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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

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G.O., No. 2448 W. „ 3rd September 1897.
„ „ 2859 W. „ 12th October „
„ „ 18 W. „ 6th January 1898.

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(True Extract.)

Under Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. C. M. Thumbusawmy.

P. W. DEPARTMENT.

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" Revenue Dept.
" Judl. Dept.
" Examiner, P.W. Accts.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

P.W. Current No. 6412 of 1898

~~With~~ draft order received for Counter-initials.

From

Dated 189 .

FOR ORDERS.

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The draft follows the P.W.D. Note for Orders of 8-10-98 already sent to the Rev. Dept for acceptance, and ~~saying~~ concludes that "the question of "providing the Revenue Subordinates who are permanently "stationed at Ootacamund with "quarters can only be considered "in the event of buildings being "available in excess of require-"ments".

It may be counterinitialled.

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Issue

Press instructions w drafts please

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FOR ORDERS.

P. W. DEPARTMENT.

C. No. 6412 of 1898.

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 Honourable Mr. Winterbotham~~

SUBJECT.

European Jail buildings, Ootacamund

FOR ORDERS.

(To ~~The Revenue Department~~

~~for favour of counter initials~~)

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12th October 1897 and 18 W dated dated 6th January 1898.

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suitable for the purpose and that the cells may be converted into store rooms.

7. It is true that the Government pays a rent of Rs. 35 per mensem from Imperial Funds for the house hired for the Sergeant Instructor attached to the Nilgiri Volunteer Rifles and there is a loss of Rs. 15 to the State as the house rent admissible under the rules is only Rs. 20 per mensem. It will be seen from G.O.No. 652 W dated 6th March 1897 that this Government recognised the necessity for the Sergeant Major of the Nilgiri Volunteer Rifles being housed as near the armoury as possible and sanctioned the transfer to the Corps of the building occupied by that non-commissioned officer on payment of Rs. 2,900, and it seems advisable to comply with the Commandant's request and make the keeper's quarters available for the Sergeant Instructor, especially as the revival of the Nilgiri Division of the P. W. D. is improbable.

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8. As regards the proposal to convert the available buildings on the Jail Hill into quarters for Revenue subordinates, it is submitted that these subordinates are permanently stationed at -- Ootacamund and that the question of providing them with quarters should be considered only in the event of buildings being available in excess of requirements.

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If the above proposals are agreed to, the only portion of the Jail available for this purpose will be the entrance hall and the jail hospital. The former is unsuited for such a purpose, and I think the jail hospital should be utilised for providing additional quarters for the Secretariat clerks some of whom are left unhoused. It will be seen from the linked file that there are 11 Secretariat clerks unprovided with quarters and that there is a proposal to construct additional --- quarters for some of these clerks. In these circumstances, it is recommended that the proposal to convert the available portion of the European Jail into quarters for the Revenue subordinates be abandoned and the jail hospital utilised for the Secretariat clerks.

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Public Works (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 6412

From The Supg. Engineer 4th Circle.

Order

No. 408/W.

Dated 30th July 1898

Received } 3.8.98
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SUBJECT.

Old jail buildings, at Ootacamund – Reporting the proposals with regard to the alteration of –

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"Corps may know where to find them, and"
"that they may always be at hand to"
"promptly supply spare arms and ammunition,"
"when required either on emergency or for"
"ordinary purposes"

The above will shew the great necessity that exists for these Non Commd. Officers residing either in the Armoury, or as near to it as possible, & I cannot too strongly endorse it; for in the Armoury is a large store of Government Rifles and Ammunition, & at night the Instructors are the only guards on them.

4. Government has recently emphasized the necessity for the secure custody of arms and ammunition, and circumstances may be imagined in which the presence of the Sergeant Instructor close to the Armoury might avert serious consequences.

5. It is hoped therefore, now that such a good opportunity offers, that on the grounds of safety alone, the quarters may be allotted as requested.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
C J Greaves Major
For Commandant Nilgiri V. Rifles

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER'S OFFICE, COIMBATORE.
No. 4205 IW
22 JUL. 1898
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SUPG. ENGINEER'S OFFICE, P. W. D. FOURTH CIRCLE.
No. 652 C.I.
25 JUL. 98
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Letter from C. H. B. Burlton Esq
Executive Engineer Coimbatore Divisio
to the Superintending Engineer 4th Circle
Coimbatore No. 3093 dated 24th July 189

With reference to your endorseme No. 411 C.I. dated 11th July 1898 forwardi G. O No. 1638 W dated 1st July 1898, I hav the honor to report that I inspected t old Jail buildings on 20th July and state that the entrance hall and ja hospital together with the keepers quar might, with certain structural alterat be converted into quarters for at leas three Revenue Subordinates. But the keeper's quarters would be suitable, without any alterations, as quarters for the Sergt Instructor Nilgiri Volunt Rifles for whom Rs 35 per mensem, for house rent, is now being paid.

Moreover, I beg to enclose, in original letter No. 257 dated 20th July 1898 from the Commandant× Nilgiri Rifles, protesting against the proposal to let at these buildings

×To be kindly returned

uildings for clerks &ca, and quoting rom the Army Regulations to shew the importance of quartering the Sergt Instructor" in the same building s the Armoury or rendezvous of the rps or as near as possible" thereto. his would seem to be a matter for the nsideration of the authorities. No other art of the buildings could be made uitable for quarters except possibly the cells which might though I doubt t, be adopted as residences for native achelor clerks.

As regards para 3 of the order, I ee no reason why the entrance hall, ail hospital and keeper's quarters* hould not with little or no alteration be suitable for the office of an Executive Engineer, if the Nilgiri Division is revived, while the cells might be converted into store rooms. With certain additions the whole of the clerks and accountants might be located upstairs.

* These rooms are downstairs.

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No. 408/W dated 30th July 1898.

Copy with letter (in original) from Commandant Nilgiri Rifles, submitted to the Chief Engineer P.W.D. with reference to G.O. No 1638 W dated 1st July 1898.

Supg Engineer 4 Circle

Coimbatore
30th July 1898

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