

GENERAL.

June.

Nos. 26 to 50.

SIMLA IMPERIAL CIRCLE.

*Transfer to the Punjab Government of all the buildings and other works in charge of the Superintendent of Works.*

LIST OF PAPERS.

- No. 26. To Punjab, No. 408 G. of 18th Feb. 1888. Communicates certain proposals for the transfer to the Local Govt. of the charge of all the buildings and other works in Simla which are at present in charge of the Supdt. of Works, Simla Imperial Circle.
- No. 27. To Supdt. of Works, Simla Imperial Circle, No. 409 G. of 18th Feb. 1888. Forwards copy of the above letter, and calls for information in connection with the proposed transfer to the Punjab Govt. of the works of the Circle.
- No. 28. From Examr. of Accts., Mily. Works, No. 85 A. of 3rd March 1888. Suggests a modification of the procedure laid down in para. 7 of P. W. D. No. 408 G. of 1888 with regard to the accounts of the Simla Imperial Circle.
- No. 29. From Supdt. of Works, Simla Imperial Circle, No. 175 of 9th March 1888. Enquires whether the Office of the Exe. Engr. of the Imperial Division is to be transferred temporarily to the Punjab Govt. on 1st April or 1st May 1888, and submits his proposals with regard to Establishment Adds that it would be desirable to transfer nominally all the stores on 1st April 1888 and gradually disposed of as may ultimately be decided on.
- Nos. 30—2. Documents referred to in No. 29—
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- Statement B.*—Proposed Establishment to be retained until 1st May 1888 with Viceregal Buildings, and after that date on special duty.
- Statement C.*—Establishment to be dispensed with or transferred from 1st April 1888 and 1st May 1888, respectively.
- No. 33. From Punjab, No. 1377 of 10th March 1888. In reply to P. W. D. No. 408 G. of 1888, states that the Local Govt. accepts the arrangements proposed for the transfer of the control of all the buildings and other works at present in charge of the Supdt. of Works, Simla Imperial Circle.
- No. 34. From Dept. of Finance and Commerce, No. 1333 of 13th March 1888. Forwards, for information, copy of its Despatch to Secy. of State, requesting sanction to continue the Local allowance of Rs. 150 to Mr. Irwin, while he is employed on the Viceregal Lodge, and also to the same allowance being paid him from 1st April 1885 to 31st March 1888.
- No. 35. From Supdt. of Works, Simla Imperial Circle, No. 195 of 15th March 1888. Forwards, for orders, copy of a letter No. 770 of 13th March 1888, from the Supdg. Engr., Umballa, requesting him to arrange to make over to the Exe. Engr., Simla Provincial Division on the 1st April 1888, the Imperial Buildings in the Circle which are to be transferred to the Punjab Govt.
- No. 36. Letter referred to in above.
- No. 37. To Punjab, No. 702 G. of 23rd March 1888. Intimates the arrangements being made with regard to Establishment and Stores in connection with the transfer of the works of the Simla Imperial Circle.
- No. 38. To Supdt. of Works, Simla Imperial Circle, No. 703 G. of 23rd March 1888. Communicates orders with reference to the reduction of Estabtd., &c., and to the transfer of tools and plant to Provincial Books from 1st April 1888.
- No. 39. To Supdt. of Works, Simla Imperial Circle, No. 704 G. of 23rd March 1888. Forwards, for information, copy of a letter No. 85 A. from the Examr. of Accts., Mily. Works Dept., with request that he will consult with the Depy. Acctt. Genl. in regard to the manner in which the accounts can be audited after 1st April next.

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- No. 40. Notification No. 150 of 23rd March 1888. Replaces the services of Messrs. Learmonth and St. Clair, Engrs., at the disposal of the Punjab Govt., with effect from 1st April 1888.
- No. 41. From Supdt. of Works, Simla Imperial Circle, No. 224 of 26th March 1888. Forwards copy of a letter No. 887 of 23rd March 1888, from the Supdg. Engr., Umballa, requesting that the 2nd para. of his letter No. 770 of 13th March 1888 may be considered as cancelled.
- No. 42. Letter referred to in above.
- No. 43. From the Supdt. of Works, Simla Imperial Circle, No. 271 of 16th April 1888. Reports that the necessary records, &c., of his office relating to the Imperial Buildings transferred to the Punjab Govt. from 1st April 1888 have been duly made over to the Supdg. Engr., 2nd Circle, Punjab; and that the Honourable Mr. St. Clair has relieved Mr. Learmonth of the charge of the buildings in question with effect from 1st April 1888, and remarks on the disposal of the tools and plant, machinery and manufacture operations.
- No. 44. From Supdt. of Works, Simla Imperial Circle, No. 294 of 25th April 1888. Forwards, for orders, correspondence with regard to certain particulars in connection with the transfer of the Imperial Buildings at present under Mr. St. Clair to the Simla Provincial Division.
- No. 45—46. Enclosures to above.
- No. 47. To Punjab, No. 937 G. of 30th April 1888. Proposes, in place of the arrangement previously suggested, to retain Mr. St. Clair under the orders of the Supdt. of Works for the present; and not to transfer his services to Punjab as contemplated. Remarks on the arrangements made for the up-keep of the tools and plant and the audit of the accounts of the Division; and places certain grants for repairs passed in the Budget Estimate of the Circle at the disposal of that Govt.
- No. 48. Copy of above forwarded to the Supdt. of Works, with remark that the Establishment on List A which is required by him may be retained for the present, reducing it as occasion arises.
- No. 49. Notification No. 149 of 1888. Re-transferring the services of Mr. A. Scott from the date of the expiry of the privilege leave granted him.
- No. 50. Copy of above forwarded to Central Provinces for information.

**SIMLA IMPERIAL CIRCLE.**

*Transfer to the Punjab Government of all the buildings and other works in charge of the Superintendent of Works.*

Pros. ( C. W.—B. )	Nov.	1881,	Nos.	16—23,	Part	A.
„ ( Genl. )	March	1884,	„	20—2,	„	B.
„ ( C. W.—B. )	Nov.	„	„	1—14,	„	A.
„ ( „ )	Jan.	1886,	„	15—18,	„	A.
„ ( Genl. )	July	1887,	„	364—76,	„	B.
„ ( C. W.—B. )	Sept.	„	„	5—19,	„	A.
„ ( Genl. )	„	„	„	88—92,	„	B.
„ ( „ )	Oct.	„	„	110—12,	„	B.

No. 26 ]

No. 408 G., dated 18th February 1888.

From—The Government of India, P. W. Dept.,

To—The Secretary to the Government of the Punjab, P. W. Dept.

I am directed to inform you that the Government of India desires to make over to the charge of the Punjab Government all the buildings and other works in Simla, which are at present in the charge of the Superintendent of Works, Simla Imperial Circle. It is proposed that the New Viceregal Lodge with all houses on the Observatory Hill and the present Viceregal Lodge with all houses on the hill on which it stands shall, for the present, be retained in Mr. Irwin's charge, but that all other works shall be made over on the 1st April next.

2. The Superintendent of Works has been instructed to prepare a detailed list of all the property which it is proposed to transfer on the 1st April: the following list is believed to be approximately correct:—

Post Office.  
Telegraph Office.  
Army Head-Quarters Office.  
Government of India Secretariat Office.  
Government of India Press, and Superintendent's Quarters.  
Native Clerks' Quarters on the Cart-road (4 blocks).  
15 Clerks' Cottages at Kaithoo and three other houses forming part of the Clerks' Cottage project.  
Public Works Department Secretariat.  
Financial Department Office.  
Foreign Department Office.  
Private Houses—  
Melsington,  
Tara Hall.  
Winterfield.  
Sherfield.

3. It is proposed that the remaining property, that is the Old and the New Viceregal Lodge with the private houses standing around them, shall be gradually made over to the Government of the Punjab as convenient opportunity occurs. These transfers will, it is thought, be completed during the Simla season of 1888.

4. I am to say that the Government of India would be glad to know what arrangements the Government of the Punjab consider it desirable to make in order to give effect to these proposals.

5. At present there is only one Division in the Simla Imperial Circle in charge of Mr. St. Clair, Executive Engineer. As this Officer is acquainted with all the works in the Division and as the New Viceregal Lodge will be practically completed on the 1st April next, it is suggested that his services might be transferred temporarily to the Punjab, with effect from the 1st April, and that from that date, until the final transfer of all the works connected with the New Lodge, he might occupy a dual position serving under the orders

of the Punjab Government as regards all matters connected with buildings actually made over and under Mr. Irwin as regards the New Viceregal Lodge and its immediate surroundings. It is intended to retain the services of Mr. Irwin in Simla for some months after the 1st April next, until all matters connected with the New Lodge are placed on a satisfactory footing.

6. I am to explain that Mr. Learmonth, who is also in the Simla Imperial Circle, is at present on special duty, preparing the completion reports of all the works and assisting as regards the maintenance of some portion of the buildings mentioned in the second paragraph of this letter. His services will be replaced at the disposal of the Government of Punjab in April next. It is understood that he proposes to proceed at once on furlough.

7. It will probably be found desirable to allow Mr. St. Clair to continue to be in account with the Examiner, Military Works Accounts, until the whole of the buildings are finally transferred, and that such outlay as is incurred under the orders of the Provincial Superintending Engineer should be debited to the Punjab by transfer either monthly, or on the Imperial Division being finally abolished as may seem the more suitable.

8. It is presumed that the Government of the Punjab will aim at the ultimate amalgamation into one Division of all the Local and Imperial works in Simla. In the meantime, the arrangement which is proposed above appears to the Government of India to be a convenient one, but I am to say that it rests with the Government of the Punjab to suggest any other which they may prefer.

9. It is probable that one of the Upper Subordinates at present attached to the Simla Imperial Circle will be available for transfer on the 1st April, and that others can be transferred later on if desired.

10. I am to add that the Superintendent of Works will submit the Budget Estimate for 1888-89, and the Government of India will arrange for the transfer of such allotments as are required.

No. 27 ]

No. 409 G., dated 18th February 1888.

From—The Government of India, P. W. Dept.,  
To—The Superintendent of Works, Simla Imperial Circle.

I am directed to forward, for your information, a copy of Government of India letter No. 408 G. of this day's date, to the address of the Government of the Punjab, concerning the transfer of the works of the Simla Imperial Circle to the Punjab.

2. I am to request that you will proceed to prepare at once the list referred to in para. 2 of that letter. A memorandum should be attached to the list giving such information concerning each of the buildings, or sets of buildings, as may appear necessary to enable the Superintending Engineer of the Provincial Circle to deal with questions which may arise concerning them. This memorandum should quote such orders of Government as refer to the several buildings. The records of your Office should be arranged conveniently for transfer.

3. The Simla Imperial Circle will be abolished with effect from the 1st April next, but your services will be retained in Simla for the present. You will continue to serve on special duty, under the orders of the Government of India, until the New Viceregal Lodge has been entirely completed, or until other arrangements have been made. Your local allowance of Rs. 150 per mensem will be continued.

4. I am to ask that you will state when the Upper Subordinates at present in the Circle can be transferred. It is desirable that at least one should be transferred at the time the maintenance of buildings is given over to the Punjab Government, and that the others should only be retained as long as their services are absolutely necessary for completing the New Lodge and for clearing up the accounts.

5. I am further to request that you will submit a proposition statement of the establishment required to serve under your orders after the 1st May next. The sanction given in this Office letter No. 1922 of 29th September last

is extended up to that date, but you should commence to reduce the establishment at once as far as circumstances will allow. It is considered that the establishment may be very largely reduced on the 1st May, if, indeed, it cannot be entirely disbanded. Due notice should be given to all persons employed.

6. Under the arrangement which has been proposed to the Government of the Punjab in letter No. 408 of this day's date, it will be possible for Mr. St. Clair to clear up under your orders all the accounts of the New Viceregal Lodge in his capacity as Executive Engineer of the construction work. Whilst in his capacity as Executive Engineer under the orders of the Superintending Engineer of the Provincial Circle he will execute all repair works to buildings which have been transferred. This arrangement will not be without some difficulties, but it is thought to be the most convenient under the circumstances. It may, however, be that the Punjab Government will prefer other arrangements.

7. You should take steps to transfer the tools and plant to the Punjab which are likely to be useful for future work in Simla: a list should be prepared of surplus plant available for sale or transfer away from Simla.

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No. 85 A., dated 3rd March 1888.

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From—Lieut.-Col. F. G. OLDEHAM, R.E., Examiner of Accounts, Military Works,  
To—The Secretary to the Government of India, P. W. Dept.

With reference to your No. 408 G., dated 18th Februray 1888, to the Secretary to the Government of the Punjab, a copy of which has been received in this Office, I have the honour to point out that a great deal of inconvenience has been felt in the past in connection with the accounts of the Simla Imperial Circle, there being no Local Government to refer to, and this inconvenience will, no doubt, be increased when the Executive Engineer of the Simla Imperial Circle has been placed in the position proposed in para. 5 of your letter.

2. As it is proposed that Mr. St. Clair's services should be transferred to the Punjab, from the 1st April next, on which date the New Viceregal Lodge will be practically completed, I would suggest that in lieu of the procedure put forward in para. 7 of your letter, Mr. St. Clair should from that date submit his accounts to the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, Punjab, and that if it is necessary that the accounts of the Old and New Viceregal Lodge, with the private houses standing around them, should still be kept by this Office, that the expenditure incurred on them should be debited monthly to this Office in transfer by the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, Punjab.

No. 29 ]

No. 175, dated 9th March 1888.

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From—H. IRWIN, Esq., Supdt. of Works, Simla Imperial Circle,  
To—The Secretary to the Government of India, P. W. Dept.

I have the honour to enquire whether the Office of the Executive Engineer of the Imperial Division is to be transferred temporarily to the Punjab on 1st of April or on 1st of May. It will be necessary for him to have an office after the 1st of May as the work will not be complete or at all events accounts made up by that date.

I note that the present establishment is sanctioned until 1st of May, but that I am to dismiss all establishment except what is absolutely necessary on 1st of April or as soon as possible.

\* Statements A, B and C.

I send the accompanying propositions\* for approval.

The list of stores, tools and plant, to be made over to the Punjab, and what should be made available for transfer or sale, and what are to remain with the Imperial Buildings, is being prepared.

With regard to this, I think it would be as well that all the stores be nominally transferred at once, that is 1st of April, and gradually disposed of as may ultimately be decided on. In this way one Storekeeper will serve for the whole. It will be a work of considerable difficulty to separate them and to find storage room if divided. For this reason I propose the transfer of the whole, and the Storekeeper in charge of them. This is on the supposition that he acts under Mr. St. Clair's orders.

The stock of tiles and bricks manufactured as a reserve, I should also treat in the same manner, and the Sub-Overseer now in charge of them should go with them until all are safely removed to some convenient place to store them in.

It appears to me that this course would be advisable in view to the ultimate transfer of the whole to the Punjab.

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As the Circle is to be abolished from 1st of April, I think it would be convenient if the Office of Executive Engineer should be transferred temporarily to the Punjab from that date, as well as the Executive Engineer himself.

I would request permission to retain after the 1st of May my Head Clerk, Mr. Baker, because there will be doubtless a good deal of correspondence regarding the Viceregal Lodge and the other Buildings with which he is acquainted, and he will be of more assistance to me than a clerk unacquainted with the various questions which may have to be dealt with. This will probably only be necessary for a couple of months, and I hope that my request will be granted.

I also propose to retain 3 draftsmen for 2 months to correct and perfect a set of drawings of the Viceregal Lodge, and to arrange all the drawings, &c. This will be necessary in connection with the completion report which should be sent in for this work.

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*Proposed Establishment to be transferred temporarily to Punjab Government on 1st April 1888.*

Name.	Appointment.	Salary.	REMARKS.
		Rs.	
The Honourable L. M. St. Clair . . . . .	Exe. Engr., 1st grade . . . . .	700	
A. C. L. Learmonth, Esq. . . . .	Ditto 1st „ . . . . .	700	Goes on leave from Punjab on 1st April.
Mr. T. Spratt . . . . .	Sub-Engr., 3rd „ . . . . .	250	With Maintenance Sub-Division.
Sungum Lall . . . . .	Sub-Overseer . . . . .	75	With Manufacture Sub-Division.
Golab Singh Mistry . . . . .	Ditto . . . . .	70	With sanitary fittings.
Dewa Singh „ . . . . .	Ditto . . . . .	50	With machinery.
Hurnam Singh . . . . .	Storekeeper . . . . .	100	
Babu Keshub Chunder Chatterjee . . . . .	Accountant, 3rd grade . . . . .	240	
Dewan Chand . . . . .	Correspondence Clerks {	70	
Mohomed Ally . . . . .		45	
Hurdeo Dass . . . . .	Accounts Clerk . . . . .	90	
Mahydial . . . . .	Ditto do. . . . .	60	
Jhundoo Khan . . . . .	Ditto do. . . . .	50	
Mohomed Akbar . . . . .	Ditto do. . . . .	50	
Nyadar Singh . . . . .	Ditto do. . . . .	50	
Seeta Ram . . . . .	Sub-Divisional Clerk . . . . .	35	
Mithan Lall . . . . .	Cashier . . . . .	40	
5 Peons at Rs. 7 each . . . . .	Peons . . . . .	35	
1 Chowkidar . . . . .	Chowkidar . . . . .	6	For Storekeeper.

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*Proposed Establishment to be retained until 1st of May 1888 with Viceregal Buildings, and after that date on special duty.*

Name.	Appointment.	Salary.	REMARKS.
		Rs.	
<i>To remain until 1st May 1888.</i>			
Henry Irwin, Esq. . . . .	Supdt. of Works . . . . .	1,100	
Mr. A. Scott . . . . .	Honry. Asstt. Engr. . . . .	500	In charge of Staff Houses.
„ T. Macpherson . . . . .	Ditto . . . . .	400	New Viceregal Lodge.
Abdul Ahad . . . . .	Sub-Overseer . . . . .	75	New Lodge Works.
Mr. S. Jordan . . . . .	Ditto . . . . .	50	Electric Light and Viceregal Lodge and Staff Houses.

*Proposed Establishment to be retained until 1st of May 1888. with Viceregal Buildings, and after that date on special duty—(contd.)*

Name.	Appointment.	Salary.	REMARKS.
<i>To remain until 1st May 1888— contd.</i>		Rs.	
Janki Purshad . . .	Sub-Overseer . . .	50	For Staff Houses.
Narain Singh Mistry . . .	Ditto . . .	40	New Lodge Works.
Mulloo Mistry . . .	Ditto . . .	45	Ditto.
Mehoo Mistry . . .	Ditto . . .	35	For Staff Houses.
Bhoota Mistry . . .	Ditto . . .	35	Ditto.
Mr. J. H. Baker . . .	Head Clerk . . .	250	To remain with Superin- tendent of Works.
Manohar Dass . . .	Draftsman . . .	120	To be transferred on 1st May to Railway.
Azimullah . . .	Ditto . . .	100	
Uttum Singh . . .	Ditto . . .	80	
Mohomed Ishak . . .	Ditto . . .	80	
1 Jemadar Peon . . .	Jemadar Peon . . .	8	
1 Peon . . .	Peon . . .	7	
<i>To remain temporarily on special duty with Superintendent of Works after 1st May 1888.</i>			
Mr. J. H. Baker . . .	Head Clerk . . .	250	
Azimullah . . .	Draftsman . . .	100	
Uttum Singh . . .	Ditto . . .	80	
Mohomed Ishak . . .	Ditto . . .	80	
1 Jemadar Peon . . .	Jemadar Peon . . .	8	
Mr. Scott . . .	Honry. Asstt. Engr. . .	500	} For Staff Houses.
Janki Persad . . .	Sub-Overseer . . .	50	
Mehoo Mistry . . .	Ditto . . .	35	} For Electric Light and Staff Houses.
Mr. S. Jordan . . .	Ditto . . .	50	

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*Establishment to be dispensed with or transferred from 1st April 1888 and 1st May respectively.*

Name.	Appointment.	Salary.	REMARKS.
<i>To be dispensed with from 1st April 1888.</i>		Rs.	
Ikramullah . . .	Draftsman . . .	80	Temporary.
Narain Singh . . .	Ditto . . .	40	Ditto.
Uddum Singh . . .	Ditto . . .	40	Ditto.
Shumbhu Nath . . .	Duftry . . .	12	Ditto.
3 Peons at Rs. 7 each . . .	Peons . . .	21	Ditto.
<i>To be dispensed with or transferred from 1st May 1888.</i>			
Mr. T. Macpherson . . .	Honry. Asstt. Engr. . .	400	Permanent. To be trans- ferred to Punjab.
Abdul Ahad . . .	Sub-Overseer . . .	75	} Temporary. To be dis- pensed with.
Narain Singh Mistry . . .	Ditto . . .	40	
Mulloo Mistry . . .	Ditto . . .	45	
Bhoota Mistry . . .	Ditto . . .	35	
Manohar Dass . . .	Draftsman . . .	120	Permanent. To be trans- ferred to Railway.
1 Peon . . .	Peon . . .	7	To be discharged.

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No. 33 ]

No. 1377, dated 10th March 1888.

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From—The Secretary to the Government of the Punjab, P. W. Dept.,  
To—The Secretary to the Government of India, P. W. Dept.

I am desired to acknowledge the receipt of the letter from the Public Works Department, No. 408 G., dated the 18th ultimo, regarding the proposed transfer of the control to the Punjab Government of all the buildings and other works at present in charge of the Superintendent of Works, Simla Imperial Circle.

2. In reply, I am directed to say that the arrangements proposed by the Government of India are accepted by this Government temporarily as they stand, but the dual position to be occupied by Mr. St. Clair is not one that quite commends itself to the Lieutenant-Governor and should in His Honour's opinion last as short a time as possible.

3. As soon as it can be conveniently arranged, it is proposed to have the properties referred to in para. 2 of the letter under acknowledgment taken over by the Simla Provincial Division which will be strengthened accordingly, and when the old and new Viceregal Lodges, with the private houses around them, are ready for transfer, His Honour will consider what further additional establishment will be needed to enable the Simla Provincial Division to take charge of them also.

4. It is understood that the Superintendent of Works, Mr. Irwin, will submit the Budget Estimate for both original works and the repairs needed for all the Imperial buildings during 1888-89 and that the Government of India will provide the funds.