Public Works (1898) Department.

G.O., No. 3007 W

Dated 24th Nov 98

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UNDER SECRETARY 15 DEC 8 GOVT. OF INDIA DEPTT.

Date: 13.12.1858

No: 5682 Cd/15 Dec'y 8.

Furnished.

A. Kennett.

Under Secretary to Govt:
P.W.D.

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Public Department.

For C. No.

MEMORANDUM.

REQUESTED for reference the undermentioned papers:—

Original of Go no. 300/W & 24.11.98

Chief Secretariat,
6th Decr. 1898.

Ag. under
~~for Chief~~ Secretary to Government.

To

The Public Works Department

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ORDER—No. 3007 W., dated 24th November 1898.

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(True Extract.)

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle.
„ Public Department.
„ Revenue Department.
„ Local and Municipal Department.
„ Examiner, Public Works Accounts.

Exd. T. K. Narayana Aiyangar.

P. W. DEPARTMENT

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[P. W. 4. 500—17-6-98.]

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22-11-98.

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To

The Supts. Engr., IV Circle
" Public Dept.
" Revenue Dept.
" L & Rs Dept.
" Examiner, P.W. Accts.

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P. W. DEPARTMENT.

C. No. 5931

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

~~THE HON'BLE SIR HENRY BLISS, K.C.I.E.~~
The Honourable Mr. Arundel
~~THE HON'BLE MR. GROSE, C.I.E.~~
The Hon. Mr. Winterbottom

SUBJECT.

Additional quarters for Secretariat Clerks

FOR ORDERS.

To
The Chief Secretary
(for favour of Countersignature)

In the accompanying unofficial note No. 1973 dated 14th September 1898, the Chief Secretary suggests that the question of constructing additional quarters, near the offices, for the Secretariat clerks may be considered, as the existing number of quarters is insufficient to house all the clerks. The subjoined statement compares the number of clerks brought up annually with the number of Government quarters available:—

Name

[P. W. 43. 500—27-1-98.]

8/12/98

Name of building.	No. of quarters
Attley Hall	5
Crewe Hall & Bungalow	6
Jail Hill	8
Compounder's quarters	1
Connemara Cottage	3
Native officer's quarters	2
Stonehouse Cottages	7
Total	32

Name of office	No. of clerks *
Chief Secretariat	15
Revenue Secretariat	10
P. W. Secretariat (General)	5
(Irrigation Br.)	2
(Railway Br.)	3
Local & Municipal Secretariat	4
Private Secretary's office	3
Total	43

* including the telephone clerk, but Excluding the one specially brought up in connection with Plague and Famine work

From the above statement it will be seen that the number of clerks requiring quarters is 43, while the number of quarters available is 32. There are thus 11 clerks left without accommodation. If it is decided to construct quarters for all the 11 clerks, it will be necessary to compel them to live in and pay rent for the quarters. Vide para 17 (4) Chapter X, Volume I, of the P.W. Code. This measure will perhaps be hard on those clerks who ~~thought some in-~~ ~~convenience~~ for time to come or other may come up alone and wish to live with friends or relatives in the station. The number of clerks who will not require accommodation may be taken at 10 per cent of the whole staff i.e 4.3 or 5. It will therefore be sufficient if 6 additional quarters are constructed, leaving the remaining 5 clerks to make their own arrangements for accommodation themselves. As two additional quarters are already under construction on the Stonehouse Hill, sanction may be accorded to the erection of four more on the same site.

See Enclosed file
D. 94
8.11.98

HW
18-11-98.

HW
4.10.98

Mis

Noted 19.10.98.

[G. 73]
2,000—28-11-06.

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NOTE FOR THE ~~Chief~~ Assistant.

I have consulted the Clerks who live in the block of seven unmarried Clerks' quarters on Stonehouse Hill and they all complain that the quarters are not only insufficient as regards accommodation but are also inconvenient and uncomfortable. The Sub-Divisional Officer in his report while admitting the insufficiency of accommodation for married men is not in favour of any improvements to the quarters on the following grounds:—

I. The quarters were not intended for married Clerks,

II. The only alteration possible is to convert three blocks into two which will make the accommodation unnecessarily large, and

III. The present accommodation is far better than what could be got elsewhere in the town for double the rent and is therefore preferred by Clerks.

2. These objections may be considered ~~seriatim~~ :—

I. The question is, it is submitted not what the original design of the

building was, but how it is now used. The building was not intended in the first instance for dwelling houses at all – either for bachelors or for married men. It was in the beginning merely a hospital which was subsequently partitioned off by walls into seven blocks to accommodate as many bachelor clerks with a small out-house to be used as a common kitchen. These blocks are very near the office and are usually occupied by the clerks, the nature of whose work requires their presence in the office early and late. In fact since these quarters were made available for housing the Secretariat clerks, they have never been occupied by unmarried men. Most of the clerks who accompany Govt to the hills are married and as the number of quarters available for such people is insufficient and as there are more quarters for bachelor clerks than are necessary, married men are put in bachelors' quarters. It is certain that the number of married clerks will not diminish in the future. I beg to submit that even for bachelors these cottages are most inconvenient. In the first place, the blocks have been constructed on a bad design. The chimneys do not draw truly with the result that the smoke has to make its way out at the doors thereby causing much inconvenience and disfiguring the walls and the ceiling and spoiling the clothes. The so-called kitchen is only a dark passage and there is no accommodation for bathing. Some of the clerks have covered the small open portion behind the block with zinc sheets at their own expense for bathing purposes. There is no place to keep cooking and other vessels and for storing firewood – an indispensable item in Ootacamund. There is not much access for fresh air, for there are no windows; there is but a small latrine for all the blocks which is used by more than thirty adults.

II. As regards the next objection, I submit that there may be ways of enlarging the accommodation other than that suggested by the Sub-divisional Officer. The present occupants represent that a small detached line of godowns behind the block for cooking and bathing purposes and for storing firewood is required.

required. This will not diminish the number of quarters available and the extra cost should not be very much. In this connection it is submitted that, in comparison with the rent derived from other govt quarters, there Stonehouse cottages fetch a higher rate of rent. Even granting that three blocks are converted into two as suggested by the Sub-divisional Officer, the accommodation will not be more than what is available in the Overseer's quarters and in the jail Hill buildings.

III. Clerks live at present in the Stonehouse cottages more from necessity than from choice. It is submitted that govt quarters should not be compared with private quarters. The Agraharam was not originally intended for dwelling purposes and was not used as such until the landlord converted the line into blocks of dark cells. Such even these quarters are no longer available. The increase in the permanent population has owing to the transfer of many offices to Cuddalore and as well as the number of

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of visitors during the season has left not a single room unoccupied in the whole town of Cuddalore. It is understood that, owing to the difficulty in procuring accommodation, a proposal to provide govt quarters for the clerks of the local Collectorate is under consideration. One of the Secretariat clerks who came up later than others in this season had to move the Chief Engineer to convert the small out-house attached to the Stonehouse cottages into a temporary dwelling, as he could not find accommodation anywhere in the town.

3. Again there is an important difference between the Secretariat clerks and the permanent residents of this place. The latter are mostly men belonging to the adjoining districts who can stand the climate, and they have the further advantage of having been completely acclimatised. Whereas the Secretariat clerks are temporary sojourners who must pay great attention to their comfort & surroundings if they are to keep well.

1269
17/8/98

HC
D.

Meet me tomorrow please on my way to office and I will inspect these quarters.

Cuss
19.8.98

L.A.

These quarters were inspected by you on the 20th instant. The statement flagged N shews the number of native clerks at Batty in all the Secretariat Depts and of the quarters available.

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25/8/98

CS.

I inspected these quarters. They are not well ventilated - in fact there is scarcely any ventilation - the fire places smoke badly and the bathing accommodation is altogether inadequate. The statement flagged N shows the number of married & of single clerks and the quarters available. This year figures give the following results

	Clerks -	Qrs
Married -	25	14

There is no reason to suppose that the proportion of married clerks is ever likely to be so low as 14, and these Stone-house Cottages must, it is thought, be viewed as married quarters.

I would suggest that the CS. should see the quarters for himself in company with the Secy. P. 10.8.

Cuss
25 & 8 Stone House Cottages, Batavia

I inspected these quarters today & directed the Architect to submit plans & estimates for the following

(1) a block of 7 kitchens in rear - each 10' x 10'

(2) Removal of existing wall in back verandah so as to double the size of the bathing place, & construction of fire place in each bathing place.

(3) Insertion of Dormer windows in roof of rear rooms.

The same additions & alterations will be carried out in the 2

C.S.

The improvements which the Chief Engineer has decided to be carried out will do much towards making these quarters more comfortable. The papers may, it is submitted, be now returned to P.W.D. u.o. with the suggestion that the question of erecting additional quarters (near the offices) may be considered, as the present number of quarters do not house all the clerks.

Cms
12.9.28

Yes.
13/9/28.

No. 19738/24-9-28.

To.

P. W.D.

u.o.

Married - 25 14

Departments.	Clerks who have come up this season with their families.	Clerks who have come up single.
Chief Secretariat.	7	5
Revenue Secretariat. . . .	8	2
Public Works Sect.(Genl.Br.)	5	1
,, (Irrigation ,,)	2	,,
,, (Railway ,,)	2	,,
Local & Municipal Department.	1	1
Total	25	9

Excluding 2 married and 1 single Eurasian clerks.

Quarters Available.	Married.	Single.
Connemara Cottage.	3	,,
Overseers' bungalow	2	,,
Stonehouse Cottages. . . .	,,	7 ⊛
Crewe Hall.	,,	6
Jail Hill buildings. , ...	8	,,
Compounders quarters . . .	1	,,
Total. .	14	13

⊛ Now occupied by married clerks.

Note.

Otley Hall is excluded as it is reserved for Eurasian clerks.

Public Works (189 8) Department

CURRENT No. 5931

Forwarded to
the Chief Secretary with
reference to his note flagged.
Order
P in the accompanying
file. Improvements to
the quarters do not seem
to be required.

From The Supt. Engr
4th C

No. 371
W.

K.S. 24.7.98

Dated 12th July 189 8
Received
Registered 15.7.98
Enclosures ✓
Spare copies ✓

To The Chief Secretary H. O.

SUBJECT. Ins
Secretariat Clerk
at Colaba
Reporting on the
as regards Sanita
extent of accomm

O.A.W.

O.C.S. 248

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1125C	11-10-97 ✓
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1953C	11-4-96 ✓
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1047C	18-3-97 ✓
789W	14-3-97 ✓

FURTHER PAPERS.

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Letter from Mr. J. Kelly Sub
Officer Nilgiris, Ootacamund to the Exe
Engineer Coimbatore Division No. 190 da
25th June 1898.

With reference to your endorse
No. 1677 dated 25th April 1898 on G. O No.
dated 2nd April 1898, I beg to report th
have carefully inspected all the secre
clerks' quarters at Ootacamund, an
of opinion that they are not defect
either as regards sanitation or exte
of accommodation.

2 The block of 7 unmarried cler
quarters on Stone house hill is ho
at present occupied by family m
who complain of the accommodati
being insufficient, but the bui
was not designed for family cl
the only way of increasing the a
-dation is by converting 3 quarter
2 clerks.

3 This would however in
accommodation unnecessarily

ach family, and is in my opinion
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far better, and preferred by them
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m.

No 2734 dated 5th July 1898.
Submitted to the Supg Engineer
circle with reference to his endorsement
214 of 19th April 1898.

(Signed) C. H. B. Burlton
Executive Engineer
Combatore Division

No 371/W dated 12th July 1898.
Copy. Submitted to the Chief Engineer
with reference to the concluding
of G. O. No. 916 W dated 2 April 1898.

Confirmed.
Supg Engineer & Circle

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Clerks

Chief Secretariat — 13.
Revenue Secretariat — 10 + 3 temps
P.W. Secretariat — 10 "W" "J" "R" for famine
L & M. Secretariat — 2
Private Secy's office — 3 + 1 temp

38 + 4 temp.

Quarters.

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Sail Hill — 8
...sen's quarters 2
...tal Assistants
quarters — 1

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C 405931

W

For orders.

The inquiry was made at the request of the Chief Secretary – his late flagged PP.

C.S.
25 July 98

Lewis. I say that
imprisonment to the
practice do not.
affect the cyd

25-7-98

H.C.

10003/97
2582

These papers have been returned incomplete from the Finl. Dept. The P.W. letter of 4 March and sliding scale drawn upon this office have been kept back. Please telephone to H.C. Chief Secretary for them and any other papers belonging to this office which may have been retained by oversight.

R.S.
19 March 98

Telephonic Message sent to H.C., C.S. in the sense of the above note,
Rm
19.3.98.

Paper returned 21.3.98

Telephone

To The H.C.
C.S.

Please send the Note for the P.W.D. in which it was suggested that the clerks quarters at Ootacamund might be inspected by the Collector

Rm
H.C. 21.3.98.

C; a. W.

With reference to para 6 of our note for orders d/16-10-97 it is submitted that if any addition is to be made to the Madras Hill Allowance Code, the sanction of India Govt may probably be necessary. It is therefore suggested that the rule may be issued as an order of Govt, ~~instead of~~ without any reference to the Hill Allowance Code.

Maj
25/3/98

10,003

C.O.

(1) What are the views of the Law Officers as to the two hand clerks getting first choice - I should think so.

(2) I see that all clerks bring up their names, but number 2 stands - & the practice as to the Messengers.

(3) I don't see that the Colr of Malpas has to do with the matter. The Executive Engineer might be consulted if necessary -

H.B.
11.11.97

W

(1) I think they should first be provided for - They are less able to bear the expense of keeping guard on the ground. The addition to the rate proposed by the Chief Secretary would meet the case.

(2) List attached.

(3) He seems to have nothing to do with the matter. The Executive Engineer might be consulted if necessary -

H.B.
6 Nov 97.

according to the number
of Clerks employed in
each Secretariat the
number entitled to
printers would be

C. Sec^{t} 11
R. Dept 11
T.W.D. 8
Fah.D. 2
C.J.O 3
35

The number of Clerks drawing
below 35. in Cero in each
Dept is

C. J. 5
R.D. 2
T.W.D 4
L.G.D 1
F. & O 1
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If we give printers to Clerks
under the 35 we must give
seven more printers entitled to
There are only 13 triple
printers, but 7 persons above
the two hundred Clerks are
not triple ones, nor are
all the triple printers
entitled to them.

the matter is arranged by the Chief Assistants of the various Depts: acting in consultation. I have always pressed the proper claims of low paid men to priority - and this has been conceded. The other claims have to be settled on their merits. There are many considerations besides that which bear to the Reckoned entitlement. e.g.

(1) Suitability of quarters
(2) Cost
(3) Married & single men. &c
and the conditions vary each year.

The Head Clerks of the Revenue Depts have to be considered specially. It is usual to give them quarters near the office as they are liable to be called up at unusual times.

It would therefore perhaps be better on the whole to leave matters as they are. I agree.

This does not affect the proposed ruling in regard to rent.

K.S.

8 Nov 97

Draw up a rule in the terms of "From those who elect to give up rent, adding the words "& Chief Clerks and Assistants of Revenue Depts" to the list.

W

It is very difficult
to frame any rules on the
subject of the distribution

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H.S.

Draw up a rule in the terms of "From those who elect" to end of note, adding the words "Clerks at the Local Govt Board in the district"

Chr. 10,003

W

For orders.

The Govt has gone to great expense in providing quarters for Secretariat Clerks at Odiacammund, and it seems unreasonable that the men should go in and out as they please, and pay only for period of occupation.

It would on the other hand be a hardship to compel all Clerks to live in, or pay rent for, Govt quarters when it might be more convenient and cheaper for them to live with friends in the Station.

As a reasonable compromise it might be decided that if a Clerk goes into Govt quarters at all, he should be responsible for the rent to the end of the season. Quarters are allotted before the Establishments leaves Headquarters for the Hills and it is not always possible to provide for all the Clerks coming up. These then only have to find their own quarters as best they can. They usually have to find a six months' agreement to private landlords, so that even if Govt quarters become available later in the

If quarters available

Clerks have hitherto been allowed to make their own arrangements, if they chose. There is no rule on the subject.

K.S.
14 Oct 77.

I think a circular should better be made as follows

Quarters at Orkney will be offered to all Secretariat Clerks coming to Orkney in the ensuing Lemming. Those of them who elect to occupy quarters will be charged rent in them throughout the period of their stay in the Islands, whether they occupy them or not

W.K.H.
14. 10. 77

If Sealon these men are not
in a position to avail them-
selves of them. If there
happens that the Govt
suffers loss of rent to the
end of the season by the
premature withdrawal of a Clerk
from the quarters allotted
to him before the season
begins. This emphasises
the necessity for some
restriction in the vacation
of quarters.

The real charge to be
made - Cost of Salary, and
this payment merely
covers the rent value
of the quarter occupied.

R.S
13 Oct 97

(1) How many clerks have
at present other than
Messrs Pratt & Lee
(2) Is it permissible
for any clerk who
chooses to do so, to
elect to make the
new payment

W
The attached shows the
number of clerks and the