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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
12th June 1875.*

Read the following papers :—

No. 263. From T. MOSS, Esq., Controller of Public Works Accounts, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 26th February 1875, No. 10,403 :—

WITH reference to the 2nd paragraph of the letter from the Inspector-General of Police, printed with G. O., No. 196, of the 23rd instant, wherein it is stated that "no officer above the grade of Assistant Superintendent at present occupies a Government building," I have the honor to report, for the information of Government, that the Commissioner of Police occupies, free of rent, the upper storey of the building in which his office is held.

2. There are other Government buildings in Madras which are occupied by officers free of rent, and as no authority can be traced by the District Engineer, Presidency, for exemption of those officers from the payment of rent, I have advised Lieutenant-Colonel Goddard to send a list of the public buildings so occupied to Government, and to ask whether the present arrangement is in accordance with the orders or wishes of Government in the several departments.

No. 127.

RETURNED to the District Engineer, Presidency, for re-submission through the Controller of Public Works Accounts, with a view to a full report being made by that officer as to the liability or otherwise of the persons named to pay rent, as well as to the sufficiency of the authority under which exemption is claimed by certain of the officers.

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

31st March 1875.

No. 264.

No. 6,819.

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12th June 1875.

List of Officers, &c., occupying Quarters free of rent in the Presidency District, prepared agreeably to paragraph 2 of letter, No. 10,403, dated 26th February 1875, from the Controller of Public Works Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department.

Names of Buildings.	Names of individuals occupying the building.	Remarks by the District Engineer, Presidency.	Remarks by the Controller of Public Works Accounts.
General Hospital, Resident Surgeon's quarters.	Surgeon E. F. Brockman, Acting Resident Medical Officer.	The Deputy Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Service, states that the quarters occupied by Surgeon E. F. Brockman belong to the Medical Officer of the Regiment in the Fort, and were, being unoccupied, handed over by Inspector-General Haddaway for the use of the Resident Medical Officer of the General Hospital. No other authority for the occupation. The Deputy Surgeon-General has been requested, on 28th December 1874, to recover and remit the sum of Rupees 752-6-8, being the amount of rent due by Surgeon E. F. Brockman for occupying the quarters at the General Hospital from 28th December 1873 to 28th October 1874, at Rupees 75 per month.	No. 784. 1. There being no authority under which the Resident Surgeon is allowed quarters rent free, rent should be recovered from Surgeon Brockman as proposed by the District Engineer. 2. In the absence of such authority rent should be recovered.—See paragraph 9 of the rules circulated with G. O., No. 6, dated 4th January 1871. It will be observed on reference to this office letter, No. 10,403, dated the 26th February 1875 (on which no orders have yet been passed by Government), that the fact of free quarters being occupied by the Commissioner of Police was brought to the notice of Government in connection with the remark by the Inspector-General of Police in his letter, printed with G. O., No. 196, dated 23rd February 1875, that "no officer above the grade of Assistant Superintendent at present occupies a Government building."
Upper story of the Office of Commissioner of Police.	Colonel Drever, Commissioner of Police.	The Commissioner of Police states that he has no authority for the occupation of his quarters free of rent on the records of his office.	

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Inspector's quarters, Egmore Police Court.	Mr. Simpson, Reserve Inspector.	The Commissioner quotes G. O., No. 931, dated 12th July 1871, as authority for quarters occupied free of rent by the Reserve Inspector.	3. The Government Order quoted by the Commissioner merely sanctions estimates for certain works to be constructed in the compound of the Egmore Police Court, including Inspector's quarters, as by G. O., Judicial Dept., No. 209, dated 29th Jan. 1875, communicated in G. O., Public Works Department, No. 196, dated 23rd February 1875, Inspectors and Head Constables are required to pay rent for the buildings they occupy; Inspector Simpson should be called upon to pay rent for the quarters occupied by him. 4. There is no information in this office on the subject. In the absence of any authority, rent should be recovered at a fixed rate.
Observatory building	Mr. Pogson, Government Astronomer.	The Government Astronomer states as follows:— "I have no copies of Government orders or Minutes of Consultation prior to the year 1855; and that the order authorizing the Government Astronomer to occupy public quarters free of rent must have been passed during the time of Sir Charles Oakley, Baronet, who was Governor of Madras in 1792." The Acting Superintendent quotes the Order, No. 1,474, dated 20th May 1864, sanctioning the estimate, amounting to Rupees 12,000, for the construction of his quarters as authority for occupying quarters free of rent. The Superintendent of Prisons for the Town of Madras states that no information regarding the occupation of quarters free of rent by these individuals can be procurable by him.	5. The authority quoted is insufficient, and in fact inapplicable. Rent should accordingly be recovered. 6. The persons named are entitled to free quarters under paragraph 9 of G. O., Public Department, No. 291, dated the 8th March 1871, communicated in G. O., Public Works Department, No. 106, dated 17th March 1871. 7. In the absence of such orders, rent should be paid by the Garrison Chaplain for the quarters he occupies. 8. The orders quoted which permit Major Weldon to occupy the upper story of the Royal Pettah Police Court, requiring him at the same time to execute, at his own expense, such ordinary repairs as may be necessary, have apparently been superseded by the rules circulated with G. O., No. 6, dated 4th January 1871, in paragraph 10 of which it is provided that the practice of allowing public officers and others to occupy quarters rent free on condition of keeping them in repair is prohibited.
Government Central Museum	Dr. Furnell, Acting Superintendent of Government Central Museum.		
Jailer's quarters	Mr. J. Tyrrell, Jailer		
Deputy do.	Mr. W. Seaman, Deputy Jailer.		
Matron's do.	Mrs. C. E. Rodgers, Matron		
Garrison Chaplain's quarters.	Rev. Dr. Sayers		
Magistrate's quarters, Egmore Police Court.	Major Weldon		

List of Officers, &c., occupying Quarters free of rent in the Presidency District, &c.—(Concluded.)

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Quarters of Principal, Civil Engineering College, Choolakulam.	Major Rogers, R.E.	The Principal quotes Extracts from the Minutes of Consultation, 22nd July 1858, Public Department, and G. O., Public Works Department, No. 2,959, dated 21st December 1859, as authority for occupying quarters free of rent.	9. The Principal of the Civil Engineering College is entitled to free quarters under the G. O. quoted, viz., No. 2,959, dated 21st December 1859.
Government Normal School, Madras.	G. Bickle, Esq.	The Director of Public Instruction quotes No. 278, dated 22nd August 1862, as authority for the occupation of the quarters free of rent.	10. The Govt. Order quoted sanctions estimates in connection with repairs required to the new Normal School premises where apparently the Principal is to be provided with house accommodation. There is nothing, however, before this office to indicate the intention of Govt. in regard to his being provided with such accommodation rent free.
Old College at Nungambakulam.	Mr. C. S. Harvey.	Do., No. 353, dated 19th December 1872, do.	11. The Govt. Order quoted sanctions the occupation of quarters rent free by the individual in question.
Warrant Officer's quarters, Gun-powder Manufactory.	Conductor H. Briggs.	The Barrack Master, Presidency, quotes Proceedings of Government, No. 1,786, dated 23rd May 1866, as authority for occupying quarters free of rent.	12. Under G. O., No. 3,595, dated 9th November 1869, Conductors are entitled to free quarters when employed at Presidency Towns.
Master Refiner's quarters, Gun-powder Manufactory.	Assistant Apothecary J. A. Douglas.	Do., No. 4,598, dated 21st December 1864, do.	13. From the Govt. Order quoted it is apparently the intention of Government to provide the employees at the Gun-powder Manufactory with free quarters.
Milman's do.	Master Worker J. Clifford.	Do., do.	14. Is entitled to free quarters under the authority quoted—See Public Works Department G. O., No. 58, dated 18th July 1870.
Do.	Do. A. Wadhwa.	Do., do.	15. Do.
Do.	Do. J. A. Hill.	Do., do.	16. Medical Subordinates employed on Regimental duty are entitled to free quarters— <i>Vide</i> paragraph 38 of the rules circulated with G. O., No. 6, dated 4th January 1871.
Superintendent's do.	Supervisor R. G. Marshall.	Do., do.	17. The Govt. Order quoted authorizes the provision of bungalow accommodation for these individuals who are apparently to obtain such rent free.
Do.	Do. M. Iyaz.	Do., do.	18. The matron's services may be considered equivalent to that of a Medical Subordinate, and free quarters accordingly allowed.
Engine-driver's do.	Engine-driver J. Munford.	Do., do.	19. The Govt. Order quoted provides the matron with free quarters.
Master Artificer's do.	Master Artificer H. Brown.	Do., do.	(Signed) L. CONWAY-GORDON, Capt., R.E., Controller of Public Works Accounts.
Apothecary's quarters, Leprosy Hospital.	Mr. B. B. Allen.	Do., do.	FORT ST. GEORGE, 14th May 1875.
Apothecary's quarters, Mor Majasay's Penitentiary.	Apothecary A. Savio.	Do., G. O., Public Works Department, No. 58, dated 18th July 1870, do.	

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Do. 13th Regiment Native Infantry, Royapooram.	Passed Hospital Apprentice J. Kiddle.	Do. states that these quarters have always been occupied by the Senior Medical Subordinate attached to the Regiment.	
Keeper's quarters, Lunatic Asylum.	Mr. C. C. Cothell.	Do., G. O., No. 1,054, dated 4th April 1867, as authority for occupying quarters free of rent.	
Do.	Mr. J. Vaughan.	Do. quotes no authority for the occupation of quarters free of rent.	
Matron's do.	Mrs. B. Morrison.	Do., G. O., No. 1,248, dated 8th October 1868, do.	(Signed) J. GODDARD, Lt.-Col., R.E., District Engineer, Presidency.
Matron's quarters, Lying-in-Hospital.	Mrs. J. Seeluna.	Do., do.	FORT ST. GEORGE, 20th March 1875.
Do. Lock Hospital.	Mrs. J. A. James.	Do., do.	

To the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Fort St. George,
with reference to his endorsement, No. 127, dated 31st March 1875.

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12th June 1875.

No. 265.

ORDER THEREON, 12th June 1875, No. 1,651.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 8.

THESE papers will be communicated
to the departments concerned with a view
to authoritative decision as to the liability
of the several officers included in the statement submitted by the District Engineer,
Presidency, to pay rent for the quarters occupied by them.

(True Extract.)

Major, R.E.,

Offg. Joint Secretary to Government.

To the Public Department.

- " Judicial "
- " Ecclesiastical "
- " Educational "
- " Military "
- " Controller of Public Works Accounts
- " District Engineer, Presidency.

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From

The Controller
of P. Works.

Dated 14th May 1875.
Recd. 15th " 1875.

No. 784.

Forwarding with remarks
the list, submitted by
the St. Inpr, Presidency
of Officers occupying
Quarters free of rent
in the Presy. District.

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Office of the Controller of
Public Works Accounts

N^o 10403 Madras 26 February 1875

From

The Controller of
Public Works Accounts

To The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Fort Saint George.

Sir,

With reference to the 2^d para of the
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Government and to ask whether the present
arrangement is in accordance with the
orders or wishes of Government in the
several Departments.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

J. M. G.

Controller of
Public Works Accounts

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From W. 1875 Sept.

The Controller of
Mv. Accounts

No: 1308

To The Secretary to Government
Public Works Departt
Fort St George

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Dated 26th Feb 1875
Recd 27th Feb 1875
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Regarding Govt
buildings occupied free of
rent by officers other than
those of the grade of Asst.
Superintendent.

List returned for
submission to the
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certain of the Officers.

W. M. S. S. S. S.
Secretary to Govt. of Madras

31st March 1875

To
The Dist. Engineer
Presidency

P. W. 1875 Sept.
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The Dist. Eng.
Presidency

To
The Chief Engineer
P. W. Department

Dated 20th
Recd 22nd March 1875
N. 6819

List of Officers
occupying Quarters
free of rent in
the Presidency
District.

G.O. 12th June 1875

Returned

Public Works Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the

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Read the following:—

From

The Controller of Anna (H.E. No. 10403 of 26th Feb/75)
" District Engineer Presidency - (" " 6819 " 20th March ")

Ordered that the
above list be forwarded
to the Controller of Public
Works Accounts with re-
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dated 26th February 1875
for early and full report
as to the liability or other-
wise of the persons named
to pay rent as well
as to the sufficiency of the
authority under which a
certain portion of the Officers
claim exemption.

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 Proceedings of the Madras Govt.

Read the following:-

From the Controller, M. A. C. (H. E. No 10403 of 26 Feb. /75)

" S. S. S. Presidency, { H. E. No 6819 of 20 March /75 }
 thro' Cont. M. A. C.

By O. No. 1651 of 12 June /75

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 for the quarters occu-
 pied by them.

To the Pub. Dept.

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Officers occupying
Quarters free of rent
in the Presidency
District. - Passing
orders on the list of
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by the District Engineer.