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Approving, with remarks, the proposals of the Executive Engineer for accommodating the Secretariat clerks in buildings at Ootacamund.

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READ—the following paper:—

From F. W. ASHPITEL, Esq., Executive Engineer, Coimbatore Division, to the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, dated Coimbatore, 18th July 1896, No. 2360.

According to verbal orders from the Chief Engineer, I have the honour to forward herewith a statement showing the buildings at Ootacamund, which are available for the clerks who annually accompany Government to the Hills, and how these buildings are at present occupied.

2. The total number of clerks to be provided for is thirty-four in the Secretariat and three in the Private Secretary's office, and in order to provide the sixteen clerks who now live in the bazaar with quarters without any considerable expenditure of Provincial funds, it will be necessary to obtain possession of the European warders' cottages on Jail Hill (33 to 36 in register of buildings) and the Apothecary's quarters (41 in register) now occupied by the Military Department, in accordance with G.O., No. 2107 W., dated 6th August 1891, and to evict the hospital compounder who has no claim to quarters from the dresser's quarters (42 in register). This will provide additional accommodation for eleven clerks. Of the remainder, two of the Private Secretary's clerks can occupy No. 18 Apothecary's quarters, leaving three unprovided for. It will therefore be necessary to build quarters for three clerks only, and two of these may be provided for, if the Sergeant-Major of the Volunteers is turned out of the quarters he now occupies.

3. It will be observed that, in the statement, it is proposed to allow Sub-Conductor T. G. Blake, Supervisor, Public Works Department, to occupy Connemara Cottage (21 in register) which is now occupied by three Native clerks. This change is proposed as the overseer's quarters (50 in register) are quite insufficient for his large family, while Connemara Cottage is much more suitable for a European than for Native clerks. These clerks can occupy the overseer's quarters if certain small alterations are carried out, and sanction to this proposal is requested from November next.

4. In the statement, the European Prison (32 in register) is set apart for either the Assistant Collector or Forest-officer, as the Collector has asked for an addition to his office which, when other Government buildings are available, seems hardly necessary. The rooms in the Jail, now occupied by the Principal Medical Officer, Madras Army, will shortly be vacant and will serve admirably as an office for the Forest-officer, while the Assistant Collector might have the part of the Jail lately occupied by the Volunteers, the central hall being used as a court.

5. Whatever orders are passed, I would suggest that the old Jail buildings on Jail Hill will be required for the Pioneers in the event of sanction being accorded to their employment on the Ootacamund lake reclamation. These buildings should, in that case, be reserved for the accommodation of the troops until the lake work is completed.

6. In the event of the Military authorities preferring to retain the buildings now occupied by them, in accordance with G.O., No. 2107 W., dated 6th August 1891, it is suggested that, with the exception of the Principal Medical Officer's office, they may be permanently transferred on condition that Imperial funds defray the cost of the new quarters for clerks, or, at all events, a considerable part of the expense so incurred. It would doubtless be more convenient to the clerks to live near their offices.

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ENCLOSURE.

STATEMENT showing the Buildings at Ootacamund which are available for Clerks who annually accompany Government to the Hills.

Number in register of buildings.	Name of lines and buildings.	By whom now occupied.	By whom proposed to be occupied.	Remarks.
14 99	Apothecary's quarters ..	Vacant	2 clerks, Private Secretary's office	The Apothecary now lives in No. 14 99 with the Manager of Private Secretary's office.
19 & 19 a)	Cook and coachman's quarters ..	Apothecary to His Excellency, and Manager, Private Secretary's office.	No change	The Apothecary to His Excellency, and the Manager, Private Secretary's office
20	Crowe Hall and detached bungalow ..	3 clerks, Chief Secretariat ..	6 Secretariat clerks	Occupied by European clerks with families.
21	Ottley Hall ..	2 clerks, Revenue Secretariat ..	2 clerks, Public Works Secretariat ..	Proposed to be given to Public Works Department Supervisor, whose quarters are not sufficient for his large family.
32	Clerks' quarters, Stone House, (Connemara Cottage) ..	1 clerk, Private Secretary's office ..	3 .. Chief Secretariat	The Collector has asked for additional accommodation for the Assistant Collector, but it seems likely that the office of the Principal Medical Officer, Madras Army (No. 32), which will shortly be vacant, may be converted into an office either to the Assistant Collector or First Officer, and then it will not be necessary to enlarge the Collector's office.
33	European Prisonkeepers ..	2 clerks, Chief Secretariat ..	Assistant Collector or Forest officer	The buildings were temporarily handed over to the Military Department from of rent on condition that the cost of repairs should be borne by Imperial funds (vide G.O., No. 2107 W., dated 4th August 1891).
34	European Wardens' Cottage, No. 1 ..	1 clerk, P.W.D. (Secretariat)		The compound may be utilized as he is not entitled to quarters.
35	Do. do. No. 2 ..			Can be altered at small expense for three families of the
36	Do. do. No. 3 ..			
37	Do. do. No. 4 ..			
41	Apothecary's quarters ..	Military clerks ..	8 Secretariat clerks	
42	Overseer's quarters ..	Vacant ..		
50	Overseer's quarters ..	Apothecary, Army Head-quarters ..	1 .. Clerk & Hospital Assistant	
51	Overseer's quarters ..	Hospital Assistant and compounder ..	1 ..	
52	Overseer's quarters ..	Mr. T. G. Blake, Supervisor, Public Works Department ..	3 Secretariat clerks	
53	Supporters' Hospital ..	7 Secretariat clerks		

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Copy submitted to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, with reference to his memo. No. 807 D., dated 18th instant.

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Suptg. Engineer, IV Circle.

23rd July 1896.

ORDER—No. 2559 W., dated 3rd September 1896.

His Excellency the Governor in Council approves the Executive Engineer's proposals, with the exception that the Connemara Cottage should be reserved for Secretariat clerks. At present it accommodates three distinct families, and as there is no communication between the separate quarters, it would be wholly unsuited for the accommodation of a single family, as proposed by the Executive Engineer. If Mr. Blake's quarters are too small, separate proposals for enlarging them should be submitted, and these will then be considered on their merits.

2. The Apothecary's quarters at Government House should be enlarged, so as to accommodate all the clerks (3) of the Private Secretary's office. An estimate of the cost of the work should be submitted.

(True Extract.)

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To the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle.
" Public Department.

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