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Pay and Allowances.
House-rent.

It is requested that the above heading, with number and date of this communication, may be quoted in any subsequent correspondence on this subject.

Government of India,

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

Fort William, the 8th October 1874.

Extract from a letter from Colonel H. K. BURNE, Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, to the President, Special Stud Commission, —(No. 427, Pay and Allowances / House-rent, dated Fort William, the 8th October 1874.)

PARA. 1. I am directed to forward herewith, for your information, copy of a letter No. 155, dated 27th August 1874, with enclosures, fro m the officer in charge of the Remount Depôt, regarding the rent charged by the Public Works Department for the quarters he occupies, and to request that you will point out to that officer the exact scope of the Government orders to which he refers.

2. The General Order No. 79 of 1874 contains, I am to state, no new ruling, but is merely an explanation of existing orders, which are that where the State provides public quarters equal to the scale laid down for an officer, he pays rent at the rates prescribed in G. G. O. No. 859 of 1865, of course receiving no presidency house-rent as the circumstances under which alone that allowance is granted do not exist.

3. Under this rule, which is well known and of universal application in all cases whether officers are or are not in receipt of staff salaries, Veterinary Surgeon Russell cannot draw presidency house-rent, and must be required to pay the rent fixed for his relative rank (that of Captain) Rs. 50 per mensem, if the quarters he occupies are on the scale fixed for that rank.

No. 428.

Copy of the above, and of the letter and enclosures referred to, forwarded to the Public Works Department, for information.

By order,

Captain,

Asst. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 429. To the Controller of Military Accounts.

Exd. H. de Silva.

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From Veterinary Surgeon W. A. RUSSELL, R. H. A., in charge Remount Depôt, to Colonel H. K. BURNE, Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department,—(No. 155, dated Calcutta, the 27th August 1874.)

I HAVE the honor to submit the accompanying correspondence* relative to the rent charged for the quarters I occupy in the Government Remount Depôt, Ballygunge, and beg you will be so good as to forward the same for favorable consideration.

* Nos. 2287 and 2288, dated 19th August 1874, from the Superintending Engineer, 1st Circle, Military Works.

2. I would most respectfully beg permission to point out that as my staff pay is only Rupees 100 (one hundred) per mensem, and that allowed only during the absence of the Remount Agent, it cannot, I am convinced, be the intention of the Government to charge me Rupees 120 (one hundred and twenty) per mensem rent for quarters which I am obliged to occupy for the more effective performance of my duties.

From Major W. R. TUCKER, R. E., Officiating Superintending Engineer, 1st Circle, Military Works, to the Officer in charge of Remount Depôt,—(No. 2287, Public Works Department, Military Works dated the 19th August 1874.)

With reference to letter No. 145 of 11th instant, from the officer in charge of the Remount Depôt, Ballygunge, on the subject of deduction from him of presidency house-rent in addition to house-rent recovered from him, undersigned begs to enclose an extract from a letter* from the Controller of Military Accounts to the address of the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, together with a copy of G. G. O, No. 79 of 1874, therein referred to, and to state that under the ruling contained in the above papers, it appears that he is liable to be charged with the house-rent for the quarters occupied by him in "Castle Rainey" in addition to the deduction of his presidency house-rent.

* No. 12773, dated 4th March 1874.

2. If the officer in charge of the Remount Depôt considers that his case should be made a special one, undersigned requests he will submit his application through the proper channel for consideration and orders of Government.

Extract from a letter from the Controller of Military Accounts, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department,—(No. 12773, dated the 4th March 1874.)

Para. 2. Mr. Thacker and his assistant while at the presidency are entitled to draw presidency house-rent if no accommodation is given them, but if quarters are provided and availed of, the claim to presidency house-rent would be forfeited, and under the ruling of G. G. O. No. 79 of 1874, they would be liable to be charged house-rent by the Public Works Department for the number of rooms occupied.

G. G. O. No. 79 of 1874.

With the view of obviating misapprehension and placing all officers who occupy Government quarters on an equal footing, the Right Hon'ble the Governor-General in Council is pleased to direct that in future the scale of rent for such quarters shall in all cases be that prescribed in G. G. O. No. 859 of 26th October 1866.

2. Presidency house-rent being in fact an allowance specially granted in addition to the house-rent or tentage virtually included in every officer's pay, to enable him to provide himself with suitable accommodation in a presidency town, any officer who may be in receipt of it, will, on his occupying public quarters, cease to draw that scale of house-rent and will pay the rent laid down in that General Order.

3. This order supersedes G. G. O. No. 579 of 30th May 1867, and is applicable to the three presidencies.

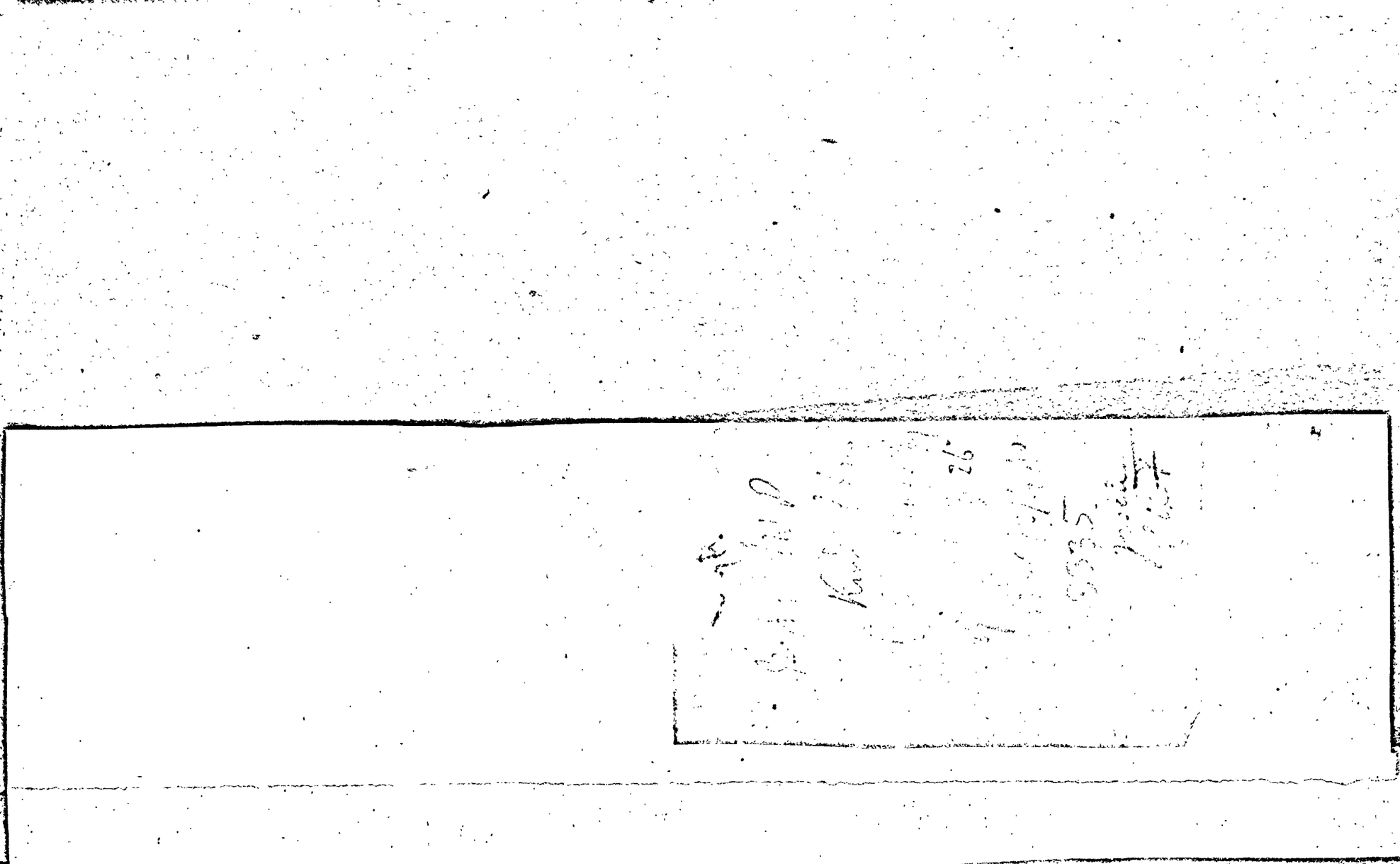
(Signed) W. R. TUCKER, *Major, R. E.,*
Offg Supdg. Engineer, 1st Circle, M. W.

From Major W. R. Tucker, R. E., Officiating Superintending Engineer, 1st Circle, Military Works,. to W. A. Russell, Esq., Officiating Remount Agent, "Castle Rainey," Ballygunge,—(No. 2288, Public Works Department / Military Works, dated the 19th August 1874)

In continuation of this office No. 2287 of to-day, I beg to inform you that when "Castle Rainey" was rented for remount stables and residence of Remount Agent and his assistants I* quite supposed you and your assistant would only be charged your presidency house-rent which you would forfeit; it now appears that there is a late General Order† stating that officers occupying Government buildings must pay rent besides forfeiting presidency house-rent; but I cannot imagine that it will have retrospective effect in your case. The Remount Agent and his assistant reside at "Castle Rainey" for the benefit of the Public Service, so as to be close at hand to the remount horses' stables, and the stables no doubt, to a certain extent lessen the value of the house as a private residence. I would advise you to send a copy of this to the Presidency Paymaster requesting him to postpone the retrenchment on account of charge made for rent in addition to presidency house-rent, pending result of a reference you might make to higher authority.

* I was then Garrison Engineer, Fort William.

† No. 79 of 1874.



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House - Rent -

Docket from the Govt of India, forwarding copy of correspondence relating to the recovery of house rent from Officers occupying public quarters, Comd to the Mily Deptt & to Chief Engineers —