Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
28th January 1874.

No. 396. Read the following letter from Colonel C. H. DICKENS, R.A., Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Account—Buildings,) to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Fort William, 18th December 1873, No. 447 A.—B. :—

In continuation of this Office letter, No. 415 A.—B., dated 15th ultimo, on the subject of hiring buildings for Garrison Instruction purposes, I am directed to forward, for information and guidance, an extract of a letter from the Superintendent, Garrison Instruction, suggesting certain points which should be followed in connection with the renting of lecture halls, etc.

Extract from letter from the Superintendent of Garrison Instruction, to the Adjutant General, No. 1,087, *dated* 15*th October* 1873.

I would beg that the following points should be taken into consideration in connection with renting by Government of houses :—

1*st*.—That Executive Engineers of Cantonments should be authorized to take houses upon the application of the Garrison Instructor, approved by the Superintendent of Garrison Instruction.

2*nd*.—That houses so taken up should be rented by the month in the first instance until the Superintendent of Garrison Instruction on his annual tour certifies to their suitability for the purpose required.

3*rd*.—On his doing so, they should be taken on a five years' lease with power of renewal for another five years at the option of Government. This proviso appears absolutely necessary in order that Garrison Instructors may be able to add to their field works, etc., etc., from time to time, which they could not do if the houses and ground were taken on short leases, or if they were liable to constant removal from one house to another.

4*th*.—All spare accommodation in buildings rented by Government should be valued by a station committee for the purpose of being rented either to Garrison Instructors or to officers attending the classes under the regulations of the Department of Public Works.

5*th*.—The rent to be disbursed, repairs arranged for, and rent from occupants of quarters to be recovered by the Executive Engineers of Cantonments.

6*th*.—Government has sanctioned an average of Rupees 150 a month as the rent for lecture halls, but it will sometimes occur that a house of somewhat higher rent will in reality be a better bargain for Government on account of there being more spare accommodation available for officers' quarters. This should be left to the decision of the Superintendent of Garrison Instruction, who should be held responsible for the result.

7*th*.—The question of Government purchasing houses is connected with paragraph 3 ; it would, no doubt, in some cases be a far more economical arrangement to purchase than to rent.

No. 397. Order thereon, 28th January 1874, No. 201.

MILITARY WORKS, No. 14.

Communicated to the Inspecting Engineer for Buildings and the District Engineers, Presidency and Bangalore, in continuation of G. O., No. 2,943, of 6th December 1873.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Goverment.

To the Inspecting Engineer for Buildings.
,, District Engineers, Presidency and Bangalore.
,, Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts.
,, Military Department.

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All communications should be addressed to the Secretary.

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Lecture Halls. Letter

From the Govt of India forwarding a Communication from the Supt of Garrison Instruction suggesting certain points in connection with the Erection of Halls for Lectures

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