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*P. W. D.* DEPARTMENT

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.  
Civil Works.

No. 125.

READ—the following Report of the Committee on Government House, Ootacamund, dated 10th August 1882:—

The Committee assembled under orders of Government, No. 799 W., dated 24th March 1882, have the honor to submit the following concise record of their conclusions as to the best means of meeting, with every regard for economy, the requirements of Government House at Ootacamund, with a view to the completion of the main building and to rendering the subsidiary ones suitable for the accommodation of His Excellency the Governor's staff and household.

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WORKS URGENTLY REQUIRED.

| <i>Main Building, A.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                               |     | RS.    |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|--------|
| (1.) Provision of the best and most air-tight description of water closet in lieu of those now in the building, including complete arrangements for the discharge of bath-water, slops, &c., from the different stores | ... | 500    |
| [N.B.—Alternative arrangements may be considered for the employment of dry conservancy, if so desired, in lieu of the water closets.]                                                                                  |     |        |
| (2.) Re-arrangement of the windows in the hall and staircases to make them capable of being easily opened for ventilation if necessary (say six swing windows)                                                         | ... | 300    |
| (3.) Approved swing doors to be placed—                                                                                                                                                                                |     |        |
| (a) at top of the back-stairs;                                                                                                                                                                                         | }   | 432    |
| (b) opening from house to kitchen-yard;                                                                                                                                                                                |     |        |
| (c) between the serving and maty's rooms;                                                                                                                                                                              |     |        |
| (d) between serving and dining rooms;                                                                                                                                                                                  |     |        |
| (4.) The interior decoration of all the rooms, but chiefly that of the drawing-room                                                                                                                                    | ... | 50,000 |
| (5.) Placing two extra windows in the south wing on east face                                                                                                                                                          | ... | 300    |



*Lower Norwood, L.*

The residence of His Excellency's Military Secretary.

The main building to be cleared as much as possible of the small structures in rear to secure the thorough pervasion of air so much needed with the low situation of this house. The godowns on the west to be removed and reconstructed a little lower down the slope of the hill. The water-supply to be led by a pipe into a cistern and the surplus water carried clear of the premises. The northern earthen slopes to be trimmed to 1½ to 1 and properly drained along the back and turfed.

The roof to be reconstructed permanently, and opportunity taken of making such slight improvements in the plan of the building as may be found essential. The floors to be thoroughly ventilated, and every precaution taken to make the house as dry as possible.

The present temporary covered passage leading up to the hall of the main building to be reconstructed in a more permanent form ...

6,000

*Upper Norwood, K.*

The roof of Upper Norwood, the residence of His Excellency's Private Secretary and the Secretary's Office, to be reconstructed and rendered perfectly water-tight either by a permanent form of tile or by zinc sheeting. Opportunity to be taken, while doing this, to make small improvements much required to the building.

Probable cost ... 5,000

*Aides-de-Camp Quarters, M.*

New quarters for two Aides-de-Camp, the accommodation for each being as follows:—

11,000

1 Sitting-room.

1 Bed-room.

1 Bath-room.

1 Servant's room.

*Head Butler's House and Cistern, N.*

The present small and unsightly building with the cistern to be removed in order to allow of the proposed new road of approach being constructed. The butler to be provided with accommodation in the servants' houses and the cistern reconstructed in any convenient locality ...

150

*Coachman's House, B.*

The foundations of a coachman's house were laid last year; this building to be carried forward to completion ...

11,000

*Cow-shed and Store-room, F.*

A new cow-shed, capable of containing 10 or 12 cows and a sufficient supply of straw, wood, &c., to last the whole establishment for three months, to be constructed on the spot indicated in rear of the stables.

Probable cost ... 3,000

*Gram Boiler, H.*

At any convenient spot as G a gram-shed and boiler to be constructed ...

800

*Drainage of Stables, I.*

The drainage of the stables to be carried out as being very essential ...

500

*Slopes, J.*

All slopes in and about the stable-yard to be trained and neatly turfed.

Probable cost ... 300

*Garden Cottage, O.*

The residence of His Excellency's Surgeon.

The cottage to be re-roofed with a permanent water-tight covering, and the accommodation re-arranged and improved to suit the requirements of the occupant.

Probable cost ... 3,500

*Small Cottage by the Fern House, P.*

At present used by the Apothecary.

To be re-roofed permanently and put in repair for the Apothecary.

Probable cost ... 1,200

*Bungalow, Q.*

This bungalow to be converted into a residence for the Governor's Band Master, and the adjacent gardener's house re-arranged so as to answer as a barrack for 12 men of the Governor's Band ...

Rs.

1,200

Total, Urgent Works ... 95,182

## WORKS OF LESS URGENCY.

*Main Building, A.*

The main building externally possesses, owing to its mass, a certain degree of dignity, but from alterations or other causes there is not that unity of design which the Committee think it so important that a public structure should possess, and they recommend that the Consulting Architect be called on to submit for approval four elevations, i.e., one for each face of the building, showing in detail how the exterior is to be finished in every part. These designs after alteration, if necessary, and if eventually approved, to be adopted and strictly adhered to ...

20,000

*House for Cook and Guard Room, D.*

Opposite the coachman's house a house, as far as possible similar in design, to be constructed for the French cook, and connected therewith a guard-room, the present guard-room marked thus \* on the plan being dismantled. A room to be moreover provided for the supply of hot water to the main building.

Probable cost ... 11,000

*Sapper Lines, now Servants' Houses, E.*

With a view to clearing the north side of the building, a matter much required, the existing row of servants' houses (originally Sappers' lines) to be removed entirely and reconstructed with old and new materials near the western range of servants' houses marked ⊙ on plan, and this latter range to be extended as much as may be necessary to accommodate comfortably the servants shown in Captain Awdry's list.

Probable cost ... 5,000

*Approach Road, R.*

Instead of approaching the main building from the west or garden face, the present road to be turned south at the point shown on the plan and taken by a new line with uniform and easy gradients so as to approach the building on the south-east side ...

2,500

N.B.—Advantage may subsequently be taken of this to give a better approach to the Surgeon's house ...

1,200

*Entrance to Stable-yard, G.*

A suitable entrance to the stable-yard to be constructed between the coachman's house B and the house for the cook D.

Probable cost ... 2,000

*Stable for Sick Horses, G.*

At some convenient spot apart from the general stables two stalls to be constructed for sick horses in order to segregate them from the others.

Probable cost ... 2,000

*Road to Snowden, S.*

The road to Snowden to be retraced where necessary and completed ...

3,000

*Garden Front, T.*

The garden front to be laid out as an Italian garden with a fountain in the centre in keeping with the surroundings generally.

Probable cost ... 6,000



*General Surroundings.*

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |        |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| For planting and trimming slopes and general horticultural improvements and finishing                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | RS.    |
| NOTE.—Before carrying out the work already sanctioned for a covered passage to Upper Norwood it should be revised, and the estimated amount increased, so as to enable it to be constructed of glass, like a conservatory. A conservatory should also be placed against the south wall of the staircase at this end of the house, extending to and embracing one window of the drawing-room. Out of this conservatory the covered passage will lead | 15,000 |
| Unforeseen contingencies                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 10,000 |
| Furniture not included, but <i>roughly</i> estimated at Rs. 1,25,000.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 15,000 |

Grand Total, say ... 1,88,000

OOTACAMUND,  
10th August 1882.

(Signed) R. H. SANKEY, Colonel, R.E.,  
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.  
( " ) A. AWDRY, Captain, R.E.,  
Private Secretary.  
( " ) R. F. CHISHOLM, F.R.I.B.A.  
( " ) J. MACKENZIE, M.D., Surgeon-Major  
and Surgeon to His Excellency  
the Governor.

No. 126.

ORDER—dated 19th August 1882, No. 2139 W., Public Works.

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council approves of the several recommendations contained in the Proceedings, dated 10th August, of the Committee assembled under G.O., 24th March 1882, No. 799 W., and directs that the Consulting Architect make immediate arrangements for the preparation of the detailed estimates.

2. As it is very desirable that portions of work most urgently required should be put in hand and carried to completion while the Government is in Madras during the next season, Mr. Chisholm will prepare and submit the estimates in the following order of importance—

- (1) Those noted as being urgently required in the Main building A, omitting item (4) for the decoration of the interior, for which other arrangements are now being made.
- (2) Those recommended for the improvement of Lower Norwood, L.
- (3) Cow-shed and Store-room, F.
- (4) Gram boiler, H.
- (5) Drainage of Stables, I.
- (6) Slopes, J.
- (7) Those recommended for the improvement of Upper Norwood, K.
- (8) Do. Garden Cottage, O.
- (9) Do. Small Garden Cottage by the Fern House, P.
- (10) Do. Bungalow, Q.

For the rest the estimates may be submitted subsequently.

3. As both site and detailed plans of the existing and proposed buildings have to be prepared, the Consulting Architect should submit at an early date an application for the temporary establishment which may be needed.

(True Extract.)

Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.,  
Irrigation Branch.

To the Consulting Architect to Government.  
" Superintending Engineer, Fourth Circle.  
" Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor.  
" Financial Department.

Exd S. T. Austin.

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BUILDINGS AND ROADS.  
CIVIL WORKS.

Govt. of (1882) Madras.  
PUBLIC WORKS.

*Dated August, 19th.*

*Recd.*

*Encl.*

G.O., 19th Aug. 1882, No. 2139 W.

AUGUST.  
Nos. 125-126.

Government House, Ootacamund.

*The Consulting Architect to Government  
directed to make immediate arrangements for  
the preparation of detailed estimates for  
certain urgent improvements to the —.*



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It is in regard to proposals of  
Committee.

It should be especially  
borne in mind that the Committee  
are bound to recommend anything  
and everything which appears to  
them to be still necessary for  
the house and grounds so  
that for a considerable number  
of years no alteration of a  
material nature will have to  
be made to secure <sup>fairly</sup> comfortable  
and perfect wholesome occupation  
of the main building and outbuildings.

It is therefore incumbent  
on the Committee to enter in  
their recommendations many  
items which are not perhaps  
immediately indispensable but



the omission of which from  
the general scheme of completion  
<sup>might hereafter</sup>  
~~would~~ bring discredit on  
the soundness of their judgment.

In regard to the main  
building internal decoration  
of all kinds including that  
of the "finishing of the drawing  
room" (para 4 of letter No. 3038 IV  
dated 6. Dec. 181 to the Secy. to  
the Govt. of India) will form  
the subject of another estimate.

The following points however  
of a structural nature require  
consideration,

① The provision of the wing  
best — and most air tight —  
fittings which can be  
procured anywhere for the  
water closet is indispensable  
if they are to be retained but

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there should be an alternative provision  
made for the rearrangement necessary  
if dry conservancy be adopted.

The present drain pipes ~~will~~ be useful  
even in that case for throwing bath  
water away from the upper story.

② The windows in the hall  
and staircases should be so arranged  
as to be capable of being opened  
and shut without difficulty  
this is now impossible and  
is much needed for ventilation.

③ The best swing doors <sup>fittings</sup>  
that can be procured from Europe  
should be obtained <sup>tightly closing</sup> and swing  
doors fitted with them should  
be put up at the top of the  
back stairs and at all  
other points where the doors  
for the kitchen and matry rooms  
have to be shut out of the  
house.

- \* 1. Opening from house to  
kitchen yard.
- 2. Opening between sewing  
room and matry room
- 3. Opening between sewing  
room and dining room



### Main building A.

The two windows proposed for the upper rooms of the South part of the house on the East Side are much needed the rooms being dark.

It would also be an improvement to all ~~these~~ upper rooms to replace the coloured glass in their top portions by white plate glass as the rooms are much too high for the height of the windows and consequently require as much light as their size will afford.

The designs for alterations of the house require modifying since the verandah has been removed but there appear to be designs for the other fronts attached to and probably provided for in the estimate already submitted by the Comd. of. Arch<sup>y</sup> and sanctioned by the Govt. of India. Surely half a lakh is more than the Committee should recommend

to be spent on putting the two windows and arranging such ornamentation as may be necessary to improve the look of the windows brought into view on the lower face by the removal of the verandah.

### Coachman's house B

This is very necessary and was part of the original design but apparently omitted by mistake from the estimate sent up for sanction.

The Entrance to the Stable yard C is advisable but not urgently required especially if the road is turned so that carriages do not pass in front of the Stable entrance before getting to the house. The entrance would most consist of a gateway between the Coachman's house and the Guard room with possibly a large clock over it.



House for the Cook and Groom.

This should be exactly similar in elevation to the Coachman's house and its lower story should serve as the guard room. In regard to the urgency of this work it depends on whether the extremely desirable work next mentioned is carried out at once or not. If it is carried out a guard room must be provided.

The block of boxes and guard room at E should be removed as they are too near to the main building and take up the only level space available for carriages to stand on. This piece of ground should be enclosed in the stable yard and some iron roofing put over a part

of it as a protection to some at least of the carriages and horses of gentlemen attending on various occasions at Fort House.

Additional quarters for servants are absolutely necessary as at present there is not sufficient accommodation. Several servants being now huddled together in each small room.

The Cor and Straw sheds are very much required and should be built as soon as possible.

The stables for sick horses are very advisable though not perhaps of extreme urgency.

The frame building shed with a boiler in it is urgently needed and is ~~the~~ the proper sloping and drainage of the stables and stable yard.

The roof of Upper Rowwood is very bad in many places. It should be made <sup>absolutely</sup> tighter all over and the ceilings should be close to it and of wood as the present ones are full



of rats. Other improvement  
especially to floors is necessary.

I entirely agree in  
the recommendations with  
respect to ~~Lower~~ <sup>Lower</sup> ~~house~~ <sup>house</sup>.

The house will make  
a very good Military  
Sergeant's Quarters and  
Office, and at the  
East End a room  
might be provided  
for the French Cook or  
for the Ironing and Washing  
to go on.

The Aide de Camp's Quarters  
will be required also.



aa passage  
bb servants room  
cc bath room  
dd bed room  
ee living room  
f hall, entrance & lat.

may be of very simple  
construction. They should  
not have out houses and  
a dining room is not

in my opinion necessary.

The Aide de Camps room in  
the house requires a bath  
room to it. <sup>g/a</sup>

I quite agree with it the  
space too is required.

O. P and Q require  
thorough repairs especially to  
the roofs.

The new approach R  
will be a great improvement  
but is not urgently  
necessary.

The Road to Bowdoin too  
is desirable.

The arrangement of the  
garden front, general surroundings  
and contingencies are advisable  
but which bringing to notice  
their advisability I do not  
think that we should be  
just in recommending half  
a batch to be spent on them.

After the making of



The water closets good or  
substituting ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~convenience~~  
I consider that the  
kings of all the  
Bungalows should be most  
thoroughly repaired, and  
the the buildings themselves  
repaired - not rebuilt.

Then the house for  
the 2nd C should be built.  
as regards Construction.  
it is of the most urgency

A. Austin,  
Capt. R.S.  
Public Secretary

For Home  
3<sup>rd</sup> July 1882

## Draft Report

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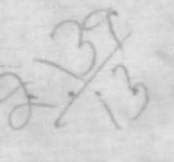
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Unforeseen Contingencies

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Ootacamund

July 1882

P.T.O.



(Addenda)

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A. Brown

Priv. Secy.  
Immaculata H.D.  
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Capt. Andrey's note  
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Form copy sent  
to Capt. Andrey  
to be signed

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3. As time will be required for working out the several estimates in detail and as on other grounds it would appear desirable that the early orders of Govt should be obtained regarding the general scope of the proposals submitted, the Committee have considered it best at this stage to submit the list with only approximate amounts entered opposite each item accompanied by an index survey for reference.

4. The letters appended to each heading denote the position of the work on this survey and the figures in the right hand margin the probable sums which the several re-accommodations will cost if carried out.

### Works urgently required.

#### Main Building A.

- (1). Provision of the best and most air tight description of water closet in lieu of those

now in the building, including complete arrangements for the discharge of bath water, slops &c from the different stories.

[NB. Alternative arrangements may be considered for the employment of dry conservancy if so desired in lieu of the water closets.]

(2) Re-arrangement of the windows in the hall and staircases to make them capable of being easily opened for ventilation if necessary. (say 6 swing windows)

(3) Approved swing doors to be placed

(a) at top of the back stairs.

(b) opening from house to kitchen yard.

(c) between the serving and master's rooms

(d) between serving & dining rooms.

(4) The interior decoration of all the rooms, but chiefly finishing that of the drawing rooms.

(5) Placing two extra windows in the south wing on east face.

#### Lower Norwood I.

The residence of His Excellency's Military Secretary.

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The main building to be cleared as much as possible of the small structures in rear to secure the thorough pervasion of air so much needed with the low situation of this house.

The godowns on the west to be removed and reconstructed a little lower down the slope of the hill. The water supply to be led by a pipe into a cistern and the surplus water carried clear of the premises. The northern earthen slopes to be trimmed to  $1\frac{1}{2}$  to 1 and properly drained along the back and turfed.

The roof to be reconstructed permanently and opportunity taken of making such slight improvements in the plan of the building as may be found essential. The floors to be thoroughly ventilated and every precaution taken to make the house as dry as possible.

The present temporary covered passage leading up to the Hall of the Main building to be reconstructed in a more permanent form.

6000

## Upper Norwood K.

The roof of Upper Norwood the residence of His Excellency's Private Secretary and the Secretary's Office to be reconstructed and rendered perfectly water-tight either by a permanent form of tile or by zinc sheeting. Opportunity to be taken while doing this to make small improvements much required to the building.

Probable cost 5000

## Aides-de-Camp Quarters M.

New quarters for two Aides-de-camp, the accommodation for each being as follows:-

11,000

- 1 Sitting room
- 1 Bed room
- 1 Bath room
- 1 Servants room.

## Head Butlers House and Cistern N.

The present small and unsightly building with the cistern to be removed in order to allow of the proposed new <sup>road &</sup> approach ~~road~~ being constructed. The butler to be provided with accommodation in the servants houses and the cistern.



reconstructed in any convenient locality. 150

### Coachman's House B

The foundations of a Coachman's house were laid last year. This building to be carried forward to completion. 11,000

### Cow Shed and Store Room. F

A new Cow shed capable of containing 10 or 12 cows and a sufficient supply of straw, wood &c. to last the whole establishment for 3 months to be constructed on the spot indicated in rear of the stables. Probable cost. 3,000

### Grain Boiler H.

At any convenient spot as G a grain shed and boiler to be constructed. 800

### Drainage of Stables I.

The drainage of the stables to be carried out being very essential. 500

### Slopes J.

All slopes in and about the stable yard to be traced and neatly turfed.

Probable cost. 300

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### Garden Cottage. O.

The residence of His Excellency's Surgeon.

The cottage to be re-roofed with a permanent water-tight covering and the accommodation re-arranged and improved to suit the requirements of the occupant. Probable cost 3500

### Small Cottage by the Farm House. P

at present used by the Apothecary. To be re-roofed permanently and put in repair for the Apothecary. Probable cost 1200

### Apothecary's Bungalow Q.

This bungalow to be converted into a residence for the Governor's Band Master, and the adjacent Gardeners House rearranged so as to answer as a barrack for 12 men of the Governor's Band. 1200

Total urgent works 6682

### Works of less urgency.

#### Main building A

The main building externally possesses, owing to its mass, a certain degree of dignity, but from alterations or other

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causes there is not that parity of design which the Committee think so important that a public structure should possess, and they recommend that the Consulting Architect be called on to submit for approval four elevations, i.e. one for each face of the building showing in detail how the exterior is to be finished in every part. These designs after alteration if necessary and eventually approved to be adopted and strictly adhered to.

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#### House for Cook and Guard Room. D.

Opposite the Coachman's house a house as far as possible similar in design to be constructed for the French Cook and connected therewith a Guard Room, the present Guard Room marked \* on the plan being dismantled. A room to be moreover provided for the supply of hot water to the main building.

Probable cost. 11,000 0 0

#### Lappers lines now Servants Houses. E.

With a view to clearing the north side of the building, a matter much required, the existing row of Servants houses (originally

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Lappers lines) to be removed entirely and reconstructed with old and new materials near the western range of servants' houses marked @ on plan, and this latter range to be extended as much as may be necessary to accommodate comfortably the servants shown in Captain Audry's list.

Probable cost. 5000

#### Approach Road R.

Instead of approaching the main building from the west or garden face the present road to be turned south at the point shown on the plan and taken by a new line, with uniform and easy gradients, so as to approach the building on the south east side.

2500

N.B. Advantage may subsequently be taken of this to give a better approach to the Surgeon's house.

1200

#### Entrance to Stable Yard. C.

A suitable entrance to the stable yard to be constructed between

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the Coachman's house **B** and the house for the Cook **D**.

Probable cost 2000

### Stable for Sick Horses **G**.

At some convenient spot apart from the general stables two stables to be constructed for sick horses in order to segregate them from the others.

Probable cost 2000

### Road to Snowdon **S**.

The road to Snowdon to be retraced where necessary and completed. 3000

### Garden Front **T**.

The garden front to be laid out as an Italian garden with a fountain in the centre in keeping with the surroundings generally.

Probable cost 6000

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### General Surroundings

For planting and trimming slopes and general horticultural improvements and finishing. 15000

Unforeseen Contingencies (Furniture not included) 15000  
but roughly estimated at 25,000 A.A. say

Grand total say 1,30,000

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10: August 1882  
C. D. Stanley  
Col. R.

Note. Supercarrying out the work already sanctioned for a covered passage to Upper Harwood it should be revised, and the estimated amount increased, so as to enable it to be constructed of glass like a Conservatory. A Conservatory should also be placed against the South wall of the back staircase at this end of the house extending to and embracing one window of the drawing room. Out of this Conservatory the covered passage will lead

A. A. W. say 25,000  
Private Secretary

Miss Loken. F.R.S.B.A. Inackumie M.D. King Mason  
"Thug" to H.E. The Governor



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The Right Honorable  
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dated 10<sup>th</sup> August of the  
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(5) Little — Small Garden Cottage  
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(6) Little — Bengalur. Q

(7) Cow Shed and Store  
room F.

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(8) Gram Boiler H.

(9) Drainage of Stables I

(10) Slopes. J.

For the rest the estimates  
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date an application for  
the temporary establishment  
which may be needed.

to

The Consulting Architect to Govt

" S. R. Fourth Circle

" Private Secy to H.E.  
the Governor

" Finance & Dept

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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UNDER date the 19<sup>th</sup> August/12  
Read the following:—

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9 " St. Fourth Circle

3 " Private Secy to H.E. the  
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7 " Financial Dept

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