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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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Buildings and Roads.

Civil and Military Buildings.

Read the following paper:—

No. 301. From Captain L. CONWAY-GORDON, R.E., Examiner of Public Works Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, General Branch, dated Fort St. George, 22nd May 1877, No. 29 W.

I HAVE the honor to forward, for the consideration and orders of Government, the enclosed letter from the District Engineer, South Arcot, in which he requests to know whether "Imperial and Provincial Public Buildings occupied by departments other than the Public Works Department are, when vacated by these departments, to be considered under the charge of the Public Works Department, or whether, as laid down in the Orders of Government, No. 1,342, dated 19th July 1861, and in No. 1,708, dated 16th July 1870, the old or vacated buildings are to be considered still under the department by which they were occupied and their disposal arranged for by that department."

2. The orders quoted by the District Engineer, South Arcot, contain the only rulings I can find on the subject. From G.O., No. 1,342, dated 19th July 1861, it is clear that unoccupied buildings are to be in charge of the department to which they belong when last occupied.

3. It is not, however, clear whether the same rule is to be held as applicable in cases where a new building, constructed by the Public Works Department, is handed over to a department in lieu of the one previously occupied. In this case, is the old building to remain in charge of the department which formerly occupied it, or is it to revert to the charge of the Public Works Department? It would probably be advisable, should the local head of a department have no further use for a building which has ceased to be occupied, that the building should be handed over to the Public Works Department to be utilised in some other way.

4. If this course be approved of, all that would be necessary whenever a building ceases to be occupied, would be for the local head of the department in charge to notify to the local Public Works Officer within a definite period (to be fixed by Government) that the building has been vacated, and that he has no use for it; and on receipt of such intimation the building would pass into the charge of the Public Works Department.

From Major H. R. MEAD, R.E., District Engineer, South Arcot, to the Examiner of Public Works Accounts, dated Camp, Trinomalay, 1st December 1876, No. 160.

I HAVE the honor to request you will be good enough to inform me or, if necessary, make a reference to Government, asking them whether the Imperial and Provincial Public Buildings, borne on the returns submitted to you in this office Nos. 136 and 142, dated 9th and 16th March 1876, but occupied by other departments, are, when vacated or abandoned by these departments, to be considered to be under the charge of the Department Public Works and steps to be taken

by this department for their utilization or disposal; or whether, as laid down in the G.Os. noted in the margin, the old or vacated buildings are to be considered to be still under the departments by which they were occupied and their disposal arranged by those departments.

No. 1,342, dated 12th July 1861.
" 1,708, " 16th " 1870.

2. The new Court-house for District Munsif at Villapuram has been finished and made over for occupation; the Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry at Ooloondeorpet is to be handed over shortly. In these cases I wish to know who is to arrange for the utilization or disposal of the old buildings, whether the District Engineer, or the Collector and the District Judge.

3. I deemed it necessary to make this reference as when the Government Order above quoted was issued there was not a regular return of public buildings in existence, and as from your Circular, No. 11, of 7th December 1875, it would appear that buildings borne on the return are to be considered as in charge of the Department Public Works.

No. 302.

ORDER THEREON, 29th May 1877, No. 157 W.

HIS GRACE the Governor in Council resolves upon the adoption of the following rules. Whatever department shall vacate, and relinquish the use of, a Public Building, shall formally make over the building to the custody of the Public Works Department; that the Public Works Officers shall after communication with the head of the department previously occupying the building and with the other heads of departments in the district, obtain orders from Government as to the future disposal of the building, submitting whatever correspondence may have taken place on the subject.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) E. A. FOORD, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

To District Engineers.
To the Examiner of Public Works Accounts.
" Public, &c., Departments.
" Revenue Department.
" Military
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To

DISTRICT ENGINEERS.

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Encl.

G. O., 29th May 1877, No. 157 W.

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Public Buildings vacated by other Departments.—Prescribing rules for the custody and utilization or disposal of all—.

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Communicated to the P. & R. Secy. Assistant
Survey and Forest Department

9th June/77.

P/Cg. Secy.
Secretary to Govt.