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20th June 1887

Forwarded to the Secretary
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From

SURGEON Major W. H. Hackett
Acting Surgeon 3rd District,

To

THE Secretary Surgeon General
with the Government
of Madras

Dated

17th May
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Received

No. 22

SUBJECT.

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Dated May, 30th.

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Quarters

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

MADRAS, 17th May 1887.

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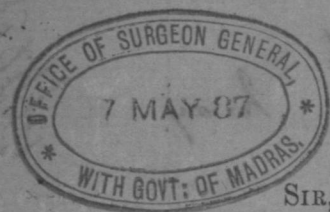
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SURGEON Major A. L. Hackett

Acting SURGEON, 3RD DISTRICT,

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Fort St. George



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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 arrange-
ment between tenant and landlord for their mutual benefit, by putting himself for-
ward 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 inter-
vention 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 corre-
spondence 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

* D. P. W. Code.

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.

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.

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.)

(Signed) J. O. HASTED, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary 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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