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30TH MAY 1887, No. 1466 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Establishment.

Read the following papers :—

From G. BIDIE, Esq., M.B., C.I.E., Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Fort St. George, 24th November 1886, No. 375.

I have the honor to submit, for the orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, the accompanying correspondence relative to the house-rent of Honorary Surgeon C. St. John Lawrence, attached to the 3rd district and Civil Orphan Asylums, Madras.

2. For the sake of having a medical man within ready call, the Directors of the Asylums have given him quarters near the Asylum on favorable terms, and as Mr. Lawrence has not been furnished with public quarters, he has hitherto been paid the house-rent of his honorary rank by the Department of Public Works.

3. The Executive Engineer now desires to take advantage of this private arrangement between tenant and landlord for their mutual benefit, by putting himself forward as the lessee on behalf of Mr. Lawrence, the effect of which will be to deprive him of the benefit of a private arrangement with the owners of private property. I do not think that it is the intention of Government that their officers should interfere with private arrangements in the way contemplated by the Executive Engineer.

4. I beg to remark that Mr. Lawrence is a commissioned officer, and as other commissioned officers at the Presidency, who are not furnished with public quarters, are allowed to make their own arrangements for house accommodation without the intervention of the Public Works Department, I do not see any reason for reversing the rule in the case of Mr. Lawrence.

5. I am further informed that presidency house-rent is granted not only on account of the higher charge for houses at the presidency, but also as compensation for the extra cost of living in the city. Mr. Lawrence is already a considerable loser by being debarred promotion to the lucrative position of Senior Apothecary, in consequence of the honorary commission conferred on him. The increased house-rent of his position as commissioned officer is the only compensation he has derived against this loss, but if the action of the Executive Engineer be upheld, Mr. Lawrence will be deprived of even this benefit.

From the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, dated 10th December 1886, No. 637.

From Colonel W. H. BURTON, R.E., Superintending Engineer, V Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Chepâk, 18th December 1886, No. 4732.

In reference to your endorsement No. 4483, dated 16th December 1886, on correspondence relating to the provision of quarters for Honorary Surgeon Lawrence (which is herewith returned), attached to Female Orphan Asylum and to the 3rd Medical District, Madras, I have the honor to state that, in my opinion, no unfair advantage, or one contrary to the spirit or letter of the regulations, has been taken of Mr. Lawrence's position in respect to the provision of his quarters.

2. As attached to the 3rd district, he is entitled to quarters, and the Executive Engineer must be guided in the provision of them by Note B, Section II, Appendix C*; these regulations are held to mean that it is the Executive Engineer's duty "to erect, purchase or hire such quarters;" manifestly, as the Executive Engineer has no authority at present either to erect or purchase, he must hire such. There being but one house suitable, and that assessed by its owners, the Directors of the Female Orphan Asylum, at Rs. 21 per mensem, I cannot see why the Public Works Department should pay the occupant Rs. 54 in addition to the Rs. 21, the real rent, and because, until recently, the regulations regarding the provision of quarters for Medical subordinates were different to what they are now.

* D. P. W. Code.

3. No doubt, until recently, the procedure adopted in the provision of quarters for Medical subordinates, especially for those senior ones stationed in Madras, made a considerable addition to their incomes, manifestly it did so to Mr. Lawrence's income, for the Executive Engineer, under previous regulations, paid him Rs. 75 as compensation in lieu of quarters, whilst Mr. Lawrence incurred an expenditure of Rs. 21.

4. In some cases, as at Bangalore and Madras, Military and Medical Warrant officers and subordinates gain by the present regulations, for the Executive Engineer often pays more than the sums mentioned in the column "Rate per Mensem" on page 23 of Appendix C of the Public Works Code; for instance, the Medical subordinate attached to the north station hospital at Bangalore obtains a bungalow and garden costing the Public Works Department Rs. 50 a-month, which is Rs. 20 in excess of the sum this Medical subordinate would have formerly obtained as compensation.

5. If the Public Works Department were to pay the full amount Rs. 75 entered on page 23 above mentioned, Mr. Lawrence's salary would be increased by Rs. 54, and not by the Medical Department but by ours; it is moreover not now open to the Honorary Surgeon to claim from this department the sum which, under previous regulations and other circumstances, it might be necessary for this department to pay.

6. As to his honorary rank of Surgeon, this does not remove Mr. Lawrence from the position he formerly occupied as Senior Apothecary in respect to quarters, for the size of quarters allowed for each of these ranks is the same.

7. I do not agree with the Examiner to the effect that the Public Works Department should pay no rent at all to the Female Orphan Asylum for Mr. Lawrence's quarters, for in that case the Asylum would be providing gratis a quarter to the Medical subordinate of the 3rd Medical District— an arrangement which the Directors would demur to.

8. I think that the Executive Engineer's action, as stated in his letter No. 3880, dated 15th November 1886, should be confirmed; it is I believe strictly in accordance with the regulations both in letter and spirit and with the practice of Government in other cases, for the spirit of the regulations, I presume, is that Medical subordinates shall be put to no expense in the provision of suitable quarters, and Mr. Lawrence, by his own showing, and also as manifested by Brigade-Surgeon Hunt and by Surgeon-General Bidie, is put to none.

From Colonel W. H. BURTON, R.E., Superintending Engineer, V Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Chepâk, 5th May 1887, No. 579.

I have, in reference to your No. 4585 C., dated 22nd December 1886, to state that Directors Civil Orphan Asylum are willing to let to the Government the quarters occupied by Honorary Surgeon Lawrence at Rs. 35 per mensem if the Government kept house in repairs. The area of rooms is 1,935 feet square; there is a cook-house and store-room, coach-house, stables, gram-shed and coachman's house. The annual cost of keeping house in repair will not exceed Rs. 50.

2. Probably a suitable house for a Senior Apothecary in the neighbourhood of 3rd Medical District will cost Rs. 55.

ORDER—dated 30th May 1887, No. 1466 W., Public Works.

The Superintending Engineer is authorised to hire for the accommodation of Honorary Surgeon Lawrence, on the terms stated in letter No. 579, dated 5th May 1887, above recorded, the house now occupied by the Honorary Surgeon.

2. The attention of the Surgeon-General will be drawn to the Proceedings of Government, Military Department, marginally noted, in which the Government of India and the Secretary of State declined to recognise the claim of a Senior Apothecary to make his own arrangements with respect to provision of quarters, and to draw compensation in lieu of free quarters. Also to the note to Section II B, Appendix C, Public Works Code, in which it is ruled that it is the duty of the Public Works Department to provide quarters either by purchase, erection or hire. If Mr. Lawrence provides himself with quarters without the intervention of the Public Works Department, no claim to compensation can be recognised by this department.

No. 3338, dated 20th June 1885.
„ 7091 „ 10th Nov. 1886.

3. With reference to the remarks in paragraph 5 of the Surgeon-General's letter, the Government observe that the question of the grant of compensation to officers of other departments for the higher cost of living at the presidency, or for loss of promotion, is not one for consideration in the Public Works Department, and that funds provided in the Public Works budget are not intended to meet the grant of such compensation.

(True Extract.)

Captain, R E.,
Under-Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras,
with four enclosures and copies of the Proceedings
quoted (through the Public Department.
„ Superintending Engineer, V Circle.
„ Examiner, Public Works Accounts.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.
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Govt. of (1887) Madra

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated May, 30th.

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G.O., 30th May 1887, No. 1466 W.

MAY.

Quarters

Orders on correspondence relating to the provision of — for Honorary Surgeon Lawrence, attached to the 3rd district and Civil Orphan Asylum, Madras.

Recd the following papers:-
& ext frm 8/5/87, No 1268 W.
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OFFICE OF SURGEON-GENERAL
WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,
Fort St. George 24th Novr 1886.

No. 375

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From
C. Bidie Esqre M.B. C.I.E.
~~The~~ SURGEON-GENERAL WITH THE
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,
FORT ST. GEORGE,

To
THE ~~CHIEF~~ SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
Public Works DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

I have the honor to submit for the orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council the accompanying correspondence relative to the house-rent of Honorary Surgeon C. St John Lawrence attached to the 3d District and Civil Orphan Asylums Madras.

2. For the sake of having a Medical man within ready call, the Directors of the Asylums have given him quarters near the Asylums on favorable terms and as Mr. Lawrence has not been furnished with public quarters, he has hitherto been paid the house rent of his honorary rank by the Department of Public Works.

3. The Executive Engineer now desires to take advantage of this private arrangement between tenant and landlord for their mutual benefit, by putting

himself forward as the lessee on behalf of Mr. Lawrence, the effect of which will be to deprive him of the benefit of a private arrangement with the owners of private property. I do not think that it is the intention of Government that their officers should interfere with private arrangements in the way contemplated by the Executive Engineer.

4. I beg to remark that Mr. Lawrence is a Commissioned Officer and as other Commissioned Officers at the Presidency who are not furnished with public quarters are allowed to make their own arrangements for house accommodation without the intervention of the Public Works Department, I do not see any reason for reversing the rule in the case of Mr. Lawrence.

5. I am further informed that Presidency house rent is granted not only on account of the higher charge for houses at the Presidency but also as compensation for the extra cost of living in the city. Mr. Lawrence is already a considerable loser by being debarred promotion to the lucrative position of Senior Apothecary in consequence of the honorary commission conferred on him. The

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I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Most Obed. Servant.

Signed M.B. C.I.E.
Surgeon General
with the Govt. of Madras.

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No 4196C of 26 Novr 1886.

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For favour of remarks.

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From

THE SURGEON-GENERAL WITH THE
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,
Fort St. George.

No. 375

Dated 24th } Novr 1886.
Recd 25th }

No. Enc 4

SUBJECT. Submits for orders certain correspondence relative to the house rent of Honorary Surgeon Lawrence attached the 3rd Dist & Civil Orphan Asylums Madras

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No. 4732

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,
V CIRCLE, MADRAS,
Chepák, 18th December 1886.

From

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
V CIRCLE,

To

THE Chief Engineer
P.W. Department.

SIR,

Enclosures. 6

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In reference to your Endorsement No. 4483, dated 16th December 1886, on correspondence relating to the provision of Quarters for Honry Surgeon Lawrence (which is herewith returned) attached to Female Orphan Asylum & to the 3rd Medl District Madras, I have the honor to state that, in my opinion, no unfair advantage, or one contrary to the spirit or letter of the Regulations, has been taken of Mr Lawrence's position in respect to the provision of his quarters.

As attached to the 3rd District he is entitled to quarters and the Executive

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Executive Engineers must be guided in the provision of them by Note B Section II Appendix C×; these regulations are held to mean that it is the Executive Engineer's duty "to rent purchase or hire such quarters"; manifestly as the Executive Engineer has no authority at present either to rent or purchase, he must hire such: there being but one house suitable & that possessed by its owners — the Directors of the Female Orphan Asylum, at Rs 21 per mensem, I can't see why the P.W. Department should pay the occupant Rs 54 in addition to the Rs 21. the real rent, because, until recently the Regulations regarding the provision of quarters for Medical Subordinates were different to what they are now.

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In some cases both at Bangalore & Madras, Military & Medical Warrant Officers & Subordinates gain by the present Regulations for the Executive Engineer often pays more than the sums mentioned in the column "Rate per mensem" on page 23 of Appendix C of the P.W. Code — for instance, the Medical Subordinate attached to the North Station Hospital at Bangalore obtains a bungalow and garden costing the D.P.W. Rupees 50 a month which is Rupees 20 in excess of the sum this Medical Subordinate would have formerly obtained as Compensation.

If the P.W. Department were to pay the full amount Rupees 75 entered on page 23 abovementioned, Mr Lawrence's Salary would be increased by Rupees 54 paid not by the Medical Department but by ours. It is moreover not now open to the Honorary Surgeon to claim from this Department the sum which under previous Regulations & other circumstances it might be necessary for

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As to his Honorary Rank of Surgeon this does not remove Mr. Lawrence from the position he formerly occupied as Senior Apothecary in respect to quarters, for the size of quarters allowed for each of these ranks is the same.

I do not agree with the Examiner to the effect that the P. W. Department should pay no rent at all to the Civil Female Orphan Asylum for Mr. Lawrence's Quarters, for in that case the Asylum would be providing gratis a quarters to the Medical Subordinate of the 3rd Madras District; an arrangement which the Directors would demur to.

The Civil Orphan Asylum would still demand the rent from Mr. Lawrence

I think that the Executive Engineer's action as stated in his letter No. 3880 dated 25th November 1886 should be confirmed – it is I believe strictly in accordance with the Regulations both in letter & spirit and with the practice of Government in other cases, for the spirit of the Regulations I presume is that Medical Subordinates shall be put to no expense in the provision of suitable

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suitable Quarters – and Mr. Lawrence, by his own showing, and also as manifested by Brigade Surgeon Hunt, & by Surgeon General Bidie, is put to none.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedt. Servt.

W H Thurston
Coll. R.E.
Superintg. Engr. 5th Circle

for

P.W.C. No. 9978

From

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
V CIRCLE,

To

THE Chief Engineer
P.W. Department

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Dated 18th December 1886.
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ENCLOSURES. 6

No. 4585 dated 22 [illegible]

No. 4732

Quarters for Honorary Surgeon Laurence, attached to the Female Orphan Asylum. States his opinion relating to the provision of —

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SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,
V CIRCLE, MADRAS,
Chepâk, 5th May 1887.

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From Coll. G. H. Burton R.E.
~~THE~~ SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
V CIRCLE,

To

THE Chief Engineer
P.W. Department.

SIR,

Enclosures.

~~Cut off for C.E. 6275 sent to off 6th May~~

I have, in reference to your No. 4585 C dated 22nd December 1886, to state that Directors Civil Orphan Asylum are willing to let to the Government the Quarters occupied by Honorary Surgeon Lawrence at Rs. 35 per mensem if the Government kept house in repairs. The area of rooms is 1935 f.S. there is a Cook house and Store room, Coach house, Stables, grain shed & Coachman's house. The annual cost of keeping house in repair will not exceed Rupees 50.

The authorised scale is about 1030 sq. feet.

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for a Senior Apothecary in the neighborhood of 3d Medical District will cost Rupees 55.

I have the honor to be
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Your Most Obedt Servt

W H Britton Coll. R.E.
Superintg Engr
5th Circle

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" 1508 W d/ 29-6-85
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The Superintg. Engr.
5th Circle

To

The Chief Engineer
P.W. Depts.

Dated 5th
Recd. 6th } May 1887.

Quarters occupied by Hony. Surgeon Lawrence -

States that the Directors Civil Orphan Asylum are willing to let to the Government the ——— at Rs 35 per mensem if the Government keep house in repairs.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 26 May 1887

READ the following

From the Surgeon Genl. with the Govt. Mr. No. 375 d/ 24.11.86
" Dy. Audr. P.W. Accounts No. 637 d/ 10.12.86
" " Supdg. Engr. V Circle No. 4732 d/ 18.12.86
" ——— do ——— do ——— 579 d/ 5.5.87

No. 3338 d/ 20th June 1885.
" 7001 d/ 10th Novr. 1886.

The Supdg. Engr. is authorised to hire for the accommodation of Hony. Surgeon Lawrence, on the terms stated in letter No. 579 dated 5th May 1887, above recorded, the house now occupied by the Honorary Surgeon.

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Govt of India & the Secy of State declined to recognise the claim of a senior Apothecary to make his own arrangements with respect to provision of quarters, & to draw compensation in lieu of free quarters. Also to the note to Sec 11 B, Appendix C. Public Works Code, in which it is ruled that it is the duty of the P. W. Dept to provide quarters either by purchase, erection or hire. If Mr Lawrence provides himself with quarters without the intervention of the P. W. Dept, no claim to Compensation can be recognised by this Dept.

3. With reference to the remarks in para 5 of the Surgeon General's letter, the Govt observe that the question of the grant of compensation to officers of other depts. for the higher cost of

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of living at the Presidency, or for loss of promotion, is not one for consideration in the P. W. Dept, and that the funds provided in the P. W. Budget are not intended to meet the grant of such compensation.

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To The Surgeon Genl with the G. of M., with 4 enclos & copies of the Pro quoted (through the Public Dept)
" S. E. V Circle
" Exr P.W.A.

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Govt. of (1887) Madras.

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G.O. 30th May 1887, No 1466. W

Quarters.

Orders on correspondence relating to the provision of — for the Hony. Surgeon Lawrence attached to the 3rd District & Civil Orphan asylums, Madras

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