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No. 175. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department, dated 5th February 1867, No. 457.

Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department, dated 28th January 1867, No. 270.

Communicated to the Commander-in-Chief (Quarter Master General's Department), with a request that His Excellency will be good enough to cause the instructions in paragraph 2 of the foregoing (Public Works Department) Order to be carried out.

(Signed) H. MARSHALL, Major General,
Secretary to Government.

No. 176. ORDER THEREON, 11th February 1867, No. 407.

ACCOUNT, No. 26.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineers in continuation of G. O. No. 270, dated 28th January 1867.

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

To the Superintending Engineers.
" Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

FORT SAINT GEORGE, 11TH DECEMBER, 1866.

No. 460 of 1866.—The following Extracts from General Orders by the Government of India, are re-published :—

Head Quarters, Simla, 11th October 1866.

No. 859 of 1866.—His Excellency the Governor General in Council is pleased to lay down the following revised Rules regarding rent of public quarters, which will have effect from the 1st January 1867 :—

1. No deduction will be made from the pay and allowances of any Officers supplied with public quarters who have heretofore, under proper authority, been so provided free of charge.

2. When public quarters are provided for Commissioned Officers not entitled to free quarters, rent will be charged by the Public Works Department, and will be paid to the credit of that Department. No other deduction will be made from pay and allowances on this account.

3. The rent will be assessed on the principles laid down in paragraphs 11, 12, and 13, Chapter XI of the Code of Regulations for the Public Works Department of 1866, by the Executive Engineer on the Return which will be furnished to him by the Barrack Master, as regards Officers' quarters and other Regimental buildings under his charge. In all other cases, the Executive Engineer must arrange for the recovery of the proper amount of rents.

4. Having determined the amount of rent to be charged, the Executive Engineer will furnish to the Regimental or Circle Paymaster a monthly Statement countersigned by the Commanding Officer, or head of the Department concerned, showing the amount to be recovered from each Officer.

5. In the event of the rent fixed by the Executive Engineer being objected to by the occupant as too high, an appeal may be made through Commanding Officers, or local heads of Departments, to the Executive Engineer, and, with the approval of the Officer Commanding the Station, a final reference may be made to a Station Committee, of which the Executive Engineer shall be a Member.

6. The rent fixed for Commissioned or Warrant Officers' quarters shall in no case exceed the amount laid down in the scale entered in this General Order, or such other scale as may be hereafter substituted for it.

7. The rent of quarters provided for the Officers of a British Regiment will be recovered by the Regimental Paymaster, and the amount transmitted by a Remittance Transfer Receipt to the Executive Engineer.

8. The rent of quarters occupied by Staff and other Officers who are not paid through Regimental Paymasters, will, when it is not more convenient to the Executive Engineer to receive the amount immediately from the Officer concerned, be recorded by Circle Paymasters, and transmitted in like manner by a Remittance Transfer Receipt direct to the Executive Engineer.

9. The authorized scale of quarters for Commissioned Officers is prescribed in the Public Works Department Code, Chapter IX., and the monthly rent chargeable for such quarters, when the full accommodation is provided, will, for the present, be as follows :—

	Rs.
Colonel or Lieutenant-Colonel	100
Major	80
Captain	50
Lieutenant	30
Ensign	25

10. Medical Officers according to their relative rank.

11. If owing to quarters suitable to his rank not being available, an Officer is provided with quarters inferior to those authorized for his grade, he will only be charged according to the scale of quarters he actually occupies. If, on the same grounds of suitable quarters not being available, he is provided with the quarters of a superior grade, he will only be charged rent according to the scale laid down for his rank. But if, at his own request, he is provided with quarters superior to those allotted to his rank, he will be charged the prescribed rent for such superior quarters.

12. When only one set of quarters can be allotted to two or more Officers, the rent to be charged to each only will be a due proportion of the amount fixed as the rent of such quarters.

13. When superior quarters to those laid down for a Colonel and Lieutenant-Colonel are provided for a General Officer not entitled to free quarters, he will be liable to be charged a proportionably increased rate to be determined in the manner prescribed in paragraphs 3 and 5.

14. When bungalows or quarters are on any emergency rented by the Public Works Department, the absolute amount of rent is to be charged to the Officers occupying these quarters, provided the charge to any Officer does not exceed the full amount of rent fixed for his rank (see paragraph 9.)

G. G. O. No. 331 of 3rd August 1858.

15. In the event of quarters becoming available for any Officer who is bound to occupy public quarters, or who may have applied for them, but who has been obliged for a time to occupy private lodgings in consequence of no public quarters being available for him, due notice shall be given to him by the Barrack Master, and rent shall be claimable for the quarters after three months from the date of the receipt of the notice from the Barrack Master, whether the quarters be occupied or not, or from the date of actual occupation if that event occurs first.

16. When, in the absence of all other quarters, accommodation is provided for Officers entitled to public quarters in vacant Regimental Barracks, on which no public money has been spent to fit them for Officers, no charge will be made.

17. It will rest with the Executive Engineer to see that no Officer, if not entitled to free quarters, is allowed to occupy any public buildings without charge, when suitable quarters liable to rent can be supplied to him.

18. When Forts are garrisoned by Detachments relieved at short periods, the Officers attached to them are exempted from the payment of rent for the public quarters they occupy during their tour of duty.

19. Warrant Officers provided with public quarters will, in like manner, be exempted from any deduction from their pay and allowances, except the prescribed scale of rent fixed for their several grades.

20. The charge to Warrant Officers for public quarters will be—

	RS.	A.	P.
Deputy Commissary	*50	0	0
Assistant Commissary.	30	0	0
Deputy Assistant Commissary	25	0	0
Senior Apothecaries			
Conductors, Apothecaries			
Stewards	12	0	0
Sub-Conductors	10	0	0
Assistant Apothecaries	7	8	0
Hospital Apprentice	5	8	0
	3	0	0

21. Trained School Masters and Non-Commissioned Officers and Soldiers attached to Native Corps and Departments are not allowed tentage or house-rent when provided with quarters by the Public Works Department, and no charge is made on their account; but if provided with quarters of a decidedly inferior description, they will be entitled, as compensation, to the difference between the amount of rent fixed for each class, and the value of the quarters assigned to them—the amount of compensation to be determined as in the case of Commissioned Officers.

22. This clause is also applicable to School Mistresses who have been placed in such respects on the footing of 3rd Class School Masters.

* When quarters on the scale allowed to Captains are provided for them.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 28th January 1867.

Read the following papers :—

No. 548. From the Controller of Military Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Fort Saint George, 12th December 1866, B.

1. I have the honor to forward a letter from the Examiner, Pay Department, dated 8th December 1866, No. 3,242, bringing to notice that the new system of payment of British Troops, introduced from the 1st October 1866, under instructions from the Government of India, requires that deductions for rent of public quarters from Officers of *British Regiments* Royal Artillery, British Cavalry, British Infantry. should be paid to the Public Works Department.

2. The check will, therefore, rest with the Officers of that Department, and I would request that the necessary instructions may be issued to the Executive Engineers concerned.

3. Should it be in the power of the Pay Department in any way to facilitate the exercise of that check, I shall feel obliged by your informing me on the point.

From the Pay Examiner, to the Controller of Military Accounts, dated Fort Saint George, 8th December 1866, No. 3,242.

Under paragraphs 55 and 56, page 390 of the Pay Code, all deductions for rent of public quarters have been checked by this office, but under the new system of accounts for European Troops, these deductions should not appears in the Accounts of Regiments and Batteries rendered to this office, as heretofore; the sums payable by Officers are due to the Public Works Department, and are now to be paid to the Officers of that Department by Regimental Paymasters, &c.; it seems, therefore, unnecessary for this office, to exercise any check on such payments, which indeed it could not do without a separate statement of the deductions for which no provision is made in the rules, and I would, therefore, suggest that it be intimated to the Public Works Department that all recoveries from European Regiments, &c. on account of rent of quarters, should now be checked by the Officers of that Department.

42 and 43 questions connected with instructions issued regarding Accounts of European Troops—Bengal Controller's Circular, 20th September 1866, No. 138 B.

Referred to the Controller of Public Works Accounts for report.

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

14*th December* 1866.

No. 549. From the Controller of Public Works Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 8th January 1867, No. 3,172.

1 Letter from Controller, Military Accounts.
1 Do. do. Pay Examiner.
1 Copy of letter from Accountant General, Public Works Department.

1. With reference to the letter from the Controller of Military Accounts, dated 12th December 1866, referred for my report, I have the honor to state that it appears to me the assessment and collection of rents of public buildings are, by G. O. of the Government of India, published in the Fort Saint George Gazette, dated 11th December 1866, to be made by the Executive

No. 460, dated 11th December 1866.

Engineer of the Division or Range, and the duty of collecting the rent payable by Officers of British Regiments should also, it appears, be similarly entrusted to the Public Works Officer.

2. But the Sections of the Code of the Government of India, under which the assessment and collection are to be made by this Department, have not been specially made applicable to this Presidency by a G. O. of this Government, and this is left for the orders of Government to determine upon.

3. In paragraph 6 of my letter of the 16th May 1865, No. 1,156, to the address of the Board of Revenue, recorded in G. O. 14th June 1865, No. 1,645, it was pointed out that this office was to be hereafter held responsible for proper records of rents of buildings being kept up in Ranges, and for the due realization of the rents as they become due; but in the orders of Government, in the Revenue Department, passed on this reference, it was decided that these instructions had reference to only rents realized by Public Works Officers, and it was not then the practice in this Presidency for Public Works Officers to realize rents for public buildings. It is left to the Government to determine whether this system is to be adopted for the future, in which case Range Officers will have to be furnished with periodical reports by Barrack Masters and Regimental Paymasters, &c., and this office will have to be in communication with them, in order to the keeping up Registers of such rents, as well as to check their due recovery.

Paragraph 4 of G. O., 7th June 1865, No. 1,223.

4. The accounting for, to this Department, of all rents from public buildings is also noticed in paragraph 4 of a letter from the Secretary to the Government of India, dated 21st September 1865, No. 843 A., as also in the letter of the Secretary to the Government of India, dated 9th February 1866, No. 154 A; but no special orders on the subject were passed in the G. O. of this Government, dated 25th October 1865, No. 3,205.

5. In a letter from the Accountant General, Public Works Department, dated 17th December 1866* No. 1,531, a copy of which is herewith forwarded, that Officer gives it as his opinion that the rents realized in the Military Department should be paid over by the Military Paymaster, to the Executive Engineer of the Division, to be accounted for in the manner laid down in the Chapters XI. and XXI. paragraphs 13, 3, 17 of the Code of the Government of India, quoted by him, and the Accountant General desires that the Accountant, Military Department, may be referred to, with a view to ascertain if he would conform to the above rule which has been done by this office.

* Received 3rd January 1867.

No. 550. Memorandum from the Controller of Public Works Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 16th January 1867, No. 3,329.

Submitted to Government, in originals, for information and orders, with reference to the letter from the undersigned, No. 3,172, dated 8th January 1867.

From the Military Accountant, to the Controller of Public Works Accounts, dated Madras, 11th January 1867, No. 2,561.

Adverting to your letter, No. 3,168, dated 8th January 1867, and its enclosures, I have the honor to observe that the attention of Executive Officers in the Military Department has been directed to G. O. G., No. 460, dated 11th December 1866, laying down rules regarding the rent of public quarters realized from Officers, &c., being remitted by means of Remittance Transfer Receipts from January 1867.

No. 551. ORDER THEREON, 28th January 1867, No. 270.

ACCOUNT, No. 51.

1. The General Order of the Government of India, No. 460, dated 11th December 1866, will be circulated to the Superintending Engineers for communication to Executive Officers for their information and guidance.

2. Orders will be issued in the Military Department for the Returns referred to in paragraph 3 of the G. O. being regularly furnished to Executive Officers of the Public Works Department.

3. The mode of recovering the rents of Public Buildings in the occupation of Commissioned and other Officers is defined in paragraphs 7 and 8 of the General Order.

4. The Controller will see that proper records of rents due on account of Public Buildings in the occupation of Military Officers are kept up in the several Ranges, and that all State demands for such rents are duly realized.

5. Captain Fischer will issue such subsidiary instructions as he may deem necessary for giving effect to these orders, and he will be specially careful to guard against unnecessary complications.

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

To the Superintending Engineers.
,, Controller of Public Works Accounts. } With General Order.
,, Military Department.
,, Accountant General.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

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Communicated to the Commander-in-Chief Quarter Master General's Department with a request that His Excellency will be good enough to cause the instructions in para 2 of the foregoing Public Works Department order to be carried out.

Fort Saint George
6th February 1867

Meredith Major Genl:
Secretary to Government

To
The Quarter Master Genl:
" Public Works Department
" Controller of Military Accounts
" Barrack Master Fort St George

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