

Public Works (1899) Department.

G.O., No. 2800 W

DATED 23 Feb 1899.

[Despatch Abstract.]

"Obbley" ^{Hall} and "Crewe" ^{Hall} Buildings at Ootacamund

Directing that inquiry be made of the
Lieut Col Commanding the Force S.
Maddan, whether the premises known as
can be utilized for the military offices, now
accommodated in hired buildings, and stating that
Govt is prepared to make them over either at
a monthly rental or for their book-value.

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~~Read the following:—~~

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It having been represented that the buildings known as "Ottley" and "Crewe" near the Government Gardens at Ootacamund, now in the occupation of Secretariat Clerks, are not suited to the purpose, while the Site and Surroundings are admirably adapted for public Offices, inquiry will be made of the Lieutenant General Commanding the Forces, Madras whether the premises can be utilised for the Military Offices which are now accommodated in hired buildings. If so, the Government will

prepared to make them over either at a monthly rental, or for their book value, as follows:

	Capital cost	Monthly rental
Offley -	26935.	163 1/2
Crews -	9846	60 3/4

8 Vide Gov. No. 1840 W 20-7-98
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2. It will be necessary to build quarters on a more suitable site for the clerks who will be dispossessed. The buildings can not therefore be handed over free of charge.

13.10.81

To The Dy. Adjutant General, Madras Command, for the information of the Lieut. Adjutant General Commanding the Forces, Madras, with 2 plans to be returned. The Financial Dept.

24/10/91

U.C. Taken as response building

What rent is hand now monthly, in the approp of clerks occupying

- (1) Petty Hall
- (2) Crews Hall

These self stop by letter

L.H.L.

7.10.11

- (1) Petty Hall Rs. 59.8,
- (2) For Crews Hall Rs. 28.00

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87.8	59.8
6	6
525	357

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In connection with
the disposal of Otley &
Cruik Hall it has since
occurred to me that
the buildings and grounds
might, in the first
instance, be offered
to the Military Dept. at
a valuation for public
offices. This Dept. at
present hires three
separate buildings for
its Military Works.

Ordnance & Commiss.
Land offices, and
might be glad of
the advantages of the
proposed site which
is about the most
convenient in the
whole Station for public
offices.

It would of course
be distinctly understood
that there is no question
of handing over the
property free of charge;
the sale proceeds being
reserved for housing
the soldiers.

prepared to make them

be disposed of -

Orders of Govt might
be asked before any
steps are taken.

R.S.

26 Sep 99

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PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

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NOTE FOR THE C.S.

Submitted that
provided P.W.D. ensures that
in any arrangement which
may be arrived at with the
Military authorities, Province
is not forced to give up the
buildings for ^{to make} nothing (India
enclosed, such a settlement,
it is believed, in connection with
the Old Jail buildings), the proposals
of the P.W.D. may be accepted
entirely. The unsuitability of
Oldy Hall & Cross Hall for
quarters for Native Clerks has
always been dwelt on in
notes from this department -
The European & Eurasian element
in the Secretariat will, it is
thought, be always easily accommodated

* Ordnance Dept pays 125 lbs
month, Ammunition Dept £150
month, Military Works Dept
£1100 per annum in their
* present office = £4600
per annum

The present case is somewhat
different. We are not giving up
the buildings because they
are not wanted, but because
the safe proceeds are required
to build suitable quarters on
a more convenient site. If
India is not disposed to buy,
the buildings may be otherwise
disposed of.

R.S.

6 Oct 99

W/ 16 Oct 99

Read the following:—

Disposal of Ottley and Crewe buildings

Circulated to
H. E. the Governor
The Hon Mr. Arundel C.S. J
The Hon Mr. Winterbottom

FOR ORDERS

The buildings near the Government Garden gates and the entrance to Government House, at Ootacamund, known as "Ottley" and "Crewe" are now occupied, the latter entirely and the former almost wholly, by native clerks of the Secretariat. They were originally acquired for European clerks, but the number of these has so diminished of recent years that the buildings have fallen to the natives. The houses are very unsuitable, both as regards design and situation for native occupation, and if they could be advantageously disposed of and the sale proceeds utilised in the construction of quarters on a more convenient site and on a design suited to the habits of the occupants, there would be a distinct public advantage. Many suitable sites for quarters are available on the slopes of Stonehouse Hill.

2. The site of Ottley and Crewe, with the adjacent park is admirably

adapted

To
The Chief Secretary, ✓
for C.C. or Remarks.

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dated in the form of a (Circular)
The Apothecaries' quarter was in
process of adaptation. In fact
it is extremely doubtful whether
Europeans will ever go into the
Commensal blocks again, as
inconvenience arising from the
structural defects of these
from the peculiarly defective
Kottages & their sanitary arrange-
ments are ~~peculiarly~~ defective
~~as far as their occupation is~~
really
the European outside consideration
of cheap & conveniently situated
of quarters.

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W. H.

adapted to public or municipal offices,
 or even a Town Hall, should such a build-
 ing be contemplated. The Military Depart-
 ment now hires three separate buildings,
 at great cost, for its Military Works, Ord-
 nance and Commissariat offices, and it
 might be disposed to acquire the Ottley and
 Crewe premises at their book valuation- the
 sale proceeds being set apart to housing
 the clerks who would be dispossessed.

3. Failing the Military Department,
 it might be made known that the Government
 would be prepared to entertain applications
 for the premises on the condition that they
 would be applied to municipal or some public
 purposes.

4. It would perhaps not be desirable
 to allow this site- the most admirable in
 some respects in the station- to fall into
 the hands of irresponsible private indi-
 viduals.

W. H. L.
 20-8-99

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Please see note by Chuy
 Lees attached -
 Govt now receive £525
 per annum in rent from
 the clerks, but the 6
 months they occupy these
 2 buildings. Please observe
 are in the file

x
 £4400 per annum
 The Ordnance Dept. has a
 lease of the ground
 Room for 5 years, 3 1/2
 of which have yet to run.
 The other 2 Dept have
 annual lease.

W. H. L.
 20-8-99

It is not felt at all necessary that it would be expedient
 to allow these houses with the land around them to
 pass out of the hands of the Civil Govt. There
 are no objections to our making the Military
 Dept. wish to rent or buy the buildings. But,
 I would certainly not offer them to general sale
 at present.
 W. H. L. 11.10.99

I agree with W. H. L.
 11.10.99

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