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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

28th October 1878, No. 4,167 W.

General.
Account.

Read the following papers :—

No. 313.	From V. MUSTHAN SAHIB, dated 12th October 1878.
No. 314.	From the District Engr., Presidency, dated 16th Oct. 1878, No. 4,224.
No. 315.	From „ Chingleput, „ 18th „ „ „ 3,768.
No. 316.	From „ Presidency, „ 21st „ „ „ 4,300.

No. 317. ORDER THEREON, 28th October 1878, No. 4,167 W.

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(True Extract.)

(Signed) E. A. FOORD, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineer, Third Circle.
„ Executive Engineer, Presidency, through Superintending Engineer.
„ Examiner of Public Works Accounts.
„ Military Department.
„ Financial „

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GENERAL
ACCOUNT.

Govt. of [1878] Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,
PRESIDENCY,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated October 28th.

Dated

Recd. Endt.

G. O., 28th October 1878, No. 4,167 W.

OCTOBER

Nos. 3[illegible]217.

Superintending Engineer's Quarters, Third Presidency Circle.—Passing orders with regard to renting a house for — and for his [illegible].

Madras.
12th - 10 - 78
Black Town
Ungapah Naicks Strit
No 108

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To

Colonel E. A Ford R.E
Chief Engineer P.W.D
Ootacamund.

Gentleman.

Having been informed by Major Rose Thomson that my house situated in Commander in Chief Road is to be rented by you for your office Establishment Consequently I am anxious to know whether the same is to be rented by you or not as there are offering for the same and I did not reply them for the sake of not knowing any result from you which I hope that you will be pleased to let me know in reply to this letter at your earliest convenience and oblige

Yours very faithfully

V. Mustan Saib.

N.B. Please address me thus
V. Mustan Sahib
Care of Raja Bara [illegible] Sahib

Recd. 14th October/78

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No. 4224.

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From,

The District Engineer
Presidency.

To,

The Chief Engineer,
P.W.D.

Sir,

With reference to your memo. No. 4468 of 3rd October 1878, I have the honor to inform you that I am unable to state under what circumstances my present residence first became classed as "Imperial." It was formerly the residence of the "Garrison Engineer" who naturally formed one of the Garrison. So I presume, his quarters, in common with those of the other Officers, were considered buildings for Imperial purposes. As the Presidency District Engineer is also the Garrison Engineer under the present D.P.W. organisation, his quarters have, I suppose, continued to be classed as Imperial.

2. Fort St. George is a work or institution essentially Imperial in its nature. It appears rather anomalous therefore, that any of the buildings within its ramparts, should be considered Provincial.

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5. Under the ruling of G.G.O. No: 79 of 1874 published with G.O. No: 3335 of 25th November 1874 in the P.W.D. I am charged Rs 30 per mensem house rent, and do not draw the Rs 100 per mensem to which I am entitled by my rank, when occupying quarters not belonging to nor rented by Government. as compared with other Officers of the rank of Major at the Presidency residing outside Fort St. George. The amount of rent I am practically charged is, therefore Rs 130 per mensem.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant
Major R.E.
District Engineer
Presidency

Fort St. George.
16th October 1878.

Entd
16.10.78

P.W. 1878

C P. 121/73
General

From.
The District Engineer,
Presidency.

No. 4224.

Dated 16th } October 1878.
Recd 30th }

Presidency District Engineer's Quarters. —

Informs that he is unable to state under what "circumstances his present residence first became classed under "Imperial."

Cir 24.10.78. Retd 26.10/78
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No. 3768

Chingleput Superintending Engineer's Office,
Saint Thomas' Mount, 18th Octr 1878.

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From

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
Chingleput.

To

The Chief Engineer
Public Works Department.

Sir,

In continuation of my No 3747 dated
17th instant, I have the honor to infor
you that I visited Madras this d
with a view of ascertaining, in consu
-tation with Major Ross Thompson
what accommodation was availab
there for my Office as Superintendin
Engineer of the Third Circle, and lear
that there were no public Building
available for the purpose. Having bee
informed that Major Ross Thompson
is about to vacate the Governmen
Building in the Fort occupied a
his office, I have the honor to sug
-gest that a Building be hired, i
Madras for the accommodation
of his as well as of my office unti
such time as a Government Buildin

comes available; and [illegible] I request, if the above suggestion be approved, that I may be authorized to hire a Building for the purpose at a monthly rent not exceeding Rs 100-

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant

P. O'Connell Colonel R.E.
Supg Engineer, Chingleput

From the Supt Engr Chf

No 3768

dated 18
Recd } Oct/78.

Accommodation for
the Supt Engr 3rd Circle
&c —— Requests Sanct
that a building be hire
in Madras for the ——
at an early date.

To Copy 19-10-78 L.E. 30-10-78
Com 21-10-78 Recd 28/10/78

No 4300.

From,

The District Engineer,
Presidency.

To,

The Chief Engineer,
P. W. D.
Ootacamund.

Sir,

With reference to your demi-official letter dated 18th instant, I have the honor to inform you that, so far as I can see, the cost to Government of renting the house in Commander-in-Chief's Road for a term of five years, for a combined office and residence for the Residency Engineer would be Rs 200 per mensem, or Rs 2,400 per annum. The amount of house rent to which my rank entitles me is Rs 100 per mensem. This is debited to Provincial funds no matter what house I may happen to reside in outside the Fort, but if I surrender this amount in consideration of having quarters in the same building as my office, the cost to Provincial funds would then be be only Rs 100 per mensem for the Office.

2. A suitable house and situation for my Office alone cannot be found for less than Rs 120 to Rs 150 per mensem, and as my house rent amounts to Rs 100 per mensem wherever I may happen to reside outside the Fort, there would be nothing saved to Government by my Office and residence being separate buildings.

3. I have informed the house owner that he will probably get an answer to his letter to you, in the course of a week.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient servant
W. Thompson Major R.E.
District Engineer
Presidency.

Fort St. George
21st October 1878.

Genl.
W.S.

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G.O. 3335. 25-11-74.
C.E. 3658- 19-8-78.
— 4062. 10-9-78.
— 4468- 3-10-78.

C. No 12172
General.

From,

The District Engineer,
Presidency.

No 4300.
Dated 21st
Recd 30th } October 1878.

Office and residence of Presidency Engineer.—

Reports that the cost to Govt of renting the house in Comdr-in-Chiefs Road would be Rs 200 per mensem &c. &c.

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No. 3505.

From,

The District Engineer,
Presidency.

To,

The Chief Engineer, and
Secretary to Govt D.P.W.

Sir,

With reference to your Memo: No. 4062 of 10th September 1878, I have the honor to state that the recoveries in the event of my present Office being rented as a residence would be as follows for a:—

	If occupied by Regimental Officers	If occupied by Staff and other Officers.
	Rs	Rs
Colonel	50.	125
Lieutt. Colonel	50.	100.
Major	50.	80.
Captain	30	50.
Lieutenant	16	30.
Sub Lieutenant	16	30.

2. The Office building would, I presume, if turned into quarters, be rented by an Officer of one of the ranks above given obliged to live with in the Ft, the amount charged in each

each case bring the amount of his Presidency House Allowance. Provincial funds would not benefit by renting the District Engineer's quarters or the quarters of the Commissary of Ordnance - as under present rules they are Imperial buildings.

3. The owner of the house in Pantheon Road, which I have proposed renting, informs me that several persons have applied to him, with a view to renting it; and that he is anxious to be informed at as early a date as possible, whether Government wish to have it or not. Under these circumstances I have the honor to request that I may be favored with early instructions on the subject.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient servant

Major R.E.

District Engineer

Presidency

Fort St. George }
12th Sept 1870. }

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" 3658. 19.8.78

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No. 10210

General.

D.E. Presidency

No. 3505.
Dated 12th }
Recd 12 } Septr: 1878.

Presidency District Engineer's Office —

Stating the amount of recoveries in the event of the present — bring rented as a residence

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Audley House
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ear Col Boord.

I do not think there
ld be any set off. to
charge of Rs 200. incurred
Provincial Funds. fro
of the Engineers Office
ances outside the
. The matter is rathe
for the D.P.W's examina
Government. under

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18 Sep. 1878. Secy: to Govt. P.W.D.

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Military Rules, the District Engineer would be required still to pay House Rent as he does in the Fort: even tho he may also perhaps Render House Rent. & of course any rent received for the Quarters made available in the Forts would be credited to "Imperial".

Yours very truly

J. W. Davison

The fact of the
House being imperial
is new to me – nor do I
understand why so classed.
if so – the only alternative
is to give D. Ldis pending
House rent – & let them find
a house –
The C of O. taking his house
the Government being retained

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— 3658. 19-8.78

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as an office — for the D. E. —

Deputy Col Fanwell may know about the training in general — & also whether the present C. of O.'s quarters are so also

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18th Sep: 1878. Secy: to Govt. P.W.D.

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— 3658-10-8-78

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District Engineer Pres.
d/ 12 September 1878.

Circulated to His Grace the Governor with reference to enquiry dated 7th Instant. It will be seen that the cost to Provincial Funds of renting a house for the District Engineer Presidency would be Rs. 200— (100 + House rent admissable to the Officer who might occupy the District Engineer's office as a residence)

E.H. [illegible] Col. R.E.
Secy. to Govt. P.W.D.

x That we could make a house [illegible] fully [illegible]. [illegible] proposed [illegible] However the [illegible] [illegible] the District Engineer [illegible] [illegible] paid [illegible] for the Residence be occupied then the credit will only be Rs. 30 + 35 = Rs. 65 against Rs. 200 debit; the debit = Rs. 135 as cost [illegible] of turning out the C.O. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] — [illegible] must be accepted as [illegible]

The debit to Provl. will be — Rs 200

[illegible] Engr. Amendment — 100

[illegible] be drawn [illegible] [illegible] would be saved. [illegible] clear that the debit

The rent obtainable for this public office is available [illegible] the residence by 35
135

Net debit to Provl. } 65

R.H.

18th Sep. 1878

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the result is a retad. charge to Govt. of Rs. 65. assuming that the D.E. now draws his H.R. & that his present office in the Fort can be rented to a Regimental Officer –

The worse is I suppose that any other than a Regimental Officer could occupy it as a residence – & I doubt whether we could find a Regimental occupant for it. We (Govt.) gain twice by the D.E.'s present benefit from the residence in the Fort being rented to any other officer. it being an Imperial building – the Rent to be credited is not clear.

If the D.E. has hitherto been drawing his H. Rent & has been recg. Rs 100 from Govt. & paying Rs 30 to Imperial the balance Rs 70 being clear gain to him – the terms are improvident arrangt. for Govt.

Assuming that he has drawn H.R. & that he can

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His present [illegible]

let his office in the Fort to a Regt. officer then the practical result of the whole is that Govt. will pay Rs 65 monthly in order to provide the Commy. of Ordce. with suitable quarters – but this consideration apart the question arises on the other side whether Govt. is at liberty to retain the use of the D.E.'s present residence in the Fort. it being an Imperial bldg. & the D.E. being a Provl. officer while the quarters are wanted for Imperial purposes. viz: to lodge the Commy. of Ordce. who is an Imperial officer.

If really needed – i.e. if no other suitable Imperial Quarters can be found for the C.O. then I think we must vacate. If the D.E. leaves the Fort his office must I suppose do so also. tho' this does not seem imperative in that case. I don't know

or rather engage the house & probably pay Rs 200 & may recoup part by letting the vacated office in the Fort for quarters.

Will the Supdg. Engr. also get house rent by coming into Madras? B

Rd. 24 Oct 1878.

P.W. Dept. 4167/16

Letter from V. Muthan Sait of 12th Oct/78.

Letter from the Dt. Engr. Presidency, No. 4224 of 16th do.
Do. Supg. Engr. Chingleput, No. 3765 of 18th do.
Do. Dt. Engr. Presidency, No. 4300 of 21 do.

Circulated for Orders whether the house is to be engaged. The Superintending Engineer of the Circle will also require office accommodation at Madras and may be provided for in the same building.

E. A. Wood Col. R.E.
Chief Engr. & Secy. to Govt.
P.W.D.

Hon W. Huddleston
Approved the Governor

Rest

G.O. No 4167 W - 28 Oct 78

An order authorising the renting of the House has issued. These papers may perhaps be [illegible] at the [illegible] draft. [illegible]

W H
28.10.78

Rest

The outcome of the whole is that Govt lease & pay Rs 200 monthly in order to provide the C. Off. with quarters. Endorse may be put in adv. [illegible] for the Supg Engr. [illegible]

Cir 26.10.78 Recd 26.10.78
O.L. Recd 27 Octr

No 4167 W **Public Works Department.**

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 28 Oct/78

Read the following :—

From V. Musthan Sahib (H.R. dated 12th Octr 1878)
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" Do. Chingleput - (" 3768 d/ 18 - do)
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W H

~~[illegible]~~

Presidency Executive Engineer's and Sub divisional Offices in the lower story of the building, the upper story being ~~used~~ reserved as a residence for the Presidency Executive Engineer whose Presidency House Rent will be ~~recov~~ drawn ~~and credited to Provincial Funds~~.

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This seems a complicated arrangt. Rent should simply say - will not be drawn -

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by the landlord.

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S.E. 3rd Circle ∫6
Exec. Engr. Presidency thro' |
~~E.E. Presidency~~ S.E. ∫6 Desp. 2-11-18.
~~S.E. 3rd Circle~~
E.N. [illegible]
Mil. Dept ∫
~~Mil. Dept~~ ∫
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Govt. of (1878) Madras.

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To

Dr. Exec: Engr. R.P.M.

Dated

Recd. 6. R.M. 30.10.78

Encl.

G. O., 28 Octr. 1878, No. 4167 W

Nos. 313 to 317

Superintending Engineer's Quarters, 3rd Presidency Circle

Passing orders with regard to renting a house for — an for office &c.

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