

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.

(Signed) W. H. BURTON, Col., R.E.,
Superintending Engineer, V Circle.
12th May 1887.

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 Godávári 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 Godáviri 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 Godáviri 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.

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,
4th August 1887.

(Signed) H. R. MEAD, Colonel, R.E.,
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.

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.)

(Signed) J. O. HASTED, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary 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.

6TH JUNE 1888, No. 1658 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

READ—the following letter from J. HANNAN, Esq., Superintending Engineer, II Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department (through the Examiner, Public Works Accounts), dated Bezvada, 2nd May 1888, No. 40 G.L. :—

With reference to G.O. No. 2527 W., of the 23rd September 1887, I have the honor to forward, herewith, a list of buildings or sheds constructed by Government and occupied, free of rent, by certain subordinates of the Public Works Department in the II Circle, and to request that general sanction of Government may be obtained for the lock and toll superintendents and lascars, &c., occupying, rent free, the several buildings in the Circle built for them and included in the enclosed list.

2. Many of these buildings have been included as directed in para. 2 of the Government order quoted above in the register of buildings for the year 1887 sent to you on 1st instant. A few were included in the register for 1886.

From the Examiner of Public Works Accounts, dated 18th May 1888, No. 1518.
From the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, dated 31st May 1888.

ORDER—dated 6th June 1888, No. 1658 W., Public Works.

The occupation of the buildings in question, rent free, by the establishment for whom they were built, is sanctioned.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. O. HASTED, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineer, II Circle.

„ Examiner, Public Works Accounts, with list.
„ Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

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CIVIL WORKS.

Govt. of {1888} Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated June, 6th.

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 6th June 1888, No. 1658 W.

JUNE.

Buildings

The occupation, free of rent, of certain —
in the II Circle, constructed by Government
for the use of subordinates of the Public
Works Department, sanctioned.

No 1559. H.S. Superintending Engineer's Office
2nd Circle, Nizamada
4th October 1888.

From

J. Harman Esquire,
Superintending Engineer,
II Circle.

To

The Chief Engineer,
Public Works Department,
Madras.

Sir,

With reference to G.O. No 1658 W
of the 6th June 1888 sanctioning the
occupation, free of rent, of certain
buildings in the 2nd Circle, constructed
by Government for the use of subordinates
of the Public Works Department, I
have the honor to request you will be
good enough to make the following
alteration in the list of buildings
sanctioned in the above G.O.

Kistna Western Division.
Nizampatnam Canal
Nallavada Lock

Stem

Item 54

For

Read.

3 Lascar's sheds.

2 Lascar's sheds.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Most Obedt Servt.

J. Hamou

Superintendent Engineer
II Circle

No. 2527 W d/23.9.88
 " 1970 C d/22.5.88
 " 1658 W d/16.6.88
 " 2981 W d/22.9.88

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 No. 1656
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No 3500w PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

No. 3811 C d/10 October 1888

From,

The Suptg. Engineer,
 2nd Circle.

To,
 The Chief Engineer,
 P. W. D.

Dated 4th October 1888.

Recd/10/29.10.88

To
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 Please correct
 accordingly the list
 which was sent to
 you with the G.O. quoted.

W.W.
 9.10.88

D.W.

To W. No. 2484 d/26.10.88

Noted and returned.

2. I beg to point out that
 under the orders communicated in
 G.O. No. 2981 W. dated 22nd. September
 1888, the sanction of the Government
 of India seems to be necessary
 before any Government building
 can be occupied free of rent, the
 only general exceptions being
 those specified in rule VI of the
 first Resolution No. 479 B. dated
 7th. September 1888 printed with the
 G.O. quoted above.

No. 1559 K.S.

Buildings - occupation free
 of rent, of certain - in
 the 2nd Circle. Requesting
 a certain alterations to be
 made in the ^{List} sanctioning
 the —.

CLP 26/11
 Asstt. C.
 for C.

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 26/10

To

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 3rd Nov 88.

Read the following

From the Suptg. Eng. II Circle. H.E. No. 1559 K.S. d/4. X. 88
 Office note from the Exp. Mtd. " No. 2484 d/26. X. 88

Ordered that the Govt.
 of India be addressed.

Exp. Mtd. d/3/11
 3/11

H.E. No. 3807 to d/3rd Nov 88

To The Secy. to the
 Govt. of India
 P. W. Dept.

Sir,
 I am directed to forward
 for the information of the Govt.
 of India the accompanying
 copy of Proceedings of this
 Govt. No. 2527 W d/23rd Sept. 88
 and to request that confir-
 mation may be commu-
 nicated to the orders there-
 issued for the occupation
 rent free, of buildings con-
 structed for Irrigation ^{and Navigation} Co-
 sabblishments who are re-
 quired by the nature of the
 duties

duties to live near the works.
The Examiner P. W. Accounts
reports such confirmation
to be necessary under the
orders of the Govt. of India
contained in the Proceeding
quoted in the margin.

7.8.20 ✓

* No. 479 B of 7 Sept '88
" 481 B of 7 Sept '88

2. His Excellency the Governor
in Council does not consider
that it is desirable to charge
the Establishments in question
rent for these buildings which
they are compelled to occupy
in the interests of Government.
The amount in each case
is, moreover, so small that
the gain to Government
would in the opinion of
His Excellency in Council
be more than counterbalanced
by the trouble of collection
and accounting involved.

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I have &c.

M. H.
30/10/88
W.

mem

30.10.88

cc

3/11/88

R. P.

31.10.88
1.11.88

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