

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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GENERAL.
ESTABLISHMENT.

Gobt. 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.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

19th March 1885, No. 1444.

Quarters.

Read the following paper :—

No. 248. From Lieutenant-Colonel O. R. NEWMARCH, Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, to Lieutenant-Colonel A. KENNEY-HERBERT, Officiating Secretary to the Government of Madras, Military Department; dated Fort William, 10th March 1885, No. 251-M.W.

Quarters.

With reference to the Proceedings of the Government of Madras, No. 6425, of December 1884, it would appear to be the practice in the Madras presidency that, when public quarters are not available for 2nd-class warrant officers, buildings are rented under the orders of the Commander-in-Chief, who also obtains the special sanction of the local Government to the measure.

2. I am to point out that this is not in accordance with the principle which obtains in Bengal, under which it is the duty of the Public Works Department to provide quarters for all warrant officers under the rank of Deputy Assistant Commissary, either by erection, purchase or hire. This principle, it was recently decided, should be followed in the Madras presidency in the case of the provision of quarters for the Assistant Apothecary attached to the Army head-quarters at Ootacamund—*vide* letter, No. 1145-M.W., dated 7th November 1884, and should, in the opinion of the Governor-General in Council, be generally adopted.

3. I am further to point out that Government of India, Public Works Department Proceedings of Madras Government, No. 6010, ment Circular, No. 16, of 1881, is applicable to the Madras presidency.

No. 249. ORDER THEREON, 19th March 1885, No. 1444.

Communicated for the information of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief and the Public Works Department, in supersession of the Proceedings of Government quoted, and for guidance.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) A. KENNEY-HERBERT, Lt.-Col.,
Offg. Secretary to Government.

To the Quarter Master General.
„ Public Works Department.
„ Controller of Military Accounts.
„ Adjutant-General, for information.

Exd. P. L. Pereira.

P. W. D.

Govt. of (1885) Madras.
MILITARY.

To
THE QUARTER MASTER GENERAL,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated March, 19th.

Issued

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 19th March 1885, No. 1444.

MARCH.
Nos. 248-249.

Quarters.

Instructions of the Government of India regarding the provision of quarters for warrant officers under the rank of Deputy Assistant Commissary, communicated to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief and the Public Works Department.

With order

No. 178

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,
V CIRCLE, MADRAS,
Chepak, 14th April 1887.

From
Colly W. H. Burton. R.E.,
SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,

V CIRCLE,

To
THE Chief Engineer
P.W. Department.

SIR,

Enclosures.

I have the honor to request that sanction may be given under para 2 of G. O. No. 8618 of 9th April 1885, to payment of house rent on account of Sergeant Harrar of the Commissariat Storekeeper General's Department Madras at Rupees 20 per month from 1st August 1886 to 10th Dec. 1886 for which a Bill in the form of Compensation for quarters supported by valid bills Receipts was received by the Executive Engineer Presidency on the 22nd February 1887.

No 736 W/24 March/85

Communicated to
Suptg. Engineers, for
information & guidance.

(Sd) J.H.

No 736 W/24 March/85

Suptg. Engineers
Ex. E. P. W. Accts.

1887
P. W. DEPARTMENT.

Current No. 2915

From The Supty. Engr. V Circle

ENCLOS.—

No. 178
Dated 16th April 1887
Received 15th —

SUBJECT.
House Rent in aid of Supt
Farrar of the Commissariat
Storekeeper General's Dept.
Requesting that sanction
may be given to payment
of —

DISPOSAL.

No. 1359 Dated 16th April 1887

To C.

For favor of remarks.

(Ad) W. L. C. H.

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No. 178

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,

V CIRCLE, MADRAS,

Chennai, 14th April 1887.

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Col. W. H. Burton. R.E.,
SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,

V CIRCLE,

To

THE Chief Engineer
P.W. Department.

SIR,

Enclosures.

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ember 1886 for which a Bill
in the form of Compensation
for quarters supported by
Landlords Receipts was re-
ceived by the Executive
Engineer Presidency on the
22nd February 1887.

2. The house was hired
by the Sergeant himself
and he states that "he could
not get a house any where
for less than Rs. 20 a month
except such as were utterly
unfit for a European
to live in" & he does not
appear to have applied to
Executive Engineer for
quarters.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Yours Most Obedt Servt

W H Buxton J. L. R. C.
Superintg Engr
5 Circle.

(2)

if not provided with suitable
quarters would be Rs. 15 a month.

[Signature]
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C.

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Proposed to sanction
the charge & draw the attention
of the Commr. Genl to the
lengthy conduct.
For orders - J.B.

No. 1433 W of 26th May

Yes *[initials]*
17.5.87

[Signature]
B. *[Signature]*

Payment of the
excess rent is sanctioned
2. The attention of the
Commissionary General will be
directed in the Military Dept
to Sergeant Farrar's action
in the matter.

S. E. I. *[Signature]*
18.5.87 *[Signature]*

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N^o 1359C of 16th April 1887

B. No 736W of 24-3-88

S. No 61861W of 9-4-88

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For favor of remarks.

Wm
15.4.87

D. H.

N^o 117

14-5-87

Even:

To W.

No requisition was apparently made on the Executive Engineer to provide quarters (vide Code para II36), and the Sergeant sent in no claim till 6 months after he had hired the quarters instead of making his claim at the end of the first month, when the Executive Engineer's attention would have been drawn to the fact of his not being provided with quarters.

2. Under the circumstances Govt. may perhaps consider that something should be done to check the disregard of the rule requiring application to be made to the P. W. Department.

3. The rate of compensation ordinarily admissible to the Sergeant

P.W.C. No 3723
29/5/87

N^o 178.

From

The Superintd Engrs
5 Circle

To
The Chief Engineer
P. W. D.

Dated 14th April
Recd 3 April 1887
16.5.87

N^o 14 33W of 26th May/87

House Rent on a/c of
Sergt. Harwar of
the Commissariat
Storekeeper General
Department

Request that
sanction may be given
to payment of