

Public Works (1897) Department.

G.O., No. 2468 W

DATED 3 September 1897

[Despatch Abstract.]

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

READ—the following papers:—

From the Executive Engineer, Coimbatore division, to the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, dated 5th August 1897, No. 3101.

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With reference to your Nos. 2035, dated 25th May 1897, and 2145, dated 31st May 1897, I beg to report that I carefully examined the roof of the European Jail buildings at Ootacamund during and after the recent rains, and found that, with the exception of the roof of the centre portion containing the cells and the galleries between them, it leaked in many places.

2. Although it may be possible to stop these leaks, I am of opinion that an additional corrugated iron roof over the existing terraced roof will be required to make the roof water and damp proof, as the terrace absorbs and retains moisture like a sponge, and the resulting dampness of the roof will, in the course of a few years, cause the timbers of the roof to rot. Some of the dampness is due to sweating, but mostly to actual leakage, the rain water dropping to the floor in about six places; but the whole roof more or less retains the damp which will eventually cause the woodwork to rot.

2. It will therefore be necessary to put the roof in good order before the European Jail is converted into offices, and I think the best plan will be, as suggested by the Sub-divisional officer, to put a light, false, corrugated-iron roof over the existing roof. Officers are invariably long and frequent in their complaints, if the roof of their offices leak in the least.

3. The building is at present occupied by the Pioneers who will probably continue to occupy it up to March next.

4. I have just received the plans of the building from the Sub-division officer, Nilgiris, and will have them drawn out fair and inked in, in my office as soon as possible. This must be done to enable me to sketch out proposals for altering them into offices.

5. At present the following offices are situated in hired buildings at Ootacamund:—

Name of office.	Name of building rented for the use of the office.	Monthly rent paid.
(1) Office for Commissary-General, Madras Command	.. The "Orient" building.	RS. 150
(2) Government Epigraphist office	.. Oakend ..	20
(3) Geological Survey Superintendent's office	.. Oaklands ..	50
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6. In addition to these, the Collector complains of want of room in his office, but objects to either the Head Assistant Collector or the District Forest-officer being moved away from his office.

The Registrar of Assurances whose office is now located in the Deputy Tahsildar's office, Jail Hill, states that the accommodation is insufficient and has asked that a larger office in this building may be allocated to him.

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ENCLOSURE.

Sample Form.

Form to be filled in by officers desiring accommodation for their offices in the old European Jail at Ootacamund.

Name of office.	Name of room.	Smallest suitable dimensions.	Remarks.
Officer's private office-room	...	SQ. FT. 180	A small retiring room 6' x 6' is also necessary; or if a somewhat larger room is provided, a portion of it may be screened off as a retiring room.
Manager's room	...	144	It is essential that the Manager should have a room to himself.
Clerks' room	...	400	
Draftsmen's room	...	300	
Record-room	...	300	The records of this office are of great importance (e.g., Registrar's office); so a secure room with iron-barred windows and a strong door opening into the clerks' room is essential.
Stationery room	...	150	
Masalchi's room	...	100	
Clients' room	...	150	
&c., &c.			

NOTE.—Full information should be given regarding any essential arrangements of the rooms, or if any rooms require fireplaces, iron-barred doors or windows, special roof lights, &c.

No. 433/W.

Copy submitted to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, with reference to his memo. No. 228 D., dated 15th May 1897.

The requisitions contained in paragraphs 7 and 8 of the above letter may be complied with, if approved.

9th August 1897.

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

ORDER—No. 2448 W., dated 3rd September 1897.

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(True Extract.)

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle.
 „ Public Department.
 „ Judicial „
 „ Revenue „

Exd. T. K. Narayana Aiyangar.

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Papers to be read in proceedings:—

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Current No. 8225 of 1897, dated 9 August, from the Suptg. Engineer, IV Circle.

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From The Supg. Engineer
To the Circle.

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Dated 9th August 1897

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Spare copies ✓

SUBJECT.

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sent to Lodi on the 12-8-97.
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FURTHER PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.
	30620	M	3-7-97
	1666W	"	17-6-97
	2587C	"	20-5-97
	2288	"	15-5-97
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W. H. Munn
Supg. Engr^g to the Circle

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To the Hon. Secy of the Interior
 at Washington D.C.

Copy submitted to the Chief Engineer
 of the Department with reference to his opinion
 of the report dated 15th May 1897.

The proposition contained in
 pages 7 and 8 of the above letter being
 considered with reference to the
 proposed work of the proposed

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
 Your obedient servant,
 J. H. ...