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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

28th September 1880, No. 2,254 W.

General Establishment.

Read the following paper :—

No. 146. Endorsement of the Superintending Engineer, Second Circle, dated Coimbatore, 16th September 1880, No. 277.

From Major J. L. L. MORANT, R.E., Executive Engineer, West Coast Division, to the Superintending Engineer, Second Circle, Coimbatore, dated Ootacamund, 13th May 1880, No. 175.

EXACTLY three years ago the north wing of the Government property at Ootacamund called Sunningdale was rebuilt at a cost of Rs. 3,200 as detailed in District Engineer's letter, No. 347, dated 1st September 1877, printed with Public Works G.O., No. 808 W., dated 29th September 1877.

2. In 1878, during the months of March and April, some slight cracks appeared in the same wing of this building. I inserted long wooden teak scantlings in those parts and wedged up all cracks with brick and mortar. The building was occupied by Government clerks, and nothing further occurred until March 1878 when similar but larger cracks appeared. These were similarly treated and the wing was re-occupied and remained to all appearances sound until March 1880 when the wing again cracked but in a very much severer manner.

3. The Chief Engineer very kindly at my request inspected the building a few days ago.

4. I append two plans, one of the site of the building and the other of the building itself. In the site plan the red lines around the building show the position of the cracks in the solid ground. To the north of the site and close under the building is a very deep ravine colored blue on the plan. To the south of the Sunningdale and between it and the Stone House Secretariat is a swamp. Slight cracks of no importance appear in some of the out-houses and in the wall surrounding the stables. The sight of Sunningdale is a very bad one for a building, and there is no spot within the area colored green on which a building can be safely erected.

5. It is only during the months of March and April that the ground appears to yield. At all other parts of the year there is no settlement.

6. I append copy of the estimate alluded to in paragraph 1, and on plan No. 2 are entered the cracks, &c., as they now exist.

7. I have allowed the north wing to remain untouched, and beg to suggest your kindly soliciting the orders of Government on the matter.

FORWARDED to the Chief Engineer for orders.

2. The undersigned has inspected the building; the cracks are serious and there is but little doubt but that they will extend and that the building will have to be condemned.

1 Plan.
1 Survey.
1 Estimate.
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3. Under these circumstances, and as it would be useless to attempt a new building on this site, the Superintending Engineer recommends that the building and site be sold.

(Signed) H. R. MEAD, Major, R.E.,
Superintending Engineer, Second Circle.

No.147. ORDER THEREON, 28th September 1880, No. 2,254 W.

THE Superintending Engineer's recommendation to sell the building and site, being supported by the Chief Engineer after personal examination, is approved. The Superintending Engineer will advertise the sale, disposing of the property outright by auction.

2. The furniture and crockery should be sold along with the building.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, Second Circle.
" Commissioner of the Nilgiris.
" Examiner of Public Works Accounts, with copy of G.O., No. 62, dated 5th February 1877.
" Financial Department.

Exd. W. J. Lewis.

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ESTABLISHMENT.

Govt. of [1880] Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
SECOND CIRCLE,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated September, 28*th*.

Issued

Recd. *Encl.*

G. O., 28*th September* 1880, *No.* 2,254 W.

SEPTEMBER.

Nos. 146-147.

Sunningdale, Ootacamund.—Directing the outright sale by auction of — along with the furniture and crockery.

P.W.D.

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Note

Letter from the Supt Engineer 2d Circle
No. 87/W dd 25th Feby: 1881.

With reference to the pencil note of the Honorable Member on the back of this paper, it is explained that the original cost of the building and furniture was Rs. 5,500
Subsequent re-construction cost ——— " 3,200
making a total of Rs. 8,700
The resale has realized ——— " 4,090
The loss is therefore Rs. 4,610

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D. R. Lawley
Asst: Engr.
Secretary to Govt
P.W.D.

March/81.

R.S.

No 87
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Supg. Engineer's Office, II Circle
Camp Salem 25th February 1881.

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From,

The Superintending Engineer
Second Circle.

To,

The Chief Engineer
P.W.D. Madras.

Sir,

With reference to G.O. No. 225 W dated 24th September 1880, I have the honor to report that the Sunning dale property at Ootacamund was sold for Rs 3840 and the furniture for Rs 250 making in all Rs 4090.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Most Obt. Servant

[signature]
Major R.E.
Supg. Engineer, II Circle.

15/6/1880

J. W. Clapp
Asst Engr March

No. 696 dt 25th March/81.

Recorded

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Attd

4/3/81

From,

The Supg Engineer
Second Circle.

Dated 25th February 1881.
Despatched
Received 1st March

No. 87/10

Subject Rs. 2254 N. 28-9-80.

Summingdale property at Cotacamund.

Reporting that the — was sold for Rs 3840 and the furniture for the 250 making in all Rs 4090.

Exer. R.W.A. ✓
Fwb. Asst. ✓

Copied 10-3-81

R.C.N.J.
C 4-3-81.

No. 696 dt
With Orders

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Summingdale.

Summingdale, as Okely Hall, was acquired by purchase from Genl. Walker, late Secy. to Govt., for Rs. 5,500, furniture &c., included, in February, 1877.

It is not known who had the house before Genl. Walker, but the title deeds which are in the Genl. Secretariat, Fort St. George, would show.

The Kennett states that the house was bought by Genl. Walker in the Spring of 1875.

4 lines being purchased,

but I have no books

by Genl., the house has been occupied by the unmarried clerks of the Genl. Secretariat officers. But during this season, owing to fear of the building collapsing early, no clerk has lived in it.

5. While Genl. was away, the Sub Divisional officer lived in the house.

6. While General Walker was away on leave in the summer of 1875, he offered the place to Col. Sartorius, but he & Mrs. Sartorius found the repairs constantly needed to be too troublesome, & I think I heard they went elsewhere & refused him.

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7. General Walker was probably under the impression that the building was not so unsafe as others thought, for in the autumn of 1875, he had intentions of enlarging it considerably, as he then expected Mrs. Walker to return to India.

* Sc. consulted Major Durand about the work to be done.

8. It is not known what was the state of the place in 1876, the last year it was occupied by Genl. Walker.

H.P.

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For orders

With reference to the annexed letter recommending that the property known as "Dunning dale" situated just north of Stonehouse and purchased as a residence by Charles Stuart Symonds Bowes Esq. Surgeon Royal Walker in Feb.y 1877 I beg to append an Office note which explains the circumstances under which the property was procured and held

I have twice examined the premises and with the Consul to ascertain and the causes which have led to its present state of such a character that I have no hesitation

in Liberating the
D.C. Empowers secur-
-ed action to sell off
the property, it is
quite useless to think
of retaining it.

The cracks in all
the north wing make
the house uninhabitable, and
the cracks of the lift
continued well as
also those visible
in several parts of
the grounds early in
the Season show that the whole ground
is shifting towards
the valley in the
north — The subsoil
is at the end of a
series of what-once
were lakes formed
a bog, and is moving
in its present state

quite unfit to
building on 225A/6
It is impossible to
believe that an Prince
of Saxe Weimar Ex-
-pensive could have
invested money in land
we asked Govt to purchase
a house in the State if
it need, and I think
the Penal movement
we need see may be
a late occurrence;
it just during the wet
Season the movement
seems to be arrested

If Immediate effective
measures will be taken
to sell the property
interest

Att

20/9/80

No. 175. P1

Executive Engr's Office
Ootacamund 13th May 1880.

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From,

Major J. L. L. Morant &c
Executive Engr.
West Coast Div.

To,

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2nd Circle Coimbatore.

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Exec. Engineer.

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1 Survey
1 Estimate

By Bearer

W. M. Reed Major R.E.
Supt Engr 2d Circle.

Superintending's Office, 2d Circle
Coimbatore 16 Sept 1880
Draft-writer 2 June 80

Supt Engr 2d Circle.

P.W.D.
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From The Supdg Engr
II Circle

Dated 16
Dupd 17
Rec'd x } September/80

No 277
Encls 3 x

Forwarding date stones at Avalanche — Forwarding for order copy of Major Morant's letter regarding the works &c in the —

x returned to S.E. Second Circle herewith.
7-10-80

Cir 21.9.80. Rtd 23.9.80.
O.C. Sheet 5th Septr

No 22545

Public Works Department.

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S.E. Second Circle with 6 cycle bks & Comrs of the Nilgiris
Supdt P.W. Accts with copy of Ord. No 62 dt 5/2/77.
Financial Dept — Order 7-10-80

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Govt. of [1879] Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

Dated

Issued

Recd. Encl.

G. O., 28th Sept. 80 No. 23540

Nos. 113-147

Sanctioning the Establishment
Directing the
Outright Sale by
Auction of —
Along with the
Furniture & Crockery.