

Revenue (1897) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS SERIES.

G.O., No. 5109

DATED 29 Sept

[Despatch Abstract.]

Being to the Board of Rev. G.O. P.W. Sept requesting
to be informed as to the officer requiring in-
formation accommodation in Anzols European
Jail at Ootacamund, and requesting the
Supdt. Geological Survey to state whether he can
find it useful for his office.

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The Board of Rev.

2. The Supt. Geological
Survey will be requested to
state whether he can find
suitable accommodation
for his office in the old European Jail at
Ootacamund.

Old European Jail at Ootacamund

Endorsement from the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, forwarding a report
on the state of the roof of the — and requesting information as to the offices
requiring accommodation to enable the Executive Engineer to formulate proposals,
communicated to the departments concerned in view to officers at Ootacamund, whose
offices are located in hired buildings, being called on to state their requirements.

11/8/97
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To
The Board of Rev & R.
The Supt. Geol. Survey.

28/9/97

7.10.97

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

READ—the following papers :—

From the Executive Engineer, Coimbatore division, to the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, dated 5th August 1897, No. 3101.

With reference to your No. 304/C.I., dated 19th May 1897, I have the honour to inform you that the Sub-division officer, Nilgiris, has inspected the old European Jail at Ootacamund carefully, after the late heavy rains, and reports as follows regarding the state of its roof :—

With reference to your Nos. 2035, dated 25th May 1897, and 2145, dated 31st May 1897, I beg to report that I carefully examined the roof of the European Jail buildings at Ootacamund during and after the recent rains, and found that, with the exception of the roof of the centre portion containing the cells and the galleries between them, it leaked in many places.

2. Although it may be possible to stop these leaks, I am of opinion that an additional corrugated iron roof over the existing terraced roof will be required to make the roof water and damp proof, as the terrace absorbs and retains moisture like a sponge, and the resulting dampness of the roof will, in the course of a few years, cause the timbers of the roof to rot. Some of the dampness is due to sweating, but mostly to actual leakage, the rain water dropping to the floor in about six places; but the whole roof more or less retains the damp which will eventually cause the woodwork to rot.

2. It will therefore be necessary to put the roof in good order before the European Jail is converted into offices, and I think the best plan will be, as suggested by the Sub-divisional officer, to put a light, false, corrugated-iron roof over the existing roof. Officers are invariably long and frequent in their complaints, if the roof of their offices leak in the least.

3. The building is at present occupied by the Pioneers who will probably continue to occupy it up to March next.

4. I have just received the plans of the building from the Sub-division officer, Nilgiris, and will have them drawn out fair and inked in, in my office as soon as possible. This must be done to enable me to sketch out proposals for altering them into offices.

5. At present the following offices are situated in hired buildings at Ootacamund :—

Name of office.	Name of building rented for the use of the office.	Monthly rent paid.
(1) Office for Commissary-General, Madras Command	The "Orient" building.	RS. 150
(2) Government Epigraphist office	Oakend.	20
(3) Geological Survey Superintendent's office	Oaklands.	50
(4) Special Executive Engineer's office	Warley Lodge	50

6. In addition to these, the Collector complains of want of room in his office, but objects to either the Head Assistant Collector or the District Forest-officer being moved away from his office.

The Registrar of Assurances whose office is now located in the Deputy Tahsildar's office, Jail Hill, states that the accommodation is insufficient and has asked that a larger office in this building may be allocated to him.

7. I think the best plan would be to ask the Chief Engineer to issue a circular to all heads of departments, Civil and Military (and to issue a notice in the Gazette if necessary), asking them to state whether they require office accommodation in the old European Jail, and if so, to state in detail the smallest accommodation that will suffice for them. If this information is sent to me, and if I am told the order of importance of the different offices requiring accommodation, I will get out and submit proposals.

8. I attach a sample form which, if filled in by the various officers concerned, will, I think, give me all necessary information to enable me to formulate proposals.

9. The existing heating apparatus is said to be useless. As fireplaces will have to be inserted, the arrangement of the offices will have to be decided on before anything can be done to the roof.

ENCLOSURE.

Sample Form.

Form to be filled in by officers desiring accommodation for their offices in the old European Jail at Ootacamund.

Name of office.	Name of room.	Smallest suitable dimensions.	Remarks.
Officer's private office-room ...	...	SQ. FT. 180	A small retiring room 6' x 6' is also necessary; or if a somewhat larger room is provided, a portion of it may be screened off as a retiring room. It is essential that the Manager should have a room to himself.
Manager's room ...	...	144	
Clerks' room ...	...	400	
Draftsman's room ...	...	300	
Record-room ...	...	300	The records of this office are of great importance (e.g., Registrar's office); so a secure room with iron-barred windows and a strong door opening into the clerks' room is essential.
Stationery room ...	...	150	
Masalchi's room ...	...	100	
Clients' room ...	...	150	
&c., &c.			

NOTE.—Full information should be given regarding any essential arrangements of the rooms, or if any rooms require fireplaces, iron-barred doors or windows, special roof lights, &c.

No. 433/W.

Copy submitted to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, with reference to his memo. No. 228 D., dated 15th May 1897.

The requisitions contained in paragraphs 7 and 8 of the above letter may be complied with, if approved.

9th August 1897.

(Signed) J. HANNAN,
Superintending Engineer, IV Circle.

ORDER—No. 2448 W., dated 3rd September 1897.

Communicated to departments concerned in view to officers at Ootacamund, whose offices are located in hired buildings, being called on to state their requirements in the form, of which a sample is furnished by the Executive Engineer.

2. It is not considered necessary to circulate the papers to the Military authorities, as all the available accommodation is likely to be required for Civil offices.

(True Extract.)

J. H. ...
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle.

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