

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

It is requested
that the above head-
ing, with number and
date of this com-
munication, may be
quoted in any subse-
quent correspondence
on the subject.

Fort William, the 6th January 1885.

To
The Secretary to the Government of Madras
Public Works Department

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge
receipt of your letter N^o. 2632 W dated 27th October
1884, affording additional explanations in connection
with the purchase of the buildings for the accom-
modation of Army Head Quarters at Ootacamund
and proposing that if the Government of India
are unable to authorize a special grant under
"Imperial Military Works", the Military Department
should pay rent for the buildings.

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In reply I am to say that the
Governor General in Council is unable to alter
the decision already conveyed in my letter of
the 27th August last, and with reference to
what

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stated therein, must decline to admit
age for rent.

I am to ask that this decision may
be ordered to dispose finally of the matter.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Arthur Gordon

For Secretary to the Government of India.



408 Wd/15.2.84
750 Wd/17.7.84
751 Wd/17.7.84
31 Wd/27.10.84
32 Wd/27.10.84
5 Cd/13.11.84
6 Wd/17.12.84

Copy to:-

The Accountant General, Public Works Department.

Read the following: -

Letter from the Government of India, P.W. Department, No. 23 M.W. of January 6th 1885

Most certainly ask. FOR ORDERS. whether the decision

Please have a brief statement drawn up of the Government of India is to be accepted as final.

that is called in diplomacy an aide memoire - giving the history of the transaction from its inception - and I will then say what ought to be done - It is the most barefaced plant I ever heard of - It is a financial matter & has suddenly never got beyond military - If necessary the Viceroy must be involved

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Clearly the Commandant in Chief will have to see the officials of the Govt of India about this. He is now occupying a building bought with Provincial money for Imperial purposes & the Financial Dept if refused must might proceed to extreme measures & claim the building

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criminal purposes
should be settled before
Commander in Chief
arrives
MGR

FOR ORDERS.

~~The Hon. H. E. Sullivan~~
~~H. E. the Com. C.~~
~~The Rt. Hon. the Governor~~



with advertence to remarks by
H. E. the Governor, it was today
agreed to in Council that H. E.
the C. in C. should discuss the
question of the Bombay Castle
property with the Viceroy &
other officials of the Gov. of India.
With that object H. E. the C. in C.
has been furnished with
copies of the note drawn up by
the Secretary P. W. Dept., also
with copies of the Pro. of Govt.
in the mil. Dept. dated 24-3-
W. 1804 and 7-6-83 W. 432

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N^o 1023 W. of 20 April 1885.
P. W. Department.

To,
The Secretary to the
Government of India,
P. W. Dept.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter N^o
23 M. W. of 6th January 1885,
in which it is stated that
the Government of India
are unable to alter the
decision already conveyed
in your letter N^o 808 M. W.
of 27th Augt 1884, refusing
a grant under "Imperial,
Military Works," to cover
the purchase of the Bombay
Castle buildings at

...mund for Army
Quarter offices, and
...ng to admit any
... for rent.

H.E. the Governor in
Council trusts that the Govt
of India will, on consideration
of the following circumstances,
be pleased to modify those
orders.

When the proposal to transfer
Army Head Quarters to
Dadaramund was laid before
the Govt of India, in March
1883, the statement of cost
included a sum of Rs 3,600
per annum "as rent of house
taken for offices;" and,
although it was subsequently
decided to purchase a property in Dadaramund
building for the accommodation

x Statement of which accom-
panied Military Dept
letter N^o 1804 d/24 March
1883.

of those offices, the ex-
penditure, failing to recoup
the capital outlay, was
never waived.

The expenditure req^d.
for the acquisition of a
Bombay Castle building
would not, under ordinary
circumstances, have been
incurred without prior ref^d
to the Govt of India; but
in this case it was essential
that secrecy should be
observed in carrying on the
negotiation, and that the
money should be made
available at once. It was
therefore thought that the
simplest plan would be to
acquire the property by
advancing the purchase money

provincial funds, and to
apply to the Govt
is for recoupment of
sum advanced from
provincial funds for the
use and repair of the buildings
to to £87,811; and I
am directed to request that
the Govt of India will, upon
consideration of the circumstances,
sanction a special grant
of that amount under "Imperial
Military," in repayment of
such advance; or, if such
grant cannot at present
be made, that they will
consent to the payment of
an ad interim rent charge
at the moderate rate of
£3,000 per annum, the

amount entered in
original statement
as mentioned above,
laid before the Govt
India in March 1883.

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27.4.83

MS depts this head as
Office 28.4.83.
vide O.S. 86/4.

Bombay Castle

B. N. 1023 Waf 30th April 1885

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