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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

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READ—the following letter from Major S. C. CLARKE, R.E., Officiating Superintending Engineer, Third Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Bellary, 18th August 1883. No. 1428 :—

In accordance with the orders contained in G.O., No. 46 W., of the 8th of January 1883, I have the honor now to submit my report on the proposed scheme for supplying the various officers of the Anantapur District with house and cutcherry accommodation, and to forward an approximate estimate (Rs. 1,80,000) for the entire set of buildings.

2. After consultation with the Collector of Anantapur it has been decided to recommend the following cutcherries and bungalows being constructed at an early date, and I have, to the best of my ability, endeavoured to keep down the estimates to within the prescribed limits laid down by the Collector, who very justly remarked that the officers could not be expected to pay more than about one-tenth of their income for house-rent.

3. The buildings have been classified in accordance with their computed cost, as all are urgently needed :—

	Approximate Estimate.	At 5 per cent. Monthly Rent.
	Rs.	Rs.
	36,000	...
Collector's Cutcherry	30,000	120 to 125
Collector's House	27,300	...
Taluk Cutcherry	16,300	70
Surgeon's Bungalow	16,300	70
Superintendent of Police	10,000	40
Assistant Collector	10,000	40
Assistant Superintendent of Forests	3,500	15
Apothecary	3,500	15
Inspector of Police	10,000	40
Assistant Superintendent of Salt Department ...	3,500	15
Sub-divisional Officer, Public Works Department ...		
	1,66,400	

4. As there is some doubt about the two last-named buildings being considered equally urgently needed, they have been put at the end of the list.

It will be necessary to add to the sum total given above the following items :—

	RS.
Value of site purchased for the Collector's Bungalow	8,000
And other contingent items	5,600
	13,600
Making a Grand Total of ...	*1,80,000*

5. An estimate (Rs. 4,040) has lately been submitted for a Registrar's Office, but, as stated in my letter, No. 1404, of 16th instant, it is now suggested to hand over the existing Collector's Cutcherry to the Registrar, and to build an entire new building for the Revenue Department, as after a personal inspection I disapproved of the alterations originally proposed to be made to the existing old building, which even if carried out would not offer any accommodation for the Collector himself nor his Assistants (European).

6. I do not consider it necessary to recommend the immediate substitution of an Assistant Engineer, Public Works Department, in place of an Upper Subordinate, but it might be found requisite later on. If the sub-division is supervised by a competent European Upper Subordinate, I am confident that the Executive Officer of the Bellary Division should be able to carry on the administration of his district satisfactorily. It has been a difficult task to offer the requisite interval house accommodation for the several officers, if married men, without enhancing the total cost of the buildings, and thereby raising the monthly rental but every effort has been made to economise in every particular; fortunately, the late experiments made by the Sub-divisional Officer, in burning the gneiss stratification within a short distance from the sites selected for the new Civil Cantonment, has proved beyond doubt that stone material of a good quality can be supplied near at hand, and that consequently the rate for stone-work in that part can be reduced about 40 per cent.

7. The sites selected are undoubtedly good as regards elevation and freedom from the exhalations from the irrigated land lying below the Anantapúr tank, but I am afraid that it will be found necessary to sink several of the house wells to a considerable depth before reaching the spring-water line.

8. In compliance with your instructions, the contractors (Messrs. Meppin, Pritchard and Co.) will, in anticipation of final orders, make immediate arrangements for collecting the several building materials, and Mr. Pritchard has, I believe, proceeded to Bangalore to purchase and make arrangements for making up the wood-work required, all of which can be carted direct to Anantapur.

ORDER—dated 19th September 1883, No. 2635 W., Public Works.

His Excellency the Governor in Council is of opinion that, for the present, it will be sufficient to undertake the construction of the following buildings at Anantapur :—

(1.) House for Collector.
(2.) House for Superintendent of Police.
(3.) Taluk Cutcherry.*
(4.) Collector's Cutcherry.

* Estimate sanctioned in G.O., No. 2200 W., dated 9th August 1883.

2. The Superintending Engineer will accordingly submit, at the earliest possible date, plans and estimates for the foregoing buildings, for sanction and appropriation of funds; and will report meanwhile the total sum which he expects to be able to spend on the buildings during the current official year, to admit of money being allotted for the purpose.

3. With respect to the first and second of the buildings named above, the Superintending Engineer's attention is called to paragraph 1229 of the Public Works Code, which provides that the rent to be recovered is to be fixed "so as to cover interest at $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. on the actual or estimated cost of the property, in addition to a fair allowance for risks and for the cost of repairs."

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With advertence to this rule, it will probably be necessary to fix the rental of the two houses in question at a percentage of $6\frac{1}{2}$ or 7 on the cost; and the Government are of opinion that the sums named in paragraph 3 of the Superintending Engineer's letter, as the monthly rental to be recovered, viz., Rs. 125, from the Collector, and Rs. 70 from the Superintendent of Police, should not be exceeded.

The designs for the two houses will have to be prepared accordingly, so as to bring the estimates within the necessary limit.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, Third Circle, with Memoranda.
" Revenue Department.
" Public do.
" Judicial do.

Exd. A. F. Goodall.
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BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
CIVIL WORKS.

Govt. of {1883} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated September, 19th.

Recd. Encl.

G.O., 19th Sept. 1883, No. 2635 W.

SEPTEMBER.

Office and House Accommodation at Anantapur

Passing orders on the general scheme submitted by the Superintending Engineer, Third Circle, for —.

No. 1428 Supdg Engrs Office
Bellary 18th Augt. /83.

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From
Major S. C. Clarke R.E.
Offg Superintending Engr.
3d Circle

To,
The Chief Engineer
P.W.D.
Madras.

Sir,

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2 After consultation with the Collector of Anantapur, it has been decided to recommend the following Kutcherries and Bungalows being constructed at an early date and I have, to the best of my ability, endeavoured to keep down the

Estimates to within the prescribed limits laid down by the Collector - who very justly remarked, that the Officers could not be expected to pay more than about 1/10th. of their Income for House Rent.

3. The Buildings have been classified in accordance with their computed cost as all are urgently needed.

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Apt. Supt. of Tonts	10,000	40
Apothecary	3,500	15.
Inspector of Police	3,500	15.
Apt. Supt. of Salt Dept.	10,000	40.
Sub Divl Officer PWD	3500	15.
	Rs 166,400.	

4 As there is some doubt about the two last named Buildings being considered equally urgently needed - they have been put at the end of the List

It will be necessary to add to the sum total given above the following items.

Value of site purchased for the Collectors Bungalow	Rs 8,000
And other Contingent items	5,000.
	13,600.

making a grand total of Rs 180,000

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obdt. Servant
[signature] Major E.E.
Offg Supdg. Engineer
III Circle

M.D.

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From

The Supdg. Engr.
3rd Circle.

To

The Chief Engr.
P. W. D.
Madras

Dt 18th August 1883

Recd 20

No. 1428

House & Kutcherry accommodation at Anantapoor.

Reporting on the proposed scheme for supplying Offrs. with — and forwarding an Estimate of Rs. 180,000, for the entire set of Buildings.

Oct 37.8 Recd 15/9 R 17/9
Rec 21/8 Circ 10/9
Recd 9/9/83

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P. W. Department

Proceedings of the Madras Government under date the

Read the following

Letter from the Suptg. Engr.
Third Circle - H.E. No. 1428 dt 18 August/83

The proposed scheme of accommodation at Anantapur, which, it is observed, has been drawn up in communication with the Collector, is approved. The Suptg. Engineer will, as soon as practicable, submit plans and estimates, in the order of their importance, for formal sanction and

appropriation of funds, and will report meanwhile the total sum which he expects to be able to spend on the buildings during the current official year, to admit of money being set apart for the purpose.

Suptg. Engr. Third Circle
Revenue Department
Public Department
Judicial Department
(Revenue Secretary } for
Chief Secretary } counterinitials)

I doubt whether the last four buildings are wanted, but as the draft does not finally decide upon them, I counter-initial and direct.
H.C.S.

O.C.R.S.
[illegible] 9/9/83

The proposal to build dwellings for district officers is a novel one. It is true that on two or three occasions the government have purchased houses for Collectors or their Assistants. but the result has been found anything but satisfactory — notably so in Hissar — I would not sanction the expenditure of this vast sum of money till it is certain that private enterprise cannot be relied on to provide our officers with the required accommodation — This Mr Roupell letts us is not the case at present.

I hold with the Rev: Secretary that the construction of a Collector's office & a Taluq Cutcherry will suffice for all present purposes. E. F. W. 8/9

× G.O. 8th Jan 1883 No. 46 W.
P.W.D.

It appears to me objectionable & extravagant to spend so large a sum at Rs 180,000 on providing accommodation, chiefly private houses, at Anantapur, when so many urgent demands for public buildings remain unsatisfied elsewhere. It is certainly unnecessary to build at present for an Assistant Collector or forest officer, & will probably never be necessary to build for an apothecary (in addn to a Civil Surgeon), inspector of Police, Salt officer, or officer of the P.W.D. Also I think Rs 38000 for a Collector's house an excessive amount. I observe from para 9 of Mr Roupell's letter that he thinks private capital may be tempted for investment if some of the buildings are constructed; and I should say that the construction of the Collector's office & taluk cutcherry would afford a sufficient guarantee to private capitalists of the intention of Govt to permanently occupy Anantapur as a civil station.

W.C.S.
8/9

~~The Hon. H. E. Sullivan~~

Consider Tomorrow

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SECRETARY.

Chepauk, 21st August 1883.

OFFICE NOTE.

To W.

S. E. 3d Circle now submits report on the probable cost &c. of the new buildings required at Anantapur.

The approximate total cost is Rs. 1,80,000.

An important point is the proposal for a new Collector's Cutcherry to cost Rs. 36000. A Registrar's office was recently sanctioned but it is now suggested to locate the Registrar in the building used as Collector's Cutcherry & erect an entirely new building for the latter.

I am not sure but I am disposed to think a commodious & convenient Collector's office at Anantapur is likely to cost more than the approximate cost assigned (Rs 36000).—

We are still awaiting revised plans for the various residences, orders have been given for collection of materials &c.

[signature] 21/8

Bellary

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My dear Bowler

I hope you will make it known to the C.E. that although the Contractors for the Cuntapur Buildings have only vail Plan, as yet, to go on with. They have been supplied with Lists and Drawings of all the Doors.

Windows

and Scantlings
required for five of
the Bungalows - the Plans
for which, I hope will finally
be approved of —
I am afraid the Chief
is somewhat disgusted with
the want of taste shown,
in the Designs - but the fact
is - I found, - that it was
simply useless to introduce
Ornamental work - as both

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labor & material are
so expensive now - The only
good material to be found
at Anantapur is the Gneiss. -
the Brick Clay is poor, and
Limestone cannot be found
within 16 miles -
The Contractors' Wudders
will have to open new Quarries
so that I calculate that it
will occupy them 2 mths
or more to get a sufficient

Quantity of Stone to Complete half of the number of Buildings, we required — & Believe me

Yr. Sincerely

Lyon Clider

I think this had better be put on the Anantapur Building plan. I have shown it to Lake

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Talook Cutcherry
Collector's Cutcherry
Hon. Sup. Hon. Sup.

R.K.
Please attach this to orig. No. 2635W dy 19/9/83
Cy
D.P.
26/9/83

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A works

No 2635W Public Works Department.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 19th Sept 83.

Read the following

From the S.E. Third Circle (H.E. No 1428 dy 18th August 1883)

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~~The Hon H. C. Sullivan~~

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To,

Dec 24/9

The S.E. Third Circle with Memorial
" Rev: Department ✓
" Public Dept ✓
" Judicial Dept ✓

The Chief Secretary
The Revenue Secretary } for counterinitials ✓

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Dated 4/20 Pm 19/9/83

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G. O. 19th Septr 1883, No. 1635-54

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Office & house accommodation at Anantapur

Passing orders on the General Scheme submitted by the S.E. Third Circle for

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4.30 P.M.

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