

Public Works (1896) Department.

G.O., No. 8604

DATED 9-3-96

[Despatch Abstract.]

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

READ the following paper:—

Endorsement of the Public Works Department, dated 31st. January 1896, No.560 C, on letter from the Superintending Engineer, V Circle, dated 24th. January 1896, No.19 W, regarding exemption from examination of C.Rathnavelu Mudaliyar, temporary clerk, Chingleput Division.

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O R D E R, No. 117 dated 2^d March 1896.

The exemption cannot be granted .

(True extract)

Francis

Ag. Under Secretary,
for Chief Secretary.

To-The Public Works Department.

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Ootacamund.

No.14 M.

6th January 1896.

From

The Lieutenant General Commanding the Forces, Madras.

To

The Secretary to the Government of India,

Military Department, Calcutta.

Sir,

I have had for some time past under consideration the question of bringing the office of the Commissary General of this Command from Bangalore to Head Quarters at Ootacamund.

2. The Head Quarter Offices of this Command are at present located as follows:-The offices of the Deputy Adjutant General (including Assistant Quarter Master General) Deputy Assistant Adjutant General for Musketry, Royal Artillery and Deputy Judge Advocate General are accommodated in one group of buildings for which an annual rent of Rs.4940 is paid.

Besides this group of buildings the only existing accommodation available is in the old disused European Military Prison of which I enclose a sketch plan.

3. This prison is at present utilized as follows:-The ground floor corridor and cells together with some of the cells in the upper floor are used by the Nilgiri ^{Rifle} Volunteers as Orderly Room, Armoury, Reading Room and Stores, the Corps paying for this accommodation a monthly rent of Rs.75.

The rooms marked A.A.A.A.A.A.A. are occupied by the office of the Principal Medical Officer of the Command.

4. The Nilgiri Volunteer Rifles have however submitted an application to be given the old Exercise Yard (marked X on plan) in view to having it roofed and converted into such accommodation as will meet all requirements of the Corps. To meet the necessary Expenditure the Corps has applied for an advance of Rs.10,000 to be regularly repaid by annual instalments of Rs. 1000 and this I have forwarded through the Government of Madras and recommended. AS however the exercise yard is the property

* N^o 2133. M. W.
of 4-12-95

perty of the Madras Government, I have applied to them for sanction to its being utilized as proposed and as it consists merely of four walls I do not foresee any objection being made to the application. I may mention that I have asked for a very early decision on the point. Even however should sanction be refused, the Volunteers have no claim on the portion of the building they now occupy, and if it is necessary in the interests of the service, ought to find room elsewhere.

5. Assuming then that the Nilgiri Volunteers vacate the prison, there would remain in it only the Office of the Principal Medical Officer and the remainder of the building would be available for the office of the Commissary General.

6. Owing to the former separation of the Head Quarters Offices (Adjutant General, Quarter Master General, and Assistant Adjutant General Royal Artillery) a large amount of accommodation in the block of buildings now occupied by the Deputy Adjutant General &c, (Para 2) is taken up by useless records, each office having maintained its own copies of General Orders, Gazettes, Circulars &c, besides which there are numberless copies of old orders, also Returns &c, of no possible value. I am taking steps to have these cleared out and destroyed (due care being taken that nothing is destroyed which has any historical interest or value or that can possibly be required for reference) and when this is done room will be found for the office of the Principal Medical Officer which will then be removed from the prison.

7. Similarly accommodation in the Deputy Adjutant General's block will be found for the office of the Inspecting Veterinary Officer so that when a Central Registry is established (which will be done as early as possible) and the useless records are cleared away, then will be under the Central Registry the following offices:-

Deputy Adjutant General (including Assistant Quarter Master General)
Deputy Assistant Adjutant General Royal Artillery. Deputy Judge
Advocate General. Assistant Military Secretary. Principal Medical
Officer and Inspecting Veterinary Officer leaving only the office
of the Commissary General to

to be accommodated in the prison for which there is more than sufficient room.

8. There is thus no difficulty on the score of accommodation in moving the office of the Commissary General to Ootacamund and I would strongly urge that this measure be carried out in the public interest, as I consider it most necessary that this officer should be at Command Head Quarters to advise me on the numerous important questions which almost daily arise in connection with his Department, his absence (as at present) being productive of unnecessary clerical labor and considerable delay in the transaction of business.

9. The only difficulty in the matter which appears to me to arise is with reference to the scale of pay to be granted to the clerks of the Commissary General's office. It has been represented to me that something additional should be allowed in excess of the pay now drawn by them at Bangalore. There is no doubt that food clothes servants and house rent cost more in Ootacamund than at Bangalore and I am inclined to think that some allowance should be granted at all events to the clerks now on the establishment. The Commissary General of the Command suggests that the Hill allowance be refused, a grant of 20 per cent on the mens pay might be given to meet the extra cost of living. The objection to this appears to me to be that an increase of pay involves an increase of pension and I would prefer that if the proposal be accepted, it should be in the form of a 'special allowance' which would not affect the men's pensions. I would also recommend that this -- special allowance be limited to 'present incumbents'. It is true that clerks in the Commissariat Department are 'General Service' men and are liable to be sent anywhere -- without increase of pay. At the same time the circumstances of the present case are somewhat exceptional as this is not a temporary transfer in the usual roster of duty to a Commissariat Circle where they would only remain the allotted term

of their tour of duty, but a permanent removal to a station the expense of living at which will affect the whole of their future. Further it may be borne in mind that when sent to -- Burma these clerks receive batta. I would therefore recommend their case for the favourable consideration of the Government of India.

10. I append an estimate of the cost (initial and recurring) of the proposed move and also an estimate of the expenditure required on Minor alterations to the Military prison here to render it in all respects suitable as an office and would solicit the favour of the early sanction of the Government of India to the proposal now put forward which will be conducive in every way to the speedy and satisfactory transaction of work.

The question of moving the office of the Inspector General of Ordnance of the Command to this place from Madras has been mooted but I am not in any way in favor of it; references to that officer are not frequent and I believe that his office is much better where it is, i.e., in the Arsenal at Madras.

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Commissariat Department

No. 1083 D

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

Fort William, the 24 February 1896.

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

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,
Public Works ~~MILITARY~~ DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

I am directed to forward the correspondence noted in the margin, relative to a proposal to transfer the office of the Commissary General, Madras Command, from Bangalore to Cootacamund. It is stated that the old disused European prison at Cootacamund which is at present partly occupied by the Nilghiri Volunteer Corps and the office of the Principal Medical Officer, Madras Command, can be converted at a cost of Rs 2170 to meet the requirements of the Commissary General's office.

From the Secy Genl. Commanding the Forces Madras, N^o 14 M. dated 6 Jan'y. 1896 and enclosures.
Telegram to ditto, N^o 795-D. dated 7 Jan'y. 1896.
Telegram from ditto, N^o 287 M. dated 8 Feb'y. 1896.
(Return requested)

2. With reference thereto, I am to request that, under the orders of His Excellency the Governor in Council, the Government of India may be informed whether the Government of Madras are prepared to allow the building to be altered, as proposed for the

the location of the Commissary General's office.

3. The favor of a very early reply is requested.

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I am Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

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Offg. Dy. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

Recd. 28.2.96

- No. 2910 W of 3-11-87 ✓
- " 1450 W. 17-5-88 ✓
- " 888 W. 28-3-91 ✓
- " 1655 W. 19-6-91 ✓
- " 752 B. 28-8-93 ✓
- " 867 B. 18-9-93 ✓
- " 2590 W. 13-10-93 ✓
- " 2889 C. 5-10-95 ✓
- " 3445 C. 13-11-95 ✓
- " 1485 W. 1-6-91 ✓
- " 2005 W. 24-7-91 ✓
- " 2107 W. 6-8-91 ✓
- " 1033 W. 31-3-92 ✓
- " 289 W. 4-2-93 ✓
- " 979 W. 25-4-95 ✓
- " 1176 W. 15-5-95 ✓

NOTE.

The question of the utilisation of the old European prison buildings at Ootacamund has already been fully considered in communication with all departments, and it is submitted that it does not appear necessary to refer to the Collector again. Please see the undermentioned orders in the file:-

G.O. 888 W., d/28-3-91.

, , 1655 W., d/19-6-91

, , 2107 W., d/6-8-91.

After meeting the requirements of civil departments as regards accommodation both in the Native and European prison buildings, the main building of the European Jail was allotted partly to the Nilgiri Volunteer Corps (on payment of rent) & partly to the Judge Advocate General's office (now Deputy Judge Advocate). Subsequently H.E. the Lieut General Commanding arranged to move the Dy Judge Advocate General's office into the Mount Stuart buildings and to locate the Principal Medical Officer's establishment in the European prison.

No rent is paid by Military to Provincial for the portion occupied by the Military Department, for it will

It is the proposal was not adopted

It seems that the requirements of civil departments have been met by providing them with accommodation in the Native Jail - and that if we now hand over the European Jail, we are not going to be put to any expense. On the contrary we shall be saved the expense of repairs & Municipal taxes, which will fall upon the Military works. But what becomes of our rent of 75 Rs. a month from the Volunteers? And who gave them permission to take over the exercise yard?

4 letter forwarded 9/2/96

I have the draft letter 28 7/3/96
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will be seen from the papers quoted above
and those noted in the margin that No. 1485 W., d/1-6-91.
under the arrangement made ^{with} in the ,, 2005 W., d/24-7-91.
Military Department, the cost of re-
pairs to that part of the building is
debited to military funds. It is pro-
posed in the accompanying draft letter
to make the same arrangement with
respect to the rest of the building
if the Commissary General's office
occupies it. As regards compensation,
the rule on the subject will be found
in para 124, Chapter III, Vol. II, P.W.
Code viz., that when a building is trans-
ferred from Imperial to Provincial
or vice versa "no charge will be made
provided the transfer causes no exp-
ense to the transferring service."
By placing the European prison build-
ings at Ootacamund at the disposal of
the military department, Provincial is
put to no expense in the way of having
to build offices for Civil Departments
who would otherwise be accommodated
in the jail. The case of the sepoy
lines at Rayapuram mentioned by the
Hon. Member is different, for if the
site of the lines be taken up on ac-
count of the construction of the canal
fresh huts will have to be built for
the sepoys. The jail buildings at Oota-
camund moreover are only lent to the
Military Department, and not made over
absolutely.

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The Volunteers for whom other
arrangements are to be made, now pay
rent to Provincial for the portion
of the prison which they occupy, but
Provincial will suffer no loss by
foregoing this rent. The sum they pay
is Rs. 75 per mensem, and ~~the~~ Provin-
cial has to bear the cost of repairs
and Municipal taxes, while the normal
rent according to P.W. Code rules is
Rs. 231 per mensem. It will be cheaper
therefore to let the Military Depart-
ment have the whole building and to ~~let it~~
bear the entire cost of repairs.

5/3/96
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buildings at Bolocanant

P. W. Department.

Note for H.E.the Governor:-

The rent of Rs. 75 ^{per mensem} paid by the Volunteers is credited to Provincial revenues.

As regards the exercise yard,
H.E. the Lieut. General Commanding,
in para 4 of his letter to the Govt.
of India of the 6th January 1896,
states that he has applied to the
Madras Government for sanction to
utilize the yard as proposed by the
Volunteers. The letter on the subject
has not reached the P.W. Department,
and it was probably addressed to the
Chief Secretary. The Public Depart-
ment will be asked what action was
taken in the matter.

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was written, I have turned
up from the records, 80.

Rev. Dept. No 636
(Hindus file)
dated 13.2.86. by [unclear]

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The prison land was made
over to the Volunteers. No
further action was open
to be required.

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No further action is necessary

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H.B.
Old European jail
demolished at Ootacamund

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following

From the Govt. of India, Military Dept. No. 1083 D., dated 24th Feby. 1896.

The following reply will be
sent to the Government of India.

H.E. No. 863 W. dated 9 March 1896

To

The Secretary to the
Government of India,
Military Department.

Sir,

With reference to your letter
No. 1083 D., dated 24th February 1896,
I am directed to say that His Excel-
lency the Governor in Council has no
objection to the old European Prison
at Ootacamund being ^{altered} ~~obtained~~ as pro-
posed to accommodate the Office of
the Commissary-General, Madras Com-
mand, on the understanding that the
cost will be met from Imperial Funds,
and that all future repairs will be
carried out from the same source -
while the building is occupied by
the Military Department.

2. It is observed that other ar-
rangements will be made to accommodate
the

10 enclosures returned.

I have signed the draft - because as far
as my knowledge extends, the proposed
transfer appears unobjectionable. But
this is a civil building, which may, for
all I know be required for civil purposes.
My hon. colleagues should therefore be
consulted, in case they consider that
there are other and better objects to which
this building should be devoted.
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29 Feb
I have no idea at all whether
these buildings are likely to be
required for any (civil) purposes.
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I would be happy, however, to
ask the C. Secy before replying to

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the head quarters of the Nilgiri
Volunteer Rifles.

I have &c.

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28.2.96

Indian should also like
to know whether we are to make
over these buildings to Military
without consideration in the way
of rent or otherwise. The other
day, when considering the site for
the proposed new Canal North of
Black Town, I stated that com-
pensation was proposed to be
paid to Military for certain Sepoy
lines which we have to be taken up,
& moreover, I was given to
understand that this was
right. If so, does not the converse
apply, & are we to make over
these Jail buildings without com-
pensation? What rent is now paid
to the Military for the portion occupied
by the office of the Prison head Officer?
and, if none, why none?

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Office accommodation
for the Commisary Genl
at Calcutta

No 862-3 W of 9 March 1896

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of new walls round
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to the Police for the portion occupied
by the office of the Principal Magistrate?
and, if none, say none?

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Office accommodation
for the Commissionary
at Calcutta

No 862-34/29 March 1896

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