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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

Read—the following papers:—

From Colonel H. SMALLEY, R.E., Executive Engineer, North Arcot Division, to the Superintending Engineer, V Circle, dated 6th May 1887, No. 57 S.E.

In his audit note on the accounts of this division for February 1887, the Examiner points out that sanction of Government is necessary for occupying, free of rent, certain sheds constructed for the use of Pálár anicut superintendent and his lascars.

2. These sheds were constructed lately under G.O., No. 1079 I., dated 27th December 1883, close to the anicut, remote from any village, with the intention that the superintendent and lascars might be made to live in them (though against their will) so as to be able to attend to exigencies at the anicut at once when their services were required.

3. As these men are made to live there for the interests of the public service, I think that these sheds may be allowed them free of rent, and I request you will obtain the sanction of Government for the same.

No. 769.

Forwarded to the Chief Engineer for Irrigation. It was not, I believe, the intention that, and will cause difficulties with establishment if, any rent be insisted on.

12th May 1887.

(Signed) W. H. BURTON, Col., R.E.,
Superintending Engineer, V Circle.

Office note from the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, to the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, dated Madras, 16th May 1887, No. 76.

With reference to the accompanying endorsement, No. 769, dated the 12th instant, of the Superintending Engineer, V Circle, please let me know the circumstances under which it is considered necessary that the sanction of Government should be obtained to the superintendent and lascars of the Pálár anicut occupying the huts built for their exclusive use free of rent (*vide* paragraph 5 of Chief Engineer for Irrigation's inspection notes printed with G.O., No. 1079 I., dated 27th December 1883). As the sheds were, it is understood, completed two years ago, it is not clear why objection is only now taken to their being occupied free of rent. The lock establishments in the Godávari and Kistna deltas are allowed the use of sheds constructed for them at the expense of Government free of rent. Cannot the establishment at the Pálár anicut be similarly treated?

Office note from the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, to the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, dated 27th May 1887, No. 153.

The sanction of Government to the occupation of the buildings in question, free of rent, is considered necessary under Code paragraph 1039. The Executive Engineer, North Arcot division, in answer to an audit note query, asking for the authority to their occupation rent free, merely stated that the sheds were constructed for the use of the superintendent and lascars in the public interests. Government order, No. 1079 I., dated 27th December 1883, referred to in your office note, does not appear to have been communicated to this office; please furnish a copy of it now; possibly it contains the necessary sanction.

2. The buildings in question were shown in the Executive Engineer's return of buildings for the first time in December 1886, and the authority for their occupation, rent free, was at once called for in audit note; there was therefore no delay in this office's objection.

3. The sheds of the lock establishments in the Godávari and Kistna deltas have not been shown in the returns of buildings for those divisions, and nothing is known about them in this office.

Office note from the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, to the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, dated Madras, 1st June 1887, No. 94.

Your office note No. 153, dated 27th May 1887.

Please let me know if G.O., No. 1079 I., dated 27th December 1883, a copy of which is herewith sent, is sufficient, or a specific sanction is required for the huts at the Pálár anicut being occupied by the superintendent and lascars free of rent. Please let me know also if you have any objection to the huts being omitted in future returns of buildings on the ground that they belong to irrigation works and their cost of construction and maintenance is met from Irrigation funds in the same manner as the lock establishment sheds in the Godávari and Kistna deltas.

Office note from the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, to the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, dated Madras, 6th July 1887, No. 299.

In the copy of Government order sent, no sanction is given to the occupation of the huts free of rent, and such sanction is therefore now necessary.

2. The general question of what buildings should be included in the monthly return of buildings, rented and available for rent, will be taken up separately on receipt of a reply to a reference made to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department. In the meanwhile, the huts in question should be included. The fact of these being irrigation buildings is certainly no reason for omitting them.

No. 24 W.

Note by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

In his notes No. 153, dated 27th May 1887, and No. 299, dated 6th July, the Examiner considers that, under paragraph 1039 of the Code (unless Government order otherwise), that rent ought to be charged for the huts, quarters, &c., inhabited by the superintendent and lascars at the Pálár anicut.

2. These huts were built by order of the Chief Engineer for Irrigation in order that the superintendent and lascars might live near the works so that their services should be available night and day.

3. This arrangement exists in all the deltas and wherever there are irrigation and other works that require constant attention.

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4. Heretofore there has been no question as to these men paying rent. They have been allowed to occupy them free of rent, it being considered as part of their pay and as compensation for the men having to live away from the villages and often in very inconvenient situations.

5. I consider it would be a great mistake for rent to be charged, unless the men's pay was raised. They certainly could not be expected to pay what would be charged under paragraph 1041 of the Code, and if, as in the Police Department, they were made to pay a nominal rent, the trouble of collection, &c., and the mass of accounts that would have to be kept and audited would be a trouble to everyone concerned, and the amount collected in either case would not be worth the worry and bother to all. I believe the Examiner would be the first to ask for extra establishment to enable him to properly audit the account.

6. I strongly recommend therefore that these men should pay no rent for the Government houses or huts they occupy.

7. As it appears this case arose from the Executive Engineer including these huts in his return of buildings, I would propose that a Government order should be passed, ordering that all rest-houses, quarters for irrigation establishments, huts, &c., attached to irrigation works should not be included in the register of buildings (Code paragraph 975), but should be, as is or ought to be, the case entered in the list of component works of the different systems or projects, and that it would be as well to add that no rent or fees for occupation is to be charged except when permanently occupied by officers or subordinates. That in the case of Government buildings occupied by anicut, channel, delta, lock or other superintendents, by maistries, by boat clerks, or anicut, channel or lock lascars, who are ordered to live in them in order to be on the works or duties in their charge, should be allowed to live in them rent free, the free quarters being considered part of their pay and in compensation of their being obliged to live away from their houses and villages.

OOTACAMUND, (Signed) H. R. MEAD, Colonel, R.E.,
4th August 1887. Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

To the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department.

Office note from the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated 7th September 1887, No. 515.

I have nowhere said, as Chief Engineer for Irrigation seems to think, that these lascars ought to pay rent for their huts. I do not think they ought; but it is, I think, quite clear that, under Code paragraph 1039, a distinct sanction of Government—either special or general—is necessary. Some such rule as that suggested by Chief Engineer for Irrigation might be made. Code paragraph 983 evidently contemplates something of the sort; but it cannot be regarded as in itself a general sanction.

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2. It will, I think, be necessary that the buildings to be occupied in this way, partly or wholly, rent free, by certain classes, shall be buildings built for the purpose with the sanction of Government. This sanction should be now recorded as regards buildings now in existence, of which a list should be drawn up.

3. I do not think that these buildings should be omitted from the register of buildings, or from the periodical return of buildings available for rent. A building is always liable to be diverted to some purpose other than that for which intended. The periodical returns are printed and therefore there will be no trouble. It is not necessary that the details of occupation should be given in the periodical returns; a note, printed in the return against the buildings in question, to the effect that, with exceptions noted, they are occupied only by servants of the specified classes, fulfilling the specified conditions, would be sufficient.

ORDER—dated 23rd September 1887, No. 2527 W., Public Works.

The occupation, free of rent, by the Pálár anicut superintendent and his lascars, of the sheds built for them by Government, is sanctioned.

2. All similar buildings in the V and other Circles should be included in the register of buildings in the manner suggested in paragraph 3 of the Examiner's office note No. 515, dated 7th September 1887, above recorded, and the Examiner will bring to notice cases in which their occupation, partly or wholly rent free, requires the sanction of Government.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
To Superintending Engineers.
To the Examiner, Public Works Accounts.

Exd. J. Moses.
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BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
CIVIL WORKS.

Govt. of (1887) Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated September, 23rd.

Recd. *Encl.*

G.O., 23rd Sept. 1887, No. 2527 W.

SEPTEMBER.

Quarters

The occupation, free of rent, by the Pálar anicut superintendent and his lascars, of certain sheds built for them by Government, sanctioned with remarks.

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23rd Septr. 87 No. 2527 W
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Civil Works

No. 57. P.E.

North Arcot Division Office
6th May 1887.

From, The Executive Engineer
North Arcot Division.

To,
The Superintending Engineer
5th Circle —
Madras —

Sir,

In his Audit note on the accounts of this Division for February 1887, the Examiner points out that sanction of Government is necessary for occupying free of rent certain sheds constructed for the use of Palar Anicut Superintendent and his Lascars.

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These sheds were constructed lately under G.O. No. 1079 I Dated 27th December 1883, close to the anicut, remote from any village with the intention that the Superintendent and Lascars might be made to live in them (though against their will) so as to be able to attend to Exigencies at the Anicut at once when their services were required.

As these men are made to live there for the interests of the Public service I think that these sheds may be allowed them

them frequent and I request you will obtain the sanction of Government for the same.

I have the honor &c.

Sir,

Your most obedt. servant.

(Signed) A. Smalley Capt. R.E.

Executive Engineer

North Arcot Divn.

No. 769.

Forwarded to the Chief Engineer for Irrigation. It was not I believe the intention that, and will cause difficulties with Establishment if any rent be insisted on.

W H Hunter

Col. R.E.

Superintending Engineer

5 Circle

12th May 1887

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From

The Superintending Engr.

5 Circle

No. 99
19 MAY 1887
ENCLOSURES

To,

The Chief Engineer

for Irrigation.

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Dated. May 1887.

Received

No. 769

Occupation of the shed at Palar Anicut free of rent.

Forwarding copy of Letter from E.E. North Arcot regarding ——— with remarks.

E. I. Form No. 34-F.

Former Case
R.N: 15 R.A. of 12.5.87

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No. dated 188 .

Later Case
I.N. 94 [illegible] of 1.6.87
R.N. 60 of 6.7.87

No. 99
19 MAY 1887
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CHIEF ENGINEER FOR IRRIGATION

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Madras, 16th May 1887.

OFFICE NOTE. 76 Endor

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To	From	Despatch Date.	Receipt Date.
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With reference to the accompanying endorsement No. 769 dated the 12th Instant of the Supg: Engr. V circ. please let me know the circumstances under which it is considered necessary that the sanction of Govt. should be obtained to the Superintendent and [illegible] of the Palar Anicut occupying the [illegible]ts built for their exclusive use free of rent vide para 5 of E.I's Inspection notes printed with G.O. No. 1079 I of 27 As the sheds were, it is understood, [illegible]pleted two years ago, it is not clea why objection is only now taken to their being occupied free of rent. The lock establishments in the Godavari and Kistna deltas are allowed the of sheds constructed for them at the expense of Govt. free of rent. Cannot the establishment at the Palar anic be similarly treated?

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GOVT. OF MADRAS. } 1887. { P. W. DEPT.

CHIEF ENGINEER FOR IRRIGATION

Madras, 1st June 1887.

OFFICE NOTE. 2520/8

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Colonel R.E.

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4th August 1887 } Chief Engineer for Irrigation

To
The Secretary to Govt.
P. W. Dept.

G.C. 1079 J. 27. 12. 83 ✗
" 2239 W. 25. 9. 85 ✓
" 574 W. 11. 3. 85 ✓
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G.C. 1040 J. 19. 11. 84 ✓
" 782 J. 17. 11. 86 ✓

No. 2790 C of 19th August 1887

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For favor of remarks.

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that, with exceptions noted, they are occupied only by servants of the specified classes, fulfilling the specified conditions, would be sufficient.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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READ the following

Endt. by the Supdg. Engr. V Circle H.C. No. 769, d/ 12th May 1887.

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" No. 76, dated 16th May 1887.

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Do. from the Examr. P.W.A. to the Chief Engr. for Irrigation
" No. 299, d/ 6th July 1887.

Note from the Chief Engr. for Irrigation " No. 24 W d/ 4th Aug. 87.

Office Note from the Examr. P.W. Accts. " No. 515 d/ 7th Septr. 1887.

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The Chief Engr. for Inspection, &
Superintending Engineers
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Quarters

The occupation free of rent by the Palar anicut Superintendent and his lascars of certain sheds built ~~by~~ for them by Government sanctioned with remark

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