

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

11th March 1880, No. 591 W.

General.
Account.

Read the following paper:—

No. 59. From R. H. HOLLINGBERY, Esq., Assistant Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Finance and Commerce, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Simla, 11th July 1879, No. 1,649.

In reply to your letter No.—, dated 24th June 1879, I am desired to forward a copy of my letter No. 666, dated 24th May 1878, and of its enclosures, relating to expenditure for altering or adding to buildings occupied by the Heads of Local Governments.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT PROCEEDINGS, MAY, 1878.

Administration.

Cost on account of new furniture for the State reception rooms at the residence of the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal.

Extent to which expenditure is to be incurred on account of buildings occupied by Heads of Local Governments and Administrations without the previous sanction of the Government of India.

From A. MACKENZIE, Esq., Secretary to the Government of Bengal, Financial Department, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, dated 21st March 1878, No. 1,079.

I HAVE the honor, by direction of the Lieutenant-Governor, to request the permission of the Government to his making a grant of Rs. 8,000 for the purpose of replacing the furniture of the State reception rooms at Belvedere.

2. The furniture in these rooms is quite worn-out, and the Lieutenant-Governor is advised that it is not worth repairing. It has been in the house exposed to a great deal of usage ever since 1852.

3. The allowance of Rs. 3,000 given for maintaining the equipment of the house is not even adequate to the ordinary repair and maintenance of the regular house furniture, such as the renewal of curtains and carpets, cleaning chandeliers, &c., and nothing whatever has been spent from that fund in the public rooms except for curtains and carpets; and indeed it is impossible that it should be. There are rooms in the house which have never yet been furnished.

4. Society in Calcutta has become very large, and the reception rooms, which are also used for durbars and native reception, are entirely public rooms, and should certainly be properly furnished. Furniture can hardly be expected to remain efficient for a longer period than 26 years, exposed to such usage as that of Belvedere is, and in such a climate.

5. Under these circumstances the Lieutenant-Governor trusts that His Excellency in Council will not consider it improper to expend the sum named in entirely refurnishing the large room with good modern furniture, which should last certainly for 25 years more without addition.

6. The charge would be a provincial charge, but the Lieutenant-Governor has not thought it proper to sanction expenditure for such a purpose, involving as it does, to some extent, his personal interests without ascertaining that he has the concurrence of the Government of India in his so doing.

7. I am to take this opportunity of suggesting that no outlay in altering or adding to buildings occupied by the Heads of Local Governments should be incurred in excess of Rs. 15,000 without the previous sanction of the Governor-General of India. The Lieutenant-Governor is led to make this proposal as he thinks that it is calculated to obviate misunderstanding in future.

From R. H. HOLLINGBERY, Esq., Assistant Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, to the Secretary to the Government of Bengal, dated 30th March 1878, No. 2,176.

In reply to your letter No. 1,079, dated 21st March 1878, I am desired to state that the Governor-General in Council is pleased to authorize the Honorable the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal to spend, from Provincial Funds, a sum of Rs. 8,000 for replacing the furniture of the State reception rooms at Belvedere, the old furniture being quite worn-out.

Orders will be issued hereafter on paragraph 7 of your letter under acknowledgment.

Copy of paragraph 1 forwarded to the Accountant-General, Bengal.

From W. WATERFIELD, Esq., Officiating Comptroller-General, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, dated 3rd April 1878, No. 17.

I HAVE the honor to forward, for the information of Government, copy of a letter* from the Accountant-General, Public Works Department,

* No. 174 G., dated 23rd March 1878.

reporting that the Governments of Madras and Bombay have purchased, out of their respective Provincial Funds, the Sunnydale property at the Nilgiris and the house and grounds known as "Bella Vista" at Mohableswhar for Rs. 5,500 and Rs. 32,000 respectively, and inquiring whether such purchases and outlay are permissible; the object of the first purchase being to provide accommodation for the bachelor clerks who proceed with the Government offices to the Nilgiris, and of the second to secure a residence for His Excellency the Governor.

2. As the Government of India, in closing the Finance and Revenue Accounts of 1876-77, had to raise the Provincial Funds of Madras and Bombay to equilibrium, these additional items of expenditure may ultimately fall upon the resources of the Imperial Government, and I have accordingly thought it necessary to submit the matter for the consideration of Government.

From Colonel J. J. McLEOD INNES, Accountant-General, Public Works Department, to the Comptroller-General, dated 23rd March 1878, No. 174 G.

I HAVE the honor to report the two following cases.

2. The Madras Government has sanctioned the purchase of the Sunnydale property for Rs. 5,500, to provide accommodation for the bachelor clerks who proceed with the Government offices to the Nilgiris.

3. The Bombay Government has purchased, at Mohableswhar, for a residence for His Excellency the Governor, a house and grounds known as "Bella Vista" for Rs. 32,000.

4. The purchases have been made from the respective Provincial Funds. I beg the favor of your opinion as to whether such purchases and outlay are permissible, and if not, what notice I should take of them, and what advice I should give the Public Works Department respecting them.

From E. J. SINKINSON, Esq., Officiating Under Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, to all Local Governments and Administrations, dated 24th May 1878, No. 666.

I AM desired to forward to you, for the information of

copy of a letter to the Government of India from the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal, No. 1,079, dated 21st March, and to call your attention in particular to its seventh paragraph.

2. In that paragraph, with reference to his request for sanction to an expenditure of Rs. 8,000 in replacing the furniture of Belvedere, His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor suggests that, in future, no outlay for altering or adding to buildings occupied by the Heads of Local Governments shall be incurred in excess of Rs. 15,000 without the previous sanction of the Government of India.

3. The Governor-General in Council believes that the motives of delicacy which have induced the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal to make this recommendation, will be shared by the Heads of all other Local Governments and Administrations, and he has no doubt that they will welcome the adoption of a rule apparently well calculated to prevent misunderstanding of a nature which, since the extension of their financial powers and responsibilities, are especially likely to arise in regard to expenditure of the nature referred to.

4. The Governor-General in Council is, therefore, pleased to decide that no outlay for altering or adding to the buildings occupied by the Heads of Local Governments and Administrations, or for the purchase or construction of new buildings intended to be so occupied, shall be incurred in excess of Rs. 15,000 without the previous sanction of the Government of India.

Copy forwarded to the Public Works Department, and to the Comptroller-General.

No. 60.

ORDER THEREON, 11th March 1880, No. 591 W.

RECORDED in continuation of G.O., No. 1,697 W., dated 26th June 1879.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

R. H. SANKEY, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Examiner of Public Works Accounts.
,, Financial Department.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
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GENERAL
ACCOUNT.

Govt. of (1880) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

THE EXAMINER OF PUBLIC WORKS
ACCOUNTS,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated March, 11th.

Issued

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 11th March 1880, No. 591 W.

MARCH.

Nos. 59-60.

Buildings occupied by Heads of Local Governments.—Correspondence from the Government of India relating to expenditure on —, recorded.

30TH JUNE 1882, No. 1647 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

No. 202.

READ—the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel W. H. BURTON, R.E., Officiating Superintending Engineer, Fifth Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Chepauk, 15th June 1882, No. 963 :—

I have the honor to forward herewith an estimate for laying Mosaic marble floor in certain rooms and verandahs at Government House, which has received the approval of His Excellency the Governor.

One plan:
„ detailed and abstract estimate.
„ duplicate abstract.
„ memorandum.

Three estimates for different sorts of flooring.

Messrs. Minton and Hollins' Encaustic tiles has been estimated, and the estimates are enclosed. I would request to be informed by the earliest possible date if this estimate is sanctioned, as the work is required to be finished by 1st October. Other estimates relating to Government House in Madras are in my office being revised in order to reduce their amount, with that of the enclosed, to within Rs. 15,000.

No. 203.

ORDER—dated 30th June 1882, No. 1647 W., Public Works.

The estimate for laying Mosaic marble floor in certain rooms and verandahs of Government House at Madras is sanctioned for Rs. 8,000.

2. The full amount of the estimate is appropriated from the reserve at the disposal of Government, and the entire work should be completed before October next.

3. This sanction has been registered as Provincial No. 49 W. of 1882-83 and classified as Original Works, Civil Buildings.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. H. SANKEY, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineer, Fifth Circle, with six enclosures.
„ Examiner of Public Works Accounts, with duplicate abstract estimate.
„ Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor.

Exd. J. W. Fischer.
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BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
CIVIL WORKS.

Govt. of (1882) Madras
PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated June, 30th.

Recd.

Encd.

G.O., 30th June 1882, No. 1647 W.

JUNE.

Nos. 202-203.

Government House at Madras.

Laying Mosaic marble floor in certain
rooms and verandahs of —. Sanctions esti-
mate for —.

9TH AUGUST 1882, No. 2036 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

No. 72.

READ—the following papers :—

From the Superintending Engineer, Fifth Circle, dated 4th July 1882, No. 1251.
From do. do. „ 13th „ „ 1394.

No. 73.

ORDER—dated 9th August 1882, No. 2036 W., Public Works.

The following estimates are sanctioned as supplemental to the estimate of Rs. 8,000 sanctioned in G.O., No. 1647 W., dated 30th June 1882 :—

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| 1. Providing new teak-wood flooring for the drawing-room on the first floor of Government House, Madras, Register No. 75 W. | Rs. 1,130 |
| 2. Fitting up five satin-wood doors and decorating the south-east room on the first floor of Government House, Madras, Register No. 76 W. | Rs. 3,150 |

2. An appropriation of Rs. 4,280 is made for the works from the Provincial Reserve.

3. The above sanction has been registered as Provincial Nos. 75 and 76 W. of 1882-83, and classified as Civil Buildings, Original Works.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. H. SANKEY, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineer, Fifth Circle, with three enclosures.
„ Examiner of Public Works Accounts, with two Abstract Estimates.
„ Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor.
„ Public Department.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
Spare Copies

BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
CIVIL WORKS.

Govt. of (1882) Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated August, 9th.

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 9th Aug. 1882, No. 2036 W.

AUGUST.

Nos. 72-73.

Government House at Madras.

Estimates of Rs. 1,130 and 3,150 for
certain works to the — sanctioned.

A to 591. h. 11. 3. 80
B - 1471. h. 1. 7. 87
A - 1647. h. 30. 6. 82
u - 2036. h. 9. 8. 82

x Government of India

KEEP WITH

Genl. No.

dated

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1. Furniture Charges for Government House Madras.
2. Estimate for Laying Kosaic Floor. Fitting up Satin Wood doors &c at Government House.
3. Building a partition Wall in front of Postillins' Quarters at Government House Madras.

Amount
Appropriated
3000

Outlay to end of
December 1882.
1,116-10-11

12280

1314-9-4

104-2-3.

No Estimate has yet been sanc-
tioned for item No. 3. nor has the
work been reported completed.

For. L.

16/2 Bt. 551 of 19. 2. 83

[Exr. Wks. Form No. 111.]

GOVT.
OF MADRAS.

1883.

{ P. W.
DEPT.

EXAMINER, P. W. ACCOUNTS.

Madras, 16th February 1883

OFFICE NOTE No. 947

To

From the following
Memo it would appear that the
Outlay (under Original Works) on
the Government House Madras
during 1882-83, is likely to exceed
the limit of Rs 15,000. laid down
in G. O. S. Circular No. 111 dated
14th June 1881. It is therefore
brought to notice.

No. 551 of 19th Feb/83
Public Works Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following

Office note from the Secy No. 947 of 16 Feb 1883

Communicated
to the Supy Engrs of the
Circle who will report
without delay what
outlay is likely to be
incurred on Govt Works
Madras under Original
Works to the end of
the current financial
year, against what
estimated -

2. The expenditure
under item 3 noticed
by the Secy. should
be

be regularised as
soon as possible.

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Entd. in Receipt Book

No. 4222

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,

5TH CIRCLE, MADRAS,

Chepauk, 1st March 1883.

From

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,

5TH CIRCLE,

To

THE Chief Engineer
P. W. D.

SIR,

Enclosures.

With reference to G. O. No. 551 W dated 19th Ultimo, I have the honor to report, that the outlay to be incurred on Government House at Madras, during the current year, is on the following estimates.

Budget Item No. 7. Government House
Furniture. Rs. 3000.

G. O. No. 1647 W dated 30th June 1882 - Laying Mosaic
floor in rooms & Verandah } 8000.

G. O. No. 2036 W 9th August 1882 - New Teakwood
flooring for the drawing room. } 1130.

6th
Memo 717 w of March 1883

From

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,

5TH CIRCLE,

To

THE Chief Engineer
P.W.D.

Dated

Recd.

1st } March 1883
2nd }

ENCLOSURES.

A. Rs 571. R. 11. 3. 50
B. " 1671. R. 6. 7. 87
A. " 1647. R. 30. 6. 52
B. " 551. R. 19. 2. 83
A. " 1036. R. 9. 8. 82
No. 4222

Government House at Madras
Reporting the outlay to be
incurred on - during the
current official year.

Memo 717 w of March 6th 1883

With order
entered in the Receipt Register

Communicated to
the Examiner of P.W. ac-
counts with reference to the
Enclosures.

2 The total of the
estimates mentioned
in the foregoing letter
amounts to Rs 15,853
but it is noted that
the actual expenditure
will not exceed the
prescribed limit of
Rs 15,000

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Desd

Examiner P.W. ac
S.E. Fifth Circle

[Exr. Wks. Form No. 111.]

GOVT.
OF MADRAS.

1883.

[P. W.
DEPT.]

EXAMINER, P. W. ACCOUNTS.

Madras, 30th April 1883.

Office Note No. 114.

To

Adverting to Para 2 of
N^o 717 W. dated 6th March 1883.
I have the honor to bring to your
notice and for such action as
you may deem necessary the
as per Accounts of the President
Division for March 1883. the outlay
during 1882-83. on Government
House Madras (as per annexed
Memo) has exceeded the limit
of Rs. 15,000-0-0

Outlay during 1882-
to end of March 1883

Memo.

1. Furniture Charges for Government House Madras.
Budget Amount 3000. Rs. 3004-14-7
2. Laying Mosaic Floor, Fitting up Satin Wood doors.
Decorating etc. Estimate 12,280. Rs. 12,500-10-3
3. Building partition Wall in front of Postillions'
Quarters at Government House. Estimate 231. Rs. 231-12-0
4. Providing 2 Pairs of Ornamental panelled
Doors at Government House Estimate 340. Rs. 184-4-3
Rs. 15,911-9-2

N^o 1423 w of 14 May 1883

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To

N^o 1039 Day 3-5-83

G.O.B 717 Wdy 6-3-83

" 551 Wdy 19-2-83

A G.O. 2036 Wdy 9-8-82

" 1647 Wdy 30-6-82

" 591 Wdy 11-3-80

G.O. 707 Wdy 6-3-83.

" 551 Wdy 19-2-83

G.O. 2036 Wdy 9-10-82

" 1647 Wdy 30-6-82

" 591 Wdy 11-3-80