MADRAS AND COORG.

21 Second and Third class observatories.

	Class.		Class.		Class.
Bellary	2nd	Calicut	3rd	Mangalore	3rd
Cochin	,,	Coimbatore	,,	Masulipatam	,,
Cocanada	,,	Cuddalore	,,	Negapatam	,,
Mercara	,,	Cuddapah	,,	Nellore	,,
Salem	,,	Gopalpur	,,	Pamban	,,
Trichinopoly	,,	Kurnool	,,	Rajahmundry	,,
Wellington	,,	Madura	,,	Tinnevelly	,,

Average expenditure per annum per observatory - 1890 - 1894 -

Rs 24/8/-

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All communications should be addressed to the Secretary.

No. 97 B.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

CIVIL WORKS.

Buildings.

To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Public Works Department.

Calcutta, the 22nd March 1895.

Sir

As you may be aware the Public Works Department at present carries out all repairs to the 1st Class Meteorological Observatories at Calcutta, Allahabad and Lahore, and I am directed to inform you that it is now proposed to relieve the Meteorological Reporter to the Government of India of the duties connected with the control of the repairs and maintenance of the 2nd and 3rd Class observatories belonging to the Meteorological

Meteorological Department and to transfer the buildings and the control of the expenditure connected with their construction and repair to the charge of the Public Works Department under the Local Governments and Administrations in whose jurisdiction the buildings in question are.

2. I am to forward a statement showing the location of the 2nd and 3rd class observatories in the Madras Presidency together with information as to the approximate annual expenditure incurred on the upkeep of each observatory and to request that the Government of India may be informed whether His Excellency the Governor in Council would have any objection to these observatories being transferred to the list of Provincial buildings and maintained as such from Provincial funds. If this proposal is agreed to I am to enquire what amount

amount it would be considered necessary to add to the Provincial allotment annually to maintain the buildings in question.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant

N. F. Mackenzie

Under Secy. to the Govt.

To

The Secretary to Government
Political Department.

P. W. CURRENT No. 2411

Dated

Recd. 27. 3. 95

C. No. 744

For orders.

The average expenditure per annum on these buildings is said to be Rs 24/8/-
The buildings are probably mere sheds in which the meteorological instruments are exhibited, and the maintenance of works of this class is not undertaken by the P.W. Deptt. of this Presidency. Such work is done by Civil officers upto a limit of Rs 1000 - vide para 1316 of the Rd Madras Code, the procedure prescribed in which is still in force.

As regards the building at Mercara, the Coorg Public Works Dept. will undoubtedly have to be consulted - Works in Coorg are not under the P.W. Deptt of this Presidency, though the Madras Examiner audits the accounts.

each building known? If not it seems necessary to ascertain it with a view of deciding whether the buildings are sure Reds or not.

CSM
2E/3/95

D.W.

The information is available in the case of the Trichinopoly building only. It is a shed 38'×18'6 and is valued at Rs 760. None of the other buildings appear in the S.W. Dept. Registers.

CS
28 March 95

It is not clear why Meteorological Buildings should be treated differently as regards repairs, to other Public buildings. I think that procedure prescribed in para 1316 should be followed.

Sd. 28/3

Rent Rs 24/8- per annum Rates Rs 10 per annum.

The matter is in the District Office, but Karur is not in this District and work there would not profitably be undertaken by the Dept.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

No. 949 W. Dated 23rd April 1895.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

READ the following

Letter from the Govt. of India, No. 97 B dated 22nd March 1895.

Ordered that the Govt. of India be addressed.

(Hr. No. 950 W & 23rd April 1895)

To

The Secy. to the Govt. of India,
Public Works Dept.

Sir,

In reply to your letter No. 97 B dated 22nd March 1895, I am directed to state that the Madras Govt. has no objection to any arrangement that the Govt. of India may consider desirable with regard to the charge of the

Financial might like to see this - but it is a very small item.

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DESPATCHED
24 APR 95

To The Financial Dept. with copy of letter to the Govt of India.

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by that the Govt. has no objection to any arrangement that the Govt of India may consider desirable, but that they must reserve any remarks for expressing in this particular case from the procedure in force in the Province with regard to all capital buildings namely that they require a limit of Rs 1000 except in special cases when proposed expenditure is considered desirable, on account of the Department concerned with the intervention of the P. W. D -

This Govt does not affect the question of the initiation of the charge as between Imperial and Provincial funds, and it will [illegible]

the buildings connected with the Meteorological Observatories in this Presidency, and to point out that there does not appear to be any reason for departing in this particular case from the procedure in force in this Presidency with regard to all Provincial civil buildings, namely that petty repairs up to a limit of Rs1000, except in special cases where professional experience is considered desirable, are executed by the dept. concerned without the intervention of the Public Works Dept.

2. This, however, does not affect the question of the incidence of the cost as between Imperial and Provincial funds, and I am to state that it will probably be sufficient to add to the Provincial allotment an annual sum of Rs600, namely Rs 24-8-0 for each of twenty

twenty observatories together with Rs 110 for Establishment Tools and Plant charges.

3. The number of observatories given in the list forwarded with your letter is twenty one, but Mercara is not in this Presidency or easily accessible from it, and work there could not possibly be undertaken by this dept.

I have the

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17/4/95-14/4/95

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24 APR. 95

Maintenance & repair
of Meteorological Observatories
in this Presidency

CHIEF SECRETARY'S
7 APR. 1895
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Refer to the Chief Secretary
for Govt. of Madras -
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