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Accommodation for Secretariat Clerks at Ootacamund

Approving, with remarks, the proposals of the Executive Engineer for accommodating the Secretariat clerks in buildings at Ootacamund.

No. 2559 W., 3rd September 1896.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

Read—the following paper:—

From F. W. ASHPITEL, Esq., Executive Engineer, Coimbatore Division, to the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, dated Coimbatore, 18th July 1896, No. 2360.

According to verbal orders from the Chief Engineer, I have the honour to forward herewith a statement showing the buildings at Ootacamund, which are available for the clerks who annually accompany Government to the Hills, and how these buildings are at present occupied.

2. The total number of clerks to be provided for is thirty-four in the Secretariat and three in the Private Secretary's office, and in order to provide the sixteen clerks who now live in the bazaar with quarters without any considerable expenditure of Provincial funds, it will be necessary to obtain possession of the European warders' cottages on Jail Hill (33 to 36 in register of buildings) and the Apothecary's quarters (41 in register) now occupied by the Military Department, in accordance with G.O., No. 2107 W., dated 6th August 1891, and to evict the hospital compounder who has no claim to quarters from the dresser's quarters (42 in register). This will provide additional accommodation for eleven clerks. Of the remainder, two of the Private Secretary's clerks can occupy No. 18 Apothecary's quarters, leaving three unprovided for. It will therefore be necessary to build quarters for three clerks only, and two of these may be provided for, if the Sergeant-Major of the Volunteers is turned out of the quarters he now occupies.

3. It will be observed that, in the statement, it is proposed to allow Sub-Conductor T. G. Blake, Supervisor, Public Works Department, to occupy Connemara Cottage (21 in register) which is now occupied by three Native clerks. This change is proposed as the overseer's quarters (50 in register) are quite insufficient for his large family, while Connemara Cottage is much more suitable for a European than for Native clerks. These clerks can occupy the overseer's quarters if certain small alterations are carried out, and sanction to this proposal is requested from November next.

4. In the statement, the European Prison (32 in register) is set apart for either the Assistant Collector or Forest-officer, as the Collector has asked for an addition to his office which, when other Government buildings are available, seems hardly necessary. The rooms in the Jail, now occupied by the Principal Medical Officer, Madras Army, will shortly be vacant and will serve admirably as an office for the Forest-officer, while the Assistant Collector might have the part of the Jail lately occupied by the Volunteers, the central hall being used as a court.

5. Whatever orders are passed, I would suggest that the old Jail buildings on Jail Hill will be required for the Pioneers in the event of sanction being accorded to their employment on the Ootacamund lake reclamation. These buildings should, in that case, be reserved for the accommodation of the troops until the lake work is completed.

6. In the event of the Military authorities preferring to retain the buildings now occupied by them, in accordance with G.O., No. 2107 W., dated 6th August 1891, it is suggested that, with the exception of the Principal Medical Officer's office, they may be permanently transferred on condition that Imperial funds defray the cost of the new quarters for clerks, or, at all events, a considerable part of the expense so incurred. It would doubtless be more convenient to the clerks to live near their offices.

ENCLOSURE.

STATEMENT showing the Buildings at Ootacamund which are available for Clerks who annually accompany Government to the Hills.

Number in register of buildings.	Name of lines and buildings.	By whom now occupied.	By whom proposed to be occupied.	Remarks.
18	Apothecary's quarters	Vacant	2 clerks, Private Secretary's office ..	The Apothecary now lives in No. 14/*gg* with the Manager of Private Secretary's office.
14/*gg*	Cook and coachman's quarters ..	Apothecary to His Excellency, and Manager, Private Secretary's office.	No change	The Apothecary to His Excellency, and the Manager, Private Secretary's office.
19 & 19 (*a*)	Crewe Hall and detached bungalow ..	3 clerks, Chief Secretariat .. 2 ,, Revenue Secretariat .. 1 clerk, Private Secretary's office ..	6 Secretariat clerks	....
20	Ottley Hall	5 Secretariat clerks	2 clerks, Public Works Secretariat .. 3 ,, Chief Secretariat ..	Occupied by European clerks with families.
21	Clerks' quarters, Stone House (Connemara Cottage).	2 clerks, Chief Secretariat .. .. 1 clerk, P.W.D. (Secretariat) ..	....	Proposed to be given to Public Works Department Supervisor, whose quarters are not sufficient for his large family.
32	European Prisonkeepers		Assistant Collector or Forest officer ..	The Collector has asked for additional accommodation for the Assistant Collector, but it seems likely that the office of the Principal Medical Officer, Madras Army (No. 32), which will shortly be vacant, may be converted into an office either to the Assistant Collector or Forest officer, and then it will not be necessary to enlarge the Collector's office.
33	European Warders' Cottage, No. 1	Military clerks	8 Secretariat clerks ..	These buildings were temporarily handed over to the Military Department free of rent, on condition that the cost of repairs should be borne by Imperial funds (*vide* G.O., No. 2107 W., dated 6th August 1891.
34	Do. do. No. 2			
35	Do. do. No. 3 ..	Vacant		
36	Do. do. No. 4 ..	Military clerks		
41	Apothecary's quarters	Apothecary, Army Head-quarters ..	2 ,, ,, ...	
42	Dresser's quarters attached to Civil dispensary.	Hospital Assistant and compounder ..	1 ,, clerk & Hospital Assistant.	The compounder may be evicted as he is not entitled to quarters.
50	Overseer's quarters	Mr. T. G. Blake, Supervisor, Public Works Department.	3 Secretariat clerks	Can be altered at small expense for three bachelor clerks.
55	Sappers' hospital	7 Secretariat clerks	7 ,, ,, ...	Bachelor clerks.

No. 362/W.

Copy submitted to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, with reference to his memo. No. 807 D., dated 18th instant.

23rd July 1896.

(Signed) J. HANNAN,
Suptg. Engineer, IV Circle.

ORDER—No. 2559 W., dated 3rd September 1896.

His Excellency the Governor in Council approves the Executive Engineer's proposals, with the exception that the Connemara Cottage should be reserved for Secretariat clerks. At present it accommodates three distinct families, and as there is no communication between the separate quarters, it would be wholly unsuited for the accommodation of a single family, as proposed by the Executive Engineer. If Mr. Blake's quarters are too small, separate proposals for enlarging them should be submitted, and these will then be considered on their merits.

2. The Apothecary's quarters at Government House should be enlarged, so as to accommodate all the clerks (3) of the Private Secretary's office. An estimate of the cost of the work should be submitted.

(True Extract.)

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle.
„ Public Department.
„ Mily Secy to His Excellency the Governor

Exd. T. K. Narayana Aiyangar.

No. 2559W, dated 3rd September 1896.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

READ the following

From F. W. Ashpitel Esq., Executive Engineer, Coimbatore Dn., No. 2360, d/ 18th July 1896.

Endorsement by the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, No. 362 W, dated 23rd July 1896.

Statements

I concur, subject to the remark that it would be convenient if the Apothecary's quarters could be enlarged so as to accommodate all the Clerks (3) of the Pte. Sec's Office. ~~At present two of them live there~~. It is proposed that two of them shd. live there. A. G. H. 12.8.96

I have no objection provided the cost is not enhanced

BS 18/8/96

J. G. 15/8/96

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(40—4,000—14-3-95.)

~~3. The question of otherwise providing for the Imperial Establishments now occupying the old Jail Buildings is under reference~~ x ~~to the Govt. of India in the Military Department. No action as regards reappropriation of these buildings should therefore be taken at present.~~

6/8/96

Note

It is proposed to omit para 3 of the draft order as, since it was written, the Executive Engineer has been directed to hire other quarters for the Military subordinates occupying the jail buildings.

25/8/96

W

C.S.
25 Aug 96

~~His Excellency the Governor~~
~~The Hon. Mr Bliss, C.I.E~~
The Hon. Mr Grose. C.I.E

x G.O. No 1889-90 W d/ 24.6.96.

Accommodation for Secretariat Clerks in buildings at Ootacamund

Print emergently

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BG

Issue, as amended.

28/8/96

W

28 Aug 96

The S. E. IV Circle
" Public Dept.
" Military Secy. to H.E. the Governor

19/9/96

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Accommodation for Govt. Establishments at Ootacamund —

No. 2559 W, d/ 3-9-96.

P. W. Department.

NOTE.

The Secretary begs to resubmit the accompanying draft order x with reference to the note of the Hon. Mr. Bliss dated 18th August 1896, concurred in by the Hon. Mr. Grose, and to request instructions as to the alteration in wording that is proposed. He does not see how the accommodation of the Apothecary's quarters can be enlarged without enhancing the cost.

18/8/96

W.

~~The Hon. Mr Bliss C.I.E~~
~~The Hon. Mr Grose C.I.E~~

x on letter No. 362 W d/
23rd July 1896.

Well, let us have an estimate of what the enhancement of cost wd. come to. If not serious, it might be well to sanction it —

HS
9/8/96

JG
21/8/96

Circulated to His Excellency the Governor with reference to the new para 2 added to the draft order.

24/8/96

W

I concur in the new para. 2. The Head Clerk occupying these quarters will pay rent.

RSH
27.8.96

C.S.
26 Aug 96

28/8

C.S.

Office
22.1.26

Dear Campbell

Thanks for your prompt reply —

Re – Pioneers – Irvine told me that he was not now keen on Pioneers — he offers or proposes to offer Rs 7 per cft 1000 – which may give a man 2 or 2½ ans a day & rest to pay all the racket ie rail – officers pay, rum & tea & sick compensation not good enough is it?

Hall ma
to his Dep

* About IV or 1st Pioneers.

IVth are meet for work in Burma if required —

1st are building their own lines at Bangalore

2nd were, really supernumerary

Irwin said to give up half work to Pioneers would not pay him —

Yrs sinc

S. E. Ballance

No. 2559W, d 3-9-96.

Note

I forward herewith a letter enclosing a statement from Mr. Ashpitel showing how the buildings in Ootacamund can be utilised to provide accommodation for the clerks who annually accompany Government to the Hills and also for the Assistant Collector and Forest officer's offices.

I think these proposals are good & wd. adopt them.

The arrangement seems good and it will be noticed that if the Serjt Major is made to vacate his present quarters there will be only one clerk unprovided for, and I think it will be well if the military authorities are informed that the buildings will be required from 1st April next. I have had some conversation with Col. Rolland and he wishes that if possible Crewe Hall may be handed over to his Department for the use

use of the Commissary General but I do not see how that can be done (it would leave 6 clerks unprovided for) unless Imperial will pay compensation for the expenses that Provincial will be put to in providing these clerks with quarters. As regards para 5 of Mr. Ashpitel's letter I enclose a d/o lately received from Col. Rolland from which I gather that there is not much chance of getting a pioneer regiment here. I have not seen Mr. Irwin but it will hardly be just to take half the lake work from him if he is unwilling to give it up

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28/7/96

W

I cannot make out that the Mily Dept. occupies the old Jail building which wd. be required for the Pioneers if sent up –

30/7/96

I suppose Mr. I. is bound to time under a penalty – If so, the penalty should be enforced if the work is not done to time & Mr. I. should be warned that it will be

Enquiry will be made and the requisite warning given, if there is a time limit.

4/8/96

W

E.D.M.

~~The Hon. Mr Bliss CE~~

Accommodation for Secretariat Clerks in buildings at Ootacamund

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No 2360

Executive Engineer's office,
Coimbatore Division,
Coimbatore, 18th July 1896.

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Coimbatore Division,

To,
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Flagged E

I have &ca,
(Sd) F.W. Ashpitel,
Executive Engineer.

No. 362/W dated 23rd July 1896.

Copy - Submitted to the Chief Engineer P.W.D. with reference to his Memorandum No. 807 D, dated 18th instant.

Enclosure
1 statement.

Supg. Engineer, 4th Circle.

P. W. C. No. — 7875

Recd 27-7-96
Encl. 1.

Regd: 2.8.96

From

The Supg. Engineer,
4th Circle.

Dated 23rd }
Despd. 24th } July 1896

No. 362/W

Encls: 1.

Buildings at Ootacamund
Submits a statement showing the — available for clerks accompanying the Government to the Hills.

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18. 9. 93. 867 D
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25. 4. 95. 979 W
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and which are available for the Hills.

Remarks.

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Division

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is not entitled to quarters

18th July 1896.

SUPG. ENGINEER'S OFFICE, P.W.D.,
No. 4643
20 JUL. 96
Enclo: 1
FOURTH CIRCLE.

O 2883

I forward herewith a letter enclosing a statement from the Architect showing how the buildings in Govt can be utilized to provide accommodation for the Clerks who annually accompany Govt to the Hills & also for the Assistant Clerks in [illegible] office.

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that there appears to be
no necessity to call on the
Military to vacate the said
buildings to provide room for
the Pioneers.

28/3/96

To W.

SEs No. 362W

Submitted with refce to Memo: 807 Dd/18.7.96. It is understood that the statement was called for in order to furnish Col Holland with certain information.

27/7

It is in reference to a conversation in Council Sir B Lees wants the information & I believe wishes me to go over the [illegible] with him

28/7/96

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Para 3 of the draft order may perhaps be omitted, as since it was written, the Executive Engineer has been directed to hire other quarters for the Military subordinates.

C.S.
25 Aug. 96.

Yes omit
25/8/96

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Accum for Govt ord

W

Note by the Hon. Mr Bliss d/15. 8. 96

It does not seem clear how the Apothecary's quarters can be enlarged, and still provide that the "cost is not enhanced".

18 Aug 96

I think the draft min be returned for revision as the remarks are contradictory it is obviously impossible to enlarge the accommodation without enhancing the cost

18/8/96

W

The accompanying revised draft order will meet all requirements. It does not seem necessary to lay down any precise instructions for accommodating all the Clerks brought up this year. If they get the additional accommodation now proposed, they will be very well off and it is not certain that all the men will occupy Govt. quarters. If they meet with friends outside they often prefer to share a house with them.

R.S.
6 Aug 96

It is a great pity the Head Clerk did not bring these facts to notice before the papers were circulated.

Mr Ashpitel provides for 11 Clerks in buildings ~~Nos~~ No 33. 34. 35. 36. 41. 42 whether there is sufficient accommodation for married Clerks I cannot say but judging from the size of the buildings I should say there was.

That is quite sufficient room

There ~~are~~ will then be 3 married clerks to be provided for & 2 unmarried the latter can occupy the Apothecary's quarters & 1 of the former the Serg. Major of Volunteers' quarters, there will then be 2 married quarters to be constructed.

I think Mr Blake should continue to occupy his present

Jr

5/8/86 P.T.O

Reply:—

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To ~~M. Ryan~~

O.S. 283
15/5/86

Sent
G.S.
15/7/86
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From (Person) Col Rolland

When can you see me to talk over the matter of our clearing out of the Jail buildings +

15/7/86

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