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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Account.

Read—the following papers:—

From J. C. LARMINIE, Esq., Executive Engineer, Coimbatore division, to the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, dated Coimbatore, 7th December 1891, No. 6922.

During the past five months I have paid on account of furniture for Government House, Ootacamund, some Rs. 4,028 on account of the following articles:—

Pulcaries.
Tinsel curtains.
Carpets.
Velveteen.
Rosed screen.
Longcloth.
Dungry colours.
Bath-room crockery.
Curtains.
Silk thread and other odds and ends.

2. I am not certain whether I am at all justified in accepting the debit of perishable fancy articles of this nature to the estimate for the construction of Government House, as possibly the provision of Rs. 1,25,000 in that estimate for furnishing only contemplates *bonâ fide* durable articles of furniture.

3. Anyhow all such purchases have to be brought on to the Public Works returns of tools and plant and what I would particularly wish to draw attention to is the absolute impossibility of keeping any check on, or control over, articles of the kind enumerated, not to mention the difficulty of even finding and counting them for the purpose of bringing them on the return.

4. The greatest difficulty even is felt in taking stock of such solid articles as chairs, almirahs, wash stands, &c., owing to the constant changes, breakages and removals of furniture in Government House.

5. So, it can readily be understood what it must be in the case of knickknacks.

6. I would submit that the charge of the furniture should not be at all under this department who are not really in a position to keep any watch or a check (as is expected by the Examiner) over it and it is useless pretending to do so. The work would be more that of a *major domo* or head butler.

7. But, if the formality must continue, I would suggest that a line be drawn somewhere and that all perishable articles be excluded from the returns.

The office vouchers will, at any time, show what the expenditure has been on such items.

No. 640 W.

Submitted to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, for favour of obtaining orders of Government on the subject.

(Signed) R. R. E. DRAKE-BROCKMAN, Lt.-Col, R.E.,
Superintending Engineer, IV Circle.

7th Dec. 1891.

From J. C. LARMINIE, Esq., Executive Engineer, Coimbatore division, to the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, dated Ootacamund, 22nd December 1891, No. 7083.

With reference to the Chief Engineer's memo. No. 5595 C. of 11th December 1891, forwarded with your endorsement No. 1164 C.I. of 15th December 1891, I have the honour to state that, of the articles enumerated in my letter No. 6922 of 7th December 1891, only tinsel curtains and carpets can be said to fall within scope of the list of furniture, &c., printed with G.O., No. 2450 W., of 12th September 1887.

2. I would therefore ask for instructions as to how expenditure on the other items should be treated.

3. Apparently, under para. 2 of the rules for the supply and repair of furniture, printed with the above Government Order, all other articles not in the list should be purchased by and be under the charge of the Private Secretary * to His Excellency the Governor.

* Now transferred to Military Secretary.

4. With reference to Chief Engineer's memo. No. 5580 C. of 11th December 1891, I would observe that the transactions under discussion are exceptional, the charges being against the grant for the construction of Government House, Ootacamund, and are not connected in any way with the grant at the disposal of the Consulting Architect. The accounts of the former are maintained in this division.

5. I would invite particular attention to rule V of the rules for purchase and custody of Government House furniture. This provides for the furniture being in the actual care and custody of a Government House official, who should communicate with this department concerning the same, and I would request that this rule may be complied with as soon as possible.

No. 1 E.W.

Forwarded to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, for favour of instructions with reference to his memo. No. 5595 C., dated 11th December 1891.

(Signed) R. R. E. DRAKE-BROCKMAN, Lt.-Col., R.E.,
Superintending Engineer, IV Circle.
1st Jan. 1892.

From Captain R. T. LAWLEY, Military Secretary to the Right Honorable the Governor, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Guindy Park, 18th January 1892, No. 207.

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your No. 186 C., dated 12th instant, with enclosures herewith returned, and while fully agreeing with the Executive Engineer as to the difficulty of keeping check on the articles of furniture to which he takes exception, I cannot admit that of them the only items coming within the meaning of G.O., No. 2450 W., of 12th September 1887, are tinsel curtains and carpets—

(1) Pulcaries are either curtains or portieres.
(2) Velveteen was purchased for repair of couches.
(3) Rosed screen. I do not know what is referred to here, but all screens purchased come within the scope of para. 2 of the Government Order in question.
(4) Longcloth and dungry used for repairs.
(5) Bath-room crockery is also on the list in para. 2.
(6) Silk thread and other odds and ends may mean anything but were presumably bought for repairs.

The points raised in Mr. Larminie's letter of December 7th as to the custody of the furniture being transferred to the charge of a *major domo*, presumably myself, are ones which I imagine could only be dealt with by the Government of India; but, while any steps in that direction would have my cordial support, I shall most strongly oppose any movement that may tend to reduce the number of articles purchasable under para. of the G.O., No. 2450 W. As regards para. 5 of Mr. Larminie's letter of December 22nd, I should be glad of information as to in what way I have neglected to observe the rule V referred to by him. I am not aware of any damage or destruction the furniture has sustained since I came away, and, should his under-officers, who are on the spot, have discovered and reported any damage to the Executive Engineer, I consider they should also have reported it to me.

ORDER—dated 1st February 1892, No. 268 W., Public Works.

The letter from the Military Secretary to His Excellency the Governor, recorded above, will be communicated to the Executive Engineer, Coimbatore division, with the remark that the expenditure against the item for furniture in the construction estimate for Government House, Ootacamund, should be limited to items ordinarily supplied by the Public Works Department as prescribed by the Government of India (*vide* list printed in the annexure to G.O., No 2863 W., dated 28th April 1891).

2. The existing rules as to the count and custody of the furniture re-issued with that order must be maintained. Any cause of complaint which may arise of the nature of that indicated in para. 5 of the Executive Engineer's letter No. 7083, dated 22nd December 1891, should be communicated direct to the Military Secretary.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle.
" Military Secretary to His Excellency the Governor.
" Superintending Engineer, V Circle.
" Consulting Architect.

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GENERAL.
ACCOUNT.

Govt. of {1892} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated February, 1st.

Recd. *Encl.*

G.O., 1st Feb. 1892, No. 263 W.

FEBRUARY.

Furniture, Government House at Ootacamund

The expenditure against the item for — in the construction estimate, ordered to be limited to items ordinarily supplied by the Public Works Department and the existing rules as to their count and custody maintained.

No. 6922.

Executive Engineer's Office,
Coimbatore Division,
Coimbatore, 7 December 1891.

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FROM,
J. C. Larminie Esq
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,
COIMBATORE DIVISION,

TO,
THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
FOURTH CIRCLE, COIMBATORE.

SIR,

Enclosures.

During the past five months, I have paid on account of furniture for Government House, Ootacamund, some Rs 4028 on account of the following articles:-

Pulcaries
Tinsel curtains
Carpets
Velveteen
Rosed screen
Long cloth
Dungry colors
Bath room crockery
~~[illegible] for~~ curtains
~~[illegible] for do-~~
Silk thread & other odds & ends

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3 Anyhow all such purchases have to be brought on to the P. W. returns of Tools and Plant and what I would particularly wish to draw attention to, is the absolute impossibility of keeping any check on, or control over articles of the kind enumerated, not to mention the difficulty of even finding and counting them for the purpose of bringing them on the Return.

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

J. Clarence
Executive Engineer
Coimbatore Division

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P. W. CURRENT No. ~~12888~~

ENGINEER'S OFFICE P.W.D.
No. 12/92
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Enclo:
FOURTH CIRCLE.

566/92

P. W. D.

No. 640/W of 7-12-91

From

The Executive Engineer,
Coimbatore Division,

To

The Supg. Engineer,
Fourth Circle,
Coimbatore.

Dated 7th
Despatched 7
Received
December 1891

No. 6922

ENCLOSURES

SUBJECT.

Furniture Government House Ootacamund —

Suggests that all fancy perishable articles of — be excluded from the Return of Tools & Plant.

On the back

Submitted to the Chief Engineer P.W.D. for favor of obtaining orders of Government on the subject.

Drake-Brockman Lt Col RE
Superintg Engineer, 4 Circle

No. 7043

Executive Engineer's Office,
Coimbatore Division,
Camp Ootacamund ~~Coimbatore~~, 22d Decr 1891.

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FROM,

J. C. Larminie Esq
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,
COIMBATORE DIVISION,

TO,

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
FOURTH CIRCLE, COIMBATORE.

Enclosures.

SIR,

With reference to the Chief Engineer's Memo No 5595 C of 11th December 1891 forwarded with your Endorsement No 1164/C.9 of 15th December 1891, I have the honor to state that, of the articles enumerated in my letter No 6922 of 7th December 1891, only Tinsel Curtains and Carpets can be said to fall within scope of the list of furniture &c printed with G.O. No 2450 W of 12th September 1887.

2. I would therefore ask

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for instructions as to how expenditure on the other items should be treated.

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Vide Rule V
Appendix P. P.W. Code
Standing Orders No 605.
R.P.

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

Executive Engineer

No $\frac{1}{E.W.}$ of 1-1-92

Forwarded to the Chief Engineer P.W.D for favor of instructions with reference to his memo: No. $\frac{5595}{c}$ dated 11th December 1891.

Lt Colonel
Supy. Engineer, 4th Circle

P. W. CURRENT No. 23

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P. W. D.

SUPG. ENGINEER'S OFFICE, P.W.D.
26 DEC. 91
FOURTH CIRCLE

From

The Executive Engineer,
Coimbatore Division,

To

The Supg. Engineer,
Fourth Circle,
Coimbatore.

Dated 22d
Despatched 24
Received 4-1-92
~~22~~d. December 1891

No. 7083

ENCLOSURES

SUBJECT.

Government House
Furniture:-

States that only tinsel curtains and carpets can be said to fall within the scope of list of —, and asks for instructions as to how expenditure on other items should be treated. Also invites attention to rule 5 of instructions printed with G.O. No. 2450 of 12th September 1887 regarding care & custody of Govt. furniture by a Govt. House official.

No. 2451w d/ 12-9-87
〃 426w – 14-2-89
〃 2459w 〃 3-9-83
〃 2384-5w 〃 29-8-89
〃 807c 〃 12-2-90
〃 547w 〃 20-2-90

〃 1221w 〃 25-4-88
〃 2105w 〃 2-8-90
〃 3332c 〃 8-8-90
〃 786D 〃 13-9-90
〃 3812c 〃 19-9-90
〃 4070c 〃 9-10-90
〃 4323c 〃 24-10-90
〃 3225-6w 〃 2-12-91

〃 1413w 〃 17-6-85
〃 2451w 〃 12-9-87
〃 1221w 〃 25-4-88
〃 1807w 〃 8-7-89
〃 5401-2c 〃 22-12-90
〃 456c 〃 27-1-91
〃 84D 〃 23-4-91
〃 2275c 〃 28-4-91
〃 1355w 〃 15-5-91
〃 264D 〃 27-5-91
〃 430D 〃 23-6-91
〃 487D 〃 3-7-91
〃 556D 〃 21-7-91
〃 2212w 〃 14-8-91
〃 792D 〃 1-9-91
〃 923D 〃 22-9-91

〃 2545w 〃 12-9-89
〃 2436w 〃 11-9-90
〃 2597w 〃 29-9-91
〃 5695c 〃 17-12-91
〃 5580c 〃 11-12-91

〃 1915w 〃 9-7-83
〃 2450w 〃 12-9-87
〃 2384-5w 〃 29-8-89
〃 1863w 〃 28-10-91
〃 5595c 〃 11-12-91
〃 186c 〃 12-1-92

No. 207

Government House.
Guindy Park.
18th January 1892.

Pb 268/7 W

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The Military Secretary to the
Right Honorable The Governor

To

The Chief Engineer.
Public Works Department

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P. W. CURRENT No. 586

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I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedt Servt
R. T. Lawley Captain
Military Secretary

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No 268 W

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

February 1st 1892,

READ the following

From the Supdg Engr IV Circle (Hd No 64 0 W d/ 7. xi. '91)
— do — (" " 1 Ew d/ 1. 1. '92)
From the Military Secretary to the Rt Hon: the Governor } (" " 207 d/ 18. 1. '92)

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M.L.
31 Jan

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HWB 21-1-92

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S.E. IV Circle
Milty Secy to H.E. the Govr
S.E. V Circle
Consg. Architect

7/2/92

Hon 29-1-92 R 1-2-92

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Govt. of 1892 Madras

PUBLIC WORKS.

11/2/92

G.O. 1st February, 92 268.W

Furniture, Government House at Ootacamund

The expenditure against the item for —— in the Construction estimate, order to be limited to items ordinarily supplied by the P.W.D., and the existing rules as to their count and custody, maintained

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