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## GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU

P.W DEPARTMENT

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26th May 1886, No. 1319 W., Public Works.

## GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

**Buildings and Roads.**
Civil Works.

Read—the following papers :—

From Colonel J. BEATTY, R.E., Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Coimbatore, 20th March 1886, No. 96 E.W.

I have the honor to request you will be good enough to obtain the sanction of Government, under paragraph 1217 of the Public Works Code for demolishing the late post office building at Bárkúr, in South Canara district.

2. The building, which measured externally 30′ × 25′, was of mud-walls and thatched roof, and was in ruins. It was not required by any Government department, and no private individual offered to rent it.

3. Under these circumstances the building was dismantled and the materials sold by auction in anticipation of Government sanction; because the materials were of so little value that it was thought not worth while maintaining a watchman for them.

Memorandum to Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, dated 26th March 1886, No. 1244 C.

From Colonel J. BEATTY, R.E., Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Wellington, 7th May 1886, No. 134 E.W.

With reference to your memorandum, No. 1244 C., of 26th March 1886, I have the honor to inform you that the old post office building at Bárkúr was in a ruinous condition, and not worth repairing; so that it was useless to any other department. Owing to its very ruinous state the Executive Engineer considered it unnecessary applying to other departments to take charge of it.

2. As already reported the building was of an inferior description, mud-walls and thatched roof in ruins. It was therefore dismantled in March 1885, under the sanction of this office, and the materials sold by auction for Rs. 25-3-8; as, if the sale had been delayed, the materials would not have realised even this small amount.

3. The Executive Engineer was, however, in error in not ascertaining whether any other department would take charge of the ruins before selling the materials; and I have requested him to be careful that in any future case of the kind, the authorised course is followed.

Order—dated 26th May 1886, No. 1319 W., Public Works.

In the circumstances reported, the demolition of the old post office building at Bárkúr, in the South Canara district, and the sale of the materials by auction, are confirmed.

2. The Executive Engineer acted irregularly in recommending the demolition of the building without first ascertaining whether it was required by any other department;

and the Superintending Engineer should have submitted the matter for the orders of Government, in accordance with paragraph 1217 of the Public Works Code.

3. In his earlier letter above recorded, the Superintending Engineer states that the building was not required by any Government department; whereas, in his later letter, he reports that the Executive Engineer was in error in not ascertaining whether any other department would take charge of it. It is to be regretted that the Government were not, in the first instance, informed of the facts of the case.

4. The Government desire to impress upon all Superintending Engineers the necessity for carefully observing the rules laid down in the code in regard to the demolition of Government buildings.

(True Extract.)

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

To Superintending Engineers.
To the Examiner, Public Works Accounts.

Exd. E. Fernandez.
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GENERAL.
ESTABLISHMENT.

# Govt. of (1884) Madras.

## PUBLIC WORKS.

*Dated August, 4th.*

*Recd.* *Encl.*

**G.O., 4th Aug. 1884, No. 1895 W.**

**AUGUST.**

## Office Establishment, Nilgiri Division

Sanctioning, with remarks, increased rates fopay to the — from the 1st August 1884.

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# GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Establishment.

READ—the following papers:—

From Colonel J. BEATTY, R.E., Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, through the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, dated Coimbatore, 23rd June 1884, No. 309 E.W.

2 Copies of Executive Engineer's letters, Nos. 138 and 56, of 25th October 1882, and 2nd May 1884.
2 Statements.
1 Statement of changes.

I have the honor to report on the matters specially referred to in paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 of G.O., No. 1004 W., of 18th April 1884.

2. *Imprests—Paragraph* 3.—The imprests have been reduced within the limit of Rs. 1,000 allowed by the Public Works Code. The Executive Engineer at present makes only a portion of the payments, and as he has much work of designing and estimating to attend to, in addition to considerable amount of correspondence and accounts, as well as inspection of works, it is desirable that, at least as a temporary measure, he should be relieved of payments to work-people as far as practicable.

3. *Stock Accounts—Paragraph* 4.—The amount of stock on 31st March was Rs. 36,329-5-2. But this includes land and kilns at the Lake Brickfield, which it had been supposed would be treated in the accounts under a separate head until the outlay had been charged off to works.

4. The charges for land and kilns up to 31st March had been as follows:—

| | RS. | A. | P. |
|---|---|---|---|
| (1) Sheds ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 8,727 | 8 | 7 |
| (2) Brickfield including Trench kiln ... ... ... ... | 7,999 | 10 | 0 |
| (3) Materials for a Hoffman's kiln ... ... ... ... | 2,306 | 1 | 7 |
| Total ... | 19,033 | 4 | 2 |

5. It will therefore be necessary to have the limit of stock temporarily increased to Rs. 37,500, or to obtain sanction for a special allotment for land and kilns, Lake Brickfield, of Rs. 20,000.

6. I may mention that the item of "Stock" includes about eight lakhs of bricks in hand at Wellington Brickfield, which can be at once transferred, at Rs. 12 per thousand, which is about their actual cost, to the Wellington Church or Bakery* as soon as either of those works has been sanctioned, thus reducing the value of stock by Rs. 9,600.

7. The materials prepared for the Hoffman's kiln are also being transferred to other works as opportunity offers.

8. And the price of bricks at the Lake Brickfield has been fixed with the view of recouping the original outlay on land and kilns within five years by charges to works.

* Revised estimate ready; will be submitted immediately.

9. *Division Office Establishment.*—I send herewith copies of letters from the present Executive Engineer and his predecessor, Captain Rawson, R.E., in regard to the best means of improving the efficiency of the office, which really means how to secure and retain the services of thoroughly qualified men.

10. As remarked by the Examiner, the East Indians and natives of whom our office establishments are chiefly composed "dread the climate" and take up employment at Ootacamund most unwillingly; it is therefore necessary to offer sufficient pay as an inducement to competent men to apply for service in the Executive Engineer's office and remain there.

11. Captain Rawson thought the pay should be on the same scale as that given to the Secretariat clerks. Mr. Larminie proposed a system of promotion in the division office, which I think impracticable.

12. I have therefore prepared and herewith submit two statements, one showing the changes that have occurred in the division office since it was constituted in 1882, and the other the rates of pay I consider necessary to ensure efficiency. I may further mention that there is not a man in that office now who would not gladly exchange to the plains if a convenient opportunity offered. There is discontent and there is inefficiency, and, until the Executive Engineer has an establishment of properly qualified men, the state of the office will probably always be more or less unsatisfactory.

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ENCLOSURE.

## STATEMENT of Propositions for Revision of Establishment.

| ORDER SANCTIONING PRESENT ESTABLISHMENT—GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT. | | Office to which the proposition refers. | NATURE OF CHANGE. | | | | | | | | | | | | PROPOSITIONS. | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Present Scale. | | | | | | Proposed Scale. | | | | | | Permanent. | | Temporary. | | | |
| | | | | | Pay. | | | | | | Pay. | | | | Increase per Month. | Decrease per Month. | Increase per Month. | | Decrease per Month. | |
| Number. | Date. | | Number. | Designation. | Minimum. | Increment. | Maximum. | Average or fixed. | Number. | Designation. | Minimum. | Increment. | Maximum. | Average or fixed. | Amount. | Amount. | Period. | Amount. | Period. | Amount. |
| | | | | | RS. | RS. | RS. | RS. | | | RS. | RS. | RS. | RS. | RS. | | | | | |
| 1416 W. | 6th June 1882. | Nilgiri Division Office. | 1 | Clerk, 3rd Class, 2nd Grade. | 60 | 20 | 80 | 70 | 1 | Clerk, 3rd Class, 1st Grade. | 80 | 20 | 100 | 90 | 20 | | | | | |
| Do... | Do. .. | | 1 | Do. 4th do. 1st Grade. | 40 | 10 | 50 | 45 | 1 | Do. 3rd do. 2nd Grade. | 60 | 20 | 80 | 70 | 25 | | | | | |
| Do... | Do. .. | | 1 | Do. 4th do. 2nd Grade. | 30 | 10 | 40 | 35 | 1 | Do. 3rd do. 3rd Grade. | 50 | 10 | 60 | 55 | 20 | | | | | |
| Do... | Do. .. | | 1 | Do. 4th do. 2nd Grade. | 30 | 10 | 40 | 35 | 1 | Do. 4th do. 1st Grade. | 40 | 10 | 50 | 45 | 10 | | | | | |
| 3429 W. | 30th Nov. 1883. | | 1 | Do. 4th do. 2nd Grade. | 30 | 10 | 40 | 35 | 1 | Do. 4th do. 1st Grade. | 40 | 10 | 50 | 45 | 10 | | | | | |
| 1416 W. | 6th June 1882. | | 1 | Storekeeper .. .. | 25 | .. | 25 | 25 | 1 | Storekeeper .. .. | 50 | .. | 50 | 50 | 25 | | | | | |
| Do... | Do. .. | | 1 | Draughtsman, 1st Class. | 50 | 20 | 70 | 60 | 1 | Draughtsman .. .. | 100 | 20 | 120 | 110 | 50 | | | | | |
| Do... | Do. .. | | 1 | Do. 2nd Class. | 35 | 15 | 50 | 42½ | 1 | Do. .. .. | 70 | 10 | 80 | 75 | 32½ | | | | | |
| | | | 8 | | 300 | 95 | 395 | 347½ | 8 | .. | 490 | 100 | 590 | 540 | 192½ | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | Net increase per month.. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 192½ | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | For one year .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 2,310 | | | | | |

COIMBATORE,
23rd June 1884.

(Signed) J. BEATTY, Col., R.E.,
Superintending Engineer, IV Circle.

No. 354 S.E., IV.

Endorsement on the above.

Forwarded to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, for disposal.

2. The limit of reserve stock may, I think, be unaltered for the current year. If the Superintending Engineer's proposals for transfer of the bricks, &c., to works are agreed to, and the debit to land and kilns is further reduced by charges on out-turn transferred to works during the year, the question of the limit for reserve stock can be considered later on with greater advantage.

3. No remarks have been offered on paragraph 8 of the inspection report.

(Signed) D. C. GORDON,
Examiner P. W. Accounts.

2nd July 1884.

Office Note from the Examiner of Public Works Accounts, dated Madras, 17th July 1884, No. 288.

In continuation of my endorsement, No. 354 S.E. 4th, of 2nd July 1884, on letter No. 309 E.W., dated *23rd June*, from the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, I have the honor to state that there has been *no* reduction in the imprest with Sub-Conductor Bragg, up to the *30th June* 1884, as according to the cash balance statement for June 1884, received from the Executive Engineer, Nílgiri division, on the 10th instant, the imprest with that subordinate still stands at Rs. 1,500.

ORDER—dated 4th August 1884, No. 1895 W., Public Works.

With his letter above recorded, the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, reports on the points referred to him in paragraphs 3, 4 and 5, of G.O., No. 1004 W., dated 18th April 1884, relative to the state of the Nílgiri division office.

2. The Superintending Engineer states that imprests in the division have been brought within the limit of Rs. 1,000 allowed by the Public Works Code; but, with advertence to the Examiner's note, dated 17th July 1884, a report should be submitted as to the date from which the imprest with Sub-conductor Bragg was so reduced.

3. The Superintending Engineer's proposals with respect to the transfer of bricks, &c., to works are approved. The limit of reserve stock will for the present remain at Rs. 17,500, as sanctioned in G.O., No. 70 W., dated 10th January 1884. The subject should again be specially reported upon at the end of the current official year, when the question of increasing or reducing that limit will be considered.

4. The Government accept the Superintending Engineer's recommendations on the subject of the rates of pay to be allowed to the Nílgiri division office establishment, and sanction the admission, from the 1st August 1884, of the salaries shown under "proposed scale" in the tabular statement printed with these Proceedings. The proposals involve an increase of Rs. 192-8-0 per mensem, and the Government expect that this material improvement in the status of the office will result in placing the establishment on a thoroughly efficient footing.

5. The Government trust that the matters alluded to in paragraph 8 of the inspection notes printed with Proceedings of Government, No. 1004 W., dated 18th April 1884, have received the Superintending Engineer's attention.

6. The sanction accorded in paragraph 4 of this order has been registered as Provincial No. 34 W. of 1884-85, and classified as Establishment, Permanent.

(True Extract.)

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

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

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

# Govt. of 1886 Madras.

## PUBLIC WORKS.

*Dated May, 26th.*

*Recd.* *Encl.*

**G.O., 26th May 1886, No. 1319 W.**

**MAY.**

### Old Post Office at Barkur

The demolition and sale of materials of the —, South Canara district, confirmed with remarks; and the necessity for careful observance of code rules regarding demolition of Government buildings impressed on all Superintending Engineers.

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3rd November 1884, No. 2699 W., Public Works.

## GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Establishment.

Read—the following letter from Colonel J. BEATTY, R.E., Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works department, dated Coimbatore, 9th October 1884, No. 463 E.W.:—

1 Letter No. 373, dated 29th October 1883.
1 „ „ 154, „ 2nd July 1884.
1 „ „ 166, „ 11th „ „
1 „ „ 263, „ 27th August „
1 „ „ 319, „ 24th September „
2 Statements.

At the particular request of Major A. C. Smith, R.E., the new Executive Engineer at Ootacamund, I have deferred making appointments with a view to strengthening the office establishment of Nílgiri division, according to the scale sanctioned in G.O., No. 1895 W., of 4th August 1884, until you should have had an opportunity of considering what can be urged in regard to the particular views of Mr. Larminie and Major Smith.

2. Major Smith concurs with Mr. Larminie, his predecessor, in recommending a "local allowance" in preference to what they call a "fixed increase of pay."

3. Mr. Larminie's views are given at paragraph 6 of his letter, No. 166, of 11th July 1884, which was not sent to you with my letter, No. 309 E.W., of 23rd June 1884, because my reply to G.O., No. 1004 W., of 18th April 1884, had been greatly delayed, and after reminders I thought it advisable to make my own proposals without reference to anything the Executive Engineer had to urge.

4. I have also to point out that the proposal of *a local or special allowance* had been declared INADMISSIBLE in paragraph 2 of G.O., No. 656 W., of 11th March 1881, and paragraph 9 of G.O., No. 1416 W., of 6th June 1882. Major Smith considers that the inadmissibility has been removed by the fact that the clerks serving in the army headquarter offices now draw such allowances.

5. Major Smith and Mr. Larminie write of a "permanent increase" to men doing duty on the hills, but that is not my view of what Government has sanctioned. I propose to act under the authority given in G.O., No. 2206 W., of 28th August 1882, which states that "there is no objection to a clerk being transferred to the Nílgiri division in a higher grade, provided the scale fixed in the Government Order" (of 4th August 1884) "be not exceeded." And Lieutenant-Colonel Mead had proposed in his letter, printed with that Government Order, that a clerk ordered to Ootacamund in a higher grade should, on his returning to the plains, revert to his former grade. This proposal was not objected to, and I propose that, if a clerk gets one or two steps of promotion by going to the hills, he should revert a similar number of steps when he returns to the plains.

6. I have invited volunteers from all the offices in the circle, and propose giving the promotion, as far as practicable, according to seniority. I think it desirable that the men appointed to the Nílgiris should go there willingly, and that they should be the most experienced men of those who volunteer. They will also understand that the increase of pay will only be permanent so long as they continue to serve at Ootacamund.

7. Major Smith also proposes that the concession of a local allowance or increased pay should be extended to sub-divisional clerks and to messengers and peons or lascars. The claims of these men were not brought forward by Mr. Larminie and his predecessors in the proposals previously made, which was the cause of the omission of

any proposal for giving them an increased pay. There is no doubt that the sub-divisional clerks are the men on whose efficiency much of the correctness and punctuality of submission of the accounts depends, and the class of men now obtainable as peons or lascars and messengers in the Nílgiri division is very inferior. They are about as stupid and ignorant a lot as I have met with anywhere. A trifling increase, both in regard to the sub-divisional clerks and also to the messengers, is therefore very desirable.

8. I send herewith as an appendix to this letter a statement of what I would recommend in regard to the sub-divisional and detached offices. The proposals now made would involve an additional sanction of Rs. 37 monthly, or Rs. 444 per annum, over the scale sanctioned.*

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* In G O., No. 1895 W., of 4th August 1884.

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ORDER—dated 3rd November 1884, No. 2699 W., Public Works.

The Government do not consider it desirable to grant a local allowance to the members of the Nílgiri division office establishment, and resolve to uphold the order respecting increased rates of pay issued with Proceedings, No. 1895 W., dated 4th August 1884.

2. The Superintending Engineer's recommendation that similar increases be granted to the sub-divisional establishments is sanctioned. The permanent office and petty establishments of the division will stand as follows:—

| | RS. |
|---|---|
| *Divisional Office.* | |
| 1 Clerk, III Class, I Grade ... ... ... ... ... ... | 80—100 |
| 1 „ III „ II „ ... ... ... ... ... ... | 60— 80 |
| 1 „ III „ III „ ... ... ... ... ... ... | 50— 60 |
| 2 „ IV „ I „ each ... ... ... ... ... | 40— 50 |
| 1 Draftsman ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 100—120 |
| 1 „ ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 70— 80 |
| 1 Storekeeper ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 50 |
| 1 Messenger ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 9 |
| 1 „ ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 8 |
| 3 Lascars each ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 8 |
| *Two Sub-divisional Offices.* | |
| 2 Clerks, IV Class, II Grade, each ... ... ... ... ... | 30—40 |
| 2 Messengers, each ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 9 |
| 6 Lascars, each ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 8 |
| *One Detached Office.* | |
| 1 Clerk, IV Class, III Grade ... ... ... ... ... | 20—30 |
| 1 Lascar ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 8 |
| *Overseer's Office.* | |
| 1 Clerk, IV Class, III Grade ... ... ... ... ... | 20—30 |
| 1 Lascar ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 8 |

3. This sanction has been registered as Provincial No. 59 W. of 1884-85, and classified as Establishment, Permanent.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle.
„ Examiner, Public Works Accounts.

Exd. C. Howarth.
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GENERAL.
ESTABLISHMENT.

# Govt. of (1884) Madras.

## PUBLIC WORKS.

*Dated November, 3rd.*

*Recd.* *Encl.*

**G.O., 3rd Nov. 1884, No. 2699 W.**

**NOVEMBER.**

**Nilgiri Divisional and Subdivisional Office Establishments**

Revised scale of —, sanctioned.

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9TH MAY 1885, No. 845, FINANCIAL. 1319/8

## GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

## FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper :—

From the Secretary to Government of India, Department of Finance and Commerce, to the Chief Secretary to Government of Madras, dated Simla, 29th April 1885, No. 552.

The expenditure which the Government of India has found it necessary to sanction on military preparations is likely to impose so severe a strain on the finances, that the adoption of special measures for the reduction of expenditure of all kinds, and for the prompt realisation of the public revenue, cannot with safety be delayed longer.

2. The Government of India is at present considering what reductions can be made in ordinary Imperial expenditure, as well as in Capital outlay on works of public utility, and special orders will shortly be issued on the subject.

It is, however, of immediate importance that the various Local Governments and Administrations should also consider what measures may now be feasible for suspending all optional expenditure, including both Provincial expenditure and Imperial expenditure directly administered by Local Governments. It would also be a considerable assistance to the Government if it were found possible to postpone for a time expenditure from Local Funds, the balances of which are kept in the Public Treasury. The Government of India does not, however, desire that there should be any undue interference with the legitimate authority of Local Bodies over funds appropriated by the legislation for specific purposes.

3. It is necessary that all proposals for increases of salaries or of establishments, or for additional expenditure of any kind, should be narrowly scrutinised at the present moment. The Governor-General in Council is not prepared to say that no additional expenditure of any kind should be proposed or sanctioned ; but it is obvious that at a time when reductions are being enforced, proposals for additional expenditure can only be justified by very special causes.

4. The largest retrenchments at a time of pressure can usually be attained by a restriction of the expenditure on Public Works. Without wishing to impose any sudden check on the progress of Public Works which would be calculated to cause serious permanent loss, His Excellency in Council must, in the present position of the finances, press on the attention of local authorities the necessity of taking into their immediate consideration material reductions in their Public Works expenditure.

5. It is with regret that the Government of India has found itself compelled to call on Local Governments to restrict expenditure from the funds which have been placed at their disposal for carrying on and improving the administration of the country, but the present state of the cash balance and the prospects of expenditure in ensuing months leave no option in the matter, and the Governor General in Council is satisfied that he can count on the cordial and loyal co-operation of all Local Governments and Administrations.

6. The Government of India will be glad to receive a report, not later than 10th June, from each Local Government of Administration, stating what reductions, immediate and prospective, have been found possible in each case.

If peace should be maintained, the Government of India will take the earliest opportunity of removing the restriction on Provincial and Local expenditure; but if, unhappily, war should break out, further and more stringent measures must be taken hereafter for improving the balances and revenues at the disposal of the Government of India.

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Ordered, that copies of this Resolution be sent to the various Local Governments and Administrations, and to the several Departments of the Government of India.

(Signed) D. BARBOUR,
*Secretary to the Government of India.*

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Order—dated 9th May 1885, No. 845, Financial.

Communicated to all departments of Government in view to orders being issued to stop immediately all expenditure which is not absolutely necessary in the interests of the public service.

2. The Government will not entertain proposals for increase of salaries or establishment unless real urgency can be established, nor will applications for loans to local or municipal bodies be sanctioned, unless the objects for which they are sought cannot be postponed.

3. Reports with reference to the sixth paragraph of the Resolution of the Government of India should reach Government, in the Financial Department, not later than the 31st instant.

(True Extract.)
(Signed) E. F. WEBSTER,
*Chief Secretary.*

To the Public Department.
„ Judicial „
„ Financial (Local Fund and Municipal) Department.
„ Marine Department.
„ Ecclesiastical Department.
„ Educational „
„ Political „
„ Revenue „
„ Military „
„ Public Works „
„ „ „ (Irrigation).
„ „ „ ~~(Military).~~
Copy to Accountant-General.

(S.P. 1535/85)

# Govt. of {1885} Madras.

## FINANCIAL.

To

The PUBLIC DEPARTMENT,
&c., &c., &c.

P.W. 416/4345

*Issued*

*Recd.* *Encl.*

**G.O., 9th May 1885, No. 845.**

MAY.

Disposed of by
G.O. 1147 W dt 15.5.85

**Expenditure.**

Impressing on all departments the need for practising the strictest economy in — in the present times.

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Public Works Department

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Read the following :-

Proceedings, Financial Department No. 845 dated 9th. May 1885.

Order thereon No. 1147 W dated 15th. May 1885.

Communicated, in continuation of telegram of the 6th. May 1885, to Superintending Engineers for information and guidance.

2. Revised reports, based on the final issue of the Provincial Budget for 1885-86, showing what savings can be effected under Civil Buildings, should reach Ootacamund not later than the 25th. May 1885. In the case of the more distant circles, the reports should be made by wire. If no alterations are involved in the reports already submitted, it will be sufficient to intimate the fact.

3. The statements of demands on account of uncommenced Provincial minor works should be based on the orders now issued. If necessary, revised statements of demands should be sent immediately to Madras.

4. No proposals for increase of salaries or for additional establishment should be submitted unless real urgency can be established, and Superintending Engineers will report at once what reductions can be effected in existing temporary establishments in consequence of the proposed stoppage of works.

(True Extract)

C. Hawes

Major R.E.

Under Secretary to Government. P. W. D.

To

The Suptg. Engineers.
Consg. Archt. to Govt.
Chief Engineer for Irrign. for information.
Examiner P. W. Accounts.

1147 W. of 15-5-85

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# P. W. DEPARTMENT

No. 580 C dated 11th.March 1884

## CIRCULAR.

The attention of officers of the Department is called to the necessity for adhering to the prescribed Code Form (No. 184 M revised)* when submitting proposals for alterations in sanctioned Establishments,-whether permanent or temporary.

*Vide Standing Order 325 of 1883

The form provides for a comparison being made between existing and proposed arrangements, and should be accompanied by explanations as to the necessity for the changes proposed. Unless proposals are thus sent up for sanction, they will in future be returned for revision.

(By Order)

C. Bowen. Major R.E.
Dy Chief Engineer P.W.D.

To

Suptg. Engrs.
Consg. Archtt. to Govt.
Genl. Suptt. P.W. Stores
Suptt. Madras Harbour Works
Chief Engr. for Irrign.
Examiner P.W. Accounts.

Cno 9529 1319/12

To lie over until the Provincial Public Works grant for 1886-87 has been fixed by the Financial dept.

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No. 2122

N. B.—Please quote the number and date of this letter in any future communication on the subject.

Enclosures.

1319/17

NILGIRI DIVISION OFFICE
STATION, Neffadi
14th Novemb 1885.

From

The Executive Engineer
Nilgiri Division.

To

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
FOURTH CIRCLE
COIMBATORE.

SIR,

I have the honor to request that you will be so good as to obtain the sanction of Government for the employment of an additional messenger on Rs 8/ per mensem in the Divisional Office.

2. As Ootacamund is the Head Qrs of Government for ($\frac{3}{4}$) three fourths of the year, the present staff of Peons is found quite inadequate for the demands made on them, in fact, it is sometimes found that important and urgent communications have to be delayed for want of a messenger to deliver them. Furthermore, it is not of unfrequent occurrence that Peons travelling in the Wynaad, or to other out stations and back fall ill with fever and it is difficult to replace them owing to the inadequate supply

of

of Substitutes on these Hills - Under these circumstances, I beg to solicit that sanction may be accorded to the Extra Messenger now applied for.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obed^t. Servant.

A. Smith Maj. R.E.
Executive Engineer

No. 472
201.

Submitted to the Chief Engineer with a recommendation that an additional Messenger may be sanctioned under the circumstances explained in the fore-going letter.

P. Humphry
Col: R.E.

Coimbatore }
21st Nov: /85 }
Offg. Supg. Engineer IV Circle

M.D.C.
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No. 920 N.S.
17 NOV. 85
P.W.D.

*From*

*The Executive Engineer*

*Nilgiri Division.*

To

The Superintending Engineer

Fourth Circle

Coimbatore.

Dated 14th
Despatched 16th } November 1885.
Received

No. 2122

Enclosures. ..

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Subject.

Messenger — additional — entertainment of a — on Rs 8 per mensem — Requests to obtain sanct: for —.

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From
The Supg. Engineer;
Fourth circle.

No. 1984 Ca/27-11-85

Dated 21-11-85
Despd. 23-11-85

No. 472
Ew.

Messenger:—

Recommending the entertainment of an additional — for the Nilgiri Division office.

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1319/16

No. 1984 Ca/27th Novr/85

From the S. E. IV. C. 472. Ew. d 21.11.85.

With reference to his endorsement quoted above, the S. E. IV. C. is informed that the Ch: Engr: does not consider the reasons adduced for the entertainment of an additional messenger in the Nilgiri Division to be sufficiently strong to justify his recommending the proposed increase for the sanction of Govt.

2. The S. E. is

is requested to obtain and submit an explanation from the Executive Engineer of the following statement made in his No: 2122, of 14th Nov/85, which the S.E. has permitted to pass unchallenged:-

" as Ootacamund
" is the headquarters
" of Govt. for (3/4 th)
" three fourths of
" the year."

3. Attention is drawn to Circular No: 580.C. dated 11th

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11th March 1884. with reference to which a proposition statement in the prescribed form should have accompanied the papers.

4. The perfunctory manner in which the matter ~~in question~~ has been put before the Chief Engineer does not reflect credit on the S.E's Office.

26/11/85

Despd
27/11/85

26.11.85

S.E. IV C.

Nilgiri Division office.

No. 2306 Ootacamund 8: Decr/ 1885

1319/18

From,

The Executive Engineer,
Nilgiri Division.

To,

The Superintending Engineer,
4: Circle

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your endorsement No. 740 N.I. of 1st December/85 on memo from the Chief Engineer No. 1984 C of 27th November/85 in which that officer has been pleased to state that the reasons adduced for the entertainment of an additional messenger in this Division are not considered sufficiently strong to justify his recommending the proposed increase for the sanction of Government.

Enclosure
1 Estimate

2. In reply, I have the honor to explain that the application was made with reference to Code para 38 (unmodified by Standing Order

No 117 of 1883 which rules that "if in any exceptional case a larger No of messengers is required for an office, the sanction of Government must be obtained to their employment." On receipt of Chief Engineers general approval to the proposal, I fully intended to resubmit the case for formal sanction accompanied by the Proposition Statement required by Chief Engineer's Circular No 580. C of 11 March/84. This I beg herewith to submit, and to solicit a reconsideration of the matter by the Chief Engineer,

x As the sanction now applied for is for a temporary messenger for 7 months, an Estimate in proper form is submitted in lieu of the Proposition statement which is only intended for permanent changes only

3. I am really convinced that the employment of an addl: messenger would greatly tend to facilitate the despatch of business appertaining to the Divisional Office, and would request at least that the sanction applied for be accorded temporarily for seven months commencing from the 1st April 1886.

4. With reference to the remark in my letter No 2122 of 14 19 Nov/85, to which the Chief Engineer has taken exception, I beg to explain that it was never intended that it should be interpreted too literally and I regret the unintentional exaggeration. Messengers have to go between this and Stone House and back while the Government are on the hills, which they have obviously not to do when the Secretariat Offices are in the plains and thus the two messengers sanctioned for the ordinary work of the Division have to cope with this additional demand, which can hardly be done without inconvenience and delay.

5. I venture to hope that on this further explanation the matter will receive favorable consideration

6. I would in this connection suggest the advisibility of amending Chief Engineer's Circular No 580 C of 11 March 1885x so as to allow of General approval being first obtained to proposed changes in Establishment

The object of the circular is to enable the Ch. Engr to see the effect of proposed changes before approval is given
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"before the case is submitted for formal sanction. This will save trouble and labor.

I have &c

(Sd.) A. C. Smith Major R.E.
Executive Engineer

No. 1/10796 R

(True Copy)

J. V. Beatty Col. R.E.
Supg. Engineer 4th circle.

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No: 498

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Superintending Engineer's Office 4th C.
Coimbatore 16th December, 188

From,

The Superintending Engineer,
Fourth Circle.

To,

The Chief Engineer,
P. W. Department.

Enclosure 1.
"No 2,306 of 8th December 1885.

Sir,

As directed in your memo No 1984 C. of 27th November, 1885, para 2. I have the honor to forward herewith a further letter from the Executive Engineer, Nilgiris, in which he gives his explanation of the statement that "Ootacamund is the Head quarters of Government for three fourths of the year."

2. Major Smith also explains why he did not furnish a proposition statement when asking for the increase of establishment.

3. With regard to the proposal to entertain an additional messenger, for the Nilgiri Division Office

I am unable to express any opinion, as I have not had an oppurtunity of enquiring on the spot into the work of the present messengers, but I would probably have felt myself precluded, from recommending the proposal at present, bearing in mind para 4 of G. O. No. 1147 W. of 15th May 1885.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obt Svt,

E. Beatty Colonel. R.E.
Superintending Engineer.
1st Circle.

550 C of 4/3/84
4994 of 3/11/84
1095 of 8/12/84

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From
The Supg: Engineer,
Fourth Circle.

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Dated 16th
Despd: 17th } December/85.

No. 498
EW.

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Additional Messenger for the Nilgiri Dn office:—

Forwards Major Smith's explanation on the statement that "Ootacamund is the Head Quarters of Government for 3/4 of the year"; and states that he is unable to express any opinion in regard to the entertainment of an — for reasons state

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No. 3082

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

# PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 22 Decr/85

READ the following

Letter from the S.E. IV Circle P.E. No. 472 E.W. d/ 21st Novr: /85
Memo: to the — do — " - 1984 C d/ 27 — do
Letter from the — do — " - 498 E.W. d/ 16th Decr: /85

The Government are not prepared to sanction the employment of a temporary messenger as proposed on the information before them.

2. If, during the next visit of the Govt: to the Hills, the Executive Engineer finds that his permanent establishment is insufficient, this application may be re-submitted, ~~accompanied~~ with ~~by~~ a report showing the

necessity for the additional messenger.

3. The Government see no reason to amend circular No 580 C of 11th March/84, as suggested by the Executive Engr.

19/12/85

19.12.85

No 3082 W. of 22-12

S.E. IV Circle

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No. 1928

B.—Please quote the number and date of this letter in any future communication on the subject.

Enclosures.

NILGIRI DIVISION OFFICE
STATION Ootacamund
22nd October 1885.

131/27

From

The Executive Engineer
Nilgiri Division.

To

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER
FOURTH CIRCLE
COIMBATORE.

SIR,

I have the honor to invite your attention to G. O. No 1219 W of 23rd May 1885, communicated with your Endorsement No 322/N.I. of 1st June 1885, in which the Government promised a consideration later on my proposal (vide this Office No 645 of 4th March/85) to increase the salaries of the Peons in the Divisional Office, and to solicit the favor of your now placing the matter again before them.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant.
A. Smith
Major R.E.
Executive Engineer

No. 430

Submitted to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department for favorable consideration.

R Thompson Col. R.E.

Offg: Supg: Engineer
4 Circle.

Camp Shoranore
30th October /85

SUPG. ENGINEER'S
No. 860 M.I.
24 OCT. 85
P.W.D.
FOURTH CIRCLE

From
The Ex. Engineer
Nilgiri Divn.

To
The Supg. Engineer
4 Circle.

No. 1928

Dated 22nd
Despd 22nd } October /85.

Enclos.

Messengers in Divl. Office
Proposal to increase salaries of — Requests to place matter again before Government.

Rul. 9520

From

The Offg: Supg: Engr:,
Fourth Circle.

Dated 30th October
Desp: 2d November

No. 430
F.W.

L. No. 104 W d/ 12 Jany/86

Increase of Salary to the Lascars of the Nilgiri Dn. —

Submitting for favorable consideration, letter No. 1928 of 22-10-85, soliciting an —.

Dr

1o 104 W d/ 12 Jany/86

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Sanction is accorded to an increase of Rs 1 per mensem to the salaries of the head and second messengers of the Nilgiri division office, with effect from 1st April 1886. The necessary provision of funds will be made in the final issue of the Provincial Budget for 1886-87.

2. This sanction has been registered as Prool: No. 52 W of 1885-86 & classified as Establishment, Permanent.

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S.E. IV circle
Ex: P.W. accts

Recd 14.1.86

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1319/25 Public Works Department.

No. 1244 Ca/ 26th March/86

Memorandum

With reference to his No. 96 E.W. dated 20th March 1886, the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, is requested to report when the old Post office building at Barkur was dismantled and by whose authority; also what steps were taken for ascertaining whether the building was required by any Department of Government. ~~It should also be stated under whose authority the building was dismantled in anticipation of Govt~~

Ul.
25.3.86

~~Govt sanction~~.

25/3/86

Memo

G.O. 104 W ay 12-1-86
" 3082 W ay 22-12-85
" 1147 W ay 15-5-85

No. 1244 Cay 26-3-86

To

The Supg: Engr. IV Circle

Despd 26-3-86.

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No. 96
R.W.

1318/26

Superintending Engr's Office 4th Cir.
Coimbatore, 20th March 1886.

From,

The Superintending Engineer,
Fourth Circle.

To,

The Chief Engineer,
P. W. Department.

Sir,

I have the honor to request you will be good enough to obtain the sanction of Government under para 1217 of the P. W. D. for demolishing the late Post Office building at Barkur in South Canara District.

2. The building which measured externally 30'×25' was of mud walls and thatched roof and was in ruins. It was not required by any Government department and no private individuals offered to rent it.

3. Under these circumstances the

the building was dismantled and the materials sold in by auction in anticipation of Government sanction; because the materials were of so little value that it was thought not worth while maintaining a watchman for them.

I have the honor &c

Sir,

Your most obt Sert,

T. Beatty

Colonel. R.E.

Superintending Engr. 14th Cir.

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Rev 1243

From
The Supg. Engineer,
Fourth circle.

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No. 1244 Cay 25-3-86

Dated 20th }
Despd. 22nd } March 1886
Rev 23

No. 96
Ew.

Post office Building at Barkur in the South Canara District:—

Requesting to obtain sanction of Government for demolishing the late—.

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No. D.

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Government of Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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OFFICE NOTE.

From W. 1319 W

To S. E. IV. Circle.

In your letter No: 96. E.W. dated 20th March 1886 the following clerical errors appear:—

"The building which measures Externally 30' × 25' was of mud"

"the materials sold in auction".

[illegible]

2. The abstract entered on the outer sheet of your No: 93. Ew. d 19. 3. 86, is as

follows:-

"Bombay Castle Property

Bringing to notice that the municipal tax on the building has been paid by our Dept, and that of the land belonging to it by another"-

This is entirely wrong and consequently most misleading.

3. I point these mistakes out as they show a want of supervision of the work of the junior clerks of your office Establishment.

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25/5/86

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No 134/EW.

1315/29

Supg: Engineer's Office 4th Circle
Camp Wellington 7th May 1886.

From

The Superintending Engineer
4th Circle

To,

The Chief Engineer.
P.W. Department

Sir,

With reference to your Memorandum No 1244C. of 26th March 1886, I have the honor to inform you that the old Post office building at Barkur was in a ruinous condition, and not worth repairing; so that it was useless to any other Department. Owing to its very ruinous state the Executive Engineer considered it unnecessary applying to other Departments to take charge of it.

2. As already reported the building was of an inferior description, mud walls and thatched roof in ruins. It

was

was therefore dismantled in March 1885, under the sanction of this Office, and the materials sold by auction for Rs: 25.3.8; as, if the sale had been delayed, the materials would not have realized even this small amount.

3. The Executive Engineer was, however, in error in not ascertaining whether any other Department would take charge of the ruins, before selling the materials; and I have requested him to be careful that in any future case of the kind, the authorized course is followed.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedt. Servant.

L. Beatty, Colonel R.E.
Superintending Engineer
4th Circle.

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No 1244 C. 26-3-86
B. No 104 W 12.1.86
" 3082 W. 22.12.85
" 1147 W 15.5.85
No 580 C. 11.3.84
G.O. 2699 W 3-11.84
" 1895 W 4.8.84
B No 1219 W 23-5-85
" 313 W 10.7.85
G.O. 2430 W 2.10-84
" 1004 W 18.4-84
" 2206 W 28-8-82
" 656 W 11.3.81
" 3399. 30.3-85
" 3389. 30.3-85

From,

(9)

The Superintending Engineer
4th Circle.

Dated 7th
Recd 10 } May 1886.

Enclo: Nil

No 134/E.W.

Old Post office build-ing at Barkur.

States that the — was in a very ruinous Condition and as it was useless to any other Departments it was dismantled in March 1886 and the materials thereof was sold for Rs 25-3-8.

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No. 1319 W

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

26th May 1886

Read the following

Letter from the S.E. IV Circle — dt. No. 98 E.W. d/ 20th March 1886
Memo to S.E. IV Circle — dt. No. 1244 C d/ 26 March 1886
Letter from the Supg Engr. IV Circle — Dt. No. 134 E.W. d/ 7th May 1886.

In the circumstances reported, the demolition of the old post office building at Barkur in the South Canara District, and the sale of the materials by auction are confirmed.

2. The Executive Engineer acted irregularly in recommending the demolition of the building without first ascertaining whether it was required by any other Department; and the Supg: Engineer should have submitted the matter for the orders of Govt, in accordance with para 1217 of the P.W. Code.

Hon. H. E. Sullivan.

3. ~~It is observed that~~ In his earlier letter above recorded, the Supg: Engr: ~~distinctly~~ states that the building was not required by any Govt. Department; whereas, in his later letter, he reports that the Executive Engineer was in error in not ascertaining whether any other Deptt would take charge of it. It is to be regretted that the Govt. were not, in the first instance, informed of the facts of the case.

4. The Govt. desire to impress upon all Supg: Engineers the necessity for carefully observing the rules laid down in the Code in regard to the demolition of Government buildings.

11/5/86

To Supg Engineers
Examiner P.W. accts.

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R. 25-5-86
C. 11-5-86 Dsp. 5[illegible]/5. Circ 14/5.

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Govt. of (1886) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated 27/5/86

Recd.                Encl. 4

G.O., 26th May 1886, No. 1319 W

Old Post office at
Barkur

The demolition & sale
of materials of the —
South Canara Dt.,
confirmed with remarks;
& the necessity for
careful observance of
code rules regarding demolition
of govt buildings, impressed
on all Supg Engineers.

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