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No. 163. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. BELL, Chief Engineer; to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, dated 17th November 1859, No. 7370.

I have the honor to forward for submission to Government the accompanying letter from the District Engineer of Chingleput, forwarding an application from Lieutenant Tulloch, acting 1st Assistant District Engineer, for house rent for his office establishment.

1 Letter from the District Engineer, Chingleput, (with an enclosure) dated November 3rd 1859, No. 1192.

2. The District Engineer also recommends that house rent may be granted to all officers and subordinates in charge of ranges who have to provide a suitable apartment for the accommodation of their range establishments.

3. The Government of India in their Circular order, dated the 25th September 1857, No. 4944, authorized office rent on the following scales.

Communicated in E. M. C. No. 2091, dated 11th November 1857.

Superintendent of works of more than one executive charge	Rs. 30
First and second class Executive Engineers	„ 30
Third and fourth class do. and Surveyors having clerks and draftsmen	„ 20

4. By the order of Government, dated 3rd February 1858, No. 192, the first rate was made applicable to District Engineers of the 1st and 2nd class, and to the late Superintendent East Coast Canal, and the second rate to the Executive Engineers of the 3rd and 4th class, but the privilege of drawing office rent having been limited by the order of the Government of India to Executive officers and Surveyors having an establishment of at least 4 clerks and draftsmen, the Executive Engineers of the 4th class ceased to draw office rent as the number of clerks under each of them was only three besides lascars.

5. The new arrangement for the executive charge of ranges having been now introduced, some arrangement appears necessary to provide the establishments with accommodation. Under the above order of the Government of India, none of these establishments will be entitled to office rent and all except the District Engineers must discontinue drawing it as none of these establishments has so many as four clerks and draftsmen. For the first and 2nd class establishment, the number is limited to three, and for the 3rd and 4th class establishment, the number is only 2 besides lascars.

6. But notwithstanding the smallness of the number, accommodation must still be provided either at the expense of Government or of those placed in charge of the ranges. But as the salary of the Executive officers of the 3rd class have been reduced as first Assistant District Engineers to that of the 4th class of Assistants of 2nd Assistant District Engineers from 200 to 150, and as many of the ranges are placed in charge of upper subordinates it will operate as a fine on officers and subordinates whose fidelity and energy are called into action if they were required to provide accommodation for their establishments. Unless provision is made by Government the establishment must be very inconveniently and uncomfortably housed, and as notwithstanding the smallness of the number of members of range establishments accommodation has to be provided for record for instruments and stores and for members of the upper and lower subordinate establishment in executive charge of particular works, for maistries and conicopillys and for contractors and villagers who will frequently have to be in attendance at a range office on business, it will not be proper to put officers and subordinates in charge of ranges to so much inconvenience without some consideration on the part of Government, and I therefore beg to recommend that office rent may be granted to them on the following scale.

For the 1st and 2nd class range offices, Rupees. 20
For the 3rd and 4th class do. do. do. 15

To be drawn until range offices shall be built or until public buildings shall be provided for their accommodation.

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for the Range Establishments

7. I have called for estimates for range offices, and if they arrive in time, I shall submit them for entry in the next budget.

No. 164. ORDER THEREON, 20th December 1859, No. 2957.

In this letter the Chief Engineer recommends that office rent should be granted to all officers and subordinates in charge of ranges who have to provide accommodation for their range establishments. He represents that the new arrangement for the executive charge of ranges necessitates the provision of accommodation not only for the range establishments but also for records, for instruments and stores, and for the subordinate servants and other persons who will have to be in attendance at a range office on business, and that without some consideration on the part of Government, the officers and subordinates in charge of ranges will be put both to inconvenience and to expense. He recommends that as a temporary arrangement until range offices can be built, a monthly allowance should be drawn on account of office rent, by every officer or subordinate in charge of an executive range, at the rate of Rupees 20 for the 1st and 2nd class, and 15 Rupees for the 3rd and 4th class range offices.

2. The Government consider this application to be reasonable; but before sanctioning the amounts proposed by the Chief Engineer, the Government wish that officer to consider further as to the propriety of those amounts. It appears to them that in many cases those sums represent the rent of buildings not to be found in a range; and that, practically, officers, and still more subordinates, in charge of ranges would obtain sufficient accommodation at a very much lower rate. The Government are quite willing to pay a fair price for the office accommodation of their servants; but they do not desire to make that payment an indirect source of emolument to those servants.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secretary to Government.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 20th Dec/59

Read the following
letter from the Chief
Engineer

Submitting a letter from the
District Engineer Chingleput for-
warding the application from Lieut
Sullock stating that the Asst Dist Engr
Engineer for Conservancy for his
office establishment and recom-
mending under circumstances
that Office House rent may be
granted to all Officers and Sub-
ordinates in charge of ranges.

Dated 17th Nov/59 No 3370

In this letter the
Chief Engineer recommends
that Office rent should be
granted to all Officers and
Subordinates in charge of
ranges who have to provide
accommodation for their
range establishments. He
represents that the new
arrangement for the Execu-
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for the range establishments

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Stores and Stores, also for
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and ~~_____~~ others who
will have to live on other
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From the Chief Engineer 20th
June 1860 No 154 with July 8 Pa
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On the subject of
granting office rent to
all officers and Subor-
dinates in charge of
Ranges who have to
provide accommodation
for their Range Clerks &c.

No 163 of 1861.

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