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No. 82. Read the following letter from W. S. HARRINGTON, Esq., District Engineer, Malabar, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Calicut, 11th July 1874,
No. 85:—

WITH reference to G. O., 23rd ultimo, No. 1,687, I have the honor to report having inspected the Officers' quarters at West Hill, Calicut, on the morning of the 10th instant with the view of ascertaining their size, condition, and the amount of rent which should, in my opinion, be imposed. I submit with all deference that not being a Military man, and as a consequence being unacquainted with the rules and regulations in force, it becomes difficult for me to decide the question that I have been ordered to decide, viz., the amount of rent that the officers should be called upon to pay; but, as I have been directed to do so, I venture to state that, taking into consideration the inferior accommodation provided for each officer, the state of disrepair in which I find the buildings, the deficiency of servants' godowns, and the fact of Calicut being as I conceive it may be called, compared with Madras, Bangalore, Secundrabad and other large Military stations, an "out-station" half the rent which, I believe, is usually levied as rent for Commanding Officers and Subalterns may be considered enough, viz., Rupees 25 for the former (50÷2), and Rupees 15 for the latter (30÷2), and that such rent should not be imposed till the buildings have been put in thorough repair, say, from the 1st of January next, as repairs cannot be properly executed during the monsoon, nor for some little time after it. Much requires to be done to render them comfortable quarters, such as asphaltting the floors, painting the doors and windows, thoroughly repairing the roofs, etc., etc.; part of the quarters properly belonging to the Commanding Officer, moreover, have been given up by him as a Mess-house, and are used as such, no other building being procurable. As regards the quarters occupied by the Surgeon, it may be sufficient for me to say that they are merely Apothecary's quarters, the prescribed rent for which is Rupees 12½ per mensem.

No. 83. ORDER THEREON, 4th August 1874, No. 2,136.

ACCOUNT, No. 6.

K. R. THE District Engineer's report is unsatisfactory in the extreme. He is quite as well qualified to report on the subject as any Military Officer could be. Both alike would be guided by the rules laid down in Military Regulations and Public Works orders, which are doubtless available in the District Engineer's Office. The accommodation therein prescribed should be compared with that actually available, and the results of the comparison reported.

2. Meanwhile the rents named in the letter under review will be levied by the District Engineer from the 1st July.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Malabar.

" Military Department.

" Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

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N^o 85 Malabar District: Engrs Office
Calicut 11th July 1844

From The District Engineer,
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I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Yours most Obedt Servant,

W. B. Hamilton
District Engineer,
Malabar.

Public Works Department
 Proceedings of the Madras Government
 Group The Lt Engineer 2436
 Malabar / P.O. 686 dated
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To

The Dist. Engr.
Malabar

Dated

Recd.

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G. O. 11 August 1883, No. 2136

Dec. 82-83.

House rent

The report of the District Engineer - Malabar regarding the ~~assessment of rent~~ rate of rent to be charged for Quarters provided at West Hill barracks, Calicut, for the Officers of the 43rd Light Infantry, considered unsatisfactory and the rates ~~named~~ ^{named} ordered to be levied from 1st July.