

Public Works (1898) Department.

✓ G.O., No. 6552

DATED 11th March 1898.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Resthouse at Sadras. Approving with re-
marks the reconstruction of the — and referring
to the S.E.T. ^{and} the plan and estimate for the work
for sanction //

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Public Works (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 1105

His Excellency the Governor

Current No. 1105-4 1893

For Orders -

Submitted with
reference to His Excellency's
note of 20-1-98, on the
paper flagged &

On the information
now afforded by the Supt
Engineer, it is recommended
that the estimate for
reconstructing the rest-
house be sanctioned.

From The Supt Engineer,
& Clerk.

No. 68W

Sanctioned
Dated 4th February 1898
Received 7-2-98
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SUBJECT.

Rest House at Sadar

Inform that the ex-
ecutive Engineer has been
written to send the book
kept in the —, and
explains the necessity
for reconstructing the
rest house

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68 W

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,

V CIRCLE, MADRAS,

Chepak, 12 February 1898

From

Colonel C. B. Rawson R.E.

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,

V CIRCLE,

To

The Chief Engineer,
O.W. Department.

Enclosures.

SIR,

With reference to G.O. No. 218 W. dated 26 January 1898, I have the honour to inform you that I did not submit the information called for in memo No. 5340 C. dated 9 December 1897 because I gathered from that Memo that there was no chance whatever of the reconstruction of the building being sanctioned and I thought that it was useless going on further with the matter.

I have now written to the Executive Engineer of the Division requesting him to send the book kept in the rest house which will show the number of times that it has been occupied by officers on inspection duty. I would however point out that as the building has been out of repair for several years past and in a condition that was nearly dangerous, I do not think that it has been occupied as much as it would have been had it been in good repair.

My own reasons for considering that the building

building should be rebuilt ^{were} to be really exactly those given in the note by the Chief Engineer, published with the L.G. under reply viz: that the building was used by the Revenue officers when doing Jhama-
andi and by the District officers as a place to stay at for a short time, during the hot weather as a change, being near the sea, and would be used by B.W.D. officers if it was in repair. I did not however think that these reasons would be considered sufficiently good by Government. So did not reply to Memo N. 5340.C. of 9th December 1897 and intended that the matter should be dropped.

Now that the Buckingham Canal has been put under the charge of the Chief Executive Engineer, I certainly consider that the building should be reconstructed as it is near the South end of the Canal and the Executive Engineer will probably frequently use it as it will enable him to visit works in the neighbourhood and to travel back to Head Quarters by land instead of both going and returning by boat as he can send his travelling equipment there by road to await his arrival by boat.

I have the honour to be,

Yours most obed^{ent} Servant.

Ch. L. L. L.

4/2/98

Colonel R. L.

Supg. Engineer, 5 Circle

Public Works (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 1803

Order

From

The Supg. Engineer
5 Circle

No. 136 W.

Dated 24 February 1898.

Received 28.2.98

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SUBJECT.

Bungalow at Sadras.

Forwarding copy of letter
from the Executive Engineer

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the reason given may be
considered as sufficient
to show that the — ought
to be reconstructed.

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P. W. D.
Chingpet Durational Office
18 February 1898

Jerom J. P. Davidson Esq.,
Executive Engineer,
Chungking Division

To the Supg. Engineer
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In reply to your No. 59 cor. dated 4th Feb.,
1898 regarding bungalow at Sadras, I have
the honour to state:—

(1) The Sub Divisional officer, South Sub Division, Buckingham Canal, informs me that no visitor's book was at any time maintained at the bungalow.

(2) I am unable to say anything in favour of the reconstruction of the bungalow with reference either to the works in the neighbourhood, or the visits of the Suez Canal Engineers or the Sub-Divisional Officer Chingleput, to Sadras. I took charge of the division in April 1897 and from that date up to the present time I have not once been to Sadras. The Sub-Divisional Officer, Chingleput, during the same period has certainly not been more than once, if so often.

2. The Chief Engineer in the course of a
incidentally mentioned came

the Sadras bungalow, and asked what I knew about it. My reply so far as I remember was as follows: "Personally, I have, during the course of some 8 months in charge of the Division, never visited Sadras, neither has my sub-Divisional officer at Chingleput. This however does not necessarily prove that a bungalow at Sadras is not required, it is rather an argument in favour of reconstructing it. Sadras lies some 12 miles or more from Chingleput and leads to nowhere, consequently you must return on your tracks; the place is sandy and exposed and there is no really good hope for camping, therefore, I am not inclined to go, neither the Executive nor his Sub-Divisional Officer visit here. Had there been a bungalow at Sadras would no doubt have been led by me and also by the Sub-Divisional Officer. My experience is that the building of a bungalow in an out of the way place in a district induces District Officers to visit that part, with the general result that its requirements are more accurately ascertained, and improvement to works be carried out. I have no reason to believe that it is not a

bungalow was regularly used for jamabandi work by the Sub Collector."

3. The above is as nearly as I recollect what I wrote in my D.O. since then I happened to mention the bungalow to the Collector and he quite confirmed what I had said about the use of the bungalow for jamabandi by the Sub Collector, by remarking, "If you want support in your idea of rebuilding the bungalow just ask Robertson what he thinks". Mr. Robertson is Sub Collector at Chingleput.

I have etc.

(Signed) J. I. Davidson
Executive Engineer
Chingleput S.D.O.

(True copy)

Ch. I. Davidson
24/2/98 Colonel R.L.
Super. Engineer S. Circle.

No. 1367.

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,

V CIRCLE, MADRAS,

Chennai, 24th February 1898
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From

Colonel C. B. Rawson R.E.

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,

V CIRCLE,

To

THE Chief Engineer
P. W. Department.

SIR,

Enclosures.

With reference to G.O. No. 218.W. dated 26th January 1898 and in continuation of my No. 68.W. dated 2nd February 1898, I have the honour to forward herewith copy of letter No. 3548 dated 18th February 1898 from the Executive Engineer Chingleput Division. I trust that the reasons given in this letter together with those given in my No. 68.W. referred to above, may be considered sufficient to show that the Sadras bungalow ought to be reconstructed.

2. Since writing my letter of 2nd February, I have been to Sadras and have made some further enquiries and was informed that the old bungalow had been in use as a Travellers bungalow for very many years. Ever since it came

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came into the possession of the English and that some years ago, probably when District Boards were first started, it was handed over to the Public Works Department.

3. As the old building had been for years in use by District officials and the building was allowed to fall into disrepair while in charge of the P.W. Department, I think the District officials have a claim on the P.W. Department either to repair the old building or to build a new one.

4. There is a rest house at the Seven Pagodas within about six miles of Sadras, but this building is of no use to the District officials, as there is no road leading to it, and it can only be approached by the Buckingham Canal. Moreover it is not near the sea. Sadras is connected with Chingleput by a good metalled road. There is a masonry bridge over the canal and the site of the bungalow is close to the sea.

I have the honour to be

^{Sir}
your most obedt. Servant

Ch. Lamm

24/2/98 Colonel R.R.

Suptg. Engineer 5th Circle