

Onslow Court,
Chabrapur, 10th Oct. 181.

Dear Mr. Gtley,

I am sorry that Mr. Joff was unable to keep his engagement here yesterday. The Ministry Cadman again attended, and I pointed out to him the worst cracks over the principal bedroom and the long room behind it. The former are serious and are destroying the new timbers of the roof. The latter room leaked like a sieve, though only 3 inches of rain fell here last week.

2. The bath rooms in the south-east wing leaked worse than the bedrooms there; a large quantity of water penetrates the wall near your second buttress at S.E. corner of the house.

3. The numerous doors and windows, whose fittings are imperfect or in disrepair, let in driven rain,

so as to damage the contents of the rooms.

4. The leakage through the roof at the western end of the room, between the dining room and the southern wing, was very great; the timbers at this point are rotten. The front verandah of the southern wing leaked at the points of bearing of the rafters on the walls.

5. The repairs to the terracing of the roof will, I presume, be deferred until the monsoon is over; we hardly ever have any rain here after November 15th, and I shall be able to vacate the house for repairs about the 15th November.

6. I frankly told you my opinion regarding the conditions of my tenancy when we met, and repeat it in writing, in order that you and the Right Reverend, the Visitor of the Ouslow Institution may consider the action now advisable in the best interests of that Institution.

Institution with full information.
7. The rent of the house, at a time when it was in far better order than it is now, was Rs 100. I stayed in it for some time in each of the years 1865, 1866, 1867, 1868 and 1874, and have had opportunities for observation. When the rent was Rs 100, the pay of the tenants' appointment was Rs 450 per mensem more than it now is, and Rs 800 per mensem in excess of my own acting allowances. (This consideration has a very distinct bearing upon the amount of rent I am likely to be willing to pay.)
8. I have reason to believe that rents of the houses usually occupied in Mofussil stations by Collectors or Judges, range from Rs 80 to Rs 120 for an unfurnished house, from Rs 100 to Rs 150 for a fully furnished house. To keep such houses in repair, 2 months' rent per annum is usually sufficient, if they are in good order, and the money is well

well applied.
9. From the Memoranda which you showed me here on the 24th Sep-
tember, I observed, that you have
issued for expenditure on the repairs
of the house, more than Rs 11,000 in
the last 15 years, and more than half
the rents received during that period.

10. The Institution has accordingly
received only about Rs 400 per an-
num during the last 15 years, and
would profit, if the premises were
alienated for Rs 18,000, and the pro-
ceeds invested to return 4 per cent.

11. I consider the neglected state of
the premises such as to render the
present rent excessive. No mali-
or caretaker is employed by the
landlord, there is no kitchen garden
(I rent one separately). There is
no fence of any kind around the
compound. The doors and windows
are ill fitted to their frames,
and in very many cases worn out.

Many window frames requiring glass
windows, as well as external venetians,
have never been furnished therewith.
All the doors and windows need to be
properly painted; a very thin coat
of lead paint has been given at
sometime or other to some parts of
them and none to others. The lu-
nettes above the five entrance doors of
the dining room have never been
glazed, (though made for glass),
and the apertures afford access
to the drawing and dining rooms
for bats and other vermin.

12. The western end of the wall
of the main building is cracked
from the top to the ground level,
and has been pronounced unsafe.
I believe the roof of the south-
-ern wing to be also unsafe.

13. At present I intend to ob-
-tain a survey of the building,
either from Mr. Joff, Mr. De
Morgan (both of the D.P.W.), or
from

from a Civil Engineer who is ex-
pected soon to arrive in the
District for service in Parla-
ment.

14. Mr. Harris, (the Executive
Engineer in Charge of this Division),
has already 5 years ago, condemned
the building; but I understood
you greatly to prefer a fresh
opinion if possible. You shall
have notice, when arrangements
for holding the survey are com-
plete.

15. In its present condition, I con-
sider Rs 60 as much as the
house is worth to rent, but
I do not wish the Insti-
tution to suffer more than
it has already suffered, and
will, for the present, pay Rs
20 for the house monthly.
The duration of my occu-
-pance will depend upon
the nature of the Engineer's
report.

reports, and upon the action ta-
ken thereon.

I remain &c
[S?] H. Goodrich
(True Copy.)

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Secy. to Govt.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

By order 1/14
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Read The following Endorsement
of the Dy. Chief Engineer, P. W. De-
partment, dated 26th October 1881, No.
2448, on letter from the Acting
Collector and Agent to the Governor
in Ganjam, dated 10th October 1881,
No. 2789.

The Government have, for sev-
-eral well known reasons, purchased
houses at certain Inofussil Stations,
as Official residences for their ser-
-vants. The enclosed letter conveys
somewhat at length, my opinion
regarding the house known as On-
-slow Court at Chatrapur.
2. Government may desire to be
represented in the discussion should
they be willing to consider the advi-
-sability of acquiring the premises
under the provisions of Act X

of 1870, or otherwise.

3. In my belief, at a cost of Rs 18,000 purchase money and 5,000 out-lay, a return of 6 per cent might readily be obtained, and the officiating Agent to the Governor in Ganjam saved much discomfort.

4. I would suggest that Mr. De Morgan or Mr. Jopp be directed to represent Government at the survey proposed, and that these papers be circulated for brief notes to the Honorable Messrs. Carmichael, Davidson, Master or Seman, who are fully acquainted with the subject thereof.

Transferred to the Revenue Department.

An officer of the P. W. Department will be directed to represent Government, if desired.

Order

Order thereon, 16th November 1881, No. 1729.

The Government have no objection to enquiry being made of the Trustees, whether they are willing to sell the house (which seems to be in a state of great disrepair). The Collector will accordingly communicate on the subject with the Right Reverend the Bishop of the Diocese in his capacity of Visitor of the Bristow Institution.

2. Should the reply be favorable, orders will issue in the Public Works Department for a survey and valuation of the premises.

3. The arrangement would be that the sale proceeds of the house would be funded for the Bristow School at Chabram, the interests of which would therefore suffer no damage.

(True Extract.)

To
The P. W. Dept.
Public Dept.
Board of Rev.
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Secy. to Govt.
to the R. Rev.
Bishop of Madras

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to the Superintending
Engineer 1st Circle

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S. G. 1st Circle 29th Nov 1881