Public Works (1897) Department.

G.O., No. 171-2 W

Dated 20 January

[Despatch Abstract.]

High Court Buildings: Ordered that the sanction of the Govt of India to the acceptance of the offer of the Proprietors of the Scottish Press to pay rent at Rs. 130 per mensem for the portion of the — occupied by the press be applied for; & that meanwhile, rent at Rs. 130 be recovered.

Ne Govt of India addressed.

[P.W. 24. 5,000—20-11-06.]

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Premises in the High Court occupied by the Scottish Press. DEPARTMENT.

No. 1714 of 20th January 1927.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

READ the following

Rept on C. No.
From the Registrar, High Court, No. 4873 of 24.9.26.
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From the C.A. to Govt. No. 4616 of 17th Dec. 1926.

Issue, write
action made
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M/ A.S. 5.1.27

H.S. the Govt in Commr considers that the proprietors of the Scottish Press to pay rent at Rs 130 per mensem for the portion of the High Court buildings occupied by the Press, should be accepted, but as the rate is less than that arrived at under the rules in para 28, chapter X, Vol I P.W. Code, the sanction of the Govt of India to the arrangement will be applied for. Meanwhile rent at the above mentioned rate of Rs 130 per mensem will be received

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with effect from the date on which the new printing Contract came into force.

H.S. No 172 W of 20th Jany 97
To the Secty to the Govt. of Bombay
P. Wks.

Sir,

I am directed to report that in 1874, after the Bombay High Court of Judicature had moved into the new Law Court buildings, it was brought to notice that no rent was received from the proprietors of the Scottish Press (a private firm) for the accommodation provided in the buildings for the Press which did the printing work of the High Court. It was then found that a similar arrangement had been in existence in the old High Court buildings, in which rent free accommodation had been provided for the Scottish Press from the year 1869, & as the High Court intimated that the Press worked in the buildings for the con-

By
To the C.A. for Govt.
" Ex. P. Wks
" Jud. Dept.

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venience of the Court, & did no work other than that required for the Court, & as the arrangement had been made long prior to the introduction of the existing rent rules, this Govt. allowed it to continue in the new buildings.

2. Recently, the High Court entered into a new Contract with the proprietors of the Scottish Press, under which the latter are to pay rent at Rs 130 per mensem for the rooms occupied by the Press, but as this rate is less than that arrived at under the rules in para 20. Chapter X Vol I P. W. Code, the sanction of the Govt. of India to the acceptance of the rent is required under Rule III of the same para - I am accordingly to forward, for the sanction of the Govt. of Bom-

an application in the form prescribed by Rule IV for a reduction of rent. The difference between the normal rate of rent (Rs 209 per mensem) prescribed by the Code, & that agreed to by the High Court (Rs 130 per mensem) is large, but the latter rate has been fixed on a consideration of the scale of charges made by the Press for the printing work done for the Court.

3. I am to call this opportunity of pointing out to the Govt. of India the anomalous position in which this Govt. is placed by the provisions of the existing rent rules - if Govt. official, or as in this case, a private firm, may, under some old arrangement, be in rent free occupation of a Govt. building, but if that official or firm is required to pay rent under a change of circumstances, this Govt. is powerless to accept any rate which is below that fixed by the Code rules - I am directed to suggest a reconsideration of the present system which deprives this Govt. of all control in the matter of rent even in the case of buildings which are constructed from Provincial funds. I am also directed to state that this Govt. is in possession of the detailed information upon which a decision in each previous month has been based, and it would seem therefore that reference to the Govt. of India concerning them to the Government of India merely causes waste of time without any gain in administrative efficiency.

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Application to reduce the rent of the premises occupied by the Scottish Press in the Law Court buildings, below the amount which should be charged according to the P. W. Code rules.

(1) Value of building and site — Rs 42615

(2) Average cost of repairs — .1406 per annum

(3) Rent according to rules — — 2509 per annum

(4) Proportion of total area occupied by office — — nil.

(5) Deduction on account of office rent — — — — nil.

(6) Rent that should be paid by occupant — — Rs 2509 per annum

(7) Rent that is proposed — Rs 130 per annum

(8) Average salary of occupant — (not available)

(9) Another rule for similar accommodation — (not available)

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Premises in the High Court occupied by the Scottish Press

P. W.D.

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Note for Mr. Jas. The Governor

His Exc's note of 28.11.96.

The arrangement suggested by His Exc'y that the rent paid for the room in the High Court occupied by the Scottish Press, should be credited to the Printing account of the High Court would be opposed to P. W. rules.

Rents received for buildings maintained by the Public Works Department must be credited to P.W. revenue. Please see page XXIV appendix II, Vol II. P.W. Code under which rents of Provincial buildings are classified as revenue under XXXII Civil Works.

The case should be referred to the Govt. of India. The absurdity of the position should be pointed out, and a request should be made for the discontinuance of that system, which deprives this Govt. of all credits in the matter of rents, which are, I understand, Provincial items of account.

I should like to see the draft of the letter.

A.C.H. 5.12.96

transaction would further have to be included in the Capital & Rev. accounts of buildings under para 365, Chapter III of Vol II

The Registrar of the High Court states that if rent is not to be levied under G.O. No 2027 W dt 15th August 1924, the scale of rates paid for the printing under the next contract will have to be revised. It was thought that as the revenue to be derived from the rent would practically be received in another way by less rates to paid for printing, it would be better not to raise the question of charging rent.

If however this Govt decides that the rent agreed upon should be received, it would be better to ask the Govt. of India to sanction the arrangement, than to authorise a procedure not recognised by P.W. Code rules, which would probably be at once challenged by the audit Dept.

If approved, the necessary reference to the Govt. of India, under Rules III & IV, para 28, chapter V, Vol I, P.W. code, will be drafted.

With reference to this Govt's opening remarks, it may be explained that under the rules as they now stand (Rules III & IX para 28, chapter X Vol I) this Govt. has no power to permit the occupation of a building rent free. The arrangement under which the Scottish Press was allowed rent free accommodation in the

High Court buildings, on condition that it did no work other than that required for the Court, was made in 1869. long before the present rules came into force, and that arrangement was allowed to remain undisturbed.

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Premises in the High Court occupied by the Scotch Press P. W. D.

To The Registrar
High Court of Judicature
Madras

Sir,

With reference to your letter, refce on correspce 4873 dated 20: Nov: 1896. I have the honour to state that the rent of the hall occupied by the Scotch Press in the Law Court buildings, calculated in accordance with the rules in para 28. Chap. X Vol I P.W. Code is Rs 2-5-9 per mensem, & that any proposal to levy a rate less than the above figure will require the sanction of the Govt: of India - It appears that the conditions under which the Press was allowed to occupy the hall

This is too utterly ridiculous. It is permissible to allow the Scottish press the use of a room rent free, but if any rent is charged it must not be less than the rate laid down in the Code. In other words, the P.W.D. have to refuse this offer of rent of Rs. 130.

Let the arrangement made by the High Court be approved, and if the P.W.D. consent accept the rent, let it be credited to the Printing Acct. of the High Court.

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for rent, viz: that it should do no work other than that required for the Court, have not been altered, and it would seem advisable therefore to revise the scale of rents paid for printing under the new contract, rather than to raise the question of buying rent under the rules of the P. W. Code.

Yours &c

25/11/96

Copy to the Comptroller and Auditor General

H.E. 25/11. R/11.
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Public Works (1896) Department.

CURRENT No. 11496

Order

From The Comptroller & Auditor General.

No. 4616

Dated 17.12.96
Received 18.12.96
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SUBJECT.

New Law Court Buildings:

Forwarding a statement giving particulars to accompany the application for reduction of rent leviable on the portion of the — occupied by Messrs Thos Cook & Son: Contractors for printing.

[P. W. 25. 2,000—16-11-96.]

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High Court of Judicature,
Madras, 24th September 1896.

CURRENT No. 4272

CONSULTING ARCHITECT TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
R. No. 24 OCT. 96
EXAMINER 17 OCT 1896 ACCOUNTS

From

D. W. G. Cowie, Esquire,
Registrar of the High Court of Judicature, Madras.

To

The Honorable Mr. A. T. Arundel,
Acting Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras.

Honorable Sir,

I am directed to state for the information of His Excellency the Governor in Council that under the terms of the new contract relating to the printing work of the High Court recently entered into with the Scottish Press(Messrs. Graves Cookson and Co.) there is a stipulation to the effect that they shall pay rent, Rs.(130) One hundred and thirty, per mensem, for the portion of the High Court House occupied by their Press and to ask that the Government may be moved to approve of the arrangement.

I have the honor to be,
Honorable Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
D W G Cowie
Registrar.

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SECRETARIAT 28-SEP 1896 GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

EXAMINER 17 OCT 1896

From

The Registrar,

High Court of Judicature,

MADRAS.

~~Order~~

Endorsement No. 1980

Transferred to the Public Works Dept.

Ref. Cur. No. 4873

Dated 24th September 1896

Received ~~28~~ 5-10-96

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SUBJECT.

Requesting the approval by the Government of the arrangement for payment of rent by Messrs. Graves Cookson and Co., for the portion of the High Court House occupied by their Press.

Graves.

Ag. Under Secretary.

Ad. 30/9/96.

Cotacamund 2nd Oct. 1896

No. 3579 dated 14th Octr 1896

To C

for favour of remarks.

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~~To the Public Works Dept.~~

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CONSULTING ARCHITECT TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
No.
24 OCT 95

E. No. 27.
1,000—9-12-95.

KEEP-WITH CURRENT No.

dated 189 .

GOVT. OF MADRAS. } 1896. { P. W. DEPT.

EXAMINER, P. W. ACCOUNTS,

Madras, 23 October 1896.

OFFICE NOTE No. 3144 Dy A.

To

W.

through Consulting Architect

Your O.N.No.3579 C.dated I4th.October 1896.

It is not known how the rent of Rs.I30 per mensem was fixed by the High Court. If this amount is not less than the rent that will be arrived at for the portion occupied according to the rules in Code I. X. 28 I, it may be accepted. Otherwise sanction of Govt. of India would be necessary under Code I. X. 28 III. The Consulting Architect may perhaps have suggested the rental.

C.

No 3914 dy. 28-10-96 Head 27/10

In the data statement printed with G. O. No 2027 W dated 15th Augt 1894, Rs 260 is entered

entered as rental of the Hall occupied by the Press department. The issue of Standing Order No. 42 dt 17-5-95 to P.W. Code I, X, 28 i(a) has reduced the rent recoverable from Rs 260 to Rs 259 as detailed below:

for recovery of a moiety (Rs 130 p. m) of the rent recoverable under the rules.

Chs Harris.
Consulting Architect to Govt.

	Rs
Cost of construction exclusive of cost of site	38741
Share for establishment and Tools + Plant 10 p.c.	3874
Total capital cost.	42615
4 p.c. on above	1704
Estimated cost of repairs inclusive of 10% on account of Establ and Tools + Plant (1278 + 128)	1406
Total rental for 12 months	3110
or Rs 259 per mensem.	

2. Under the orders in G.O No. 2027 W dated 15-8-94, no rent was hitherto charged for the accommodation provided for the Press. It is not clear, therefore, why the sanction of the Government of India is now considered necessary. For

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Public Works (1896) Department.

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CURRENT No. ~~9777~~ 1149/96

C/No. 4053 C of 12-11-96

Order Letter.

To The Registrar of the High Court of Judicature - Madras.

From The Examiner P.W. Accounts Madras

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. Rep. on Comments 4873, dated 24th Sept. 1896, to the address of the Chief Secy, I have the honour to point out that under G.O. No. 2027 W of 15th August 1894, the Scottish Press was exempted from payment of rent for the accommodation provided for it in the High Court premises on the ground that it worked in the building for the convenience of the High Court and did no work other than that required for the Court. I am to inquire whether that arrangement has now been departed from, and the Press allowed to take out side work, in consequence of which rent at Rs 130 per mensem is to be charged.

No. 3144 J/A.

Dated 23 October 1896.

Received 30.10.96

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SUBJECT.

Rent. Forwarding with remarks papers on the subject of payment of ——— by Messrs Cookson & Co. for the portion of the High Court House occupied by the Press

10/11/96

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Ref. on Cur. No.4873/96. High Court of Judicature,
Madras, 20th November 1896.

From

D. W. G. Cowie, Esquire,
Registrar of the High Court of Judicature, Madras.

To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Public Works Department.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No.40530, dated the 12th instant, I am directed to inform you that the Scottish Press accommodated in the High Court premises does no other work than that required for the Court. When the new printing contract was drawn up the ~~G.O.~~ former order exempting the Scottish Press from the payment of rent was overlooked. If the rent in question is not to be levied the scale of rates paid for the printing will have to be revised.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

D W G Cowie

Registrar.

Particulars to accompany the application for reduction of rent leviable on the portion of the New Law Court Buildings occupied by Messrs Graves Cookson & Co. contractors for printing—

1. Value of Building and Site—	Rs 42,615 in terms of P.W. Code vol I, ch. X para 28 i (a)
2. Average cost of repairs ——	Rs 1406 per annum—
3. Rent according to rules ——	Rs 259 per mensem—
4 Proportion of total area occupied by office (if any)—	Amount entered against item 1 represents proportionate cost of construction inclusive of share for Estr. & Rds. vide also statement printed with G.O No 2027 w dy 15-8-94.
5. Deduction on account of office rent (if any)-	Nil
6. Rent that should be paid by the occupant	Rs 259 per mensem.
7. Rent that is proposed	Rs 130 per mensem.
8. Average salary of occupant	Not applicable to the present case.
9. Market rate for similar accommodation (to be given as far as practicable)	

Madras
dated 17 Dec 1896.

Chs Harrold
Consulting Architect to Govt.
Hon

Public Works

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CURRENT No. ~~10645~~

CONSULTING ARCHITECT TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
R. No. 3466
16 DEC. 96

From The Registrar,
High Court of Jduciature,
Madras.

No. 4843 c d/14-12-96.

~~Order~~ O.M.

To C.A.

Reference No. 4873

The Govt: considers that application should be made to the Govt. of India for sanction to accept the rate of rent proposed to be received from the Scottish Pres. In admit of this being done, please attach a statement in the form prescribed in Rule IV, para 28, Chapter X Vol I, P.W. Code - Very early return requested.

Dated 20 November 1896
Received 18.12.96 ~~23.11.96~~
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SUBJECT.

Stating that the Scottish Press accommodated in the High Court pre mises does no other work than that required for the Court.

No. 4616 J/: 17: 12: 96. 10/12/96

To W

Hereunto

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CHIEF SECRETARY 13 NOV. 1896 GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

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From

The Registrar,
High Court of Judicature,
Madras.

~~*Order*~~

Endorsement No. 2371.

Transferred to the Public Works Dept. in continuation of Endorsement No 1580 of 2. 12th 1896.

W Francis
Asst. Under Secretary

13/11/96.

F. W. St. George.
16. November 1896.

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SUBJECT.

Requesting the favor of an early reply to this Court's ref. on Cur. No. 4873 dated 24th September 1896.

await reply from the Registrar High Court to letter no 4053C, 12-11-96.

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To the Public Works Dept.

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Ref. On Cur. No.4873/96. High Court of Judicature,
Madras, 12th November 1896.

CURRENT No 4932.

From

D. W. G. Cowie, Esquire,
Registrar, of the High Court of Judicature,
Madras.

To

The Honorable Mr. A. T. Arundel,
Acting Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras.

Honorable Sir,

I am directed to invite your attention to the marginally noted communication and to request the favor of an early reply thereto.

Requesting the approval by the Government of the arrangement for payment of rent by Messrs. Graves Cookson and Co., for the portion of the High Court House occupied by their Press.
Ref. on Cur. No.4873 of 1896, dated 24th September 1896.

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transfd to P.W.D.

I have the honor to be,
Honorable Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

for Registrar.