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Public Works (1897) Department.

G.O., No. 316285

DATED 12 Nov 1897

[Despatch Abstract.]

Accommodation of Jurors and Assessors: Directing the S.E. & W.L. Circuit to submit an estimate for the Construction of a room in the District Courthouse at Timeveli for the —, and Cancelling Ex. No. 233 of 25 January 1897.

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G.O., No. 3162 W., 12th November 1897.

NOVEMBER.

Accommodation of Jurors and Assessors

Directing the Superintending Engineer, VI Circle, to submit an estimate for the construction of a room in the District Court-house at Tinnevelly for the —, and cancelling G.O., No. 233 W., dated 25th January 1897.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
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READ—the following papers:—

From D. W. G. COWIE, Esq., Registrar of the High Court of Judicature, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 8th September 1897, Dis. No. 1559.

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ENCLOSURE.

ABSTRACT of replies to G.O., No. 751, Judicial, dated 22nd May 1897, requesting all the Sessions Judges to report, through the High Court, whether any, and if so, what extra arrangements are essentially necessary for the accommodation of Jurors and Assessors in their Courts and holding in abeyance G.O., No. 233 W., dated 25th January 1897, directing Superintending Engineers to submit estimates of the cost of remedying the defective accommodation for Jurors and Assessors.

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Memo. No. 2150, Judicial.

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(By order.)

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

OOTACAMUND,
15th October 1897.

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(True Extract.)

Under Secretary to Government.

To Superintending Engineers.
" the Judicial Department.

Exd. T. K. Narayana Aiyangar.

Public Works (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 10371

No 3162 W dt 12-11-97

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From The Judicial Dept

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SUBJECT.

Accommodation for jurors & Assessors in Dt. Courts.

Transfers to the P.W.D certain original papers in regard to the provision of ——— with the suggestion that Go 233 W dt 25-1-97 be cancelled & that orders be issued for the preparation of an estimate for a room in the Dt. Courthouse at Tinnevelly for the purpose.

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Dis. No. 1559.

High Court of Judicature, Madras.

8th September 1897.

From

D. W. C. Cowie, Esquire, ~~Esq.,~~

Registrar of the High Court of Judicature, Madras.

To

The Hon'ble Mr. J. F. Price, C.S.I.,

Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras.

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

Registrar.

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CHIEF SECRETARIAT MADRAS.

Memorandum. No 2150 dt 15.10.97.

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(By order)

Ootacamund
October 1897

A. Knapp.
Ag. Under Secretary

To
The Public Works Department.
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