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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General Account

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No. 674, Military.

Approved and transferred to the Public Works Department for issue of the necessary orders.

(By Order.)

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The Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, will take immediate steps for placing the buildings connected with Bombay Castle in such a state of repair as will admit of their occupation, so far as possible, by the 1st April 1884. An officer of the Quarter-master-General's Department will be at once deputed to Ootacamund, to consult with the Executive Engineer as to what can be done in the short time available.

2. The cost will, in the first instance, be charged to "Provincial," to which head the purchase of the building was debited.

3. A statement should, as soon as possible, be submitted showing the total expenditure on the buildings under—

(*a*) Original Works.
(*b*) Repairs.

On receipt of this information, the question of the transfer of the charge to the head "Military Works" will be considered.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. SHAW-STEWART, Colonel R.E., Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

From H. F. CLOGSTOUN, Esq., Accountant-General to the Government of Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Fort St. George, 12th March 1884, No. 787.

With reference to the Proceedings of Government, Financial, No. 2800, dated the 7th December 1883, I have the honor to submit copy of a communication received from the Comptroller-General, No. 2584, of 3rd March 1884, in connection with the building designated "Bombay Castle" at Ootacamund, occupied by offices belonging to Army Head Quarters, and to request that I may be informed whether the Government in the Public Works Department desire that the building in question shall be managed and regulated under "Military Works" or "Civil Buildings," in view to the municipal tax being borne by the proper department. If the building is brought under Military Works, I beg that the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, may be instructed to accept the debit for the payment already made.

Enclosure.

From J. WESTLAND, Esq., Comptroller-General, to the Accountant-General, Madras, dated Calcutta, 3rd March 1884, No. 2584.

With reference to your No. 4298, dated 18th December 1883, I have consulted the Accountant-General, Public Works Department, and find that buildings occupied by Army Head Quarters officers are classed as military buildings.

I am not prepared to say that the application of Provincial funds to the purchase of such a building was not within the discretion of the Government of Madras, but the question of the payment of municipal taxes upon it depends upon whether the Government of Madras, in the Public Works Department, manage and regulate the building under "Military Works" or under "Civil Buildings," if the former, then the Civil Department has nothing to do with it, and the taxes should be charged to the grant for Military Works; if the latter, then the Civil Department must accept the fact that the building is dealt with as a "Civil Building" and should pay the taxes on it.

No. 708, Financial.

Referred to the Public Works Department, with a request that all orders on the subject may be communicated to the Financial Department. The last Order, No. 408, of the 17th February 1884, was not communicated. It is clear that the charges on account of the building are properly debitable to Imperial, and the municipal tax should also be so borne.

Fort St. George, 28th March 1884. (Signed) E. F. WEBSTER, Chief Secretary.

From Colonel J. BEATTY, R.E., Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Coimbatore, 20th June 1884, No. 305 E.W.:—

With reference to G.O., No. 408 W., of 15th February 1884, I have the honor to forward a statement of actual expenditure on Bombay Castle and out-buildings up to end of May 1884.

2. Of the total expenditure of Rs. 87,811-7-0, Rs. 83,276-11-6 should be classed under "Original works" and Rs. 4,534-11-6 under "Repairs."

Enclosure.

Statement of Actual Expenditure on Bombay Castle and Out-buildings to end of May 1884, called for in G.O., No. 408 W., of 15th February 1884.

	Rs.	A.	P.
Expenditure on purchase and improvements for which there is a sanctioned estimate of Rs. 85,000	83,276	11	6
Repairs to Bombay Castle main buildings	2,353	9	2
Do. to Waterloo Cottage	1,527	8	6
Latrine, sepoys' lines	477	0	7
Lawrence Asylum Press	171	9	3
Total repairs for which estimate is under preparation ...	4,534	11	6
Grand Total, Original Works and Repairs ...	87,811	7	0

18th June 1884. (Signed) J. C. LAEMMLE, Executive Engineer, Nilgiri Division.

Order—dated 17th July 1884, No. 1750 W., Public Works.

It is observed that the expenditure on the acquisition and repair of the Bombay Castle property at Ootacamund has amounted to Rs. 87,811, of which Rs. 83,276 are chargeable to "Original Works," and Rs. 4,535 to "Repairs." The cost has, in the first instance, and under special circumstances, been defrayed from Provincial funds; but is properly chargeable to "Imperial, Military Works," to which it will be transferred on a grant for the purpose being assigned by the Government of India. An application to that Government for a special grant to meet the charge will now be made.

(Here enter No. 1751 W., dated 17th July 1884.)

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle.
" Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
" Military Department.
" Financial "

Exd. A. F. Aaron.

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GENERAL
ACCOUNT.

Gobt. of 1884 Madras

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated July, 17th.

Recd. *Encl.*

G.O.,17th July 1884, No. 1750 W.

JULY.

Bombay Castle Property

Ordering the transfer from "Provincial" to "Imperial, Military Works," on a grant for the purpose being assigned by the Government of India, of the expenditure on purchase and repair of the — at Ootacamund.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General
Account

LETTER—from

COLONEL J. SHAW-STEWART, R.E.,

Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Public Works Department,

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

In forwarding, for the information of the Government of India, the accompanying copies of Proceedings,* I am to request that a special grant of Rs. 87,811 may now be made under "Imperial, Military Works," to cover the cost of the purchase and repair of the buildings at Ootacamund known as "Bombay Castle," which were acquired in anticipation of the removal of Army Head Quarters to this station, and are now in occupation by the offices of the Adjutant-General and Quartermaster-General.

* No. 408 W., dated 15th February 1884.
„ 1750 W., „ 17th July „

2. I am to explain that the buildings were paid for in the first instance from Provincial funds, as, at the time, there were no Military funds available, and as an application to the Government of India for a special grant would, it was thought, lead to an amount of publicity detrimental to the acquisition, on reasonable terms, of the property in question. Negotiations with the vendors had to be conducted with much caution. The result has been that the Government have acquired a property, in every way suited to the object in view, and at a cost by no means beyond its market value.

3. I am accordingly to request that the Provincial account may now be relieved of the charge which it has incurred in the interests of Imperial funds.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

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

FORT ST. GEORGE,
17th July 1884.

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Gobt. of (1884) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated July, 17th.

Read *Encl.*

17th July 1884. No. 1751 W.

JULY.

Bombay Castle Property

A special grant requested of the Government of India under "Imperial, Military Works," to cover cost of purchase and repair of the — at Ootacamund.

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(15) Bombay Castle Property, Ootacamund.

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In accordance with para 3 of G.O. No 40 dated 13th Feb 1884, the G.O. IV Circle submits a statement showing the total expenditure incurred on Bombay Castle & letting Bungalow, Castle for occupation of Officer for Army Head Quarters.

Purchase money & cost of improvements, amount to Rs 82,276 & repairs to Rs 4535, total Rs 87,811.

The expenditure has been met from Provincial. As the question now to be decided is whether the Charge shall be transferred to Imperial Military — I forward

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle (with copy of demi-official letter from Quartermaster-General).
" Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
" Military Department.

Exd. E. Fernandez.
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Govt. of {1884} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated February, 15th.

Read. *Encl.*

G.O., 15th Feb. 1884, No. 408 W.

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Bombay Castle, Ootacamund

The Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, directed to carry out such repairs to the buildings connected with the —, as to admit of their occupation, so far as possible, by 1st April 1884.

DEPARTMENT.

Fort St. George,
Accountant-General's Office,
[illegible] 1884

No. [illegible]

From

ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL
TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

To

THE

SIR,

...ought to instruct him to accept the debit for the payment already made.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedt. Servt.

J. Clayton
Accountt General

Copy.

No 2584.

The Treasury
Calcutta
the 3 March 1864

From
The Comptroller General

To
The Accountant General
Madras

Sir,

With reference to your No 4298 dated 18th December 1863, I have communicated the Accountant General Public Works Department and find that buildings occupied by Army Head Quarters Offices and classed as Building Buildings

I am not prepared to say that the objection pleaded by Provincial Subdivision to the purchase of such buildings may not with the sanction of the Government of Madras, but I cannot admit the payment of Municipal Taxes on such buildings paid under the Government of Madras, as the Public Works Department manage and regulate the Building under Building Works, London Civil Buildings of the former - that the Civil Department has nothing to do with it and the Taxes should be charged to the grant for Building Works, if the latter then the Civil Department must accept the fact that the buildings

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From

THE ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL,

Madras,

To

The Secretary to Government,

Revenue Department.

No. 1850

Dated 24th December 1850.

Received 26th December 1850.

No.

Subject.

Financial Dept

No 6

Letter from the Adjutant General,
dated 12th March 1858, No 787.

(No 718)

Refund to the Public Works Dept,
with a request that all orders on the
subject may be communicated to the
Financial Department. The last order
No 408 of the 17th February 1858 was not
communicated. It is clear that the
charge on account of the building re-
quired by Artillery is Imperial, and the
Municipal Tax should also be borne

Fort St George
25th March 1858

Financial Secretary

Chief Secretary

To
Public Works Dept
for
with Despatch

Irrigation Department.

No. 1750

OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM.

The Public Works Dept.

Ref. No. 708 dated 28th April 1883

Subject.

Bombay Castle

is requested to submit an early reply to the communication noted in the margin.

J. Mummell

for Secretary.

Secretary

Sir

Your most obedt Servant.

Superintending Engineer 4th Circle

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Received at Head Quarters

Sig Engineer Office Circle.
Coimbatore June 1882.

From.

The Superintending Engineer
Fourth Circle.

To.

The Chief Engineer
P.W. Department

Sir,

With reference to G.O. No 1258
of 15th February 1882, I have the hono
to forward a statement of actual ex
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2. Of the total expenditure of Rs
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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obed^t servant.

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Superintending Engineer 4th Circle

From
The Superintending Engineer
W Circle

Dated 20th June 1872

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Bombay Castle and
Out Buildings

Forwards a Statement
of actual expenditure on
up to end of May last

Statement of Actual Expenditure on Bombay Castle and Out buildings to end of May 1872 Called for per Sp. No 408 dd of 15th February 1872

	£	s	d
Expenditure on Purchase and improvements which there is a sanctioned Estimate of Rs 20,000	8197	11	6
Repairs Bombay Castle Main Buildings	2398	9	2
do Western Cottage	1527	0	6
Lodges Lofty's Lane	977	0	1
do Queens Esplanade	191	9	3
Total Repairs for which Estimate is under preparation	4594	11	6
Grand Total Required Works and Repairs	8791	7	0

Executive Engineer
Milgiri Division

No 6
Cost

1858

Public Department

Proceedings of the Madras Government

under date the

Proceedings of Government No 420 dated the following
from the Financial Dept. No 6 No 208 dated the
to
from the Secretary Engineer Circle No 305 dated the 20th June

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It is observed
that the expenditure on
the acquisition and re
pair of the Bombay
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(H.E. Appendix (H))

To

The Secretary to the Govt. of India Military Dept.

Sir,

In forwarding for the information of the Government of India, the accompanying copies of Proceedings &c, I am to request that a special grant of £ 7,250 may now be

* Mr. Cook's letter No. 1750 dated 7th July 1877 to Govt. of Bo. Military Dept. and Govt. of India Military Dept.

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made under "Imperial Military Works," to cover the cost of the purchase and repair of the buildings at Colaba and known as "Bombay Castle" which were acquired in anticipation of the removal of Army Head Quarters to this station, and are now in occupation by the offices of the Adjutant General and Quarter Master General.

I am to explain that the buildings were paid for in the first instance from Provincial funds, as, at the time, there were no Military funds available, and at an application to the Government of India for a special grant

would, if acted upon, lead to an amount of publicity detrimental to the acquisition, on reasonable terms, of the property in question.

Negotiations with the vendors had to be conducted with much caution. The result has been that the Government have acquired a property, the many merits of which are not easily matched in the open market.

I am accordingly to request that a favourable account may now be rendered of the charge which it has incurred on the interests of Imperial finance.

I have &c.

(Signed) [illegible]

The Secretary to the Treasury.

&c. &c. &c.

Govt. of India
PUBLIC WORKS.

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Bombay Castle
Department

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A Special Issue received from the Secretary to Government in the Public Works Department, dated the 17th July 1884, No. 3707 W.