the
site and buildings, which
are in course of being
converted into a residence

for ^{his grace} the Governor, was in-
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as removing a severance
between and greatly add-
ing to the value of the
previously existing govern-
ment properties, including
the Botanical Gardens;
while it provided against
an increasing difficulty
of securing a suitable
residence for the head
of the Administration
in the locality to which
it has been admitted
to be expedient he should
periodically resort, or
acquiring very much or
from the larger number
of persons who per-

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Hills, and consequent
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houses available for
season use.

It was assumed that
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spreading the outlay over
several years.

The expense hitherto
incurred has been
rather under 2 1/4 lakhs

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for the
21-10-78

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periodically of the last year
 & the files have been
 abandoned by the authorities
 for some years past in the
 & the Madras Presidency as it
 had been from a purchase
 date to the year of the
 Administration -

As regards the detail questions
 information can be supplied by
 the Secy. to Govt. in P.O.

Should be stated that the
 acquisition of the site & building
 is in course of being converted
 into a residence for the Govt.
 has decided on public ground
 as involving a considerable
 expense & greatly adding to
 the value of the property
 existing properties of Govt.
 which it greatly promotes
 the convenience & comfort
 of the Govt. in administration
 which it is eminently
 desirable to obtain by
 & having him of the necessity
 occurring difficulty of securing
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 Cir 19-8-78. Dtd 30-8-78.

for the Secy of the Administration. In the building & it has been
 written & the documents are deposited in the Secy's office.
 It is recommended that the local Govt. should be authorized to incur
 the expenditure to the extent of 10 lakhs for the purchase of the land & building
 for the purpose of the acquisition of the site & building. It is suggested that the
 Govt. should be authorized to incur the expenditure to the extent of 10 lakhs for the
 purchase of the land & building for the purpose of the acquisition of the site & building.

24.8.78

Sent to Secy, Govt. of India accordingly. Dtd 25.8.78

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the
 Read the following :-

From the Examiners; Mr Accts. (H.E. No 120 W 96 July/78)
 No. do. (- 249 W 3 24 Aug/78)
 Govt. of India - (- 276 B 3 8 do)

Ordered that the
 Govt. of India be ad-
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H.E. No. 9

To the Secy to the
 Govt. of India.
 Mr. Dept.

Sir;

I am directed
 to acknowledge the re-
 ceipt of your letter No.
 276 B dated 8th Aug 1878.
 requesting information
 in connection with

By order of the
 Secy to the Govt. of India

Ex. Secy. R.

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lic grounds as removing
a severance between
and greatly adding to the
value of two previously
existing properties.

Nothing to be done -

of Government, while it greatly promoted the convenience and comfort of the Governor in a direction which it was eminently desirable to attain by relieving him of the annually recurring difficulty of securing a suitable residence for the head of the Administration in the locality to which it has been admitted to be expedient he should periodically resort.

It was assumed that the local authorities had full authority to incur the expenditure within their powers of sanction; and economy

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The G. S. [illegible] has been [illegible]

has been consulted by spreading the outlay over several years. No objection to the proceeding has hitherto been raised from any quarter.

The objection is [illegible] that [illegible] the [illegible] of [illegible] + New buildings - \$100,000 Original purchase of shables and servants houses } 50,000

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1875-76	Rs. 2,497
1876-77	" 79,993
77-78	" 98,452
78-79	" 43,047
Total	2,23,989

leaving a probable balance of Rs. 1,26,000 still to be laid out.

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Govt. of (1878) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

Com of B. W. C.

Dated

Issued

Sub-Inspector 4/63

Recd.

Encl.

G. O. 16th Sep. 1878, No. 3653 w
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Government House, Botacamund.

Ordered that the Government
of India be addressed regarding
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Int. Secy.

Forwarding to the Government of
India the information called for
regarding the Government House
at Botacamund.

25.8.78