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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 9th February 1870.

No. 146. Read the following letter from the Controller of Military Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated Fort St. George, 20th January 1870-E. :—

Dated 17th January 1870, No. 319.

I HAVE the honour to forward a docket memorandum from the Quartermaster General submitting correspondence regarding the rent demanded by the Department of Public Works for the Artillery Mess-house at the Mount, and suggesting that the amount be fixed at Rupees 100 per mensem, the rate paid by the Artillery at Secunderabad and the European Regiment in the Fort.*

* P. G., No. 1,909, of 4th June 1864.

2. The present rate of house-rent absorbs the monthly Mess allowance, and the expenses of the mess exceed the monthly subscriptions of the officers by Rupees 22-1-7.

Rupees 160.

3. Under these circumstances Government, in the Department of Public Works, may see fit to fix the rent at the amount recommended by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief.

From the President of the Mess Committee, Royal Artillery, to the Officer Commanding Royal Artillery, Centre Division, dated Saint Thomas' Mount, 9th November 1869, No. 103.

I HAVE the honour to enclose copy of a letter from the Executive Engineer, Mount Range, by which you will observe that that Officer claims rent on the part of Government from the 14th June 1869 for the Artillery Mess-house at this station at the rate hitherto paid to the Special Committee for the settlement of the Mess funds of the late Madras Artillery, viz, Rupees 160 per mensem.

2. I beg to submit, for your consideration, that the monthly subscriptions levied from the members of this mess are at the maximum rate allowed by the regulations ; that these subscriptions, together with the Government allowance for four Batteries, amount to Rupees 282-6-5, and the expenditure, on account of servants and rent (at the above rate,) amounts to Rupees 304-8-0, Rupees 22 in excess of receipts, and this I regret to say does not include wear and tear of mess furniture, table-linen, lighting, etc.

3. Paragraph 414, page 78, Madras Army Regulations, expressly lay down that the Government allowance, the donations, and subscriptions of the members of a mess are to provide for the payment of servants, wear and tear of furniture, table-linen, etc., *in addition to house-rent*, I would respectfully suggest, therefore, the propriety of submitting the enclosed statement of receipts and expenditure from the above sources to Government, with a view to a just and equitable amount of rent proportionate with our receipts being decided upon, and, in order to arrive at this decision, I may mention that at Secunderabad, where, as at this station, there are four Batteries of Artillery and the Mess-house is the property of Government, the rent is fixed at 100 rupees per mensem, which I respectfully suggest as a fair sum for us to pay ; we are probably at a greater expense on account of establishment of servants at this station than the Royal Artillery Officers at Secunderabad, on account of the number of Honorary Members (Officers of the Regiment) employed on the staff at Madras, who can, at any time, avail themselves of all the privilege and advantages appertaining to the mess, but who pay no subscription or donation towards its maintenance.

From the Executive Engineer of the Mount Range, to the Secretary of the Royal Artillery Mess, Saint Thomas' Mount, dated 5th November 1869, No. 967.

UNDER instructions from the Superintending Engineer of the 4th Division, I have the honour to request the favour of your paying to this office the amount of house-rent due for the Artillery Mess-

house from the 14th June 1869, the date on which the building became the property of the Government, to the 31st ultimo, at the rate hitherto paid for the use of the building to the Special Committee for the settlement of the Mess funds of the late Madras Artillery.

No. 5,006½.

FORWARDED to the Quartermaster General, Fort Saint George, with reference to his endorsement, No. 7,569, of 17th December 1869.

MADRAS,
12*th January* 1870.

(Signed) J. R. SMYTH, Major-General,
Commanding Centre Division.

No. 319.

FORWARDED for the favourable consideration of Government, with a recommendation of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief that the rent of the Artillery Mess-house at the Mount may be fixed at 100 rupees per month. This arrangement will place the Artillery at the Mount on the same footing as regards rent for a Mess-house as the Artillery at Secunderabad and the European Regiment in Fort Saint George, and will allow of a portion of the monthly Mess allowance of 160 rupees, being available to meet other authorized charges connected with the maintenance of a mess.

(By Order.)

FORT ST. GEORGE,
17*th January* 1870.

(Signed) A. HOWLETT, Colonel,
Acting Quartermaster General.

TRANSFERRED, with the Quartermaster General's letter, to the Public Works Department.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
22*nd January* 1870.

(Signed) A. WILDE, Colonel,
Secretary to Government, M.D.

No. 147. ORDER THEREON, 9th February 1870, No. 451.

ACCOUNT, No. 20.

UNDER the circumstances explained in these papers and on the recommendation of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, the Government resolve to direct that the rent of the Artillery Mess-house at Saint Thomas' Mount be fixed at Rupees 100 per mensem.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division.
" Controller of Public Works Accounts.
" Military Department.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

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OFFICE OF CONTROLLER OF MILITARY ACCOUNTS,
Fort St. George, 20th January 1870.

From
The Controller Military Accounts,
To
The Secretary to Government,
Military Department,
Fort Saint George,

Sir,

I have the honor to forward a docket Memorandum from the Quarter Master General submitting correspondence regarding the rent demanded by the Department of Public Works for the Artillery Mess House at the Mount, and suggesting that the amount be fixed at Rs 100 per mensem, the rate paid by the Artillery at Secunderabad and the European Regiment in the Fort.

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2. The present rate of House-rent absorbs the whole monthly House Allowance, and the expenses of the Mess exceed the monthly subscriptions of the Officers by £22-1-7.

3. Under these circumstances Government in the Department of Public Works may see fit to fix the rent at the amount recommended by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your obedient Servant

[signature]
Lt Colonel,
Controller of Military Accounts

Public Works Department.

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Under date the 9th July 1870

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From The Controller of Military Accounts, Fort St. George, No. 346, dated 20th January 1870, Rec'd 26th Ditto

To The Secretary to Government, Military Department.

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Dated 20th January 1870

Received 26th Ditto

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Endorsement.

Regarding rent of Royal Artillery Mess House, St. Thomas' Mount.

Under the circumstances explained in these papers, and on the recommendation of His Excellency the Commander in Chief, the Govt. resolve to direct that the rent of the Artillery Mess House at St. Thomas' Mount be fixed at Rs. 100 per mensem.

S. Engr. & Arch.
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To Lieut. Col. Kyd, Mily. Sec. to C. in C.

With reference to the Govt. Order noted in the margin

Yours very truly

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To

The Superintending Engineer
4th Division

Dated

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