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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P. W. DEPARTMENT.

Current No. 3854

From

The Supty. Engr. V Circle

ENCLOS.—

No. 727

Dated 20th May 1886.

Received 21st —"—

SUBJECT.

Mrs Edwards — Forwarding for sanction copy of letter from Executive Engineer Presidency requesting sanction to the quarters hired for —

DISPOSAL.

No. 1926 Dated 25th May 1886.

To

C/

For favor of remarks.

(Sd) D. Mc. C.

D.E.

Dested 25/5/86

GENERAL.
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Govt. of {1885} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated April, 9th.

Recd. *Encl.*

G.O., 9th April 1885, No. 861 W.

APRIL.

Hiring Quarters

Orders on the subject of — by the Public Works Department.

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No. 672. Madras. D.P.W.
Bangalore 14th May 1886.

From

The Executive Engineer
Presidency Division

To

The Superintending Engineer
V Circle.

Sir.

I have the honor to request you will be good enough to obtain the Sanction of Government to the Quarters hired on emergency for Mrs. Edwards, wife of Conductor Edwards now on duty in Burmah at the request of the Executive Commissariat Officer, Bangalore. The rent of the building is Rupees 22 per month and has been occupied from the 8th May 1886. Endeavours will be made to provide Mrs. Edwards with Quarters as soon

soon as possible.

I have &c

Sd Ross Thompson Lieut R.E.

No. 727

Forwarded to the Chief Engineer P.W. Department for sanction with reference to Code para 1396 A & para 2 of G.O. No. 861 W dated 9th April 1885.

2. Families of Warrant Officers are not entitled to free quarters under Code S.O. 131 of 1885 and the rent recoverable by the P.W. Department Viz Rs. 12 will be charged to Conductor Edwards.

W.H. Benton Lieut. R.E.

Superintg Engr 5th Circle

Rhepaul 20th May 1886

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6/ For favour of remarks.

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D.W

To

A. 170
W. 1.6.86 Encl:—

IF CONDR. EDWARDS IS TEMPORARILY ABSENT ON DUTY, THE PROPOSED ARRANGEMENT IS ADMISSIBLE UNDER CODE PARA 1463, NOTE B, AS MODIFIED BY STANDING ORDER NO. 135 OF 1885.

DC

C.

No. 1471 W d/ 10th June 1885

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Sanctioned under Code para 1463 Note B, as modified by S.O. No 135 of 1885

It is understood that Condr Edwards' absence is temporary only.

Dec 11/6/86

S.E. Circle
Asst. Engineer
Dy. Engineer

5.6.86 12/6 14/6 Dr 14/6

7.6.86

(2) Recd 3857

From

The Superintending Engr.
5 Circle

To

The Chief Engineer
P.W. Deptt.

Dated 20th May 1886.
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B. No. 1471 W d/ 10th June 1885

No 2727.

Mrs Edwards.

Forwarded for sanction copy of letter from Executive Engineer, Presidency requesting sanction to the quarters hired for ——

Entd in R.R. 15/6