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Government of Madras.

DEPARTMENT.

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No. 1. Read the following letter from J. L. LUSHINGTON, Esq., Acting Civil Auditor; to W. H. BAYLEY, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 24th July 1858, No. 139.

SIR,

With reference to the Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 1st ultimo, No. 1035, Public Works Department, I have the honor to submit a Statement shewing the monthly sums whether continuous or for broken periods, passed to the several grades of Officers of the Department of Public Works from November 1857 up to May 1858.

2. With advertence to the enquiry made in the 2nd para of the above Extract Minutes Consultation, I beg to state that, the allowance for Office rent, is audited in this office, under the principle laid down in Colonel Baker's letter of the 25th September 1857.

3. The description of Bills for office rent drawn by, and passed to the several grades of Officers of a District, in the Department of Public Works, are herewith enclosed as requested for the inspection of Government.

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No. 2. ORDER THEREON, No. 1781; dated 1st September 1858.

Para. 1. With this letter, the Acting Civil Auditor submits with reference to the requisition contained in Extract Minutes Consultation 1st June 1858, No. 1035 a Statement shewing the monthly sums on account of Office rent passed to the several grades of Officers in the Department Public Works between November 1857, and May 1858.

2. The sums so passed amount in the aggregate to Rupees 3,813-0-4 giving a monthly average of expenditure of Rupees 545 on account of Office rent, viz.

		Rs.	A.	P.
November	1857,	67	10	8
December	„	510	1	7
January	1858,	532	11	5
February	„	507	11	4
March	„	542	0	0
April	„	774	11	4
May	„	828	2	0
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This amount was drawn by Officers of the grade of District and Executive Engineer and Assistant Engineer, in some cases under simple Bills, in others under Bills duly certified, that the charge "was bona-fide incurred and was absolutely necessary" or "that a house was actually provided for the use of the office."

3. The Government observe that under the orders of the Government of India communicated in Colonel Baker's letter of the 25th September 1857, No. 4914 office rent was "only to be drawn in cases where a house or room is actually furnished by the Executive Officers for "the use of the office;" and by subsequent communications it was explained that the grant should be restricted to Officers in executive charge of Divisions, or in charge of large surveys having offices of not less than four Clerks and Draftsmen. Under this interpretation office rent is now allowed to be drawn only by District Engineers and Executive Engineers of the 3rd Class "residing in their Circles and having

From Government of India	25th September	1857, No.	4944
Extract Minutes Consultation	3rd February	1858, „	192
Extract Minutes Consultation	13th March	„ „	456
From Government of India	23rd April	„ „	1886
Extract Minutes Consultation	11th June	„ „	1098
From Offg. Chief Engineer	15th „	„ „	1170
From do do	7th July	„ „	1745
Extract Minutes Consultation	23rd „	„ „	1431

"a suitable apartment, either hired or their own property expressly allotted as an office where "no public building is available."

4. It is desirable that all Bills for Office rent should be prepared on a uniform principle, and that they should in pursuance of the intentions of the grant as communicated in Colonel Baker's letter of the 25th September 1857, and as further explained in the Circular Order of the Central Office received with Major Lawford's letter of the 7th July, certify that a house had been actually furnished by the Officer drawing the rent for the use of the Office, such Bills countersigned by the Engineer of the District will be a sufficient guarantee for the charge having been bona-fide incurred, and to its being passed by the Office of Audit.

5. The Officiating Chief Engineer will accordingly be requested to draw up a form of "Office rent Bill" with the description of "Certificate" to be attached to it, for general adoption in the Public Works Department, and submit it to Government for approval.

6. Ordered that a copy of the above resolution be furnished to the Civil Auditor for information and guidance, and that the original Statement and Bills which accompanied his letter of the 21th July be returned.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Department of Public Works

No 139.

From J. L. Lewis Esqre
Officiating Civil Auditor.

To W. B. Boyley Esqre
Officiating Secretary to
Government.

Sir,

With reference to the Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 1st ultimo, No 1035, Public Works Department, I have the honor to submit a Statement, shewing the monthly Sums whether Continuous or for broken periods, issued to the several Grades of Officers of the Department of Public Works from November 1857 up to May 1858.

2. With advertence to the Inquiry made in the 2d para of the above Extract Minutes of Consultation, I beg to state that, the allowance for Office Rent, is under the Office, under the principle laid down in Code Rules

Sahers Letter of the 25th September 1851.

The descriptions of Bills for Office Rent Arrears &c. and Postage to the several Courts of Offices of a Certificate that the Deficient Public Works are herewith enclosed as required for the inspection of Government.

Fort St. George
Public Works Office
24th July 1858.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt Servant
Illegible
Illegible
Acting Civil Engr No 2

Public Works Dept

No 1781

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Under date the 1st ~~Sept~~ August 1858.

Read the following letter from the Acting Civil Auditor.

Here enter 24 July 1858 No 1391

P. With this letter the Acting Civil Auditor submits with reference to the requisition contained in Extract Minutes Consultation 1st June 1858 No 1035 a statement showing the monthly sums on account of Office rent passed to the several grades of Officers in the

Con 1st Aug 1858 No 1184

To Public Works Dept
Sir
Have the honor to transmit
for the information of Council
a statement of Office Rent
Paid by this Department
Dated 24th July 1858
Rec'd 27th July 1858
Encls 8 Statement
No 1391

Acknowledge the receipt of
Memo of the above mentioned
to the Council Rooms &
Offices in the Department
of Public Works

Civil Engr Dept

the Department Public
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1857 and May 1858.

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Office where no public "
building is available."

From Govt of India 25th Sept 1857 No 4944
Ex mint Cons —— 2d Feby 1858 — 192
Ex mint Cons —— 13th March — — 456
From Govt of India 28th April — — 1888
Ex mint Cons —— 4th June — 1098
From Offg Chief Engr 15th —— — 1170
From —— do —— 7th July — 1745
Ex mint Cons —— 23d — — 1434

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Works Departments, and
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Ordered that a
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to the Civil Auditor
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Original

Original Statement and
Bills which accompa-
-nied his letter of the
24th July be returned.

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1 — " Civil Audr
with Rect 28 July/87

Com 1st Sect 58 R: 1038/104

Public Works 1858 Dep.tt
Do to Com.s 7th Sept.r

No 1781.

Extract Min.s of Com.s
Of 1st Sept.r 58.

From the Offg Chief Eng.r 22nd Sept.r
58 R: 2222 in Com.s 12 Oct.r

Pass observations in re-
gard to office rent allowed to
the Officers of the Depart.t of
Pub.c Works, observe that it is
desirable that Bills for Office
rent should be prepared on a
uniform principle, and ac-
cordingly request the Offg Chief
Engineer to draw up a form
of Bill for general adoption.

No 1782.

Com.s 4th Dec.r 1830 Pl