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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 14th December 1866.

No. 265. Read the following Circular from the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Military Works,) dated Simla, 29th October 1866, No. 96:—

Provision of quarters by the State for Warrant and Non-Commissioned Officers.

Read again the following papers:—

Letter from Quarter Master General, No. 750C., dated 20th December 1860.

Public Works Department reply, No. 3,600, dated 7th October 1861.

Military Department Memorandum, No. 521, dated 10th March 1865.

Public Works Department letter to Quarter Master General, No. 330 M., dated 22nd March 1865.

Quarter Master General's reply, No. 649, dated 20th April 1865.

Public Works Department Memorandum to Military Department, No. 906 M., dated 14th September 1866.

Read also—

Military Department Memorandum, No. 130, dated 12th October 1866.

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1. Observations.—In December 1860, His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, in view to fixing a fair rent for quarters for Warrant and Non-Commissioned Officers, desired, through the Quarter Master General, to be furnished with a scale of quarters for the different grades. In considering the subject, the conclusion arrived at in this Department was that, no scale of accommodation could be devised that would bear even a fairly approximate relation to the amount of rents, and that the only plan would be to fix a scale which would bear *some* relation to the amounts of rent as well as to the general position of the Warrant Officer. A scale was accordingly prepared for the consideration of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief.

2. It was meanwhile decided by the Military Department, that quarters should be provided by the State, on a moderate but suitable scale, for all Warrant and Non-Commissioned Officers, and the matter was left for further consideration in this Department.

3. The views of the Commander-in-Chief, in reference to the proposed scale above alluded to, were asked for, and in Quarter Master General's letter No. 649, dated 20th October 1865, it was given as His Excellency's opinion, that the scale meets in a very "appropriate manner the requirements with regard to the several grades concerned." But as this scale was based upon a general calculation of proportionate areas of quarters, and not upon suitable sizes of rooms, the following one was prepared with regard to the latter point. It differs but slightly from that

first proposed, and has met with the approval of the Military Department, to which it was referred:—

SCALE.

Grades.	Area of main apartments.	Small rooms for bath and stores.	Servants' houses.
	S. F.		
Deputy Commissary	1,050	2	5
Assistant do.			
Deputy Assistant Commissary			
Riding Master			
Senior Apothecary	800	2	3
Conductor			
Apothecary			
Steward	670	2	2
Sub-Conductor			
Assistant Apothecary			
Do. Steward	500	1	3 among 2
Apprentice	250	1	1

4. The quarters will generally be constructed in blocks for the whole of the Warrant Officers at any one station, more especially as some are too small to be arranged each in a single detached building. A sheet of diagrams to illustrate the scale has therefore been prepared, and has been approved by the Military Department. These diagrams should be considered simply as guides to represent how the dwelling accommodation may be arranged to meet the areas authorized by the Government of India for the several grades, and it is left to Local Governments and Administrations to furnish the detailed plans necessary to meet the requirements at each station.

5. In arranging the diagrams, the following points were kept in view, viz., the scale of quarters that has been heretofore allowed for some of the grades, such as Apothecaries, Apprentice, &c., as well as that authorized for married Soldiers and for Staff Sergeants of classes A, B and C, and also the necessity of giving the apartments suitable dimensions.

6. The scale, though laid down for guidance in regard to future wants, is not to be considered as, in any way, disturbing existing accommodation, but may be understood as that scale of accommodation which can alone be claimed by Warrant and Non-Commissioned Officers in compensation for the retrenchment of house-rent, and as entitling them to claim a proportionate abatement of that retrenchment when the full amount of the scale is not provided for them.

ORDER.—Ordered, that the above Resolution, together with the sheet of diagrams referred to, be forwarded to the Local Governments and Administrations marginally noted, for information and guidance.

Governments of Madras, Bombay, Bengal, North-Western Provinces, and Punjab.
Chief Commissioners of Oudh, Central Provinces, and British Burmah.
Commissioner of Mysore.
Resident at Hyderabad.
Agents, Governor General, for Central India and Rajpootana.

(Signed) C. H. DICKENS, R. A.,
Secretary to the Government of India.

Office Memorandum from the Officiating Deputy Secretary to Government of India, Military Department, to the Secretary to Government of India, Public Works Department, dated 12th October 1866, No. 130.

With reference to Public Works Department Memorandum* No. 906 M., dated 14th September 1866, the undersigned is directed to inform the Secretary to the Government of India, in that Department, that the Government of India, in this Department, concurs in the scale of quarters proposed by the Inspector General of Military Works for the accommodation of Warrant and Non-Commissioned Officers.

* Enclosure (diagrams) herewith returned as requested.

No. 266. ORDER THEREON, 14th December 1866, No. 3,943.

MILITARY WORKS, No. 16.

Communicated to the Military Department, and to the Superintending Engineers for information and guidance.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Military Department,
„ Superintending Engineers, } with Plan.

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