Public Works (1898) Department.

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G.O., No. 218 W

DATED 26th January 98

[Despatch Abstract.]

Rest House at Sadras: Disapproving the tone & substance of the reply from the S.E. V Circle relative to the proposed reconstruction of the ——— and directing him to furnish the information called for in Memo No 5340 (of 9 Decr 97).

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189 , No.

Again G.O., dated 189 , No.

Again G.O., dated

Current No. 10927 of 1897, dated 31-10-97, from the S.E. V Circle

" " 11948 , 1897, " 24-11-97, " —do—

" " 12492 " 1897 " 14-12-97, —do—

note by the Chief Engr d/ 18-1-98

ORDER. No. 218 W. D/26-1-98

His Excy the Govr in Council disapproves both of the tone and substance of Col. Rawson's reply No. 516 W dated 8th December 1897, and observes that in common with all other public servants, he must obey orders. Before the estimate for the reconstruction of the rest house at Sodor can be sanctioned, the Supdg. Engr must give the information asked for in the Chief Engr's mem. No. 340C of the 9th Dec 1897.

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Public Works DEPARTMENT.

Papers to be read in proceedings :—

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B.

Again G.O., dated 189 , No.

Again G.O., dated 189 , No.

Current No. 10827 of 1897, dated 31-10-97, from the S.E.V Circle.

" " 11948 " 1897, " 29-11-97 " " - Do -

" " 12492 " 1897, " ~~24~~ 14-12-97 " " - Do -

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Note by the Chief Engineer, P.W.D.

In G.O. No. x106 W dated 10th January 1896, the transfer of the Canal Rest house at Sadras from the Buckingham Canal division to the Chingleput Division was sanctioned, in order to free the canal from the cost of its upkeep. It was reported that the rest house was no longer required for the purposes of the Canal; that it was old and in need of repair; that it would be of use in the Chingleput division, and that its Capital cost had not been borne by the Canal.

With letter No. x128 W/C dated 31.10.97, the Suptg. Engr. V Circle submitted an estimate of Rs. 1,930 (increased in the Chief Engineer's Office to Rs. 2,130) for reconstructing the bungalow. He reported that the building was in very bad order when handed over by the Canal division, and that the heavy rains at

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I disapprove both of the tone and substance of Col. Rawson's reply No. 516 W. 14/16 Dec. 1897. In common with all other public servants, he must obey orders. He must give the information asked for in Memo 5340 C of 9.12.97.

A.H.
20.1.98

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the end of 1896 had caused the roof to collapse.

It was then* pointed out to the Suptg. Engineer that before the estimate could be submitted for Govt., sanction, the necessity for a rest house at Sadras should be fully proved, and he was requested to report whether, if necessity could not be proved, the building might not be demolished, and the materials sold.

*Memo. No. 5016 C, D/25-11-97. (Flag Q)

In his reply, No. 483 W dated 29-11-97, the Suptg. Engineer stated that he submitted the estimate because he considered the rest house necessary, and that if he had thought it better to demolish the bungalow, he would have proposed that course instead of its reconstruction. He also remarked that the rest house should be kept up if only for its historical interest.

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He was then told that it was not sufficient for him to say that he considered the rest house necessary, but that he should prove it to be so by a reference to works in the neighbourhood and to the frequency of visits of Offcers &c.,

Memo. No. 5340 C, D/9-12-97. (Flag S)

It was also pointed out to him that as the building was to be entirely reconstructed from the foundations, it was not clear where the historical interest came in.

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In reply Colonel Rawson has declined to give any further reason for reconstructing the rest house than that he considers it necessary, and in so declining, he has entirely misapprehended his duty in the matter. The undersigned has however, ascertained from the Executive Engineer Chingleput Division that the rest house is useful for inspection purposes, especially to the Collector of the District for "Jamabandi" purposes in a place where there is absolutely no shade for tents.

Yes. F.A.H.

The reconstruction of the building is therefore recommended, and the estimate is herewith submitted for sanction. Funds to be allotted when they can be made available.

The soil being sandy it is considered that one foot, instead of 6" footings should be provided for the concrete foundation. The estimate has been altered accordingly, increasing from Rs. 1,930 to Rs. 2,130.

ORDER.

The estimate amounting to Rs. 2130 as altered by the Chief Engineer, for reconstructing the P.W.D. rest house at Sadras, is sanctioned for execution when funds are available.

Mr. S. to strike over for the present

2. The Govt. entirely agrees with the

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the remark in para 2 of the Chief Engineer's note regarding the Superintending Engineer's refusal to give full reasons in support of his proposal to restore the building.

3. This sanction has been registered as Provincial No. W of 1897-98, and classified as Civil Buildings, Original Works.

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To

The Suptg. Engineer V Circle,
with plans and estimates.
,, Examiner P.W. Accounts.

Public Works (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 11948

Order

From The Suptg Engineer 5th Circle

No. 4837.

Is the building to be entirely new, foundation & all? & if so, why?

Dated 29th November 1897.

Received 1.12.97.

Enclosures

Spare copies

SUBJECT.

Rest-House at Sadras.

Informing that the Estimate for the rebuilding the ~~bungalow~~ should be sanctioned & funds granted when available, as the rest house should be kept up if only for its historical interest.

Sub/ for orders
Cm 4.12.97

W.
The estimate may perhaps be sanctioned as in the already drafted order

BACK PAPERS.

No.	Date.
5016 C	25-11-97 4 papers marked on the back.

FURTHER PAPERS.

No.	Date.

No. 483 G.

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,
V CIRCLE, MADRAS,
Chepâk, 29th November 1897

From
Colonel C. C. Rawson R.E.
SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
V CIRCLE,

To
The Chief Engineer,
P.W. Department.

Sir,

Enclosures.

With reference to your memo: No. 5016.C dated 25th November, 1897, I have the honour to inform you that when I agreed to the transfer of the Sadras Resthouse from the Buckingham Canal Division to the Chingleput Division, I did so because I considered that a rest house was required at Sadras and not to free the Buckingham Canal Division from the cost of its upkeep, which was a question that did not concern me. I agreed to the Chingleput Executive Engineer taking over the bungalow then to save it from being demolished and the materials sold.

2. I submitted the estimate for the reconstruction of

of the bungalow for the same reason, had I not considered it necessary I should not have proposed it.

3. If I had considered that it would be better to demolish the bungalow and sell the materials, I should have proposed that course, instead of rebuilding the bungalow.

4. I consider that the estimate ought to be sanctioned and funds granted when available as the rest house should be kept up if only for its historical interest. It was one of the old Dutch official residences and at Sadras in 1754 was held a conference between the French, English and Dutch authorities to try and settle a treaty of peace between the French and English.

If it is to be an entirely new building where does the historical interest come in?!
6/12

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most obedt. Servant.

29.11.97 Col. R.E.
Supdg. Engineer 5th Circle

29.11.97

C/ No 5340C d/ 9.12.97 P. W. D.

Memo

With reference to letter from the S.E. V Circle No. 483W dated 29 November 1897 relating to the proposed re-construction of the rest house at Sadras, the undersigned has the honour to observe that it is not sufficient for the Supdg Engr. to report that he "considers the rest house necessary". He must prove it to be so by a reference to the works in the neighbourhood, & the frequency of the division or sub-divisional officers'

11/12/97

visit - failing such proof, it is useless to submit the estimate for sanction -

2. With reference to para 4 of the S.E.'s letter, it is observed that as the building is to be, apparently, an entirely new one, it is not clear where the historical interest comes in.

W.H.S. 7.12.97

C.H.S. 9/12/97.

I/B G.M.P. 9/12/1897

S.E. V Circle —

Public Works (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 12492

Order

From The Supdg Engineer 5 Circle.

No. 516 W.

Dated 14th December 1897

Received 16-12-97

Enclosures

Spare copies

SUBJECT.

Rest-House at Sadras.

Requesting to return the Estimate for re-constructing the unsanctioned & pass such orders regarding the disposal of Materials and of the land.

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No. 5168.

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,
V CIRCLE, MADRAS,
Chepâk, 14/16 December 1897

From
Colonel C.C. Rawson R.E.
SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
V CIRCLE,

To
THE Chief Engineer,
P. W. Department.

Enclosures.

SIR,

With reference to your memo No. 5340 C dated 9th December 1897, I have the honour to request that you will return the estimate for reconstructing the Rest House at Sadras unsanctioned and pass such orders as you think fit regarding the disposal of the materials and of the land.

2 I regret extremely that I should have committed myself by expressing my own opinion. I will take particular care not to do so again on any subject whatever unless the point is of such a simple nature that

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it may be proved by simple addition.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most obed^t Servant

14/12/97 Col. R.E.
Supdg. Engineer 5th Circle

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218 W P.W. DEPARTMENT.

C. No. 12492.

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

SUBJECT. P.W. Rest House at Sadras –

FOR ORDERS.

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In G.O. No 106 W\+ dated 10 January 1896, the transfer of the Canal Rest-house at Sadras from the Buckingham Canal division to the Chingleput division was sanctioned, in order to free the Canal from the cost of its upkeep. It was reported that the rest house was no longer required for the purposes of the Canal; that it was old and in need of repair; that it would be of use in the Chingleput division, and that its capital cost had not been borne by the Canal.

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With letter No 128W/C + dated 31.10.97, the Supdg. Engr. V Circle submitted an estimate of Rs 1930 (increased in the Chief Engr's office to Rs 2130) for reconstructing the bungalow. He reported that the building was in very bad order when handed over by the Canal division, & that the heavy rains at the end of 1896 had caused the roof to collapse.

It was then ++ pointed out to the Supdg. Engr. that before the estimate could be submitted for Govt. Sanction, the necessity for a rest house at Sadras should be fully proved, and he was requested to report whether, if necessity could not be proved, the building might not be demolished, and the materials sold.

In his reply, No ⊕ 483W of 25.11.97, the Supdg. Engr. stated that

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⊕ attached to paper flagged S.

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he submitted the estimate because he considered the rest house necessary, and that if he had thought it better to demolish the bungalow, he would have proposed that course instead of its reconstruction. He ~~ald~~ also remarked that the rest house should be kept up if only for its historic interest.

He was + then told that it was not sufficient for him to say that he considered the rest house necessary, but that he should prove it to be so by a reference to works in the neighbourhood & to the frequency of visits of officers &c. It was also pointed

+ Memo No 5340C of 9.12.97, flagged S.

out to him that as the building was to be entirely reconstructed from the foundations, it was not clear where the historical interest came in.

In reply, Colonel Rawson has declined to give any further reason for reconstructing the rest house than that he considers it necessary, & in so declining, he has entirely misapprehended his duty in the matter. The undersigned has however, ascertained from the Executive Engr Chingleput division that the rest house is useful for inspection purposes, especially to the Collector of the District for "jamabandi" purpos in a place where there is absolutely n shade for tents –

The reconstruction of the building is therefore recommende and the estimate is herewith submitte ~~If approved, the~~ for sanction. ~~estimate might be sanctioned; the~~ funds to be allotted when they can be made available.

W.E. Bell 15.1.98

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S.A W. W Submitted CE 15-1-98

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" " 12492 " 1897, " 14.12.97, " —do—

O~~RDER~~

Enter this note already written

Note by the Chief Engr. P.W.D.

The estimate is submitted for the sanction of Govt.

2. Although the Supdg. Engineer V circle has declined to give any further reason for reconstructing the rest house than that he considers it necessary and that in so declining, he has entirely misapprehended his duty in the matter the undersigned has ascertained from the Executive Engineer Chingleput division

that the rest house is useful for inspection purposes, especially to the Collector of the district who uses it annually for "jamabandi" purposes, in a place where there is absolutely no shade for tents. The reconstruction of the building is therefore recommended.

3. The soil being sandy, it is considered that one foot, instead of 6" footings should be provided for the concrete foundations. The estimate has been altered accordingly, increasing it from Rs 1930 to Rs 2130.

Order.

The estimate amounting to Rs 2130, as altered by the Chief Engr. for reconstructing the P.W.D. rest house at Sadras, is sanctioned for execution when funds are available.

2. The Govt. entirely agree with the remarks in para 2 of the Chief Engr's note regarding the Supdg Engr's refusal to give full reasons in support of his proposal to restore the building.

3. This sanction has been registered as Provincial No. 40 of 1897-98, and classified as Civil Buildings - Original Works.

17.1.98

S.S. V Circle
with plans & estimate

Engr.

L.R.s

Submit the estimate for sanction, & say that although L.G. V has declined to give any further ~~letter~~ reason for reconstructing this Rest House than that he considers it necessary, & that in so declining he has entirely misapprehended his duty in the matter, I have ascertained from the Telugu Chin Deput Dn that ~~that~~ the Rest house is useful for inspection purposes, especially to the Collector of the District who uses it annually for 'Jamabandi' purposes, in a place where there is

W.C.

Please let me see you on the file with the Rest house -

11-1-98

W/ Submitted
RAR
11.1.98.

W.C.

With reference to your pencil note, the building is proposed to be entirely new, foundations & all - I might have noticed that, such being the case, no historical interest has been shewn to exist.

CWB
6-12-97

It is not sufficient for the A.E. to report that he "considers" the rest house "to be" most necessary. He is to prove it by a reference to the number of visits in the neighbourhood and the frequency of the ~~District~~ Division & Subdn. Officers visits. Failing such proof it is useless to submit the estimate for sanction.

2. With respect to para 4

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told, apparently, an
entirely new one, it
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