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17th March 1891, No. 767 W., Public Works.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Military Works.

Read—the following papers :—

From the Inspector-General of Military Works, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, dated Simla, 13th June 1890, No. 1848 B.

I have the honor to submit, for the orders of the Government of India, a copy of a letter No. 1903, dated 29th May 1890, from the Superintending Engineer, Madras Command Military Works, with enclosures, relative to a proposal to enlarge the Army Head-quarters offices at Ootacamund.

2. These offices are located in "Mountstuart," a building borne on the Provincial civil list of the Madras Government and kept in repair from Provincial funds. It appears from the correspondence that a rent charge for this building has been sanctioned by the Government of India.

3. The question for decision is whether the Government of India will permit the proposed expenditure of Rs. 3,700 on enlarging these premises to be debited to the Military Works grant. I am unable to advise on this point without more precise information regarding the conditions of occupation than is contained in the papers now forwarded.

4. I presume that even, if the enlargement is carried out at the expense of the Military Works Department, the repairs will continue to be chargeable to Provincial funds.

5. His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief in Madras presses for early execution of the work : the conditions of tenure of the "Mountstuart" buildings are doubtless fully known to the Government of India, who sanctioned the rent charge referred to, and I, therefore, refer the matter at once to save the delay of further correspondence with the Superintending Engineer.

Enclosure.

From the Superintending Engineer, Madras Command Military Works, to the Inspector-General of Military Works, dated 29th May 1890, No. 1903.

I am desired by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, Madras, to refer the following for the orders of the Government of India.

2. I am to enclose copies of orders by the Government of Madras, Nos. 423 W., dated 8th February 1890, and 1194 W., dated 22nd April 1890. From these Proceedings it will be seen that it is proposed to extend the Head-quarters offices at Mountstuart, Ootacamund, at a cost of Rs. 3,700 and that a suggestion is made by the Government of Madras that the extension should be executed from the Military Works grant.

3. The question which I am desired to refer is whether the cost of the extension should be borne by the Military Works grant as administered by the Inspector-General of Military Works, by the Public Works grant of Madras or by the "Army" grant, the Mouutstuart building being classified as "Provincial civil."

4. I am to add that, if funds for the work can be appropriated by the Military Works Department, the Local Government will be asked to allow the work, which His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief considers very necessary and urgent, to be carried out by the Public Works Department at Ootacamund as we have no executive establishment nearer than Wellington.

From the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, to the Inspector-General of Military Works, dated 28th July 1890, No. 1837 M.W.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 1848 B., dated 13th June 1890, forwarding correspondence relative to a proposal to enlarge the Army Head-quarters offices at Ootacamund at an estimated cost of Rs. 3,700 and inquiring whether the Government of India will permit the proposed expenditure of Rs. 3,700 on the enlargement of these permises to be debited to the Military Works grant.

2. In reply, I am to say that it was never contemplated that this building should be other than Provincial civil and the Government of India fail to see that the extension of the agency of the Military Works Department to Madras has changed the condition of affairs. Under these circumstances, they regret their inability to sanction the execution of the proposed work as a charge against the Military Works grant.

No. 1921 M.W.

Copy of the above forwarded to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, for the information of His Excellency the Governor in Council.

(By Order.)

SIMLA,
5th August 1890.

(Signed) S. GRANT, Major, R.E.,
Asst. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

From Colonel E. H. EYRE, Officiating Quartermaster-General, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated Ootacamund, 13th August 1890, No. 197 M.W. (Buildings).

With advertence to order of Government, No. 3181, dated 9th May 1890, I am desired to forward, for the information of Government, letter No. 3755 of the 9th instant, with one enclosure, from the Superintending Engineer, Madras Command Military Works, by which it will be seen that the Government of India decline to sanction the execution of the proposed alterations so much needed to the Mountstuart main building as a charge against the Military Works grant on the grounds that the said building cannot be considered other than Provincial civil.

2. In order to render the building suitable in all respects for the accommodation of the establishments located therein and for providing the Adjutant-General with a larger room and greater privacy than is possible under existing arrangements, the Commander-in-Chief would strongly recommend the extension of the main building all along the front, instead of merely throwing out two bays on either side, which is provided for under the scheme already submitted to Government and referred to in the Proceedings of Government above quoted. This proposal would, I am to say, involve a considerable outlay. His Excellency would be glad to know, therefore, whether Government will be prepared to consider such a proposal, as, unless the Government is willing to sanction the provision of funds for these more extensive alterations and improvements, it seems useless to go to the length of asking for the preparation of the necessary plans and estimates.

3. In the event of Government being unwilling to consider the larger project, the Commander-in-Chief hopes that the necessary funds, viz., Rs. 3,700, may be provided at a very early date in order to carry out the smaller scheme without further delay.

ENCLOSURE.

From Lieutenant-Colonel W. P. TOMKINS, R.E., Superintending Engineer, Madras Command Military Works, to the Quartermaster-General, Madras Army, dated Ootacamund, 9th August 1890, No. 3755.

With reference to your No 729 B., dated 27th May 1890, I have the honor to forward, herewith, for information, a copy of a letter No. 2555 B., dated 2nd instant, just received from the Inspector-General of Military Works, communicating the orders of the Government of India relative to the question of the cost of extension of the Army Head-quarters offices at Mountstuart, Ootacamund, being borne by this department.

No. 5177, Military.

No. 423 W., dated 8th February 1890.
" 1194 W., " 22nd April 1890.

Transferred to the Public Works Department, for favor of disposal, with reference to the orders cited in the margin.

OOTACAMUND,
14th August 1890.

(Signed) A. KENNEY-HERBERT, Brigdr.-Genl.,
Secretary to Government.

From Brigadier-General E. H. EYRE, Quartermaster-General, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated Madras, 21st January 1891, No. 157 T. (Special and Miscellaneous).

In O.G., No. 1149 of the 14th February 1890 (Military Department), Government, in view of the rent charge sanctioned by the Government of India for the Mountstuart buildings, Ootacamund, used as Army Head-quarter offices, declined to sanction an estimate, amounting to Rs. 3,700, submitted by the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, for enlarging certain rooms occupied by the Adjutant-General's and Quartermaster-General's offices or to incur any further outlay on the buildings from Provincial funds beyond the cost of ordinary repairs. This decision it afterwards confirmed (*vide* O G., No. 3181 of the 9th May 1890, Military Department) when passing orders on this office letter No. 248 (Barrack) of the 21st February 1890, in which the necessity for the improvements asked for was prominently brought to notice. In this latter order, the Government suggested that the proposed extension of these offices should be executed from the Military Works grant under the new organization; but this it has been found impossible to do, the buildings being classed as "Provincial civil." I am now desired by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief to submit to Government the following statement, from a consideration of which he trusts it may be induced to modify its decision and to accord sanction to this very necessary extension of the main building being carried out at an early date.

2. The "Bombay Castle" property, since designated "Mountstuart," was purchased by Government from Provincial funds in 1883 at a cost of Rs. 83,276-11-6, a further sum of Rs. 4,534-11-6 being expended at the time of purchase for certain alterations and repairs, bringing the total cost of the property up to Rs. 87,811-7-0. The property consists of certain detached buildings occupied as Army Head-quarter offices and 23 acres, more or less, of land surrounding them. Of this land not more than 5 acres need be retained for military use, so that Government has at its disposal some 18 acres of land in the very centre of the station, on a portion of which it has already built or permitted to be built the "Breeks' Memorial school," while another considerable portion has been taken up for the construction of a new road.

3. The sale value of this land has been estimated by the Collector of the Nílgiris to be at present from Rs. 1,000 to Rs. 1,500 per acre, but there is little doubt that, on the extension of the Coonoor Ghât Railway into Ootacamund, the value of this land from its advantageous situation will be very greatly increased.

Taking it, however, at a value of only Rs. 1,500 per acre, it represents a sum of Rs. 27,000, which deducted from the amount paid for the whole property, leaves a sum of Rs. 60,811-7-0 as the price paid from Provincial funds for the buildings alone together with 5 acres of land.

4. Prior, however, to the permanent removal of the Army Head-quarter offices to Ootacamund, the office of the Surgeon-General with Government was located at Madras in a hired building at a monthly rent of Rs. 205, debited to Provincial funds under "24. Medical—Medical Establishments." Rent was thus paid up to July 1884, when the Surgeon-General's office was removed into a military building in the Fort, for which no rent has been charged, though, it is to be observed, all repairs to this building, averaging annually Rs 675, are carried out from the Military Repairs grant. By this location of the Surgeon-General's office in a public building an annual saving of Rs. 2,460 to Provincial funds has been effected or from July 1884 to 31st March 1890 a total saving of Rs. 14,145.

5. During the 5 years from 1884 to 1889 a sum of Rs. 28,039 has been expended from Provincial funds on repairs and alterations to these buildings, or on an average about Rs 5,600 per annum, but the greater part of this heavy expenditure has been incurred solely on account of the state of disrepair of these buildings when taken over by the Government. If, therefore, the cost of these repairs be added to the price paid for the buildings, with 5 acres of land as shown in last part of para. 3, the total cost will amount to Rs. 88,850-7-0.

6. The Government of India has accepted an annual charge against the Military Department of Rs. 3,600 as rent for the above buildings and which rent has been paid since May 1883. This annual rent, together with the sum of Rs. 2,460, shown above as annually saved on the rent of the office of the Surgeon-General with Government, produces a sum of Rs. 5,060 annually to Provincial funds. In August 1884 the Government of India, in reply to an application from this Government, refused to make a special grant for the purpose of recouping Provincial funds for the outlay advanced to meet the purchase and repair of the "Mountstuart" property, and in October of the same year it was asked to reconsider this refusal, or as an alternative to sanction the payment of rent calculated at 6 per cent. on the outlay which had been incurred; but the sum of Rs. 6,060 credited annually to Provincial funds directly and indirectly on account of the "Mountstuart" property yields very nearly 7 per cent. (6·82) on the cost of the purchase and subsequent repairs to the Army Head-quarter offices. This Government is, therefore, actually receiving a higher rate of rent than it considered necessary to recoup itself for the expenditure it had incurred.

7. In conclusion His Excellency Sir Charles Arbuthnot desires again to bring to the notice of Government the absolute necessity of some improvements being effected in the room allotted to the Adjutant General, which is totally unfit for occupation by an officer of his position. As already pointed out in this office letter No. 248 (Barrack) of the 21st February 1890, it is so small as not to admit of the ordinary complement of office furniture being placed in it or of a fire place being provided, while there is barely room to allow of a chair being offered to any officer desiring an interview with the Adjutant-General, to obtain which he must pass through a room filled with clerks, and, with the exception of this room, there is no place where officers wishing to see the Adjutant-General can await their turn for doing so.

8. In view of these facts, His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief trusts that Government will be pleased to rescind its decision conveyed in G.O., No. 1149 of the 14th February 1890, and that it will accord its sanction to the necessary expenditure for the requisite extension of the main building on the "Mountstuart" property, with a view to rendering it suitable for the requirements of the Military Department.

No. 524, Military.

Transferred to the Public Works Department, for favorable consideration, in continuation of Military Department endorsement No. 5177, dated 14th August 1890.

Fort St. George,
26th January 1891.

(Signed) A. KENNEY-HERBERT, Brigdr.-Genl.,
Secretary to Government.

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Order—dated 17th March 1891, No. 767 W., Public Works.

His Excellency the Governor in Council adheres to the decision given in G.O., No. 423 W., dated 8th February 1890, but observes that, if the Government of India will consent to pay a rent for the Mountstuart property in accordance with the sanctioned rules * for rents of Government buildings, this Government will provide from Provincial funds the necessary capital outlay for the extensions required.

2. The Government of India will be addressed accordingly.

(Here enter No. 768 W., dated 17th March 1891.)

(True Extract.)

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

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

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* Para. 1041, Madras Public Works Code.
Para. 28, chapter XI, volume I, Government of India Public Works Code.

Exd. A. D. Xavier.
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BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
MILITARY WORKS.

Govt. of {1891} Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated March, 17th.

Recd. *Encl.*

G.O., 17th Mar. 1891, No. 767 W.

MARCH.

Mountstuart Buildings, Ootacamund

Passing orders regarding the proposed extension of the —.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Military Works.

LETTER—from

COLONEL J. PENNYCUICK, R.E.,
Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Public Works Department,

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

With reference to your endorsement No. 1921 M.W., dated 5th August 1890, I am directed to forward a copy of the Proceedings of this Government, No. 767 W., dated 17th March 1891, containing further correspondence regarding the necessity for improvements to the Army Head-quarter offices at Ootacamund and to inquire whether, if this Government undertakes to provide from Provincial funds the necessary capital outlay for the extensions required, the Government of India will consent to pay rent for the property in accordance with the rules laid down in para. 28, chapter XI, volume I, Government of India Public Works Code. I am to state that, so long as the present inadequate rent of Rs. 300 per mensem is paid for the buildings from Imperial funds, this Government is not prepared to incur any further outlay on them from Provincial funds beyond the cost of ordinary repairs.

2. With regard to the arguments in the Quartermaster-General's letter No. 157 T., dated 21st January 1891, I am directed to say that the temporary occupancy of a military building in Fort St. George by the office of the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras can have no bearing on the peculiar circumstances in which this Government was induced to lay out Provincial funds on the purchase of the Mountstuart buildings at Ootacamund in the expectation that the amount would be refunded by the Government of India. Interchanges of buildings for Civil and Military purposes are of frequent occurrence, and the office of the Surgeon-General has since been moved out of the Fort. As regards the land, the value of which His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief considers should be deducted from the capital cost of the property, I am to say that it consists of steep hillside which cannot be used for any purpose and is worthless to Provincial funds. The road on this land, which is made a ground of complaint, is a vast convenience to the Army Head-quarter offices, and the construction of a school-house on the small part of the land, which could be used, does not in any way prejudice them.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

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

FORT ST. GEORGE,
17th March 1891.

Exd. A. D. Xavier.
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BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
MILITARY WORKS.

Govt. of {1891} Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated March, 17th.

Recd. *Encl.*

17th Mar. 1891, No. 768 W.

MARCH.

Mountstuart Buildings, Ootacamund

On the subject of the proposal for extending the —.

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MADRAS COMMAND
ASSISTANT TO
SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER
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Copy of a letter from the Inspector General of Military Works to the Superintending Engineer Madras Command Military Works No 2555 B dated Simla, 2d August 1890.

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The following is forwarded for information in disposal of his No 1905 of 29th May last.

Copy of a letter No 1837 M.W. dated 28th July 1890 from the Government of India Military Department to the Inspector General of Military Works. —

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No 1848 Bd/ 13th June 1890, forwarding Correspondence relative to a proposal to enlarge the Army Head Quarters offices at ootacamund at an estimated cost of Rupees 3700 and enquiring whether the Government of India will permit the proposed expenditure of Rs 3700 on the enlargement of these premises to be debited to the Military Works grant.

2. In reply I am to say that it was never contemplated that this building should be other than Provincial Civil, and the Government of India fail to see that the extension of the agency of the Military Works Department to Madras has changed the condition of affairs. Under these circumstances they regret their inability to sanction the execution of the proposed work as a charge against the Military Works grant.

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Special and Miscellaneous Offices

No. 1921/M. W.

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Government of India.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

It is requested that the above heading, with number and date of this communication, may be quoted in any subsequent correspondence on this subject.

Simla, the 5th August 1890.

No. 1848/B.

From

The Inspector General of Military Works

To

The Secretary to the Government of India
Military Department

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Simla dated the 13th June

Sir,

I have the honor to submit for the orders of the Government of India a copy of a letter No. 1905, dated 29th May 1890, from the Superintending Engineer Madras Command Military Works, with enclosures, relative to a proposal to enlarge the Army Head Quarters Offices at Ootacamund.

2. These Offices are located in "Mount Stuart", a building borne on the Provincial Civil list of the Madras Government, and kept in repair from Provincial funds. It appears from the

the correspondence that a rent charge for this building has been sanctioned by the Government of India.

3. The question for decision is whether the Government of India will permit the proposed expenditure of Rupees 3,700/- on enlarging these premises to be debited to the Military Works grant. I am unable to advise on this point without more precise information regarding the conditions of occupation than is contained in the papers now forwarded.

4. I presume that even if the enlargement is carried out at the expense of the Military Works Department, the repairs will continue to be chargeable to Provincial funds.

5. His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief in Madras presses for early execution of the work: the conditions of tenure of the "Mount Stuart" buildings are doubtless fully known to the Government of India who sanctioned the rent charge referred to, and I therefore refer the matter at once to save the delay of further correspondence with the Superintending Engineer.

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Sd/ N. Arnott Major R.E.
For Inspector General of M.W.

Copy of a letter No. 1903, dated 29th May 1890, from the Superintending Engineer Madras Command Military Works to the Inspector General of Military Works.

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I am desired by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief Madras to refer the following for the orders of the Government of India

2. I am to enclose copies of orders by the Government of Madras Nos. 423 W dated 8th February 1890, and 1194 W, dated 22nd April 1890. From these Proceedings it will be seen that it is proposed to extend the Head Quarters Offices at Mount Stuart Ootacamund at a cost of Rs. 3700/- and that a suggestion is made by the Government of Madras that the extension should be executed from the Military Works Grant

3. The question which I am desired to refer is whether the cost of the extension should be borne by the Military Works grant as administered by the Inspector General of Military Works, by the Public Works grant of Madras or by the "Army" grant. The Mount Stuart building being classified as "Provincial Civil".

4. I am to add that if funds for the work can be appropriated by the Military Works Department, the Local Government will be asked to allow the work, which His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief considers very neceſsary and urgent, to be carried out by the Public Works Department at Ootacamund as we have no Executive establishment nearer than Wellington.

Copy of a letter No. 29 E W dated 25th January 1890, from Major D. Meckil Campbell R.E. Superintending Engineer IV Circle, to the Chief Engineer Public Works Department.

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I have the honor to forward for early sanction of Government and provision of funds, a plan and an Estimate amounting to Rupees 3,700/- for "extending the main Building of Mount Stuart at Ootacamund." 767/8

2. This Estimate has been framed at the request of the Quarter Master General, owing to the rooms occupied by himself and the Adjutant General being too small to admit of the ordinary complement of furniture being placed in them without inconvenience.

3. In returning the Estimate duly approved and countersigned, the Quarter Master General expresses his desire to have the alterations carried out without delay "as the Adjutant General suffers very great inconvenience owing to the smallneſs of his room".

4. Data for rates allowed for "Bench Brick in Chunam" and "Plastering with chunam" are enclosed as they are some-what higher than those of the Divisional schedule.

Order

Order-dated 8th February 1890 No. 423 W. Public Works.

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In view of the rent charge sanctioned by the Government of India, for the Mount Stewart Buildings, His Excellency the Governor in Council is not prepared to sanction this Estimate, or to incur any further outlay on the Buildings from Provincial funds beyond the cost of ordinary repairs.

+ Omit print

Copy of a letter + No. 248 (Barrack) dated 21st February 1890, from Brigadier General M Protheroe, C.B. C.S.I, Quarter Master General, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

With reference to O.G. No. 1149, of the 14th February 1890, I am desired to bring to the notice of Government that the rooms in the Mount Stuart Buildings, which it is proposed to enlarge, measure but 17 feet by 9 feet respectively, and are so arranged that they cannot even be provided with fire places, but are warmed and that imperfectly, and at considerable inconvenience to the occupants, by means of stones.

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2. As already intimated, the room allotted to the Adjutant General is so small, that it cannot contain the ordinary complement of furniture and for want of space the Adjutant General is put to the greatest inconvenience when officers call to see him, or when transacting business with the officers of his Department or with the office clerks.

3. In the opinion of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, the room is in no way suitable for the requirements of an officer holding the position of Adjutant General of the Army. His Excellency hopes, therefore, that Government may be pleased to reconsider their decision, as recorded in the above quoted Government order, and will accord sanction to the proposed extensions being carried out at an early date.

4. In conclusion, I am to say, that the present would be a fitting time in which to effect the neceſsary alterations in

in the Adjutant General's room, as owing to the temporary absence of the Deputy Adjutant General the room of the latter might be occupied by the former officer during such time as the work might be in progress.

No. 1738 Military

Transferred to the Public Works Department for favorable consideration with advertence to G.G. No. 423 W. dated 8th February 1890.

Fort Saint George } 24th February 1890 }

Sd/ A Kenny Herbert
Pt. Gt.
Secretary to Government.

Order – dated 22nd April 1890, No. 1194 W. Public Works.

The Government adheres to the decision conveyed in G.O. No. 423 W, dated 8th February 1890, but suggests that the proposed extension of the main building of Mount Stuart should be executed from the Military Works grant under the new organization.

(True Extract)

Sd/ R R E Drake Brockman Lt. Col. R.E.
Ag: Joint Secy: to Govt. P.W. Deptt.

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Letter from the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Deptt. to the Inspector General of Military Works No. 1837 M W dated 28th July 1890.

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I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 1848 B dated 13th June 1890, forwarding correspondence relative to a proposal to enlarge the Army Head Quarters Offices at Ootacamund at an estimated cost of Rs 3,700/- and enquiring whether the Government of India will permit the proposed expenditure of Rs 3,700/- on the enlargement of these premises to be debited to the Military Works Grant.

2. In reply I am to say that it was never contemplated that this building should be other than Provincial Civil, and the Government of India fail to see that the extension of the agency of the Military Works Department

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to Madras has changed the condition of affairs. Under these circumstances, they regret their inability to sanction the execution of the proposed work as a charge against the Military Works Grant.

Copy of the above forwarded to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department for the information of His Excellency the Governor-in-council.

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By order

S. Grant
Major R.E.

Asstt Secy: to the Govt of India.

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423 W " 8-2-90
1437 W " 19-6-85

Form No. 7 B.

HEADING Buildings.

QUARTER MASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Ootacamund,
13th August 1890.

It is requested that the heading, number, and date of this communication may be quoted in any subsequent correspondence on this subject.

No. 197 M.W.

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From
COLONEL E. H. EYRE,
OFFG. QUARTER MASTER GENERAL,

To
THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

With advertence to Order of Government No. 3181 dated 9th May 1890, I am desired to forward for the information of Government letter No. 3755 of the 9th instant, with one enclosure, from the Superintending Engineer Madras Command, Military works, by which it will be seen that the Government of India decline to sanction the execution of the proposed alterations so much needed to the Mountstuart main building, as a charge against the Military Works grant on the grounds that the said building cannot

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cannot be considered other than Provincial Civil.

II. In order to render the building suitable in all respects for the accommodation of the Establishments located therein, and for providing the Adjutant-General with a larger room, and greater privacy than is possible under existing arrangements, the Commander-in-Chief would strongly recommend the extension of the main building all along the front, instead of merely throwing out two bays on either side, which is provided for under the scheme already submitted to Government, and referred to in the P.G. above quoted. This proposal would, I am to say, involve a considerable outlay, His Excellency would be glad to know therefore, whether Government will be prepared to consider such a proposal, as unless

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the Government is willing to sanction the provision of funds for these more extensive alterations and improvements, it seems useless to go to the length of asking for the preparation of the necessary plans & Estimates.

III. In the event of Government being unwilling to consider the larger project, the Commander-in-Chief hopes that the necessary funds viz, Rs. 3,700, may be provided at a very early date in order to carry out the smaller scheme without further delay.

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your obedt Servant

I. H. Eyre Colonel
Offg. Quarter master Genl

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Military (1890) Department.

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From

THE QUARTER MASTER GENERAL,

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 197 M.W.

Dated 13th }
Received 14 } August 1890.

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ENCLOSURES, 2.

Regrets to sanction the amount required to enable the necessary alterations to the Mountstuart building being carried out, so as to render the room used by the Adjt Genl fit for occupation by an officer of the rank & standing of the Chief of the A. Hd-Qr. Staff.

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P.G. 14.2.1890 No 1149 R
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A Kenney Herbert

Wg Genl
Secretary to Govt
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14th August 1890 }

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1191 C d/ 13-7-85

No 2488 d/ 19-6-85 · No 833 W d/ 26-3-86 · No 1473 W d/ 22-6-88
1127 W d/ 13-5-85 · 1131 W d/ 5-5-86 · No 1581 W d/ 10-6-89
1031 W d/ 1-5-85 · 15 B d/ 1-5-86 · 2008 W d/ 6-7-88
2946 W d/ 9-12-85 · 1903 W d/ 17-8-85 · 333 W d/ 6-2-88
2557 W d/ 2-11-85 · 3586 d/ 31-7-85 · 4275 C d/ 24-9-89
2091-2 W d/ 7-7-85 · 3755 B d/ 22-7-85 · 5792 d/ 13-8-89
2075 W d/ 5-7-85 · 2807 W d/ 23-10-85 · 423 W d/ 8-2-90
1194 W d/ 22-4-90

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M. W. No. 8.

No. 3755

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,
Madras COMMAND, MILITARY WORKS.

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FROM

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
Madras COMMAND, MILITARY WORKS,

To

The Quarter Master General
Madras Army

Pros

Public Works Department,
Military Works.

Enclosure 1.
1 Copy of letter

Ootacamund 9th Augt 1890.

Sir,

With reference to your No. 729 B Dated 27th May 1890. I have the honor to forward herewith for information a copy of a letter No. 2555 B. Dated 2nd Instant just received from the Inspector General of Military Works communicating the orders of the Government of India relative to the question of the cost of extension of the Army Head Quarter Offices at Mount Stuart, Ootacamund, being borne by this Department.

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

W Tomkins Lt Col R.E.
Supg Engr M.C.M.W.

Endn

From

Supdg: Engr. IV C M.W.

No 3/553 d. 9-8-90

Ref: to the question of the cost of extension of the Army Head quarters offices at Mount Stuart Ootacamund.

GENERAL'S OFFICE.
RECEIVED 9 AUG. 90
198 MW

Form No. 7 B.

QUARTER MASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE,
No 2d Madras
~~Ootacamund~~,
21' January 1891.

HEADING Special & Miscellaneous

It is requested that the heading, number, and date of this communication may be quoted in any subsequent correspondence on this subject.

No. 157 T

767-8/14

From
Br: Genl: ~~Colonel~~ E. H. EYRE,
~~Offg.~~ QUARTER MASTER GENERAL,

To
THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

767-8/14

SIR,

In O.G. No 1149 of the 14' February 1890 (M.D.) Government, ~~in the Military Department~~, in view of the rent charge sanctioned by the Government of India for the Mount Stuart buildings, Ootacamund, used as Army Head Quarter Offices, declined to sanction an estimate amounting to Rs 3700 submitted by the Superintending Engineer IV Circle, for enlarging certain rooms occupied by the Adjutant General's and Quartermaster General's Offices or to incur any further outlay on the buildings from Provincial funds beyond the cost of ordinary repairs. This decision it afterwards confirmed, vide O.G. No 3181 of the 9' May 1890 M.D. when passing orders on this office letter No 248 Barrack of the 21' February 1890, in which the necessity for the improvements asked for was so prominently brought to notice. In this latter order the Government suggested that the proposed extension of these offices should be executed from the Military Works grant under

P.W.D. M.S. No 423 W d. 8 Feb 1890

P.W.D. M.S. No 1194 W d. 22-4-1890

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under the new Organization; but this it
has been found impossible to do, the
buildings being classed as "Provincial
Civil". I am now desired by His
Excellency the Commander-in-Chief to submit
to Government the following statement,
from a consideration of which he trusts it
may be induced to modify its decision,
and to accord sanction to this very
necessary extension of the main building
being carried out at an early date.

2. The "Bombay Castle" property, since
designated "Mount Stuart" was purchased
by Government from Provincial Funds in 1883
at a cost of Rupees 83,276-11-6, a further
sum of Rs 4,534-11-6, being expended at the
time of purchase for certain alterations and
repairs, bringing the total cost of the property
up to Rs 87,811-7-0. The property consists
of certain detached buildings occupied as
Army Head Quarter Offices, and 23 acres
more or less, of land surrounding them.
Of this land not more than 5 acres
need be retained for Military use, so that
Government has at its disposal some 18
acres of land in the very centre of the Station;
on a portion of which it has already built,
or permitted to be built the "Breeks Memorial
School", while another considerable portion
has been taken up for the construction of
a new road.

3. The sale value of this land has been
estimated by the Collector of the Nilgiris to be,
at present, from Rs 1000 to Rs 1500 per acre, but
there is little doubt that on the extension of
the former Ghaut Railway into Ootacamund,
the value of this land, from its advantageous
situation, will be very greatly increased.

Taking

Taking it, however, at a value of only
Rs 1500 per acre, it represents a sum of
Rs 27,000, which deducted from the amount
paid for the whole property, leaves a sum
of Rs 60,811-7-0, as the price paid from
Provincial Funds for the buildings alone,
together with 5 acres of land. 767-8/15

4. Prior, however, to the permanent
removal of the Army Head Quarter Offices
to Ootacamund, the Office of the Surgeon General
with Government, was located at Madras
in a hired building, at a monthly rent
of Rs 205, debited to Provincial Funds under
"24 Medical - Medical Establishments" -
Rent was thus paid up to July 1884,
when the Surgeon General's Office was
removed into a Military building in the
Fort for which no rent has been charged,
though, it is to be observed, all repairs to this
building, averaging annually Rs 675, are
carried out from the Military repairs grant.
By this location of the Surgeon General's Office
in a public building an annual saving of
Rs 2460 to Provincial Funds has been effected
or from July 1884 to 31st March 1890, a total
saving of Rs 14,145.

5. During the 5 years from 1884 to 1889 a
sum of Rs 28,039-0-0 has been expended
from Provincial Funds on repairs and
alterations to these buildings, or on an
average about Rs 5600 per annum, but
the greater part of this heavy expenditure
has been incurred solely on account of
the state of disrepair of these buildings
when taken over by the Government.
If, therefore, the cost of these repairs be
added to the price paid for the buildings,
with 5 acres of land as shown in last
part of para 3, the total cost will amount
to Rs 88,850-7-0.

6. The Government of India has accepted an annual charge against the Military Department of R. 3600 as rent for the above buildings, and which rent has been paid since May 1883. This annual rent together with the sum of R 2460, shown above as annually saved on the rent of the Office of the Surgeon General with Government, produces a sum of R. 6060 annually to Provincial Funds.

In August 1884 the Government of India in reply to an application from this Government refused to make a special grant for the purpose of recouping Provincial Funds for the outlay advanced to meet the purchase and repair of the "Mountstuart" property, and in October of the same year it was asked to reconsider this refusal, or as an alternative to sanction the payment of rent calculated at 6 per cent on the outlay which had been incurred. But the sum of R 6060, credited annually to Provincial Funds directly and indirectly on account of the "Mountstuart" property, yields very nearly 7 per cent (6.82) on the cost of the purchase and subsequent repairs to the Army Head Quarter Offices. This Government is therefore actually receiving a higher rate of rent than it considered necessary to recoup itself for the expenditure it had incurred.

7. In conclusion H.E. Sir C. Arbuthnot desires again to bring to the notice of Government the absolute necessity of some improvements being effected in the room allotted to the Adjutant General, which is totally unfit for occupation by an officer of his position. As already pointed out in this office letter No. 248 Barrack of the 21st February 1890, it is so small as not to admit of the ordinary complement of office furniture being placed in it or of a fireplace being provided, while there is barely room to allow of a chair being offered to any officer desiring an interview with the Adjutant General, to obtain which he must pass through a room filled with clerks, and with the exception of this room there is no place where officers wishing to see the Adjutant General, can await their turn for doing so.

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8. In view of these facts His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief trusts that Government will be pleased to rescind its decision conveyed in G.O. No. 1149 of the 14th February 1890, and that it will accord its sanction to the necessary expenditure for the requisite extension of the main building on the "Mountstuart" property, with a view to rendering it suitable for the requirements of the Military Department.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your obedient Servant

L. H. Eyre Brigr. Genl:
Quartermaster General

File 935

Military (1890) Department.

No. 465

From

The Quarter Master General,

To

The Secretary to Government,
Military Department.

21/2-1-5 [illegible]

No. 157 T.

Dated 21st
Received 22nd } January 1890.

Enclosures.

Relates to improvements to "Mountstuart Buildings" at Ootacamund

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21/1/91

P.G. 5 · 12 · 1881 no. 6429 R
" 2 · 3 · 1882 no. 1005 R
" 11 · 7 · 1882 no. 3517 R
" 19 · 1 · 1884 no. 296 R
" 21 · 2 · 1884 no. 870 R
" 30 · 6 · 1884 no. 3112
" 30 · 7 · 1884 no. 3641 R
" 14 · 11 · 1884 no. 5647 R
" 29 · 6 · 1885 no. 3506 R
" 14 · 2 · 1890 no. 1149 R
" 9 · 5 · 1890 no. 3188 R
" 27 · 12 · 1890 no. 7800 R
@ 5177 of 14 · 8 · 90
" 18 · 11 · 1885 no. 6525 R
" 1 · 10 · 1869 no. 6722 R

No 524

Transferred to the Public Works Department for favourable consideration, in continuation of Mily Dept endorsement No 5177 dated 14th August 1890.

C. Kenney Herbert Br. Genl.
Secy to Govt
Mily Dept.

Fort Saint George
26 Jany/91

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PROCEEDINGS OF

From the Govt. of Mi

[illegible]

In my opinion the quarters [illegible] Mount Stuart are quite unsuit[illegible] for the accommodation of the Head Quarters Staff. What is wanted is a new block containing 4 upstairs & 4 downstairs

No 423 W of 8-2-90
~~- 1194 W of 22-4-90~~

This D. [illegible] Dept. [illegible] if the necessary [illegible] from Prov. (Civil) they will pay rent [illegible] capital value of the present buildings [illegible] 5 p/c [illegible] Mil. Dept. [illegible] the necessary alterations.

19/8/90

To the Mily Dept
- S.E. IV Circle
- [illegible]

Mount Street
Buildings, City

To W

762-8/18

If desired, the originals of the Pros. put up, containing the notes of the members of Govt., will be called for from Madras.

The rent of Rs 300 per mensem paid by the G. of I. for the Mount Street buildings represents a very small percentage on the capital outlay incurred from Provincial funds.

Ch
13-8-80

Sent [illegible] under [illegible]

Is it known what the capital cost was? If so I wd. add to para 2 "the rent of Rs 3,600 now paid being only ... per cent on the capital cost of the buildings."

S

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To W

The original capital outlay on the buildings was Rs 83,000 & the rent of Rs 3,600 gives interest at about 4½ % per annum.

Subsequently however an outlay of Rs 19,945 was incurred on improvements classed as "original works" — If this be added to the capital outlay, the rent will be somewhat under 3½ per cent.

A statement explaining all this was made out for the information of the Hon. Mr. Stokes, & was attached to original Pros. with No 223 W of 8-2-90.

Cu
13.3.90

(1049)3600

Revised draft

Communicated to the Building Department 767-0/19

In the orders originally issued it is stated that the Govt is not prepared to incur any further outlay on the Government buildings from Provincial Funds beyond the cost of ordinary repairs—

It is admitted that the buildings in their present state are unfitted for the accommodation of the Head Quarters Staff; the improvements ~~proposed~~ required in the first of [illegible] letter will only partially remedy the defects; to remove them entirely would involve an expenditure of about Rs 25,000 bringing the total capital cost of the buildings up to above Rs 1,28,000 —

Five per cent on this amount would be Rs 6,400 instead of the annual rental of Rs 3600 now paid; it will be considered in the

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In 1885 an estimate of Rs 19.945 for improvements to the building was sanctioned, but when the question of allotting funds came up, the Govt. refused to give any money for new works, & directed that expenditure should be restricted to absolutely necessary repairs –

On subsequent urgent representations from Army Head Qrs as to the bad state of the roofs of the buildings, & as to their uncomfortable condition for officers, the Govt. allowed the estimate of Rs 19.945 to be carried out –

When the estimate of Rs 3700 for improving the Officers' rooms came up at the beginning of this year, the Hon. Mr Stokes ruled that no more capital outlay on the buildings could be permitted, so long as the rent remained at the present figure –

When the matter was sent up for reconsideration, the Hon. Mr Stokes personally inspected the building, & admitted that the improvements asked for were necessary but he declined to give money from Provincial funds for the purpose – It was then that the suggestion was made that further new works should be carried out from Military funds.

767-8/21

It will be seen that H.E. the Commr in Chief now wants the whole of the front of the building extended at a cost largely in excess of the estimate of Rs 3700 previously submitted.

The Govt. might perhaps take the present opportunity of again going up to India with a view either of transferring the property to Imperial at a valuation, or of obtaining a more reasonable rate of rent –

It seems improbable

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that India will refund anything like the capital outlay incurred on the property, for that outlay (Rs 1,05,000) is possibly much in excess of ~~the~~ its market value, but it will doubtless be more advantageous for Provincial to get rid of it at a fair valuation than to get little or no interest on the capital sunk. The rent is probably nearly all expended in maintenance.

The buildings are far from commodious offices, & it is certain that ~~the~~ Army Head Qrs will be constantly coming up for improvements.

Cu
15-8-90

Yes, put the whole file up for Councillors.

G 15/8

Mount Stuart Bung:

To W

Please see the Hon's remarks on the draft order circulated on the 14 –

767-68/22

The former papers on the subject have been obtained from Madras, & are submitted with the current in the linked file. Both currents might now be disposed of together.

It will be seen from the statement attached to original Procs. No 4234 of 8-2-90[+] that the capital outlay on the property has been Rs 1,13,210, several small estimates for new works having been sanctioned in addition to the large one of Rs 19,945.

[+] In linked file

The printed note in file No I (linked file) gives a full history of the purchase of the building, & of the refusal of the Govt. of India to refund the purchase money to Provincial.

If the question of transferring the buildings to Imperial is now to be reopened, perhaps the S.E. might be asked to submit a valuation statement. The land (the whole Hill) purchased with the property might be retained by Provincial for building sites &c, & the value of this would make a considerable deduction in the capital cost.

For orders.

Cec
21-8-20

To W

767-8/23

I venture to submit that the question of increasing the rent of the Mountstuart property or of transferring it to Imperial on payment, should be referred by this dept. direct to the G. of I. in the Mily Works Dept.

The Military Dept of the Local Govt. has no voice nor power in the matter. All the former correspondence on the subject of the refund of purchase money & the rent was conducted by this dept. direct with the G. of I. in the Mil. Works Dept.

The increased rate of rent proposed to be asked for, or the refund of capital cost, must be [illegible] to. be provided

The letter from the Dy. Insp. Genl. of 13 inst. re-garding the needed im-provements to the offices was transferred to this dept. for disposal by the Mil. Dept.

It will be seen from P. Mil. Dept. No 4078 of 19. 6. 90 (put up) that the local Govt. in the Mil. Dept. has no control over Military Works, & it may be implied from para 4 of the G. of I. letter printed thereunder that correspondence with the G. of I. regarding Mil. Works should be conducted in the P.W. Dept. Whether therefore an increased grant in the shape of rent is to be provided for the maintenance of the buildings, or whether the latter are to be transferred to Imperial military, the question must be decided by the Govt.

Connected with Cir. 7735

Yes. The Office notes should go, as they explain points on which it has any want of information. Not the papers in the linked file.

22. 8

H/o The top file is to go to Circle with the notes enclosed, as [illegible] The linked file can be kept in [illegible]

22/8

D. W.

For orders whether [illegible] is intended [illegible] the office notes in the file are already [illegible] to H.E. the C in C

Apparently the big bundle of papers linked need not be sent

Cr

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decision

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H.E. the C in C

267-8/25

Note

The undersigned has the honour to forward the accompanying papers connected with the Mount Stuart building to H.E. the Commr in Chief, in accordance with instructions given in Council.

22.8.90 W

My views have been communicated to Govt in Q.M. Genl letter No 157 T 21st/Aug/91 to Secy to Govt Mily Dept.

C.G.L.
14.2.91.

OLS 8.VIII
H.E. the C. in C. 22.VIII.90

CAW

767-8/26

Govt of India's 1921 mw of 5.viii.90 regarding repairs to the Army Hd Quarter offices, Ootacamund, was sent to ~~the~~ H.E. the C. in C. on the 22nd ultimo. Nothing is known of the paper as yet. A big file is in Circ. L.O. box.

8-11-90

Through H.C.

It is thought the paper is in Circ. all round

9.11.90

To W

767-8/26

The file is apparently still with His Exy the C. in C.

For orders whether a reminder need be sent. His Exy. will no doubt return the papers when he has arrived at a decision in the matter.

9-9-90

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(29)

C.M.

I see no necessity for sending a reminder – H.E. is I fancy awaiting the information regarding the state of the buildings in the Fort, which I believe he has asked the A.G. M.W. to inspect –

S 9/9

S.A.W.

This file can lie at Madras, pending return of the current papers from the ~~Hon~~ C in C

M.D.: & C.M. 2/9/91

Cir. 1609

767 8/27

To W

Our books show clearly that the papers were sent to H.E. the C in C on 22nd August last at Ooty.

From the slips herewith, it will be seen that it was proposed to send a reminder to His Exy on 9 Sept, & that you considered this unnecessary –

The papers were sent to His Exy. the C.-in-C. after they were shown in Council.

I have just Circl ~~sent~~ H.E. the C in C the papers 14-2-91

S 10/9

H.C. 1611

CM No. 7755/935

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

Public Works Department,
Chepâk, Madras,
Feb. 14 1891.

767-8/28

My dear Buckley

Please see to this – The letter quoted has not come to me yet –

Yours sincerely

Attended to
14.2.91

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COMMANDER IN CHIEF
MADRAS

762-8/29

Dear Colonel,

I am glad to say that the missing papers about the Mount Stuart buildings have been found by His Excellency & I write to ask you to kindly cancel & return my letter No 3339 of 12-2-91.

The Commander in Chief is

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

767-8/30

READ the following

Letter from the Govt. of India	No. 1921 M.W. d/ 5 Augt 1890
From the Quarter Mr. Genl.	" No. 197 M.W. d/ 13 Augt 1890
Endorsement in the Mily Deptt	" No. 5177 d/ 14 Augt 1890
From the Quarter Mr. Genl.	" No. 157 T. d/ [illegible] Jany 1891
Endorsement in the Mily Deptt	" No. 524 d/ 26 Jany 1891

Submitted

This should be circulated.

Wo
20 Feb.

His Excellency the Governor in Council adheres to the decision given in G.O. No. 423 W d/ 18 February 1890, but observes that if the Govt. of India will consent to pay a rent for the Mount Stuart property in accordance with its own rules× for rents of Govt. buildings, this Govt. will provide from Provincial funds the necessary capital outlay for the extensions required.

H.S.
20 Feb.

× Para 1041 Madras P.W. Code – Para 28 Chap XI vol. I G. of I. P. W. Code

A copy

Transferred

2. A copy of these Proceedings will be forwarded to the Government of India Military Department.

W.C.B. 19.2.91

Circulate

A.C. No

W.d.f

Forwarded.

W.C.B. 19.2.91

To

The Mily Deptt.
" Supdg Engr IV Circle
" Exr. P.W. Accts.

Cn Mw. 19.ii.91 Cn: 21.ii.91

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P.W.D.

767 8/31

From the Govt. of India Mily. Dept. No 1921 M.W. d 5.8.90
" " Dy Qr Mr General No 197 M.W. d 13.8.90
Endorsement in the Military Dept. No 5177 d 14.8.90
From the Dy Qr Mr General No 157 T d 21.1.91
Endorsement in the Mily. Dept. No 5244 d 26.1.91.

For orders.

In G.O. dated 8.2.90
No 423 W. the Govt. declined
to sanction any further
outlay from Provincial
funds, beyond the cost
of ordinary repairs, on
the Army head quarter
offices, or "Mountstuart"
buildings at Ootacamund.

This refusal had
reference to an estimate
of Rs 3,700 for extending
the main building, so
as to provide a proper
office room for the Ad-

jutant General.

A reconsideration of this order was requested in February 1890, and in G.O. dated 22.4.90, No 1194W, the Govt. while adhering to its former decision, suggested that the proposed extension of the ~~[illegible]~~ building might be executed from the Military Works Grant under the new organisation. This however the Govt of India declined to permit, and in August 1890, H.E. the Comm-in Chief again came up, representing the urgent need of additional accommodation, and inquiring whether the Govt. would be prepared to consider a proposal to extend the whole front of the main building, a work involving considerable expenditure. His Excy. said that if Govt. was unwilling to undertake the larger project, he hoped that funds would be given to carry out the estimate of Rs 3,700 previously submitted.

Under instructions in Council, these papers were sent to H.E. the C.-in C. on the 22d August last.

In the Quarter Mr Genl's letter No 157 J of 21.1.91, His Excy. points out that the saving to Provincial funds effected by the location of the Surgeon Genl's Office in a military building in Fort St. George might be taken as a set off against the loss of interest incurred by Govt. on the capital cost of the Mountstuart buildings, & he again asks Govt. to sanction the outlay needed for the extension of the latter buildings.

For orders whether the arguments in the Qr. Mr. Genl's letter of 21st January 1891 can be accepted, and if so, whether plans & estimates for the proposed extension may be called for.

If the Surgeon Genl's office is again to be moved out of the Fort into a rented building, ∴ the saving to Provincial funds will cease.

WCP
16.2.91

D.W.

Cs

H.o.16.ii.91
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I would adhere to the decision already given; but add that if the Govt. of India will consent to pay a rent calculated in accordance with their own rules for rents of Govt. buildings, we will provide from Provincial funds the necessary capital outlay for the extensions required

HES
17 Feb.

I concur
J.H.G.
1/3/91

I quite agree with my Hon. Colleagues – Messrs. Stokes & Garstin
W/4/3/91

The calculation of H.E. the C. in C. that we get 6.82 per cent on the capital cost depends on an illusory deduction on account of the value of the land, and on the saving ~~of~~ of rent for an office for the Surgeon Genl. with Govt. This however will not last, for we are now engaged on extensive & costly schemes, the prime reason for which is the inadequacy of the accommodation provided for the Surgeon Genl. Admitting the saving ~~at~~ to 31 Mar. 90. the cost is (87811 + 28039 − 14145 =) Rs 101705, on which we get Rs 3600 per annum or about 3½ % as already stated.

The Madras Govt. at the request of Sir F. Roberts were induced to buy the Mountstuart property and to pay for it from Provincial funds – in anticipation of sanction to the charge as a military one. The Govt. of India took an unfair advantage of this, and refused to ~~[illegible]~~ reimburse those funds. Only after great pressure were they induced to consent to the present absurdly inadequate rent.

It is incumbent on the Govt. of India to provide for military requirements and I would not spend one rupee of Provincial money on extending this building

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I must record my dissent from the decision of my Honble Colleagues.

I am of opinion that it is absolutely necessary that proper accommodation, either from Imperial or Provincial funds shd be provided for the Offices of the Army Head Quarters.

The case has in my opinion been correctly stated in the Qr. Mr. Genls letter ~~in the~~ no 157 T 21st Jany/91.

Even if the whole of the Mount Stuart property was purchased for the use of the Army Head Qrs, it has not been so reserved – a road has been made through it cutting off a considerable portion, and a large building has been erected thereon for civil purposes.

Even if the buildings in the Fort now occupied as the Office of the Surgeon Genl with Govt are eventually given up for Military purposes the saving in rent effected since July 1884 and up to the date of their reversion to Mily use shd be deducted from the cost of the Mount Stuart Offices and the value of the portion of that property which has been made use of for Provincial or Municipal purposes shd also be deducted. In fact the value of all the land not required for the use of the Hd Qr Offices shd be deducted. At the same time it must be admitted that when Offices are provided for the Surgeon Genl with Govt outside the fort and the saving now effected by occupying the building in the fort ceases, the rent paid by the Govt of India will be insufficient and there can be no doubt that rent Rs 300/ a month is quite inadequate for the provision of proper accommodation in Ootacamund. I therefore think, seeing how necessary it is that such accommodation shd be provided, that the whole case shd be referred to the Govt of India with a view to an equitable decision being arrived at, and the Hd Q. Offices being housed in a more creditable manner.

L. G. Arbuthnot
March 5th/91

I have no objection to the case being submitted to the Govt of India, not [illegible] but for consideration whether they will consent to the proposed terms of rent. The value of the land is practically nil. It consists of steep hillside which cannot be used for any purpose & is worthless to provincial funds. The road which is made a ground of complaint is a vast convenience to the military offices. The construction of the Breeks memorial school (on about the only part of the land which could be used) does not in any way prejudice them.

[illegible] 7 March

Resubmitted to the Hon: Member with reference to His Excellency the C in C's note of 5. iii. 91.

[illegible]
6·3·91

Seen –
[illegible]
17 March.

P.W.D.

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Note.

With reference to the Hon. Member's remarks on the draft Proceedings relating to the Army Head Qrs buildings at Ootacamund, the undersigned has the honour to state that it has been ascertained from the Public Dept. that the Office of the Surgeon General was moved out of the Fort to Nungumbaukum on the 9 Feby 1891.

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Hw. 16. iii. 91
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A/ Printed orders

No. 767 W d/17th March 1891

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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READ the following

From the Govt. of India No. 1921 M.W. of 5-8-90 +
" " Dr. Genl. " 197 M.W. of 13-8-90
Endt. in the Mily. Dept. " 5177 of 14-8-90
From the Dr. Genl. " 1577 of 21-1-91
Endt. in the Mily. Dept. 524 of 26-1-91.

+ Quote No. ~~& date~~ only in copies of P.G. going to India

His Excy. the Govr. in Council adheres to the decision given in G.O. No. 4234W dated 8th Feby 1890, but observes that if the Govt. of India will consent to pay a rent for the Mount Stuart property in accordance with its the sanctioned own rules for renting Govt. buildings, this Govt. will provide from Provincial funds the necessary capital outlay for the extensions required.

H.S.
15 Mar.

+ Para 1041 Madras P.W. Code.
Para 28. Chap. XI, Vol I
G. of I. P.W. Code.

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2. The Govt. of India will be addressed accordingly

H.S. No 768 W d/ 17th March 1891

To the Secy to the Govt. of India
Military Dept

Sir,

With reference to your endorsement No 1921 M.W. d/ 5th August 1890, I am directed to forward a copy of the Pros. of this Govt. No 767 W d/ 17th March 1891, containing further correspondence regarding the necessity for improvements to the Army Head Quarter Offices at Ootacamund, and to inquire whether, if this Govt. undertakes to provide from Provl. funds the necessary capital outlay for the extensions required, the Govt. of India will consent to pay rent for the property in accordance with the rules laid down in para 285 Chapter XI, Vol I G. of I. Public Works Code. I am to state that so long as the present inadequate rent of Rs 300 per mensem is paid for the buildings from Imperial funds, this Govt. is not prepared to incur any further outlay on them from Provincial funds beyond the cost of ordinary repairs.

2. With regard to the arguments in the Quarter Master Genl's letter No 157 T dated 21 January 1891, I am directed to say that the temporary occupancy of a military building in Fort St George by the Office of the Surgeon Genl with the Govt. of Madras can have no bearing on the peculiar circumstances in which this Govt. was induced to lay out Provincial funds on the purchase of the Mountstuart buildings at Ootacamund in the expectation that the amount would be refunded by the Govt. of India. Interest charges of building for

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for civil and military purposes are of frequent occurrence, & the office of the Surgeon General has since been moved out of the Fort. As regards the land, the value of which H.E. the Commr in Chief considers should be deducted from the capital cost of the property, I am to say that it consists of steep hillside which cannot be used for any purpose and is worthless to provincial funds. The road on this land which is made a ground of complaint, is a vast convenience to the Army Head Quarter Offices, and the construction of a school house on the only small part of the land which could be used does not in any way prejudice them.

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