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

No. 272. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Military Department:—

Recording certain papers relative to the rent
to be paid by Officers occupying quarters in
the palace at Mercara, with the observation
that the subject will be re-considered on the
repairs of the palace being completed. (Here enter 7th November 1866, No. 3,864.)

No. 273. ORDER THEREON, 14th November 1866, No. 3,616.
Communicated to the Superintend-
ing Engineer of the 5th Division.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 30.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 5th Division,

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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MILITARY DEPARTMENT.
PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers:—

Memorandum from the Officiating Quarter Master General, Head Quarters, Ootacamund, 19th October 1866, No. ⁷⁸⁹/₈₄₂₃; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George.

Forwarded to Government, with reference to Proceedings of Government, No. 3090, dated 4th September 1866.

2. The Commander-in-Chief concurs with the Committee in respect to the amount of rent that should be paid by the officers of the Regiment stationed at Mercara, occupying rooms in the Palace.

3. His Excellency suggests that no rent should be charged, until the repairs to the quarters shall have been executed, and the buildings brought on the returns of this Department.

From the Officer Commanding Mysore Division, Bangalore, 10th October 1866, No. 552; to the Quarter Master General, Head Quarters, Ootacamund.

No. 585 of 13th September 1866, directing a Committee to be assembled, with reference to Proceedings of Government, No. 3090 of 4th September, to consider what rent should be paid by each officer occupying quarters in the Palace at Mercara.

With reference to your docket No. and subject as per margin, I have the honor to forward Proceedings of a Committee assembled at Mercara, to consider what rent should be paid by officers occupying quarters in the old Palace.

PROCEEDINGS of a Committee assembled at Mercara, on the 4th October 1866, to determine what rent should be paid by officers occupying quarters in the Palace at Mercara.

- PRESIDENT.**
 Lieutenant-Colonel H. H. O'CONNELL, 15th Regiment Native Infantry.
- MEMBERS.**
 Brevet Major W. S. DAVIS, 15th Regiment Native Infantry.
 A. STODDARD, Esq., Executive Engineer, Coorg.

The documents noted in the margin, having been read, and the quarters inspected, the Committee, with reference to the rules laid down on pages 388 and 389 of the Pay Code, fix the following as fair rates to be charged for rent for the same.

Where situated.	No.	By whom occupied.	Rent per mensem.			Remarks.
			RS.	A.	P.	
Upper story of the Palace.	1	Mess	30	0	0	Including No. 10 and go-downs.
	2	Lieut.-Colonel. E. Gage	25	0	0	
	3	Captain and Brevet Major. W. S. Davis.....	23	0	0	
	4	Lieut.-Colonel. H. O'Connell.....	17	0	0	Though numbered as 2 quarters, these contain only very limited accommodation for one married officer, and could not conveniently be divided.
	5	Lieutenant..... C. R. Bradstreet	14	0	0	
	6	Do. E. G. Blenkinsop	10	0	0	
	7	Do. A. C. Williams	10	0	0	Mess Store-room.
	8	Do. C. H. Beddek	17	0	0	
	9	Captain.....				
	10					Numbers not legible. Occupied by the treasury with its guard.
Lower story of the Palace.	11					
	12					
	13					Unoccupied. Only one room. Very dark. Scarcely fit for occupation.
	14	Surgeon..... J. P. Nash, M. D.	20	0	0	
	15	Ensign C. B. Cooke	10	0	0	
	16		5	0	0	
	17	Lieutenant..... R. E. Cox	10	0	0	
	18	Do. A. S. Grove	7	0	0	

Remarks by the Committee.

I. The Palace being built for occupation by natives, the accommodation is ill suited for European Officers and their families. Most of the quarters in the lower story are very dark, some of the rooms so much so, as to be useless, even in the day time, unless lights are used. These inconveniences have been taken into consideration in fixing the above rates of rent.

II. Most of the stables are private property, having been built by officers of Regiments formerly at this station and purchased from them by the officers of the 15th Regiment Native Infantry. It is recommended that these be taken over by Government at a fair valuation, in order to make the quarters with their out-houses completely public.

III. More servants' houses are required.

IV. Repairs to the Palace are *urgently required*. Many of the rooms leak to the great discomfort of the occupants. The roof is in a dangerous state. Doors, windows, bolts, locks, panes of glass are deficient. Immediate measures to re-place these should be taken.

ORDER, No. 3864, 7th November 1866.

Recorded.

2. The subject will be re-considered on the repairs of the Palace being completed.

(True Extract.

Munro Colonel,

Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Quarter Master General.

„ Public Works Department, ...

„ Controller of Military Accounts, }

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