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Police Stations and Houses.

Sir,

With reference to your memorandum of 17th. inst. on the above subject I have to report the following defects which have not yet been attended to and are still outstanding:-

Bedrooms.

There are holes in the floors of both bedrooms caused by woodworm and dry rot and the flooring is now becoming dangerous. The plaster is bulging on the sloping ceilings and is liable to fall.

Landing and Stairway.

Rain comes into the house at the edge of the skylight on the landing. The woodwork on the landing and stairway is affected by woodworm and dry rot and, owing to a sharp bend the stairway is dangerous. In the water storage tank cupboard which is off the stairway the plaster is bulging from the sloping ceiling and is liable to fall.

Front Porch.

Holes are appearing in the corrugated iron roof although at present no water appears to be coming through. The lock on the front door is so rusted that it does not secure the door properly.

Living Room.

There are flagstones on this floor which are damp and have large spaces between them and any floor covering which is laid is ruined. The Heather Stove which is in this room frequently gives off smoke and the firebricks at the back and the side of the fire are broken and cracked. It is now the case that smoke from the fire can be seen coming out of the chimney of the bedroom which is situated above the living room. Plaster has now fallen from the wall in this room leaving a hole about one foot from the floor. Rain water seeps into the house at the window.

Kitchenette and Bathroom.

These apartments form a back porch to the main building with the door of the bathroom leading off the kitchenette.

Kitchenette. There is insufficient room to work in this apartment and little or no cupboard space to store food. There is only one sink.

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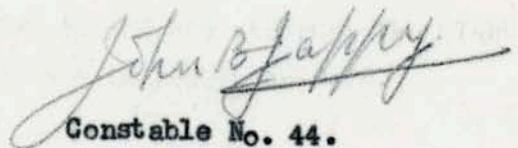
The waste water from the washhand basin comes back up through the drainage pipe into the bath causing a bad smell. The washhand basin is cracked.

There is no letter box on any door of the house or office and if I am out at mailtime the kitchenette window has to be left open to ensure a delivery of mail.

The whole of the house and office both inside and out requires extensive redecoration (Last decorated approximately 11 years ago)

The dyke and fence around the garden require replacing as it is no longer stock proof.

There are no toilet facilities in the office or cells. The only article supplied is a pail which if used by a prisoner has to be carried through my house to the bathroom to be emptied.

  
Constable No. 44.