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*Charges for gardeners
for buildings occupied
as residences to be
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30TH OCTOBER 1891, No. 2923 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Account.

READ—the following papers:—

Office-note from the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, dated Madras, 6th August 1891, No. 4435.

During the year 1890-91 the following sanctions were accorded for the employment of gardeners or compound-keepers for buildings occupied as residences:—

Divisions.	Name of work.	Estimate.	Authority for sanction.
Godavari Eastern ..	Compound-keeper for Superintending Engineer's quarters, Dowlaishweram.	RS. 80	G.O., No. 319 W. of 5th February 1887.
	Gardener for Assistant Engineer's quarters, Dowlaishweram.	63	Superintending Engineer in No. 28 90-1.
	Gardener for Executive Engineer's quarters, Dowlaishweram.	75	Superintending Engineer in No. 27/90-1.
Consulting Architect..	Gardeners employed at the Wallajah Baugh	326	Consulting Architect in No. 3/90-1.

2. With reference to the recent rules for assessment of rents (*vide* code para. 1041), the employment of gardeners for buildings occupied as residences at the expense of the State, without corresponding increase of rent, would apparently require the sanction of the Government of India

3. If, however, it is not considered desirable to refer the matter and if the gardeners, &c., are to be kept on at the expense of the State, I would submit for consideration that the rents of the buildings concerned be increased by the wages of the men employed in connection with them.

Office-note from the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, dated Madras, 4th September 1891, No. 5295.

The wages of the gardeners have been charged to the head "Repairs, Civil Buildings," but they have not apparently been included in the average cost of repairs for the purpose of assessing rent. For instance, the cost of gardeners in the case of Wallajah Baugh occupied by Mr. Irwin amounts to Rs. 326 per annum, while the cost of repairs included in rent calculation is only Rs. 206 per annum.

2. In the case of items 1 and 3, rents are paid by the occupants at 10 per cent. of salary. The normal rent of the building occupied by the Superintending Engineer, I Circle (item 1), is Rs. 170, but he pays only Rs. 110 which is 10 per cent. of his salary; similarly, the normal rent of item 3 (building occupied by the Executive Engineer, Godavari Eastern division) is Rs. 132, but the rent recovered is only Rs. 80, viz., 10 per cent. of occupant's salary; and in these cases the inclusion of the gardeners' salaries in cost of repairs would not affect the amount of rent recoverable, as it would only increase the normal rent, while the tenants would still only pay 10 per cent. of salary.

Office-note from the Consulting Architect to Government, dated 24th September 1891, No. 2467.

On the whole of the grounds at the Wallajah Baugh including the Brickfields in which there are number of trees to be looked after, there have been four men employed to look after the fruit trees and shrubs. Two of these have been constantly employed on the portion adjoining the residence; the cost of the pay of these two men is Rs. 12 per mensem. The actual expenditure on the whole including the Brickfields was Rs. 307, the whole having been included under one estimate. The gardeners in the Brickfields may in future be dispensed with, the greater number of the trees having died during the recent drought or have to be removed in digging brick clay. The cost of the other two will be included in the rent of the residence in future if this course is approved, the greater number of the trees and plants being Government property; but if it is thought advisable to dispense with the gardeners altogether, I, as occupant of the house, will provide for the care of such of the flowers and plants as are my own property, also of those belonging to Government, retained as ornaments to the grounds.

ORDER—dated 30th October 1891, No. 2923 W., Public Works.

The Government considers that gardeners for buildings occupied as residences should not be allowed at the expense of the State. Such charges will therefore be discontinued.

2. Expenditure already incurred under this head will be admitted in the accounts and charged to the maintenance of the buildings concerned. With regard to the Consulting Architect's residence, the Government approves the proposal that the pay of only two of the men hitherto employed shall be included in the cost of repairs to Wallajah Baugh, no change being made in the head to which the cost of the other two have been debited. The services of the four men will now be dispensed with.

(True Extract.)



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„ the Consulting Architect to Government.
„ the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
„ the Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
„ the Revenue Department.
„ Public, &c, Departments.

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