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Resending P.W.D. proceedings in regard to the  
transfer to the Pulgeri Vol. Rifles of a building  
now occupied by the Sergeant Major of the Corps  
and in respect of the construction of certain  
new quarters for Secretariat clerks.

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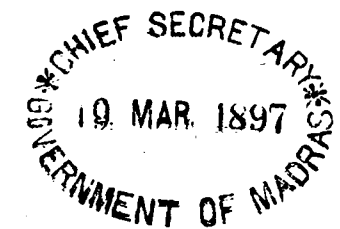
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## Transfer of a Building

Sanctioning, with remarks, the transfer to the Nilgiri Volunteer Rifles, at a valuation of Rs. 2,900, of the building at Ootacamund now occupied by the Sergeant-Major of the corps, and returning to the Superintending Engineer the plan and estimate for constructing two new sets of quarters for Secretariat clerks, for resubmission, with certain required details.

## GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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READ—the following papers :—

From Major A. S. COWDELL, Officiating Commandant, Nilgiri Volunteer Rifles, to the Deputy Adjutant-General, Madras Command, dated Ootacamund, 16th September 1896, No. 348.

With reference to the recent decision of the local Government on the subject of the buildings on Jail Hill being vacated to be made over for provincial purposes, I beg to earnestly recommend that the Government may be specially asked to reconsider the case of the quarters now occupied by the Sergeant-Major of this corps, for the following reasons.

2. Paragraph 216, Army Regulations, India, Volume IX, shows the great importance attached to a Sergeant Instructor being quartered either in the armoury, or as near to it as possible.

This is well understood by those connected with the working of a volunteer corps as the Sergeant-Major is constantly, and at all hours, being required for references, issuing arms, stores, &c., and as volunteers give their services gratuitously, every endeavour has to be made to suit their convenience by attending to them at whatever time they can spare to come to a head-quarters.

The Sergeant-Major's present quarters are by themselves distinct and separated some distance from the whole of the other sets of quarters referred to.

They are but a few yards from, and in view of, the armoury door, and most conveniently situated with regard to the fulfilment of the requirements laid down in the regulations quoted above, and for all other corps purposes.

They were originally much smaller than any of the other sets of quarters on Jail Hill, but owing to their very convenient situation for corps purposes, were enlarged at the expense of the officers of the corps, so that the Sergeant-Major could occupy them.

3. There are no other quarters available anywhere in the vicinity of the armoury.

4. The Commandant of a volunteer corps being responsible to Government for the safe custody of the large quantity of arms and other valuable property connected with the corps, I should, in the event of the Sergeant-Major being required to live away from the armoury, not feel safe in holding myself responsible for such, unless I employed watchmen both by day and night.

This would mean extra expense to the corps, and even now it is as much as it can do to meet its regular payments in an expensive district like the Nilgiris.

5. The Sergeant-Major is entitled to quarters at the public expense, and under the circumstances now explained, I trust that Government will take the interests of the corps under my command into consideration, and on that account, permit the Sergeant-Major to retain his present quarters.

No. 3249.

Forwarded. I recommend that Government be solicited to allow the Sergeant-Major to retain his present quarters, until other quarters can be built for him.

WELLINGTON, (Signed) J. H. PRENDERGAST, Brigdr.-Genl.,  
18th September 1896. Commanding Southern District.

No. B./M.W. 9908.

Submitted. His Excellency the Lieutenant-General Commanding the Forces, Madras, recommends the application for the favourable consideration of Government.

OOTACAMUND, (Signed) C. B. LITTLE, Captain,  
30th September 1896. for Deputy Adjutant-General.  
To the Secretary to Government,  
Public Works Department.

No. 3706 C.

Forwarded to the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, with the request that an estimate may be prepared of the cost of building two new clerks' quarters, as also a statement of the value of the existing building, and an estimate of the cost of altering it so as to make it suitable for two clerks' quarters.

2. Meanwhile, there is no objection to the Sergeant-Major remaining in occupation until March next.

3. This reference should be treated as urgent.

(Signed) D. McNEIL CAMPBELL, Colonel, R.E.,  
24th October 1896. Secretary to Government.

From J. HANNAN, Esq., Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Coimbatore, 22nd January 1897, No. 34/W.

With reference to your endorsement, No. 3706 C., dated 24th October 1896, herewith returned, I have the honour to submit the undermentioned alternative estimates together with plans in pencil :—

|                                                                                                                                                                                              | Rs.   |
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| (1) Constructing new quarters for two clerks, including furniture, at Ootacamund, estimate                                                                                                   | 2,900 |
| (2) Converting No. 5 Old Warder's quarters occupied by the Sergeant-Major, Nilgiri Volunteer Rifles, into quarters for two clerks on Jail Hill, including furniture, at Ootacamund, estimate | 740   |

[With a valuation statement of the existing buildings amounting to Rs. 4,300.]

If the construction of new quarters is considered advisable, I request that sanction of Government may be obtained to the estimate of Rs. 2,900.

Memo. No. 792 C.

Forwarded in continuation of this office letter, No. 4806 C., dated 11th December 1896, to the Deputy Adjutant-General, Madras Command, for favour of report whether the volunteer corps is willing to undertake the cost of providing new quarters for two Secretariat clerks at a cost of Rs. 2,900, on the understanding that the corps will retain possession of the building now occupied by the Sergeant-Major. It will be seen that for this outlay of Rs. 2,900, the corps will receive a building valued at Rs. 4,300.

(Signed) D. McNEIL CAMPBELL, Colonel, R.E.,  
8th Feb. 1897. Secretary to Government.

No. B./M.W. 2384.

Referred for favour of early report.  
Return requested.

(By order.)

OOTACAMUND,  
13th February 1897.

(Signed) A. H. B. CAVAYE, Major,  
for Dy. Adjutant-General.

To the General Officer Commanding Southern District.

No. 751.

Herewith report from the Commandant, Nilgiri Volunteer Rifles, with reference to your No. B./M.W. 2384, dated 13th instant.

WELLINGTON,  
19th February 1897.

(Signed) G. W. PARK, Major,  
for G.O.C. Southern District.

To the Deputy Adjutant-General, Ootacamund.

From Major A. S. COWDELL, Officiating Commandant, Nilgiri Volunteer Rifles, to the Assistant Adjutant-General, Southern District, dated Ootacamund, 18th February 1897, No. 53.

In reply to your No. 687 B., dated 15th instant, forwarding Government of Madras, Public Works Department, No. 792 C., dated 8th February, offering to allow this corps to purchase the quarters now occupied by its Sergeant-Major, I have the honour to state that the matter has required careful consideration.

2. It is of great advantage to the corps having the Sergeant-Major located near the armoury, and we are glad of the opportunity of permanently securing suitable quarters for him near this building. At the same time, the allowance for quarters is only Rs. 20 per mensem, and the corps will have to keep the buildings in repair, and probably pay assessment on them.

3. The result of the purchase financially will therefore be a loss to the corps. This is however a question between this corps and the Military authorities. In the meantime, as the matter is marked "urgent," I think I am doing the best for the corps, by accepting the offer of Government, i.e., to allow us to purchase for Rs. 2,900. I therefore do so.

4. As regards the boundaries of the compound, I should like to settle this with the Executive Engineer, as it is desirable, for the sake of privacy, that we should have room to erect a bank and plant a hedge in rear of the quarters.

5. The corps is thankful to Government for their having given the opportunity of acquiring these quarters.

No. B./M.W. 2960.

Forwarded for the information of Government.

OOTACAMUND,  
22nd February 1897.

(Signed) G. SIMPSON, Brigdr.-Genl.,  
Deputy Adjutant-General.

To the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department.

ORDER—No. 652 W., dated 6th March 1897.

His Excellency the Governor in Council sanctions the transfer to the Nilgiri Volunteer Rifles, at a valuation of Rs. 2,900, of the building now occupied by the Sergeant-Major of the corps. The Executive Engineer will arrange for the conveyance of the building to the corps, and will, in communication with the Collector and the Commandant, settle the boundaries of its compound.

2. The Examiner, Public Works Accounts, will arrange for the recovery of the sum of Rs. 2,900 from the corps and will bring the amount to credit under Provincial revenues.

3. The plan and estimate for the construction of two new sets of quarters for Secretariat clerks will be returned to the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, who will resubmit them with a site plan showing the location of the quarters and the nature of the soil. The plan of the building should also be drawn in detail. If the proposals are then approved by the Chief Engineer, the estimate will be sanctioned and funds allotted for the immediate execution of the work.

(True Extract.)



Under Secretary to Government.

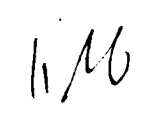
To the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, with eight enclosures.

" Examiner, Public Works Accounts.

" Public Department. ✓

" Revenue Department.

Copy to the Deputy Adjutant-General, Madras Command,  
for the information of His Excellency the  
Lieutenant-General Commanding the Forces.



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