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## Government of Madras.

Public works DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department.*
*23rd May* 1867.

No. 564. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department:—

Communicating letter from the Quarter Master General, intimating that, in estimating the value of a house, the original cost of construction is to be considered, and not what it would cost to build it at the prevailing rates of labour and materials at the time of valuation. } (Here enter 18th May 1867, No. 1,852.)

No. 565. ORDER THEREON, 23rd May 1867, No. 1,566.

MILITARY WORKS, No. 39.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer of the 3rd Division.

(True Extract.)

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

## MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

### *PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.*

Read the following papers:—

*From the Secy. to Govt. Public Works Dept.* | Here enter 4th December 1866.
*From the Quarter Master General.....* ,, 4th May 1867, No. $\frac{282}{3245}$.

From the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, Camp Cuddapah, 30th November 1866, No. 2617; to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Madras.

With reference to the rules laid down on page 385 of the Circular Order book of the Public Works Department, for the valuation of buildings, &c., I have the honor to request the ruling of Government as to which rates are to be taken in preparing the estimate, whether those at present prevailing or those which were in force at the time of the building being constructed.

2. My own reading of the rules laid down is that the rate at present prevailing should be adopted, but my reason for asking is in consequence of the Military authorities at Bellary having considered that the estimate prepared by this department for the valuation of a building was too high, having been framed at present rates, and calling for an estimate to be prepared of the original cost.

Referred to the Military Department.

(Signed) C. A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
*Secy. to Govt., P. W. D.*

*4th December* 1866.

Referred to the Commander-in-Chief, (Quarter Master General's Department.)
6*th December* 1867.

From the Quarter Master General, Head Quarters, Ootacamund, 4th May 1867, No. $\frac{282}{3245}$; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George.

In reply to the reference from the Superintending Engineer 3rd Division, dated 30th November last, No. 2617, received under your docket, dated 6th December 1866, I have the honor, by order to submit to Government, that the Commander-in-Chief observes that the rule* quoted by Major Moberly, R. E., clearly lays down that in estimating the value of a house the "original cost of construction" is to be considered; and not what it would cost to build it at the prevailing rates of labor and materials at the time of valuation. His Excellency cannot therefore understand why the Superintending Engineer referred the question under reply, it being already provided for by Regulation.

* *Circular Orders, Department Public Works, dated 6th October* 1856.

2. The allusion to the Military authorities at Bellary in the second paragraph of Major Moberly's letter called for a report from the Officer Commanding Ceded Districts. This was received only on the 1st instant, which will account for the delay in the reply to the reference under disposal.

ORDER, No. 1852, 18th May 1867.

The foregoing letter from the Quarter Master General communicated to the Public Works Department, with the remark that the Government agree with His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief that Major Moberly's reference was unnecessary.

**(True Extract.)**

J Marshall *Major General,*
*Secretary to Government.*

To the Public Works Department. With 20 spare Copies.
,, Quarter Master General.

Exd. T. Stubbs.

Ltr 18th } May 1854
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Comm's Letter from the Dist Engr. Buf, intimating that in estimating the value for the original cost of house the original cost of construction is to be considered that at the cost to build it at the prevailing rate of labor & material at the time of valuation. Write accordingly

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Commd. of the Engineers of the 3rd Dist

Buffalo 23d May 1854

Rec'd 25th May