

Copy of a letter from the Executive
Engineer Tadjore Division to the
Superintending Engineer 5th Circle
dated 1st June 1894 No 2522

Since reaching Tadjore it has
come to my notice that there is a
probability of a native gentleman
obtaining possession of Colonel
Drake - Brockman's house for the pur-
-pose of making it his private residence.

2. Colonel Brockman will in 2 or 3
years time be retiring and he will
naturally wish to dispose of his property
before he leaves this country. The property
is a valuable one and there will not be
much trouble in finding a purchaser.

If Government do not purchase it,
then the Executive Engineer will in
less than 3 years be without a residence.
There seems to be a great scarcity of
suitable residence in Tadjore, suitable
that is, for Government Officers.

3. The house is pura built of
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work throughout and cost Rs 16,000 but can be purchased for Rs 11,000.

The land on which it is built, however, belongs to the Palace and has been taken on lease, I beg to enclose a

copy of the lease - which runs out in 1878, ⁺ but which can be easily

renewed. Perhaps even there would be no difficulty in effecting an outright purchase of the land.

4. As I said above, the house is ^{quite} built and has required very few repairs since its erection - and as it now stands is in almost as good order as when built.

5. I have the honor to bring the subject to your notice so that the views of Government may be obtained.

⁺ should be
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Copy of a Docket from the Super-
-intending Engineer 5th Circle to
the Executive Engineer Jaipur
Division dated 6th June 1894. N. 207.

N. 2522 of 1st June 1894.

The undersigned is under the impression that some difficulty exists in connection with the land on which Colonel Drake Brockman's house stands, & that the Palace Estate can claim the whole property at the termination of the lease. In any case, in P. M. G. N. 3086 of 2nd October 1888 forwarded to the Executive Engineer with this Office N. 1526 J. dated October 1888, Government declined to provide house in Jaipur, and if the proposal were sanctioned the Undersigned would advocate the construction of a new and less expensive house on a more

Suitable

⁺ not used in
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Suitable Site. (Say beyond the Club) *Encls. 1 Copy*
than that of the house in question. *Leave rule*

(True Copies)

As I am *Letter for Rb.*

27/7/95

Supy Engineer 5 Circle

Camp Pudukkottai
26th June 1895.

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SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,
V CIRCLE, MADRAS,
Camp Pudukkottai
Chennai, 26th June 1895.

No.

From

Letter Col. G. E. Rawson Rb.

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, V CIRCLE,

To

The Chief Engineer

P. W. Department.

SIR,

With reference to the letter from the Government of India published with G. O. No. 645 W. dated 16th March 1895 from which it would appear that the Government of India is inclined to look favourably on the purchase or construction of residences for its Officers under certain conditions.

Enclosures.

2. I have the honor to forward copy of a letter No. 2522 dated 1st June 1894 from the Executive Engineer Tanjore to the Superintending Engineer - new 5th Circle together with a copy of that Officer's reply.

3. If Colonel Drake Brockman Rb.
can

P. W. CURRENT No. 4999

From *Lieut Col G. C. Rawson*
THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
V CIRCLE,

No 645 W of 16-3-95
3086 W of 2-10-88
562 W of 17-4-88
2971 W of 7-11-87

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Recd: 1.7.55

To
THE *Chief Engineer*
P. W. D.

Dated *27* June 1895.
Recd. *28*

/ ENCLOSURES.

No. 243 W.

Colonel Snake-Brookmans
Bungalows at Tanjore
as a residence to the
Executive Engineer
of Tanjore.

Suggesting to purchase

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Government of Madras.

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5th July 1895

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To

E.I.

Letter from the Supt
Engineer V Circle No 243 W
dated 27 June 1895.

In favor of remarks
as to the terms on which
(if at all) he will be
prepared to sell the house
in question to Government.

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No 5192 of 5-7-95
645 of 16-3-95
3086 of 2-10-88
562 of 17-4-88

No 168 of 9.7.95

To

E.W.

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Obs: 12.7.95

Has the honor to state that the house in question cost him over 16000 rupees, and is pukka built of brick and mortar throughout. It has not cost more to keep it in repair than an average sum of say Rs 50 per annum, and is now in perfect order.

He is willing to dispose of the same to the Government for a sum of Rupees 12000 & charge of transfer.

A copy of the lease may be obtained from the Registrar of Tanjore. The lease is renewable every 20 years, or option of purchase by the land lord on mutual agreement. Yr. Obedt. Servt. P. R. Reddy

E. J

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8-7-95

Obs 12.7.95

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Government of Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

OFFICE NOTE.

Note received

9. August 1895

From

E.W.

To

E.I.

Your office note No. 168 dated 9. July 1895.

his copy will be filed

I should be prepared to advise Government to buy your house at Tanjore except for the tenure of the site. I do not think Government ought, nor do I think they would consent,

No 2197 W of 4 September 1895

READ the following:—

Office note from Col. R. D. E. Drake-Brockman R.E. d/20 August 1895

FOR ORDERS.

At various times, suggestions have been made that Government should purchase a house at Tanjore, built in 1848 by Colonel Drake-Brockman, then District Engineer of Tanjore for his own residence, and occupied ever since by the District or Executive Engineer for the time being.

The question has now been raised again by Mr. Johnston, the present Executive Engineer, who states that there is a probability of its being bought by a native gentleman if Government refuses to buy it.

Colonel

to buy a house on a site which was not absolutely their own property.

2. If arrangements can be made for the transfer of the site at a moderate cost, the question of purchase can be considered.

Recd 20.8.95
Encl 1.

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To W.

I append letter from Mr J. C. Johnston, Esq. who at my instance kindly interviewed the Receiver of the Tanjore Palace Estate. From this it will be seen that the process for acquiring the land on which the bungalow is built is an easy one for the Government to set on foot, whilst I am sure that person am pre. purchasing any land in the Estate. Recd 20/8/95

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Colonel Drake Brockman
is willing to sell the house (which
cost £16,000) to Government for
£12,000, and I am of opinion
that the purchase would be
a good one.

I know the house personally,
and can testify that it is
built in a style very much
better than that of ordinary
private houses, with the result
that the cost of repairs is
exceedingly small, being as
Colonel Drake Brockman states
only £50 per annum.

The only objection to the
purchase is that the land
on which the house stands
is not freehold, but this
can be got over, as suggested
by Mr. Johnston, by its being
taken up under the Land
Acquisition Act.

The cost of the site would
probably be not more
than £500, making the total
cost

approved -
subject to the land being
bought as proposed. W
L. B. A. J.

Cost £12,500, and the rent
would then work out as follows:-

4 percent on £12,500	£500.
Repairs	120
10 percent on £120	12
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Or £53 per month, being less
than eight per cent on the
average pay of an Executive Engineer.

On the whole I consider that
the purchase would be to the
advantage of Government,
and therefore recommend it.

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FOR ORDERS.

*Purchase of Col. Drake-
Brockman's house at Tanjore
for the residence of En. Engineer
Tanjore etc*

*Tanjore
17 Aug 1895*

My dear Brockman.

*I had an
interview with Mr
Shrin this morning &
he assured me that
according to law he
can neither sell you the
land on which your
house is built nor give
you a long lease. He is
at liberty to renew
your lease however
another twenty years,*

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

N^o 2197 W of 4th September 1895

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following

*Letter from the S.E. Circle (H.E. N^o 243 W of 27 June 1895)
Office note from the Chief Engineer - 168 of 9 July -
do - from - do - (" " of 20 Aug -)*

*His Excellency the
Governor in Council -
sanctions the purchase of
Colonel Drake Brockman's
house at Tanjore for a
sum of Rs. 12,000 provided
the land on which it
stands is taken up under
the Land Acquisition
Act. The Collector will
take the requisite steps
for the acquisition of the
land and the transfer
of the entire property to
Government. The purpose*

The present contact is
to 20' - annually 1 ac
is from purchase the
cost would be about \$200.
Yrs sincerely
M. W. Johnston