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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
13th September 1876. No. 2,443.*

No. 195. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Military Department, dated 19th August 1876, No. 4,181 :—

ABSTRACT.—Passing orders on the subject of the recovery of certain sums due by
the Messes of the 2nd Battalion and 1st Battalion 21st Foot, as the rental of the
Mess House, Fort St. George.

No. 196. ORDER THEREON, 13th September 1876, No. 2,443.

ACCOUNT, No. 13.

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(True Extract.)

Colonel,
Offg. Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the District Engineer, Presidency.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Military Department,
19th August 1876.*

Accommodation and Quarters—Mess Houses.

Read again Proceedings of Government, Public Works Department, No. 1294, dated 23rd May 1876, recorded in Proceedings of Government, Military Department, No. 2875, dated 10th June 1876.

Read also the following papers :—

No. 297. From the Officiating Controller of Military Accounts, dated 29th June 1876, D, reporting on the subject of the recovery of certain sums due by the Messes of the 2nd Battalion and 1st Battalion, 21st Foot, as the rental of the Mess House, Fort St. George.

No. 298. From Brigadier-General A. HOWLETT, C.B., Quartermaster-General, to Colonel J. MICHAEL, C.S.I., Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Head Quarters, Ootacamund, 9th August 1876, No. 359.

With reference to your No. 2875, of the 10th June, on Order of Government, No. 1294, of the 23rd May 1876, I have the honor, by order of the Commander-in-Chief, to report, for the information of Government, that it appears from the records in the Barrack Master's office that since 1831, it has been the custom for the Barrack Master to compile a monthly return of recoverable rents from similar reports from Officers Commanding Corps and Batteries, and forward it, formerly

* G.O.C.C., No. 18.

to the Pay Department, but since 1867* to the Executive Engineer. This method

of preparing the return has remained unchanged.

2. When O.G., of 4th June 1864, No. 1909, was first promulgated, fixing the rent of the Mess House at Rupees 100 per mensem, the recovery was made by the Pay Department apparently by a deduction from the Mess allowance under the terms of the Government Order. Since February 1867, the rent was recovered through the Barrack Master and Executive Engineer.

3. With the system in force as above stated relative to the preparation of the house-rent return, it would appear that the omission was in the first instance on the part of the Barrack Master, in not checking the omission when preparing his return for the Executive Engineer; and as this officer must have been fully aware that the Mess House was in occupation by a regiment, it appears extraordinary how the omission passed unobserved also by him.

4. The G.O. as per margin is the order under which the Barrack Master was directed in G.O.C.C., No. 18, of 14th Bengal G.O.G., No. 859 of 1866, republished in February 1867, to furnish the return to G.O., No. 460, of 11th December. the Executive Engineer for officers' quarters and other regimental buildings under his charge.

No. 299. ORDER THEREON, 19th August 1876, No. 4181.

His Grace the Governor in Council does not consider that the rent should now be recovered from the regiments.

2. His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief is requested to cause the Barrack Master, Fort St. George, to be called on to show cause why he should not be held answerable for the loss.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Military Department,
19th August 1876.

3. It appears to the Government that the District Engineer ought to have detected the omission, when verifying the Barrack Master's returns which pass through his hands.

(True Extract.)

[Signature]

Colonel,

Secretary to Government.

To the Quartermaster-General.
" Controller of Military Accounts.
" Public Works Department.

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To

THE QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL.

&c., &c., &c.

Dated August, 19th.

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