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Residences for Government Officials.

Communicating to heads of departments under the Chief Secretary Proceedings of Government, Public Works department, communicating Resolution of the Government of India prohibiting, except in certain cases, the purchase or construction of — without their previous sanction.

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7TH OCTOBER 1885, No. 2382, PUBLIC.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

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- (iii) cases in which it is necessary to provide residences in parts of the country where no civil station or cantonment exists, and where a lengthened term of residence would render camp accommodation unsuitable, *e.g.*, buildings along lines of roads, railways or canals, for the housing of officials employed on their construction or maintenance.

2. Where a civil station or cantonment is already in existence, or in the process of formation, it is considered desirable that all proposals to construct residences for officials, not entitled to quarters under the foregoing rules, should be submitted to the Supreme Government for approval.

3. It is not possible to define, more exactly than in a general way, the particular cases in which a reference to the Government of India is unnecessary; but it is hoped that, in all cases where local Governments or Administrations have reasonable doubts as to the operations of the circular, reference may be made to the Supreme Government for opinion.

4. In all cases where residences may be constructed on the condition of the occupiers paying a reasonable rent, capital and revenue accounts of such buildings should be kept and should be detailed in appendix B of the Annual Finance Accounts, as required by Code, chapter XIV, paragraph 180, modified by S.O., No. 83 of 1884.

Order—

Ordered that the foregoing be communicated to the local Governments and Administrations and officers noted in the margin, for information and guidance.

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(Signed) W. S. TREVOR, Col., R.E.,
Secy. to the Govt. of India.

Order—dated 25th September 1885, No. 2239 W., Public Works.

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(True Extract.)

(Signed) A. T. FRASER, Lieut.-Col., R.E.
Offg. Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
„ Superintending Engineers.
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With order

11TH MARCH 1885, No. 574 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Account.

READ—the following paper :—

Proceedings of the Government of India, Public Works Department (Account—General), dated Fort William, 10th February 1885, Circular No. 1.

Provision of residences for Government officials.

Read again—

Public Works Department Code, Chapter XV., paragraph 49.

Read also—

Note by Accountant-General, Public Works Department, No. 634 G., dated 5th September 1884.

Public Works Department letter No. 57 A.—C. W., dated 16th September 1884, to the Secretary to the Government of the North-Western Provinces and Oudh, Public Works Department.

Letter No. C. 3787 B. R., dated 7th October 1884, from Secretary to Government, North-Western Provinces and Oudh, Public Works Department.

Public Works Department letter No. 276 A.—G., dated 15th November 1884, to Secretary to Government, North-Western Provinces and Oudh, Public Works Department.

Letter No. C. L. 585 B. R., dated 10th December 1884, from Secretary to Government, North-Western Provinces and Oudh, Public Works Department.

Public Works Department letter No. 315 A.—G., dated 31st December 1884, to the Secretary to Government, North-Western Provinces and Oudh, Public Works Department.

Resolution—

The Government of India has had under consideration the practice in force with respect to the provision of dwelling houses for civil officers. It is observed that, in certain exceptional localities, the Government has undertaken the provision of suitable residences for its officers, subject to a charge for rent. But in order to restrict assistance of this nature to cases where the need for State interference has been clearly proved, the Governor-General in Council is pleased to rule that, in future, no dwelling houses shall be purchased or constructed by Local Governments and Administrations, save under some general or special order of the Government of India.

Order—

Ordered, that the foregoing be communicated to the Local Governments and

The Governments of Madras, Bombay, Bengal, the North-Western Provinces and Oudh,
and the Punjab, in the Public Works Department.
The Chief Commissioners, Central Provinces, British Burma, Assam, and Coorg.
The Resident at Hyderabad.
The Resident at Mysore (through Foreign Department).
The Agents to the Governor-General for Central India, Rajputana and Beluchistan.
The Superintendent of Port Blair, and Chief Commissioner, Andaman and Nicobar
Islands.
The Director-General of Telegraphs.
The Inspector-General of Military Works.
The Superintendent of Works, Simla Imperial Circle.
The Accountant-General, Public Works Department.
The Director-General of Railways.
The Director-in-Chief, Indo-European Telegraph.
The Director, Persian Telegraph.
The Director, Persian Gulf Telegraph.
The Consulting Engineers to the Government of India for Guaranteed Railways, Calcutta,
Lahore and Lucknow.

Administrations and
officers noted in
the margin, for in-
formation and guid-
ance.

Ordered also,
that a copy be
forwarded to the
Finance and Home
Departments and to
the Comptroller-
General and Ac-
countant-General,
Bengal, for informa-
tion.

(Signed) W. S. TREVOR, Colonel, R.E.,
Secy. to the Govt. of India.

To the Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Public Works Department.

ORDER—dated 11th March 1885, No. 574 W., Public Works.

Recorded for future guidance.

(True Extract.)

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

To Superintending Engineers.
To the Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
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„ Revenue department.
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PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated March, 11th.

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G.O., 11th March 1885, No. 574 W.

MARCH.

**Residences for Government
officials**

Circular from the Government of India
prohibiting the provision of — except under
orders of that Government, recorded.

31st MARCH 1885, No. 801 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

READ—the following paper:—

From J. W. RUNDALL, Esq., Superintending Engineer, II Circle, to the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, dated Masulipatam, 13th February 1885, No. 894 N.L.

The Executive Engineer, Nellore, has forwarded to me, for sanction, under (44) Minor Original Works, an estimate, amounting to Rs. 1,320, for constructing a rest-house at Kávali.

2. The rest-house is primarily intended as a residence for the overseer and for his office and store. The overseer would pay rent varying from Rs. 6 to 7 according to his grade; so, supposing that Rs. 1,000 were the cost of the residence part of the building, the outlay would not be unproductive.

3. I am, however, in doubt whether the construction of a building of this kind is a legitimate charge against irrigation works, and do not wish, therefore, to sanction the estimate without your concurrence.

4. The overseer has hitherto lived in a shed constructed for temporary use during the famine, but this has fallen down and is not worth repair.

5. I therefore request the favor of your instructions.

No. 60 I.

Note by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

The Superintending Engineer, II Circle, has in his letter, No. 894 N.L., dated 13th February 1885, expressed a doubt whether the construction of a rest-house at Kávali, estimated to cost Rs. 1,320, and primarily intended as a residence for the overseer and for his office and store, can be sanctioned by him under Minor Original Works or not. The Government of India ruled, in their circular, No. 1, dated 10th February 1885, that in future no dwelling houses should be purchased or constructed by local Governments save under general or special orders of the Government of India. In the opinion of the Examiner of Public Works Accounts, the rest-house may be sanctioned by Government under paragraph 1188 of the Public Works Code, which is based on paragraph 53, chapter VII, of the Government of India Code, 4th edition. The insertion of this paragraph in the code appears to have been intended for the purpose of securing provision in estimates for all incidental charges connected with the construction of a road, rather than as an authority under which the construction of residences for subordinates can be sanctioned. It is therefore suggested that the Government of India may be requested to state whether paragraph 53 of chapter VII of the 4th edition of their code is intended to convey general sanction for providing subordinates with residences when such are deemed to be absolutely necessary in the interests of the public service.

COIMBATORE,
19th March 1885.

(Signed) J. O. HASTED, Colonel, R.E.,
Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

To the Joint Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department, Irrigation Branch.

ORDER—dated 31st March 1885, No. 800 W., Public Works.

Ordered that a copy of these proceedings be forwarded to the Government of India, with the request that this Government may be informed whether proposals for providing subordinates with residences should, under the Government of India Circular No. I., dated 10th February 1885, be submitted for their sanction, or should be dealt with locally under paragraph 53, chapter VII, of the Public Works Code.

(Here enter No. 801 W., dated 31st March 1885.)

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, II Circle.
„ Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
„ Examiner, Public Works Accounts.

ENDORSEMENT—dated 31st March 1885, No. 801 W., Public Works.

Forwarded accordingly.

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

BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
CIVIL WORKS.

Govt. of 1885 Madras.

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Dated March, 31st.

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G.O., 31st March 1885, No. 801 W.

MARCH.

Residences for Subordinates

Inquiring whether proposals for providing — should be submitted for their sanction or be dealt with locally under paragraph 53 of the Public Works Code.

23RD JUNE 1885, No. 1456 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

READ—the following paper :—

G.O., dated 18th April 1885, Mis. No. 1007, Judicial.

Read—the following letter from the Inspector-General of Police, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 10th April 1885, No. 1942 :—

With reference to G.O., Mis. No. 883, Judicial, dated 1st April 1885, I have the honor to report that the house now occupied by the inspector of police at Gúdalúr is unsuitable as a residence in that damp climate, as there is no basement to the house ; the floor and walls are consequently exceedingly damp. There are no out-houses whatever, so the cooking has to be done in one end of the house itself.

2. No private dwelling-houses are available for rent at Gúdalúr.

3. Rent will be levied from the occupant of the proposed new house at the rate fixed by Government in G.O., No. 209, Judicial, dated 29th January 1875, for the occupation of public quarters by the police officers.

Order—dated 18th April 1885, Mis. No. 1007, Judicial.

Communicated to the Public Works Department, with reference to order in that department, dated 6th March 1885, No. 510 W.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. A. STUART,
Acting Assistant Secretary.

ORDER—dated 23rd June 1885, No. 1456 W., Public Works.

Submitted for the orders of the Government of India.

(Here enter No. 1457 W., dated 23rd June 1885.)

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle.
„ Judicial Department.

Exd. E. Fernandez.
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Dated June, 23rd.

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G.O., 23rd June 1885, No. 1456 W.

JUNE.

Police Inspector's House at
Gudalur

Ordered that the Government of India be
asked to sanction the construction of a —.

23RD JUNE 1885, No. 1457 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

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,

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

In forwarding copies of the marginally-noted orders, I am directed to request that, in view of the circumstances detailed by the Inspector-General of Police, the Government of India may be moved to accord sanction to the construction of a police inspector's house at Gúdalúr at a cost of Rs. 5,160.

2. I am to take this opportunity of acknowledging the receipt of letter, No. 151 A.G., dated Simla, 9th June 1885, in which further orders on the subject of the construction or purchase of dwelling-houses for Government officials are promised.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

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

OOTACAMUND,
23rd June 1885.

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23rd June 1885, No. 1457 W.

JUNE.

Police Inspector's House at
Gudalur

Requesting sanction to the construction
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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

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General.
Account.

READ—the following letter from Major A. G. BEGBIE, R.E., Officiating Under Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department (Account—General), to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Simla, 9th June 1885, No. 151 A.G. :—

With reference to your letters, Nos. 714 W. and 801 W., dated 21st and 31st March 1885, respectively, I am directed to say that the orders issued in Public Works Department circular No. 1 of 1885 are not intended to apply to cases where dwelling houses have to be constructed for officers attached to jails, hospitals, and like institutions, nor to cases where accommodation has to be provided for Public Works subordinates at sites of large works.

2. I am to add that the rules on this subject are now being reconsidered, and that further orders will issue hereafter.

ORDER—dated 23rd June 1885, No. 1458 W., Public Works.

Recorded for guidance, in continuation of G.O., No. 574 W., dated 11th March 1885.

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(True Extract.)

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G.O., 23rd June 1885, No. 1458 W.

JUNE.

Dwelling Houses

Letter from the Government of India, stating that the orders contained in their circular do not apply to cases where — have to be constructed for officers attached to jails, hospitals, and like institutions, and that the rules on this subject are being reconsidered, recorded.

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Order—

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(Signed) W. S. TREVOR, Col., R.E.,
Secretary to the Government of India.

ORDER—dated 25th September 1885, No. 2239 W., Public Works.

Recorded for future guidance in continuation of G.O., No. 574 W., dated 11th March 1885.

2. The attention of Superintending Engineers and of the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, will be directed to paragraph 4 of the foregoing resolution.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Chief Engineer for Irrigation,
To Superintending Engineers.
To the Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
„ Consulting Architect to Government.
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Dated September, 25th.

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G.O., 25th Sept. 1885, No. 2239 W.

SEPTEMBER.

Residences for Government
Officials

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7TH OCTOBER 1885, No. 2382, PUBLIC.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

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Residences for Government Officials.

Read again—

Public Works department circular, No. 1, dated 10th February 1885.

Read also—

Letter No. 714 W., dated 21st March 1885, from Secretary to Government of Madras, Public Works department.

Letter No. 801 W., dated 31st March 1885, from Secretary to Government of Madras, Public Works department.

Public Works department letter, No. 151 A.G., dated 8th June 1885, to Secretary to Government of Madras.

Despatch No. 27 (Public Works), dated 17th July 1885, from Government of India to Secretary of State for India.

Resolution—

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The Governor-General in Council is now pleased to declare that the provisions of the circular in question are not applicable to the following cases:—

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Secy. to the Govt. of India.

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Public Works Department