

PARA. 1820.

3142W - 6-11-83
2459W - 3-9-83
1915-15W - 9-7-83
347W - 1-2-83
3253W - 9-12-83
2139W - 19-1-82

The net increase may be sanctioned from the Provincial Reserve - But the increase (Rs 15000) required for Government house requires the confirmation of the Government of India -

24/12

CIRCLE IV
DIVISION Milgiri
FUND Provincial

Application for a Re-appropriation of Budget Grants.

No. _____ Dated _____ 188

FORWARDED to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, through the Examiner of P. W. Accounts, for sanction, if approved.

P. Beatty Colonel R.E.
Superintending Engineer,
IV Circle.

No. _____ Dated Madras, 22nd Dec 1883

FORWARDED to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Madras.

as per margin
D. C. L. S. S.
Examiner of P. W. Accounts,
Madras.

Proceedings of Madras Government.

No. 911 Dated 12th January 1884

ORDER THEREON.
Net increase of Rs. 8743 of corrected, allotted from the Prov Reserve
C. Thacker Major R.E.

For the Secretary to Government, P.W.D., Madras.

The Supy. Engr. Fourth Circle
" Wamuna P.W. Accounts
for note and balance

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

No. 1.

READ—the following paper:—

G.O., dated 24th January 1883, No. 158, Financial.

Read—the following letter from R. E. HAMILTON, Esq., Officiating Assistant Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Finance and Commerce, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Calcutta, 13th January 1883, No. 87.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of the communications from the Government of Madras noted on the margin on the subject of the expenditure incurred and to be incurred in completing the construction of the Government House at Ootacamund and in furnishing it.

Letter No. 3253 W., dated the 9th December 1882, to the Secretary to the Government of India in the Public Works Department.
Endorsement, No. 1405, dated the 5th October 1882, to the Department of Finance.

2. In the first of these communications the Government of Madras request permission to carry out during the current year certain work which is said to be urgently required before the house is again occupied by His Excellency the Governor next season. It is added that arrangements have been made for the provision of funds for this purpose from the Provincial Public Works Grant. In the second communication the Government of Madras request confirmation of the orders issued by that Government to the Accountant-General to pay to the credit of the fixed assignment for the Household and Tour expenses of His Excellency the Governor a sum of Rs. 48,975, which has been expended from it in furnishing Government House at Ootacamund.

3. In reply, I am directed to say that the Governor-General in Council sanctions the proposal made in the letter of 9th December and confirms the proceedings reported by the endorsement of the 5th October last.

4. I am at the same time to request that, with the permission of His Excellency the Governor in Council, you will be so good as to submit, as soon as practicable, a complete estimate of the cost of finishing and furnishing the house, which estimate should not include the cost of glass, China, or linen. Any further expenditure on glass, China, or linen should be met from the fixed assignment for His Excellency the Governor's Household and Tour expenses.

5. The maps received with the second communication are returned herewith.

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

Order—dated 24th January 1883, No. 158, Financial.

Communicated to the Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Chief Secretary.

No. 2.

ORDER—dated 1st February 1883, No. 346 W., Public Works.

Communicated to officers concerned.

2. A revised estimate, amounting to Rs. 4,02,914, for Government House, Ootacamund, was sanctioned by the Government of India in the Public Works

Proceedings, Madras Government, No. 390 W., dated 11th February 1882. Department in their letter, No. 39 B.,

dated 30th January 1882, and since then two supplemental estimates of Rs. 53,000 and Rs. 13,657 have been sanctioned in

No. 3379 W., dated 21st December 1882. the orders marginally noted. The Consulting Architect to Government will

„ 3431 W., „ 26th „ „ expeditious the submission of the remaining estimates for the improvements proposed by

the Committee, and approved by His Excellency the Governor in Council in G.O., No. 2139 W., dated 19th August 1882, and the Private Secretary to His Excellency will hasten the estimate for furniture, alluded to in paragraph 3 of G.O., No. 3379 W., dated 21st December 1882.

3. Ordered that a copy of these Proceedings be forwarded to the Government of India in the Department of Finance and Commerce, with reference to their letter, No. 87, dated 13th January 1883.

(Here enter No. 347 W., dated 1st February 1883.)

(True Extract.)

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

To the Consulting Architect to Government.

„ Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor.

„ Superintending Engineer, Fourth Circle, with three Plans.

„ Examiner, Public Works Accounts.

„ Financial Department.

No. 3

ENDORSEMENT—dated 1st February 1883, No. 347 W., Public Works.

Forwarded.

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

Exd. A. F. Goodall.

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BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
CIVIL WORKS.

Govt. of {1883} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated February, 1st.

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G.O., 1st Feb. 1883, No. 347 W.

FEBRUARY.

Nos. 1-3.

Government House, Ootacamund.

REGARDING the several estimates connected with —.

Report to accompany the Estimate for completing the construction of Government House at Ootacamund and for furnishing it, called for in letter from the Government of India, No. 87, of the 13th January 1883.

Owing to the yearly increasing difficulties of securing a suitable residence for His Excellency the Governor and Staff at Ootacamund, during the annual hot-weather sojourn of Government on the Nilgiri Hills, it was decided in 1876 to acquire the property known as "Upper Norwood," adjoining closely to which was the "Lower Norwood" property, already in possession of Government. On each of these existed bungalows built in the old style, ill-arranged, constructed of very indifferent materials, and not even water-tight. Lower Norwood was especially, from its low situation and bad construction, extremely damp and unfitted as a residence.

2. In view to economy, the first intention was to use the bungalows for the Governor's family and staff; adding merely such public rooms, in a separate building, as were deemed to be indispensably necessary for His Excellency's office and for reception purposes.

3. The plans proposed under this view when in great measure carried out were found very inadequate, but no final decision as to their precise scope could be arrived at in 1877, as the Government did not go to the Hills that year. In 1878 it became, however, sufficiently clear that the two old bungalows above adverted to were quite unsuited, both as regards character and amount of accommodation, for the Governor's family and staff; and that considerable additions must be made to the buildings.

4. This led to organic changes in the original design, and after a series of modifications the plan finally adopted was that of a large two-storied building, affording complete accommodation for the family, in addition to the public reception rooms of the first design, but making no provision for the Private and Military Secretaries, Staff, &c.

5. It is needless to trace the various changes and many alterations of the plans which this rather wide departure from the original scheme necessarily involved, or which arose from other causes. Suffice it to say that, by September 1878, the outlay had reached 2½ lakhs, when the Government of India raised objections to the provision of a residence for His Excellency the Governor at a Hill Station at the public expense, on the ground that it was opposed to the orders of the Secretary of State. But in reply it was submitted that the principle of "prohibiting the transfer, periodically, of the seat of Government to the Hills" had been abandoned by the Home authorities; that it had been assumed that the Local Government had full authority to incur expenditure within their powers of sanction (Rs. 10,00,000); and that economy had been consulted by spreading the outlay over several years.

6. The estimate framed under the above circumstances, and which for all practical purposes may be considered as the original estimate, amounted to Rs. 2,66,660, and was sanctioned by the Madras Government in G.O., No. 4488 W., of 25th November 1878. But even as regards this, economy was still so much kept in view that no provision was made for either decorating the outside or inside of the building (in fact, interior plastering was to a great extent omitted), for furniture, for providing quarters for His Excellency's Staff, for adequate servants' houses, &c., or, indeed, for anything much beyond the bare walls of the principal mansion.

7. The first revised estimate was forwarded to the Government of India for sanction with G.O., No. 3016 W., of 27th November 1879, and amounted to Rs. 2,76,000; but this again provided for little more than a revision of the rates of the work, and made no further provision than the first for even necessary adjuncts, to say nothing of securing even the most ordinary comfort. This revised estimate was formally sanctioned by the Government of India in their Secretary's letter, No. 560, of 31st January 1880.

8. As neither of the abovementioned estimates had any amount entered in them for the cost of acquiring the Norwood Estate, and as it had been shown that a large expanse of terraced roof was altogether unsuited to a wet monsoon at Ootacamund, and that the expense of an iron pent roof must be incurred; further, as became clear, first to the late Mr. Adam, and subsequently to Mr. Hudleston, the Acting Governor, that some additions must be made to the scheme in order to secure a habitable house with a road of approach to it, the estimate was again recast in 1881, providing for the following items:—

	RS.
1. Purchase of Upper Norwood property	20,306
2. Improvements to do.	21,440
3. Constructing the new building	3,17,093
4. Water-supply	8,582
5. Covered passage from the new building to Upper Norwood	1,693
6. New road of approach	33,800
Total	4,02,914

9. At the time of the submission of this estimate the outlay had reached Rs. 3,31,742, the yearly expenditure on the work from the commencement being as follows :—

	RS.
1876-77	62,733
1877-78	1,10,662
1878-79	57,967
1879-80	30,990
1880-81	45,990
to December 1881	23,400
Total	3,31,742

10. As this was the condition of matters when His Excellency the present Governor assumed office, it may be as well to advert to the fact that practically there was little more than the bare walls of what could no doubt in time and with adequate outlay become a suitable Government House. The flat roof (which had not been approved of by the department) had proved leaky, and only the south wing had been provided with an iron pent roof over the terracing; most of the dwelling rooms had remained unplastered, and many essential conveniences were absolutely wanting. Accommodation for the staff further than such as could be found in the old bungalows (one of which proved quite uninhabitable) there was none; the provision for servants and cattle was either entirely inadequate or wholly wanting; the furniture consisted only of a few old articles brought up from the Government House at Guindy (Madras); the new road of approach in substitution for the old steep and dangerous track which previously served as such had only just been commenced; the roads near the house itself and its surroundings had only been worked out in the roughest fashion, &c. In fact, although the skeleton of a suitable Government House was there, some of the most clearly proved necessities had not been provided for. As to ordinary conveniences, to say nothing of comforts or embellishments, they had no existence.

11. Under the above circumstances, in August 1882 a Committee assembled to report on the further requirements of Government House, with a view to the completion of the main building, and the adaptation of the subsidiary ones for occupation by His Excellency the Governor's Staff and household, and their report is recorded at length in G.O., No. 2139 W., of 19th August 1882. The approximate estimate framed by the Committee for the proposed additions, not including furniture, &c., amounted to Rs. 1,88,000. The expenditure on the building in 1882-83 was Rs. 42,083, making, with the outlay previously incurred, a grand total of Rs. 3,89,524, or including furniture Rs. 4,54,524.

12. The letter of this Government forwarding the above report showed that, notwithstanding this sensible increase to the outlay, some essential items, such as furniture, had not been entered, and the Government of India, in their reply, No. 87, of 13th January 1883, called for "a complete estimate of the cost of finishing and furnishing the house."

1. In consequence of a reminder from the Government of India, dated 19th April 1883, the Superintending Engineer was called on to submit the complete estimates, the preparation of which was to take precedence of all others.

14. The estimate now submitted, amounting to Rs. 7,79,150, is in reply to the last-quoted demand to the Government of India, and comprises the following items, which it is believed will be found to cover all actual requirements of the scheme from first to last :—

I. The six sub-heads of the estimate sanctioned in G.O., No. 390 W., of 11th February 1882, i.e., all previous outlay, whether on account of the Norwood property or new works as then foreseen.

II. Twenty-four of the works specified in the report of the Committee of August 1882 as above adverted to. That report mentioned twenty-eight works; but four of these having since then been held as being more correctly chargeable to the sanctioned estimate, have been so treated.

III. Six additional minor works, which on the latest information were found to be essential.

IV. Contingencies to the amount of Rs. 15,000 as previously recommended by the Committee.

15. As regards the six sub-heads of the estimate of February 1882, no outlay whatever has been incurred since that date on the first two,* which had previously been completed; consequently no revision of those sub-heads is necessary.

16. But expenditure has been incurred against three † of the others, and those estimates have consequently been revised.‡ As regards No. 5, a small outlay was incurred for a rough temporary covered passage, which is to be superseded by sub-head No. 12 of the present estimate.

* Nos. 1 and 2.

† Nos. 3, 4, and 6.

‡ See accompanying comparative statements.

17. The general result of the revision of the sub-heads in question is as follows :—

No.	Nature of Work.	As sanctioned.	As revised.
		RS.	RS.
3	New building	3,17,093	3,12,460
4	Water-supply	8,582	6,900
5	Covered passage	1,693	115
6	Road of approach	33,800	56,770
	Total	3,61,168	3,76,245
	Excess over previous sanctions	...	15,077

The comparative statements* for the new building, water-supply, and road of approach clearly show, in separate columns, the work done, remaining to be done, and not required.

* See the three comparative statements accompanying.

The principal cause of the apparent reduction in the cost of the new building is the provision of a separate estimate for "decorations"† on a greater scale than was formerly contemplated, and which was clearly inadequate to a work of this character. But the revised amount for the new building includes Rs. 10,258 for completing the roofs, ceilings, floors, windows, fire-places, &c., where they are still in an unfinished state.

† Sub-head No. 8.

18. Of the remaining thirty-one sub-heads, detailed estimates are furnished for twenty-five, and lump sums have been entered against the remaining six, the details of which cannot now be estimated more exactly. These lump-sum entries are as follows :—

	RS.
I. Finishing exterior of main building	20,000
II. Conservatory and glass covered passage from Upper Norwood	10,000
III. Furniture (see the annexed appendix by the Private Secretary, giving the needful information in reference to this item)	1,25,000
IV. Completing the garden front	6,000
V. General surroundings and laying out and planting the grounds.	15,000
VI. Unforeseen contingencies	15,000

19. The following remarks seem necessary in regard to some of the sub-heads of the estimate :—

No. 4. *Water-supply*.—The saving occurred in the cost of iron piping, which had been over-estimated.

No. 5.—Only a rough temporary covered passage has yet been built, which cost Rs. 115; for this a conservatory and glass covered passage is to be substituted.

No. 6. *Road of approach from "Charing Cross."*—It may here be observed that nothing could well have been worse than the old road, which was so narrow, steep and tortuous as to be quite dangerous. Near its commencement it leads through one of the most frequented business portions of the station, and after that leads to a number of private houses and hotels and the Public Gardens, lastly to Government House; on the whole it may be looked on as forming one of the most important of the Ootacamund roads, quite irrespective of its incidental connection with Government House, and its cost might thus have been fairly debited to Miscellaneous Public Improvements.

The late Governor, Mr. Adam, saw at once the absolute necessity of providing for this road, and after his death the Acting Governor, Mr. Hudleston, decided finally to carry it out. As this work progressed alterations were found necessary in various features of the estimate, and several of the original proposals were improved upon. Stone curbing was substituted for brick-work in defining the footpaths as being more durable; gravelled side paths were provided; also additional means of cross drainage; and especially for dealing with the unwatering of a very insanitary swamp through which the road was taken, and the drainage of which was considered to be most desirable. This latter has led to rather heavier expenditure than was anticipated. The revised estimate provides also for ornamental parapets, surmounted by lamps, at the Garden Bridge; and on the branch line towards Stonehouse Hill a new masonry culvert is to take the place of an old and unsightly platform bridge. Provision has also been made for ornamental gate piers, with suitable lamps, at the entrance to the Gardens.

Nos. 8 and 31.—The decorations and furniture are being provided under the immediate supervision of the Private Secretary. That officer's memorandum in regard to the latter is appended.

No. 9. *Improvements to Lower Norwood.*—As before noted, this old building, from defective construction, was condemned as unfit for habitation, and the improvements here provided for have been in progress this season, and much of the work required has already been carried out.

Nos. 11 and 19.—The old bungalows here adverted to are Upper Norwood and Garden Cottage, the first of which has been before mentioned. Both are very old bungalows of faulty construction and with leaky roofs, quite unfit in their present condition for affording the needful accommodation of the Private Secretary and His Excellency's Surgeon with their families, for which they are intended.

No. 12. *Conservatory and Glass Covered Passage.*—Information regarding this work, on which to base an estimate, has been written for to England, and in the course of another month it will probably be possible to furnish a detailed estimate.

No. 28. *Road to Snowdon.*—The estimate only provides for widening to 15 feet, metalling, and improving the cross drainage, as approved by His Excellency the Governor. As regards this item, it may be observed that on much the same grounds the outlay on this road might, like that of the new road of approach, have been debited to Miscellaneous Public Improvements, and not specially to the Government House estimate. It connects the Public Gardens with the house now occupied by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, as also with Snowdon and Dodabetta, which are so frequently visited by the residents in Ootacamund.

Similar remarks apply to No. 20, Road to Garden Cottage.

OOTACAMUND,
4th July 1883.

(Signed) R. H. SANKEY, Colonel, R.E.,
Chief Engineer, P.W.D.

Appendix to the Report.

List of Works included in the Complete Estimate of Government House, Ootacamund.

No. of Sub-heads.	Nature of Work.	Amount.
		RS.
1.	Cost of Upper Norwood property	20,306
2.	Improvements to Upper Norwood property	21,440
3.	Constructing the new Government House	3,12,640
4.	Water-supply for the new building	6,900
5.	Covered way to Upper Norwood	115
6.	New road of approach	56,770
7.	Completing the water closets, and providing three trap sinks and four swing doors	820
8.	Interior decorations	53,000
9.	Improving Lower Norwood	13,657
10.	Covered passage from Lower Norwood to the main building.	4,980
11.	Improving Upper Norwood	16,860
12.	Conservatory and glass covered passage to the main building.	10,000
13.	New blocks of servants' quarters	20,530
14.	Moving the drinking-water cistern and relaying the pipes... ..	120
15.	House for the coachman, and similar building to accommodate the cook, and afford shelter to the guard and fire-engine	18,140
16.	New cow-shed and store-room	3,290
17.	New gram-shed and boiler	880
18.	Stable-yard improvements	1,370
19.	Improvements to Garden Cottage	10,000
20.	Improving road to Garden Cottage	1,620
21.	Repairing small cottage by the Fern House for the Apothecary	390
22.	Improving the bungalow above Garden Cottage	1,880
23.	Finishing the exterior of the main building	20,000
24.	Clearing away existing row of servants' houses and forming a standing ground for carriages	900
25.	New south-east approach	5,300
26.	Entrance to stable-yard	760
27.	Stable for sick horses	1,960
28.	Improving road to Snowdon	6,620
29.	Completing the garden front	6,000
30.	General surroundings	15,000
31.	Furniture	1,25,000
32.	Improvements to kitchen, store-rooms, cellars, &c.	2,930
33.	Passage from servants' rooms to hall, and dry-earth closet... ..	1,100

No. of Sub-head.	Nature of Work.	Amount.
		RS.
34.	Passing drainage of roofs under verandah floors	280
35.	Shed to be used for cutting up wood, and for horses to stand in on party nights	832
36.	Completing the harness-room	1,760
37.	Unforeseen contingencies	15,000
Total ...		7,79,150

2nd July 1883.

(Signed) J. BEATTY, Colonel, R.E.,
Superintending Engineer, Fourth Circle.

Estimate for furnishing Government House, Ootacamund.

A lump sum of Rs. 1,25,000. In this lump sum are included the items amounting to Rs. 48,975, about which the Honorable Major Baring spoke when in Madras in 1882, and to the sanction of which in the Financial Department of the Government of Madras the Government of India accorded their confirmation in paragraph 3 of their Financial letter, No. 87 of 13th January 1883. In contracting not to exceed an additional expenditure of Rs. 76,025 for completing the furnishing of the house, His Excellency the Governor agrees that out of that sum no further expenditure shall be incurred on glass, China, or linen in accordance with the instructions conveyed in the latter part of paragraph 4 of the letter of the Government of India above quoted.

OOTACAMUND,
3rd July 1883.

(Signed) A. AWDRY, Captain, R.E.,
Private Secretary.

FOURTH CIRCLE—PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT—NILGIRI DIVISION.

List of Plans connected with Government House, Ootacamund.

Estimate Item No.	Plan No.	Names of Plans.
...	1	Plan showing Government House and Garden.
...	2	Gate piers with lamps to Garden Entrance.
6	3	Skew culvert on Stonehouse approach road.
...	4	New faces to Garden Bridge.
9	5	Lower Norwood.
10	6	Covered way from Lower Norwood.
11	7	Upper Norwood.
13	8	New blocks of servants' quarters.
15	9	Coachman's house, and House for cook, guard and fire-engine.
16	10	Cow-shed and straw store.
17	11	Gram store and gram-boiling shed.
19	12	Improvements to Garden Cottage.
20	13	Improving road to Garden Cottage.
22	14	Improving bungalow to accommodate the Governor's Band.
24	15	Standing ground for carriages on party nights.
25	16	New south-east approach.
26	17	Entrance to stable-yard.
27	18	Sick horse stable.
28	19	Improvements to Snowdon Road.
35	20	Shed for standing horses and cutting wood.
...	21	Ground plan of upper floor.
...	22	Do. of lower floor.
...	23	Elevation of main building.

NILGIRI DIVISION,
30th June 1883.

(Signed) J. C. LARMINIE,
Executive Engineer, Nilgiri Division.

(Signed) J. BEATTY, Colonel, R.E.,
Superintending Engineer, Fourth Circle.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

READ—the following papers :—

From Colonel J. BEATTY, R.E., Superintending Engineer, Fourth Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Ootacamund, 2nd July 1883, No. 123 C.W.

As directed in your letter, No. 83 E., of 4th May 1883, I have the honor to forward, herewith, the complete estimate of Government House, Ootacamund. The accompaniments of this letter are as follow :—

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| * Sent herewith. | 1 Report * with Appendix. |
| † In a separate cover. | 1 Specification.† |
| ‡ Do. do. | 20 Plans.† |
| § With the bundle of estimates. | 4 Comparative Statements.‡ |
| With the bundle of plans. | 25 Detail edEstimates with Abstracts.‡ |
| ¶ Will follow. | 1 List showing the different Sub-heads of the Estimate.§ |
| | 1 List of Plans. |
| | 1 General Abstract Estimate.¶ |

From the same Officer, dated Wellington, 3rd July 1883, No. 151 C.

In submitting the estimate for completing Government House and furnishing it, I did not send copies of the sanctioned plans and elevations of the main building, as these were submitted with the sanctioned estimate of February 1882, and there are copies with the Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor, as well as possibly in your own office. But, lest they should be wanted, I have now the honor to send you the copies that were sent me with G.O., No. 346 W., of 1st February 1883.

“ Report ” on Estimate, dated 4th July 1883.

ORDER—dated 9th July 1883, No. 1915 W., Public Works.

Ordered to be forwarded to the Government of India.

(Here enter No. 1916 W., dated 9th July 1883.)

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, Fourth Circle, with copy of Report.
” Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor, with copy of Report.
” Financial Department.

Exd. A. F. Goodall.

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CIVIL WORKS.

Govt. of (1883) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated July, 9th.

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G.O., 9th July 1883, No. 1915 W.

JULY.

Government House, Ootacamund

Ordered that the complete estimate for —
be forwarded to the Government of India.

9TH JULY 1883, No. 1916 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

LETTER—from

COLONEL R. H. SANKEY, C.B., R.E.,

Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Public Works Department,

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to forward, herewith, with the documents noted in the margin, the complete estimate for Government House at Ootacamund as called for by the Government of India in their letters of the 13th January 1883, No. 87, and 19th April 1883, No. 394.

1. "Report" on Estimate, dated 4th July 1883.
List of Sub-heads of Estimate.
Twenty-five Estimates of new Sub-heads.
Four Comparative Statements of old Sub-heads.
Specification of Work.
Memorandum by Private Secretary, dated 3rd July, on Furniture Charges.
Twenty-three Plans as per accompanying list.
G.O., No. 2139 W., dated 17th August 1882.

2. The present estimate, amounting to Rs. 7,79,150, covers, I am to say, not only the outlay originally incurred in acquiring the Upper Norwood property on which the house has been built, but also of various roads and other improvements only incidentally connected with the work, together with all past and probable future outlay upon it and its surroundings, including decorations inside and outside, as well as furniture.

3. It is understood that the Government of India has signified its readiness to accept a lump sum estimate for the furniture, and as regards some few items, of which, owing to their special character, it is impossible at the present moment to give the details, full explanation will be found in the report appended to the estimate.

4. From that report it will be observed that altogether inadequate provision was made in the earlier estimates for suitable accommodation for the household and establishment of the Governor.

5. From the Proceedings of the Committee assembled in August 1882 under the orders of this Government it will, moreover, be found that several of the old buildings, which had been originally intended for the partial accommodation of His Excellency's Staff, had been built of bad materials, and had become almost uninhabitable from damp (one indeed was medically condemned from this cause), and that the provision of servants' quarters and other out-houses was altogether insufficient.

6. With no other object than to make the place suitable as a residence for the Governor, his staff and servants, His Excellency in Council has found it indispensable to make certain additions to the previous schemes, which will be found duly set forth in the report.

7. The expenditure booked against the work, including Rs. 65,000 out of the lump sum of Rs. 1,25,000 for furniture up to end of the past official year, amounts to Rs. 4,54,524, thus leaving Rs. 3,24,626 for expenditure during the present and following years. During the year now current about Rs. 60,000 will in all probability have to be spent, and the remainder will be distributed over the following years in such amounts as may be found to be convenient with reference to the other demands ~~on~~ *on* Provincial Funds.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

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

OOTACAMUND,
9th July 1883.

Exd. A. F. Goodall.
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Govt. of (1883) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated July, 9th.

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G.O., 9th July 1883, No. 1916 W.

JULY.

**Government House, Ootaca-
mund**

FORWARDING complete estimate for —.

3RD SEPTEMBER 1883, No. 2459 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

READ—the following letter from J. E. O'CONOR, Esq., Assistant Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Finance and Commerce, to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Simla, 21st August 1883, No. 2779:—

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of the letter from the Government of Madras, in the Public Works Department, No. 1916 W., dated the 9th July 1883, submitting the complete estimate for the Government House at Ootacamund, called for in my letter, No. 87, of the 13th January 1883.

2. The estimate amounts to Rs. 7,79,150, and it includes all past and probable future outlay upon the house, as well as upon various roads and other works incidentally connected with it. It also includes a sum of Rs. 1,25,000 for furniture. The expenditure incurred to the end of 1882-83 amounts to Rs. 4,54,524, and thus a sum of Rs. 3,24,626 is left for expenditure during the present and following years.

3. The Governor-General in Council regrets that so large an expenditure has been found necessary for completing the house, and is of opinion that if, in the first instance, careful designs and estimates had been prepared and considered, the erection of a suitable house for His Excellency the Governor, of which the Government of India recognise the necessity, might have been ensured at a considerably less cost. The Government of India are, however, aware that His Excellency the Governor is in no way responsible for this result.

4. Under present circumstances it would, it appears to the Governor-General in Council, be false economy not to complete the house and to render it fit for habitation. His Excellency in Council is therefore pleased to sanction the present estimate, and desires that all possible care may be taken not to exceed it. I am to add that His Excellency in Council relies upon the Government of Madras to carry out the work to completion with due regard to other, and possibly more pressing, demands on the Provincial Revenues.

ORDER—dated 3rd September 1883, No. 2459 W., Public Works.

Recorded.

2. The sanction accorded by the Government of India has been registered as Provincial No. 203 W. of 1883-84 and classified as Civil Buildings, Original Works.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. H. SANKEY, Major-General R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineer, Fourth Circle.
" Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor.
" Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
" Financial Department.

Exd. A. F. Goodall.

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BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
CIVIL WORKS.

Govt. of 1883 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated September, 3rd.

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G.O., 3rd Sept. 1883, No. 2459 W.

SEPTEMBER.

**Government House,
Ootacamund**

Letter from the Government of India sanctioning, with remarks, the revised estimate for the —, recorded.

6TH NOVEMBER 1883, No. 3142 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Account.

READ—the following paper :—

G.O., dated 31st October 1883, No. 2520, Financial.

Read—Memorandum from the Public Works Department, dated Ootacamund, 29th October 1883, No. 495 E.

Order—dated 31st October 1883, No. 2520, Financial.

The Accountant-General will place the sum of Rs. 1,00,000 (one lakh) from Provincial funds at the disposal of the Public Works Department, in addition to their present grant.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

C. G. MASTER,
Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works Department.

ORDER—dated 6th November 1883, No. 3142 W., Public Works.

The Financial Department having, in the Proceedings above recorded, made an additional assignment of one lakh of rupees for expenditure on Provincial public works during the current official year, the appropriations shown in the accompanying statement are now made.

2. The works have been selected with reference to urgency, and the ability of Public Works officers to utilise the allotments.

3. Some works have been brought forward for which estimates have yet to be sanctioned; but no allotments for these have been made. Sanction to estimates must be regarded as an essential preliminary to allotment of funds. It is quite possible that funds may become available later in the year, when estimates subsequently sanctioned can be provided for with due regard to the prospect of utilising the money during the remaining portion of the official year.

(True Extract.)

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

To Superintending Engineers.
To the Consulting Architect to Government.
" Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
" Revenue Department.
" Financial, &c., Departments.

Exd. E. Fernandez.
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Division.	Item No.	Name of work.	Amount of estimate.	No. and date of sanction.	Past expenditure.	Balance of estimate.	Amount appropriated.	Item No.	Remarks.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Godavari, East-ern.	1	Maintenance of Dumagudem works.	Rs. 15,000	Provincial budget for 1883-84. G.O., No. 3116 W., dated 3rd Nov. 1883.	Rs. 4,955	Rs. ...	Rs. 15,000	1	
"	2	Dowlaisweram church (Government grant-in-aid).	3,200	G.O., No. 2492 W., dated 5th Sept. 1883.	..	..	1,600	2	
Bellary	3	Deputy Collector's outcherry at Adoni.	6,460	G.O., No. 2757 W., dated 2nd Oct. 1883.	..	..	4,000	3	
"	4	Sub-registrar's office at Adoni	2,542	G.O., No. 1497 W., dated 28th May 1883.	..	..	2,542	4	
Cuddapah	5	Do. at Proddutur.	2,240	Do. do.	..	..	2,240	5	
"	6	Do. at Pullampet.	2,073	G.O., No. 2744 W., dated 7th Nov. 1881.	..	..	2,073	6	
"	7	Taluk outcherry at Pulivendla	22,150	G.O., No. 2726 W., dated 28th Sept. 1883.	..	..	5,000	7	
North Arcot	8	Do. at Walajapet	35,270	Revised estimate.	14,628	5,642	5,642	8	
					Current year's grant.				
					15,000			9	
"	9	Registrar's office at Chittoor	4,210	G.O., No. 2423 W., dated 30th Aug. 1883.	..	..	2,000	9	
"	10	Sub-registrar's office at Puthur	2,240	G.O., No. 2513 W., dated 7th Sept. 1883.	..	..	1,000	10	
Coimbatore	11	Improvements to treasury at Coimbatore.	3,910	G.O., No. 3006 W., dated 24th Oct. 1883.	..	..	3,703	11	
Nilgiri	12	Constructing Government house, Upper Norwood, Ootacamund.	7,79,150	G.O., No. 2459 W., dated 3rd Sept. 1883.	4,58,119	2,61,031	30,000	12	
"	13	Repairs	Existing grant 6,550	..	Grant for current year 60,000	..	1,500	13	
"	14	Do.	Existing grant 52,700	..	..	..	2,000	14	
Architect	15	Additions and improvements to Public Works office, Chepauk.	54,818	G.O., No. 130 W., dated 12th Jan. 1883.	20,161	4,657	4,700	15	
"	16	Additions to the Ameer Mahal	72,115	G.O., No. 1779 W., dated 25th June 1883.	Grants for 1883-84 30,000	17,103	17,000	16	
					Grants for 1883-84. 50,000		1,00,000		

GENERAL.
ACCOUNT.

Govt. of {1883} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated November, 6th.

Recd.

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G.O., 6th Nov. 1883, No. 3142 W.

NOVEMBER.

Provincial Public Works

*Appropriations made from the additional
assignment of one lakh of rupees provided by
the Financial Department for expenditure on—.*

Endorsement No 1294, dated
5th February 1884.

Returned to the Secretary
to Government Public Works
Department, duly noted.

D. P. Curran
Examiner P. W. Secty
Madras.

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APPLICATION TO THE Chief Engineer P.W.D.

REFERENCE TO MADRAS P. W. D. CODE.

PARA. 1820.



P. W. D.
Form No.

PROPOSED NEW GRANT.

Departmental and Service Head.	Item No. of Budget.	WORKS.	Amount of Estimate.	Outlay to end of previous year.	Original grant for current year.	Existing grant for current year.	Proposed increase.	Grant as now proposed.
			RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
		Brought forward					4,800	
		Purchase of and Repairs to Bombay Castle G.O. No. 2532 W. 2/10 September 1883						
		Funds separately appropriated		7,568	11,800	10,974	12,894	
13		Constructing Government House	77,580	4,58,118	60,000	90,000	L. 1,05,500	
		Upper Norwood	77,580	4,58,118	60,000	90,000	15,000	106,000
		Erecting a Memorial to Mr. Adam late Governor of Madras					10,000	10,000
		This work is carried out by the P.W.D. New lines on Stone House Hill					2,000	2,000
		Funds separately appropriated						
		Total					32,894	19,000

EXPLANATION OF NECESSITY

- (d) Required exclusively for decoration work
- (e) This is the probable amount of estimate & plan and estimate under preparation
- (f) Cannot be worked out this year
- (h) Work being done by Jail Dept

CIRCLE _____
DIVISION _____
FUND _____

Application for a Re-appropriation of Budget Grants.

No. _____ Dated _____ 188

FORWARDED to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, through the Examiner of P. W. Accounts, for sanction, if approved.

Superintending Engineer,

Circle.

No. _____ Dated Madras, _____ 188

FORWARDED to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Madras.

Examiner of P. W. Accounts,
Madras.

Proceedings of Madras Government.

No. _____ Dated _____

ORDER THEREON.

Secretary to Government, P.W.D.,
Madras.

Station

Dated

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APPLICATION TO THE *Chief Engineer P.W.D.*

PROPOSED NEW GRANT.

Departmental and Service Head.	Item No. of Budget.	WORKS.	Amount of Estimate.	Outlay to end of previous year.	Original grant for current year.	Existing grant for current year.	Proposed increase.	Grant as now proposed.
			RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Provincial Original Works. Civil Buildings.		Constructing 2 Barracks and Latrine on Stone House Hill and one Barrack and Latrine at Kandal for a Company of Sappers and Miners also Hospital Cook room and privy G.O. No. 2786 W. of 5 th October 1883	27320	9103 9128	12600	12600	2200	14800
		Purchase and Repairs of Vinchona Villa property G.O. No. 265 W. of 21 st September 1883.				16000	2600	18600
		Carried over					4800	

EXPLANATION OF NECESSITY

- (a) Balance of estimate for Hospital Cook room & the other works have been completed
 (b) Balance of estimate
 (c) Balance of estimate plus Rs. 680. for latrine.

+ estimates still under preparation
 * submitted with this office letter
 No. of

FOR A RE-APPROPRIATION OF BUDGET GRANT.

PROPOSED REDUCTION.

Departmental and Service Head.	Item No. of Budget.	WORKS.	Amount of Estimate.	Outlay to end of previous year.	Original grant for current year.	Existing grant for current year.	Proposed reduction.	Amount at which grant for work will stand after reduction.
			RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Provincial Original Works. Civil Buildings.	15	Constructing quarters for 6 single or 3 married clerks at Potacamund G.O. No. 1936 W. of 1 st August 1882.	21914	7170	14700	14700	9100	4700
		Additions and alterations to the Collectors Butchery Potacamund G.O. No. 2275 W. dated 4 th September 1882.	4766	1291		3495	1057	2438
		Carried over					11057	

FOR RE-APPROPRIATION.

Station
Dated

Signature.

FOR A RE-APPROPRIATION OF BUDGET GRANT.

PROPOSED REDUCTION.

Departmental and Service Head.	Item No. of Budget.	WORKS.	Amount of Estimate.	Outlay to end of previous year.	Original grant for current year.	Existing grant for current year.	Proposed reduction.	Amount at which grant for work will stand after reduction.
			RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
		Brought forward					11057	
		Constructing Quarters for right warders attached to the District Jail Pota. camund G. O. No. 2276 W/4/15 th August 1883.	2853			2853	2853	
		The estimate having been sanctioned in G.O. No. 3593 W of 15 Decr 1883 the appropriation will be required - This amount is therefore not resumed.						
		Net amount appropriated from Reserve					8743	9837
		Total						

FOR RE-APPROPRIATION

of Government house according to instructions from the Private Secretary (vide this office application No. 177 of 1st November 1883) to which will be worked out during current year. Will be submitted shortly for sanction.

J. Beatty. *Signature* Coll 188

Department.

Supg. Engineer
4th Divn