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VOLUNTEER RIFLES,
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PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated April, 21st.

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G.O., 21st April 1883, No. 1203 W.

APRIL.

Indian Commissariat Code

Resolution of the Government of India ordering that paragraph 102 of the — be revised, so that the Madras rate (house-rent for quarters) may conform to the general rule, communicated to officers of the Public Works Department.

ORDER—dated 21st April 1883, No. 1203 W., Public Works.

Communicated to officers of the Public Works Department in continuation of G.O., No. 2593 W., dated 24th October 1881.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. H. SANKEY, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

To Superintending Engineers.
„ the Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
„ the Military Department.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Establishment.

READ—the following paper :—

Docket from the Government of India, Public Works Department (Account—General), dated Simla, 9th April 1883, No. 140 A.G.

Copy forwarded to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, for information and guidance.

(By Order.)

(Signed) L. CONWAY-GORDON,
Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

From Captain E. H. H. COLLEN, Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, to Colonel H. P. HAWKES, dated Fort William, 16th March 1883, No. 544 D.

The question of the compensation admissible to a Commissariat Sergeant at an out-station in the Madras Presidency, when quarters are not provided, having come under the notice of the Government of India, it is observed that there is a difference between the ruling in the Indian Commissariat Code and the table of rates issued with Public Works Department Circular No. 16 * of 1881, which lays down one uniform rate of Rs. 15, and makes no mention of the reduced allowance when stationed out of the Presidency town in Madras.

* Copy annexed.

2. Non-commissioned officers (except those of the Public Works Department) are absolutely entitled to free quarters at the expense of the State, and no claim to rent should be allowed; as quarters should always be provided by the Public Works Department by erection, purchase, or hire; the only claim that may occasionally but rarely be admitted being that to compensation for inferior quarters. The circular therefore rightly makes no provision for the case where quarters are not provided at all, but only for compensation when the quarters provided are inferior to what the occupant is entitled to; the Indian Commissariat Code, however, tacitly admits that a Madras non-commissioned officer may be allowed or required to make his own arrangements for quarters, receiving compensation at the rate of Rs. 15 in Madras Presidency town and Rs. 7 a-month at out-stations.

3. Under these circumstances, I am to request that you will be so good as to revise paragraph 102 of the Indian Commissariat Code, so that the Madras rate may conform to the general rate authorized by Public Works Department Circular No. 16 of 1881.

Copies forwarded to—

The Public Works Department, for information, with reference to the unofficial thence, No. 8, dated the 7th March 1883, herewith returned.

The Accountant-General, Military Department, for information.

(By Order.)

(Signed) E. H. H. COLLEN, Captain,
Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

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Read the following papers :—

No. 142. From Lieutenant-Colonel E. A. WOOD, Commandant, Nilgiri Volunteer Rifles, to Colonel E. L. HANKIN, Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Ootacamund, 2nd July 1883, No. 85.

I have the honor to bring the following circumstances connected with the corps under my command to your notice, with the request that they may be submitted for the orders of Government.

2. Considerable difficulty has always been experienced in renting a suitable house for the head-quarters of the corps in Ootacamund, owing partly to there being very few houses, in a central situation, that contain the required accommodation, and partly to the high rent demanded for such houses.

3. For two-and-a-half years previous to March last, we rented Waterloo Cottage on Framjee's Hill (now the property of Government) as head-quarters. The accommodation there was very insufficient, but the corps could not then afford the rent of a larger house. Being a new corps, all its work lay before it, and rifle ranges had to be constructed, first at Ootacamund, then at Lovedale, and last year at Coonoor. These works were, however, necessary to the efficiency of the corps, and it was necessary to economise in other ways to enable them to be completed. The rent paid for Waterloo Cottage was Rs. 50 per mensem.

4. In March last, Glendower Hall was offered for Rs. 100 per mensem. This house contains sufficient accommodation, and stands in a central situation. The offer was therefore accepted. It seemed, moreover, that if this chance of obtaining suitable accommodation were not accepted, there would be no probability of another offering.

5. The landlord of Glendower Hall, Mr. J. C. Mercer, now informs me that he will shortly be leaving Ootacamund, and intends therefore to sell the house; the price he asks for it is Rs. 16,000. It is impossible for the corps to purchase it, as we have not the means. Should the house be bought by another person a higher rent would probably be demanded, which the corps could not afford to pay, or he might require the premises for his own use and give us notice to quit. Should we have to vacate Glendower Hall, I know of no house to be rented which contains

* Vol. Regulations, para. 148.

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ORDER THEREON, 13th July 1883, No. 3890.

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(True Extract.)

(Signed) E. L. HANKIN, Colonel,
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To the Commandant, Nilgiri Volunteer Rifles.
" Quartermaster-General.
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