

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Establishment.

READ—the following letter from D. C. GORDON, Esq., Examiner of Public Works Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 31st March 1885, No. 141 W.:—

With reference to G.O. No. 736 W., dated 24th March 1885, I have the honor to request that I may be favored with the views of Government in regard to the procedure to be adopted when buildings are hired for the use of the Military Department.

2. It has been the practice hitherto to communicate sanction for the hire of private buildings to this office, in the form herewith enclosed (which please return), but I doubt whether this need be done in future, or whether any sanction of Government to the hiring of private buildings is necessary except in extraordinary or ultra-routine cases.

3. Under code paragraph 1221, Executive Engineers are prohibited from paying for hired premises unless under sanction of Government except in cases of buildings required for military purposes. Under code paragraph 1396 A. *et seq.*, the department is not only authorised, but required, to hire accommodation when necessary, and though the paragraph states that this is to be done “under the orders of Government” and with “previous sanction,” I doubt whether such order or sanction is intended to be given in all ordinary and routine cases. Outside of the buildings which come under paragraphs 1419 and 1420, accommodation required from this department is laid down in paragraph 1463, and inasmuch as it is so laid down it seems to me superfluous to require any further order or sanction for its provision, even by hire of private buildings.

4. If accommodation *must* be furnished, this department cannot well be limited as to the rent payable for private buildings, though it would obviously endeavour to pay no more than the compensation scale.

5. Under the orders communicated with G.O. No. 736 in question, no accommodation can now be engaged by the Military Department. Forms of notice, such as that enclosed, may perhaps be necessary for the Executive Engineers concerned, as a warrant for the rank of person for whom accommodation is required, but not for this office, which would audit the rent or the compensation with reference to the eligibility of the person to quarters, the Executive Engineer being responsible for the provision of quarters.

6. The points on which I request information are—

- (1) Whether any special order of Government is necessary to the hiring of accommodation, when a general order is laid down stating the accommodation that this department is required to provide, and the ranks to be accommodated.
- (2) Whether in cases in which the rent to be paid by the department exceeds the amount of rent (or compensation) fixed for rank sanction of Government is to be obtained previous to the quarters being hired.
- (3) If sanction is necessary in either or both of the above, whether such sanction is to be given in the Military Department or in the Public Works Department.

ORDER—dated 9th April 1885, No. 861 W., Public Works.

The Examiner is informed that no special orders of Government are necessary for hiring accommodation admissible under code rules.

2. The rent to be paid will be settled by the Executive Engineer in each case; but the prior sanction of Government should be obtained when the rent proposed exceeds the authorised scale. Such sanctions will issue from the Public Works Department.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. SHAW-STEWART, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

To Superintending Engineers.
To the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, with one enclosure returned.
„ Military Department.

Exd. A. Aubert.
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at Amantapur is paid.
3. Sanction will be applied for
in due course for the buildings hired at
higher rates for certain Warrant and
non commissioned Officers

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant

Henry M. West Col R.E.

Superintendent Engineer S. C. C. C.

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From,
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To,
The Chief Engineer
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