

Public Works (1897) Department.

G.O., No. 3491 W

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DATED 15 December 1897

[Despatch Abstract.]

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G.O., No. 3491 W., 15th December 1897.

DECEMBER.

Fire-Engines

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Account.

READ—the following papers:—

From F. C. HARRISON, Esq., Officiating Accountant-General, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Financial Department, dated 13th October 1897, No. 3175.

I have the honour to forward, herewith, copies of correspondence noted in the margin regarding the incidence of the cost of fire-engine pipes hose supplied to the Military Secretary to His Excellency the Governor of Madras for use at the Government House, and to request orders as to the department which should bear the charge in question. The charge resembles a charge for insurance of a building and I am inclined to think that the Public Works Department should bear it. If not, it should be debited either to 45. Civil works or to the contract allowance of the Governor. I cannot gather from the papers who initiated the present expenditure. If the expenditure is held to be debitable to the Public Works Department, then, these articles should, with the engine, be entered on the Public Works Department books.

ENCLOSURES.

From F. C. HARRISON, Esq., Officiating Accountant-General, Madras, to the Comptroller-General, Calcutta, dated 25th August 1897, No. 2599.

I have the honour to submit the following case for orders:—

In the Madras Military exchange account for December 1896, a sum of Rs. 125-2-7 being the cost of fire-engine pipes hose supplied to the Military Secretary to His Excellency the Governor of Madras by the Madras Arsenal was debited to the Civil Department, and the voucher duly countersigned by the above officer was forwarded in support of the debit.

On a reference to the Military Secretary enquiring under what head of account provision was made for the above charge, he reported that the fire-engines and their appurtenances have hitherto been supplied to the Government Houses at Madras and Guindy and Ootacamund, apparently free of cost, and that charges on account of their supply have not hitherto been met from the contract allowance. The Examiner of Public Works Accounts, to whom a reference was made, stated that the fire-engines were not borne in his books and that, therefore, the cost of the fire-pipes hose was not debitable to the Public Works Department. The Controller of Military Accounts thereupon, on a further reference, stated that the engine was issued by the Ordnance Officer, Madras Arsenal, for use at Government House and that information regarding the department to which the cost of the engine was originally debited could not be afforded, as the transaction is not traceable from his records as far back as 1885, the records prior to that year having been destroyed. He further stated that the articles referred to were issued by the Ordnance Department in replacement of others found unserviceable and that, therefore, the cost has been correctly debited to the Civil Department.

I have the honour to enquire whether the above charge should be borne by the Military or Civil Department. If the latter department is to bear the charge, I presume the cost must be debited to the contract allowance of His Excellency the Governor of Madras.

From O. T. BARROW, Esq., Officiating Comptroller-General, Calcutta, to the Accountant-General, Madras, dated 8th September 1897, No. 1146.

With reference to your letter, No. 2599, dated 25th ultimo, regarding the incidence of the cost of fire-engine pipes hose supplied to the Military Secretary to His Excellency the Governor of Madras, I have the honour to state that, agreeably to article 95, rule VII of the Civil Account Code, the charge in question should be accepted by the Civil Department. I request you will settle the question as to whether the charge should be debited to the contract grant of His Excellency the Governor of Madras in communication with the local Government and, if necessary, the Government of India.

From F. C. HARRISON, Esq., Officiating Accountant-General, Madras, to the Military Secretary to His Excellency the Governor, Ootacamund, dated 18th September 1897, No. 2888.

Adverting to your letter, No. 94, dated the 17th of March 1897, I have the honour to forward, herewith, a copy of this office letter, No. 2599, dated 25th August 1897, to the address of the Comptroller-General, Calcutta, and that of his reply, No. 1146, dated 8th September 1897, regarding the incidence of the cost of fire-engine pipes hose supplied for the use of the Government House and to enquire whether you will accept the charge against the contract allowance of the Governor to which it appears to be debitable.

2. The favour of an early reply is requested.

From Major F. W. ROMILLY, B.S.O., Military Secretary to His Excellency the Governor, to the Accountant-General, Madras, dated Ootacamund, 23rd September 1897, No. 293 (a).

With reference to your letter, No. 2888 of the 18th of September 1897, I have the honour to inform you that the charges borne by the contract allowance of His Excellency the Governor are clearly defined and do not include the maintenance or security of Government buildings. I am unable, therefore, to accept the charge in question as a debit against the contract allowance.

Endorsement No. 2145, Financial.

Referred to the Public Works Department.

(Signed) A. R. KNAPP,
Acting Under Secretary.

15th October 1897.

No. 4388 C.

Referred to the Consulting Architect for favour of early report as to whether the fire-engines at Government Houses, Madras and Guindy, are in his charge, and if not, whether he sees any objection to their being brought on the books of the Public Works Department.

(Signed) W. B. DEWINTON,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

28th October 1897.

From G. S. T. HARRIS, Esq., Consulting Architect to Government, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Chépák, 16th November 1897, No. 2180.

In returning the papers received with your endorsement, No. 4388 C., dated the 28th October 1897, I have the honour to report that the small manual fire-engines at Government Houses, Madras and Guindy, are not in charge of this division. There is no objection to their being brought on the books of the Public Works Department; I do not, however, consider that the one at Government House, Madras, is now required for the following reasons:—

There is a well-equipped steam fire-engine in D/1 Police station which was built a few years ago, within the compound of Government House, and is separated from it by a wooden fence. There is a gateway in this fence through which steam fire-engine can be taken in for operation just as quickly as the small manual fire-engine can be

brought into play. It will not be necessary to have fire-plugs in the compound as there is a tank and swimming-bath close by. There is also a large iron tank on Government House, measuring 20' x 13' x 3½', with a capacity of about 5,600 gallons, which is always kept full of water. The tank is filled by a lift and force pump which takes 8 or 10 men to work and fills in 7 hours. The tank is placed on the top of the terrace and commands all the main building, with additional hose; it would command also the Private Secretary's office and kitchen block.

The manual fire-engine at Guindy should, I consider, be retained as there is no other fire-engine in the vicinity. There is also on the top of Government House here, an iron tank about the same capacity as the one at Government House, Madras, kept always full of water which can be utilized in case of fire.

No. 4879 C.

Transferred to the Financial Department, and the referred papers returned.

2. There is no objection to the fire-engines at the several Government Houses being brought on the books of the Public Works Department, and to the charge mentioned by the Accountant-General being adjusted in the accounts of this department.

3. If the papers be transferred to the Public Works Department, the necessary orders will be issued, and His Excellency's instructions taken as to the disposal of the manual fire-engine at Government House, Madras.

19th November 1897.

(Signed) W. B. DEWINTON,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

From the Financial Department, dated 29th November 1897, No. 2603.

ORDER—No. 3491 W., dated 15th December 1897.

His Excellency the Governor in Council directs that the fire-engines at Government Houses, Madras, Guindy and Ootacamund, be brought on the books of the Public Works Department, which department will bear the cost of their repair and the renewal of component parts.

2. The Examiner is authorized to accept the debit of Rs. 125-2-7 referred to by the Accountant-General.

3. The Government approves the suggestion of the Consulting Architect that the manual fire-engine at Government House, Madras, be dispensed with. The Consulting Architect will transfer it to some other public building where it is likely to prove useful, or sell it at his discretion.

(True Extract.)

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Architect to Government.

„ Examiner, Public Works Accounts.

„ Military Secretary to His Excellency the Governor.

„ Financial Department.

Exd. T. K. Narayana Aiyangar.

Papers to be read in proceedings:—

Again G.O., dated

189, No.

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189, No.

Current No. 10407 of 1897, dated 15.10.97, from

„ 11433 „ 1897, „ 16.11.97, „

„ 11983 „ 1897, „ 29.11.97, „

ORDER.

148. The Govt. in Council direct that the fire engines at Govt. Houses, Madras, Guindy and Ootacamund be brought on the books of the P.W. Dept., which Dept. will bear the cost of their repair & the renewal of component parts.

2. The Examiner is authorized to accept the ^{debit} of Rs. 125-2-7 referred to by the Accountant-General.

3. The Govt. approves the suggestion of the Cons. Architect that the manual fire-engine

at Fort. Anne where
 he dispensed with.
 The Comd. Architect will
 transfer it to some
 other public building
 where it is likely to
 prove useful, or
 sell it at his discretion.

C. A. O. 13.12.99

B. C. 11/12/99
 C.A. O. 13.12.99
 Gov. R. 11/12/99
 M. J. 11/12/99
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P. W. DEPARTMENT.

C. No. 5 10407, 11433 & 11983 -

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.
 THE HON'BLE SIR HENRY BLISS, K.C.I.E.
 THE HON'BLE MR. GROSE, C.I.E.

SUBJECT. Fire engine at
 Fort. Anne.

FOR ORDERS.

The Military Secy
 to H. S. the Governor having
 incurred a charge of Rs
 125-2-7 on account of
 fire engine pipe hose
 supplied from the Arsenal
 to Fort. Anne. The question
 has arisen as to the
 head to which the outlay
 should be charged.

The Comptroller
 General, Calcutta, has
 decided that the charge
 is a civil one, and it
 remains to be decided
 whether it should be
 debited to His Excellency's
 Contract allowance, or to
 the P. W. Grant.

The Military Secy

to his Exam. states that
such charges are not
included in the head
to be borne by the Com-
mission allowance, and
that he is unable to
accept the debit.

The Mlt. Sec. is quite right.
A.S.H.

The Exr. P. W. and
has informed the Accountant
General that as the Fire
Engines themselves are
not borne on the books
of the P. W. Dept., the
supply of hose for them
is not debitable to this
Dept. The Examiner's
objection can however
be met by bringing
the engines on the P. W.
books. The engines
appear to have been
obtained from the Ordnance
Dept. many years ago,
but to which Dept.
their cost was charged
cannot now be ascertained.
The Consulting Architect
has no objection to
allowing charge of the

engines at Water &
Grinding.

It is proposed
now to issue an order
bringing the engines on
the P. W. books, and
telling the Examiner
to accept the debit
of Rs. 125-2-7 -

It is presumed
that there is an engine
at Fort. Howe, Orissa.
must also, and the
Ex. Exr. Commissioner
duty will be told
to bring this also
on the P. W. books,
if it has not already
been done.

The Comr. Architect
wishes the further view
of getting rid of
the manual engine
at Fort. Howe made,
as he is of opinion
that the manual
steam fire engine

in the adjoining Police
Station will meet all
requirements. His own
orders on this point
are solicited. If it
be decided that the
manual engine need
not be retained,
the Comr. Architect
might be told to
transfer it to
some other public
building where it
is likely to be
useful, or to sell
it at his discretion.

Proposed added.
P.W.

Perhaps it would be well to transfer
it to Grindery. Where there is at
least only one small manual engine
The Chief Sec. is of opinion that the small
engines are found to be sufficient. This other
one may be sent elsewhere.

CHAS. H. B. Schell
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Public Works (1897) Department.

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CURRENT No. 11983

From The Financial Dept.

Order

No. 2603

Dated 29th November 1897

Received 2-12-97

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SUBJECT.

Manual fire Engines at
Sgt. Horace Madras
and Grindery
Transferring papers re:—
to P. W. Dept. for disposal.

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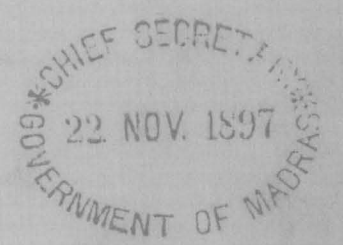
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CURRENT No. 3684

No 4879cd/19th November 1897
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Rel 23-11-97.
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Order End.

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From
The Consulting Architect
to the Government
of Madras
No. 2180



Transferred to
the Financial Dept. and the
referred papers returned.

2. There is no objection
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of this Dept.

Dated 16th November 1897
Received
Registered 317-DV—
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3. If the papers be trans-
ferred to the P.W. Dept. the
necessary orders will be issued,
& His Govt's instructions taken as
to the disposal of the manual fire-
engine at Govt. House Madras.

SUBJECT.
Reporting that the small
manual fire engines
at Govt. Houses Madras
& Quindry are not in
charge of Consulting
Architect D. & Co.

[Signature]
As. Secy to Govt.

[Signature]
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FURTHER PAPERS.

C. A. 250-29-10-96.

CURRENT No. 3487
Office of the Consulting Architect to Govt.,
Chengam, Madras,
16th November 1897.

From

G. S. T. Harris, Esq.,

Consulting Architect

to the Government of Madras,

To

The Chief Engineer

Public Works Department

Sir,

Enclosures.

In returning the papers received with your endorsement No. 1,388C dated the 28th October 1897, I have the honor to report that the small manual fire engines at Government House Madras and Quindry are not in charge of this Division. There is no objection to their being brought on the books of the P. W. Department, I do not however consider that the one at Government House Madras is now required for the following reasons:-

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I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
Lieut. Durrant
Consulting Architect
to Government.

Public Works
Financial (1897) Department.

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Encl No 2145 dated 15.10.97.



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Referred to the Public Works Department
Admn. Appr.

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15/10/97

Ag. Under Secretary
From

No 4388C d/28.10.97

The Accountant General
Madras.

Order Encl.

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Dated 13 October 1897

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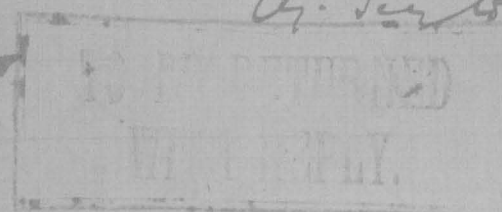
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H. Ch. Krishna
Ag. Secy to Govt.



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FORT ST. GEORGE,
Accountant-General's Office,
25 August 1897.

No. 2599

From

F. C. Harrison Esqre.,

Offg. ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL TO THE

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

To

THE Comptroller General,
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I have &c
(Signed) J. C. Harrison,
Offg. Accountant General.

(True copy)

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Encl. No. 5
To
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To
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No. 1146

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The Treasury
Calcutta
The 8th September 1897

From

The Comptroller General,

To

The Accountant General,

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(Signed) O. S. Barrow
Offg. Comptroller General.
(True copy)

J. S. Sowers
Chief Superintendent.

Presidency Audit DEPARTMENT.

W.S.P

FORT ST. GEORGE,
Accountant-General's Office,
18th September 1897.

No. 2888

From

F. C. Harrison Esq.,

Offg. ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL TO THE

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

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2. The favour of an early reply is requested.

I have &
(Signed) J. C. Mitra
Asst. Accountant General.

(True copy)

J. E. Brown
Chief Superintendent.

Not at all.
J.S.H.
10.12.97

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To 3239

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Enclos. No. 4
To 2684

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No. 293 (a)

S.P.
Government House
Cotacamund 23^d September 1897.

From

Major F. W. Romilly, D.L.O.,
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To

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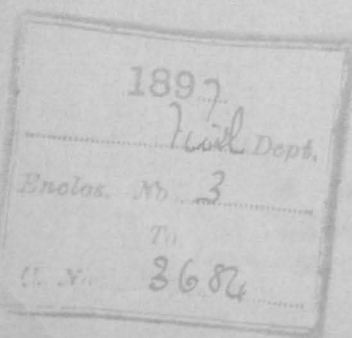
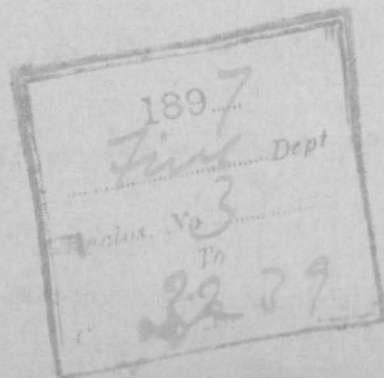
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I have &c.
(Signed) F. W. Romilly Major,
Military Secretary.

(True copy)

J. B. Power
Chief Superintendent.

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CURRENT NO 3239

FORT ST. GEORGE,

Accountant-General's Office,

13th October 1897.

No. 3175

Presidency Audit DEPARTMENT.

From

F. C. Harrison Esq.,

Offg. ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL TO THE

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

To

THE Chief Secretary to Government,
Financial Department.

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Your most obedient servant,

F. C. Harrison

Offg. Accountant General.

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