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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
9th September 1876. No. 2,399.*

No. 111. Read the following letter from F. N. THOROWGOOD, Esq., Superintendent of the Madras Harbour Works, to Major-General G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 29th August 1876, No. 66-W. (Through the Examiner of Public Works Accounts.) :—

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Proceedings of Government, No. 1,943, dated 31st July 1876, sanctioning house-rent for the subordinates employed on the Madras Harbour Works, at the rate of Rupees 20 per mensem, for subordinates drawing a salary of more than Rupees 200 per mensem, and Rupees 10 only for those drawing Rupees 200 and less.

2. With reference to the amount of the allowance passed for subordinates drawing Rupees 200 and less, I have the honor respectfully to request a reconsideration of the orders passed on the following grounds:—The covenants of all the men engaged in England specially provide for their being furnished with free quarters; and it is, I would submit, impossible to obtain quarters in Madras for any respectable English mechanic for Rupees 10 per mensem.

3. I would therefore request either that the allowance of Rupees 20 be granted to all subordinates engaged in England under covenant, or that, in communication with the District Engineer, Presidency, I may be allowed to carry out the agreement in the letter and provide the men with free quarters. This latter alternative would, in my opinion, be perhaps the better of the two, as the men would thus be kept together in the vicinity of the works, and be made subject to some rough sanitary supervision.

No. 112. ORDER THEREON, 9th September 1876, No. 2,399.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 5.

GOVERNMENT quarters not being available, the Harbour Superintendent is requested to arrange for the men being accommodated in such manner as he thinks best, reporting the cost to be incurred. Meanwhile Rupees 20 will be passed to each man instead of Rupees 10.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Major-General, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintendent, Madras Harbour Works.

„ Examiner of Public Works Accounts.

„ District Engineer, Presidency.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

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CONTROLLER, P. W. ACCOUNTS.

Madras, 187 .

OFFICE NOTE.

To
W.

THE AGREEMENTS BETWEEN
THE SECY. OF STATE AND THE MECHAN-
ICS ENGAGED IN ENGLAND FOR THE
MADRAS HARBOR WORKS SPECIFY THAT
THE MEN ARE TO BE PROVIDED WITH
'FREE QUARTERS'.

KEEP-WITH.

Genl. No. dated 187 .

2. NOW ALTHOUGH THERE CAN BE
NO DOUBT OF THE MEANING OF THIS
CLAUSE, IF THE QUARTERS ARE PROVI-
DED, THE CONTRACT ITSELF GIVES NO
CLUE TO WHAT THE PARTIES TO THE
CONTRACT CONSIDERED THE EQUIVA-
LENT OF THIS RIGHT TO FREE QUAR-
TERS, IF COMMUTED TO A MONEY PAY-
MENT.

3. ON THIS POINT, IT IS CONSE-
QUENTLY DESIRABLE TO SEE IF ANY
OTHER DOCUMENT GIVES AN INDICA-
TION OF WHAT THE SECY. OF STATE
AS ONE OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES
CONSIDERS AN EQUIVALENT TO THIS
RIGHT UNDER THE CONTRACT.

4. THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE

SECY. AND MR. F. LOBERT IS OF USE
IN GIVING EXACTLY THE EVIDENCE
REQUIRED. THIS CONTRACT PROVIDES
FOR GIVING MR. LOBERT, WHO WAS EN-
GAGED ON A SALARY OF RS. 100 PER
MENSEM, 'SUITABLE LODGING', OR FOR
MAKING HIM 'AN ALLOWANCE IN LIEU
THEREOF OF RS. 20 PER MONTH'.

5. I WOULD THEREFORE RECOM-
MEND TO GOVT THAT IF THE MEN'S
RIGHT TO FREE QUARTERS UNDER
THEIR COVENANTS IS COMMUTED TO A
MONEY PAYMENT, THE WORDING OF THE
COVENANTS BEING THE SAME, THE MO-
NEY PAYMENT SHOULD BE THE SAME,
AND SHOULD BE RS. 20; BUT I AGREE
WITH THE SPT. IN THINKING THAT
ON GENERAL GROUNDS, IT IS BETTER
TO FURNISH THE MEN WITH FREE
QUARTERS.

50-8-76.

Lf
c.

Early attention.

GOVT.
OF MADRAS. }

1876.

{ P.W.

{ DEPT.

SECRETARY.

Port St. George, August 20th 1876.

OFFICE NOTE.

To Dist. Sup. Sec.

With reference to the
enclosed correspondence
with you please inform
if any quarters are
available for the
in question if so, advise
them and with their
situation in below section
of this letter.

W. A. O. D. W.

30.8.76.

There are no public
quarters available.
There are any prearranged
near the site of the Harbour
Works.

Ellen G. M. W.

31/8/76

W. A. O. D. W.
Submitted for orders

W. A. O. D. W.

31.8.76.

Recd 8-9-76.
Cir. 8-9-76.
Dep't to Act 20-9-76.

Through the Examiner Public Works Accounts.

No. 66 W.

From

The Superintendent,
Madras Harbour Works.

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

Madras, 29th August 1876.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of the Proceedings of Government
No. 1943, dated July 31st 1876, sanctioning house
rent for the Subordinates employed on the Madras
Harbour Works at the rate of Rupees 20. per mensem
for Subordinates drawing a salary of more
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the men engaged in England specially provide for their being furnished with free quarters; and it is, I would submit, impossible to obtain quarters in Madras for any respectable English Mechanic for Rupees 10 per mensem.

3. I would therefore request either that the allowance of Rupees 20 be granted to all subordinates engaged in England under Contract, or that in communication with the District Engineer Presidency, I may be allowed to carry out the agreement in the letter, and provide the men with free quarters. This latter alternative would in my opinion be perhaps the better of the two, as the men would thus be kept together in the vicinity of the Works, and be made subject to some rough Sanitary Supervision.

I have the honor to be,

Sir

Your Most Obedient Servant

J. N. Howard
Superintendent

8031-7-76 No 1943.
Office note from C to W 9/30/8/76.
— do — from W to C 10/1/76 with reply.

P.W.D.
30.10.76
No 1213

From

The Supt. H.
Madras Harbour Works

Dated 29 Aug. /76.

No. 66 W.

Regarding houses
rent for the Subordinates
employed on the Madras
Harbour Works.

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Dep't to C to W 1-9-76

No. 2399 Public Works Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 9th Sept. 1876
Read the following:—

From the Supt. H.
Harbour Works } H.E. No 66 W 29 Aug 76

Government
~~See~~ Quarters not
being available, the
Harbour Superintendent
is requested to arrange
for the men being ac-
commodated in such
manner as he thinks
best, reporting the
cost to be incurred.
Meanwhile Rs 20 will
be paid to each man
instead of Rs 10.

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Supt. H. W. No. 5
En. P. H. S.
S. E. Secretary

Dated 23/9/76

no despatch to Supt. & Harbour Supt.
4/9.

clw 6263.
Govt. of 1876 Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

To *the Sup^r Madras Harbour Works*

*Per
12-9-76*

Dated

Issued

Recd

Encl.

G. O., *9th Sept* 1876, No. *2399*

Nos. *111-112*

*Quarters for the Engineers employed
on the Steam Hopper Barges of the
Madras Harbour Works. The Super^r
requested to arrange for the men
being accommodated in such
manner as he thinks best; the
cost incurred to be reported.*

*Ent^r in Rep^r
25-9-76*