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[Despatch Abstract.]

Communicating to the Board of Revenue
G.O. P.W.D. communicating letter from the
Govt of India laying down certain prin-
ciples to govern the grant to Volunteers
of the use of Govt buildings

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SUBJECT.

Coming letter from the Govt. of India. laying down certain principles to govern the grant to Volunteers of the use of Govt. buildings.

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No. 2502 W., 10TH OCTOBER 1895.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Military Works.

READ—the following papers :—

From Major-General Sir E. H. H. COLLEN, K.C.I.E., Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department (Special and Miscellaneous), to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Military Department, dated Fort William, the 20th February 1895, No. 556 M.W.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 2571 W., dated the 15th October 1894, recommending that the old Police Magazine at Cochin be repaired at the cost of the State, and transferred, rent free, to the Malabar Volunteer Corps, for the storage of their ammunition, on the understanding that the Corps keeps it in good repair in future.

2. I am to say that the Government of India understand that the old Police Magazine is classed as a provincial civil building, and that the cost of the repairs, which it is proposed to carry out at the cost of the State before handing the building over to the volunteers, will accordingly form a charge against Provincial funds.

3. I am further to observe that the practice of allowing volunteers the use of Government buildings rent free, on condition that they are kept in repair by the Corps, is opposed to existing regulations, and has been found to give rise to inconvenience.

4. The Government of India are therefore of opinion that, in the present and all similar cases, where an obligation rests on the Corps to provide the required accommodation from the capitation grant, the volunteers should be charged rent for such buildings, the property of Government, as they are allowed to occupy; but that in fixing the rent, consideration may be given to the circumstances of each case.

5. Where provincial buildings are no longer required by the Local Government, and it is considered desirable to assist a volunteer corps, the buildings might be made over altogether to the volunteers free of charge, in which case the State would be relieved of the cost of their maintenance. The previous sanction of the Government of India should, however, be obtained in each case.

6. I am to add that existing arrangements, made with the concurrence of the Government of India, under which volunteers are allowed to occupy buildings on condition of carrying out the repairs, need not be disturbed.

Copy forwarded to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department.

(By order.)

(Signed) J. DALLAS, Captain, R.E.,
Asst. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

From His Excellency the Lieutenant-General C. M. CLARKE, Commanding the Forces, Madras (Volunteers—Buildings), to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Ootacamund, 28th May 1895, No. 974 M.W.

Adverting to Government of Madras Public Works Department Memorandum No. 1062 C. of 14th March 1895, I have the honour to state that the Malabar Volunteer Rifles are willing to pay a rent of Rs. 12 per annum for the old Police Magazine at Cochin, provided the necessary repairs are executed, and the building maintained in future by the State.

From J. HANNAN, Esq., Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Ootacamund, 1st August 1895, No. 300 W.

With reference to your Memorandum No. 1995 C., dated 10th June 1895, I have the honour to state that the estimated cost of thoroughly repairing the old Police Magazine at Cochin is Rs. 270 (two hundred and seventy) and to submit a statement in the usual form giving data for calculating the normal rent of the building.

From Colonel J. PENNYCUICK, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, to His Excellency the Lieutenant-General Commanding the Forces, Madras, dated 15th August 1895, No. 760 D.

With reference to your letter No. 974 M.W.—*Volunteers—Buildings*, dated 28th May 1895, I am directed to state that it has been ascertained that an immediate outlay of Rs. 270 will be required to carry out the necessary repairs to the old Police Magazine at Cochin, and that the rent of the building calculated according to Public Works Code rules is Rs. 51 per annum. Seeing therefore that Provincial funds will be put to loss by the acceptance of the rent of Rs. 12 per annum offered by the Malabar Volunteer Rifles, I am to inquire whether the Corps will take over the building as it stands free of charge in which case the State will be relieved of its maintenance.

From His Excellency the Lieutenant-General Commanding the Forces, Madras (Volunteers—Buildings), to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Ootacamund, 17th September 1895, No. 1686 M.W.

Adverting to Public Works Department No. 760 D. of the 15th ultimo, I have the honour to state that the Malabar Volunteer Rifles are prepared to take over the old Police Magazine at Cochin as it stands rent free.

No. 2271, Public.

Transferred to the Public Works Department.

OOTACAMUND,
25th September 1895,

(Signed) W. FRANCIS,
Ag. Under Secy. to Government.

ORDER—No. 2502 W., dated 10th October 1895.

The letter from the Government of India No. 556 M.W., dated 20th February 1895, recorded above, will be communicated to His Excellency the Lieutenant-General Commanding the Forces and to officers of the Public Works Department for information and guidance as indicating the general policy of Government in respect of the use of Government buildings by Volunteer Corps.

2. The sanction of the Government of India will now be requested to the transfer to the Malabar Volunteer Corps, free of charge, of the old Police Magazine at Cochin.

[Here enter No. 2503 W., dated 10th October 1895.]

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. PENNYCUICK, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

To His Excellency the Lieutenant-General Commanding the Forces.
„ Superintending Engineers.
„ the Consulting Architect.
„ the Examiner, Public Works Accounts.

BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
MILITARY WORKS.

Govt. of {1895} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated October, 10th.

Recd.

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G.O. No. 2502 W., 10th Oct. 1895.

OCTOBER.

Old Police Magazine at Cochin

The sanction of the Government of India to the transfer to the Malabar Volunteer Corps, free of charge, of the —, ordered to be applied for, and that Government's letter indicating their policy in respect of the use of Government buildings by Volunteer Corps, communicated to His Excellency the Lieutenant-General Commanding the Forces and to officers of the Public Works Department.

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G.O., No. 2524 W., 1st October 1898.

OCTOBER.

Use of Government Buildings by Volunteers

Letter from the Government of India laying down certain principles to govern the grant to Volunteers of the use of Government buildings, communicated to officers of the Public Works Department.

and to C. No. 7158

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Military Works.

READ—the following paper:—

From the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Simla, 3rd September 1893, No. 2442 B. (Volunteers).

With reference to the orders contained in Military Department letter, No. 556 M.W., dated the 20th February 1895, regarding the conditions on which Volunteers should be allowed the use of buildings the property of the State, I am directed to say that the Government of India consider it desirable to lay down the following principles to be observed in future in dealing with questions of this nature:—

- (1) If buildings are likely to be required again by the State, they should be retained in Military Works or Provincial Public Works charge, and be repaired at the cost of Government, the Volunteers being charged rent for the accommodation. Any alterations or additions required by the Volunteers should be carried out at the expense of the State, and considered in fixing the rent.
- (2) When the buildings are no longer required by the Government of India or the Local Government, and when there is no probability of letting them to advantage, they may, with the approval of the Government of India or Local Government concerned, be handed over altogether to the Volunteers free of charge. The Volunteers should then keep them in repair, and may alter or adapt them as they think fit, the cost being met from their own funds. The site would remain the property of the State and a small ground rent may be charged.
- (3) If the buildings should under any circumstances be resumed, Government would compensate the Volunteers for any expenditure they might have incurred in altering or adding to the buildings, but not for outlay on repairs.
- (4) In the case of a Volunteer Corps ceasing to exist, buildings handed over to them free of charge would revert to Government.
- (5) Except in regard to buildings under Imperial control, the sanction of the Government of India is not required for action taken by Local Governments under the above rules.

2. I am to add that existing arrangements, made with the concurrence of the Government of India, under which Volunteers have been allowed to occupy buildings on condition of keeping them in repair, or to make additions and alterations to buildings on which Government retain a lien, need not be disturbed.

ORDER—No. 2524 W., dated 1st October 1898.

Communicated to officers of the Public Works Department in supersession of paragraph 1 of G.O., No. 2502 W., dated 10th October 1895.

(True Extract.)

A. K. M. S.
Under Secretary to Government.

To Superintending Engineers.
" the Consulting Architect to Government.
" the Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
" the Public Department, } with copy of G.O., No. 2502 W. of 1895.
" the Revenue Department, }
Copy to the Deputy Adjutant-General, Madras Command,
for the information of His Excellency the Lieutenant-General
Commanding the Forces.

Exd. T. K. Narayana Aiyangar.