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9TH NOVEMBER 1887, No. 3005 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Account.

READ—the following papers:—

From Colonel H. McLEOD, R.A., Inspector-General of Ordnance, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated Fort St. George, 2nd April 1887, No. 4 G. (Through the Controller of Military Accounts.)

I have the honor to state, for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, that I have received the following letter* from the Superintendent, Gun Carriage Factory, Madras:—

* No. 3955, dated 15th March 1887.

“In continuation of my letter No. 3376, dated 1st ultimo, and with reference to your telephonic message drawing my attention to O.G., No. 3178, forwarded with your No. 3444 of the 14th July 1884, I have the honor to submit the following observations.

“2. The resolution of the Government of Madras, Financial Department, referred to in the Order of Government above named, directs that ‘all officers * * * shall forfeit Presidency house-rent and shall also pay house-rent on the scale laid down in G.G.O., of the 11th October 1866,’ in which is laid down the scale of rent to be charged to officers who occupy public quarters, the scale being regulated according to rank.

“3. That this scale has not been held to be applicable to the quarters of the Superintendent, Gun Carriage Factory, is clear from the fact that every Superintendent, irrespective of his rank, has, I believe, been charged Rs. 80 a-month for them, notwithstanding the fact that, according to the scale referred to, the rent chargeable to a Colonel or a Lieutenant-Colonel is Rs. 100.

“4. There appears to be no question that these quarters have always been considered to be occupied under special conditions, and consequently, in July 1876, a Board was assembled to report upon them and to fix the rent at which they should be assessed; this Board recommended that the rent should be Rs. 80 a-month ‘so long as the whole building be not occupied by the tenant’ and expressly added that the then incumbent ‘should not be required to forfeit the Rs. 30 Presidency house-rent’ (allowed to a Lieutenant-Colonel).

“5. The order passed by His Grace the Governor in Council was that the ‘rent should be assessed at Rs. 80 per mensem without reference to the stoppages or otherwise of the Superintendent’s Presidency house-rent.’

G.O., dated 16th August 1876, No. 2133 W.

“6. I would ask you to take the facts of this case into your consideration, and would respectfully request that His Excellency the Governor in Council may be pleased to reconsider the above order on the grounds that the rent paid is too high, having due regard to the drawbacks and disadvantages of the house, and also that, whereas in the case disposed of under the order of 1876 the house-rent forfeited was only Rs. 30, in my case it is Rs. 100, which I lose, under its operation, in addition to the Rs. 80 paid as rent.

“7. Presidency house-rent, I submit, is granted to an officer with the object of enabling him to meet all the enhanced charges incidental upon living in a Presidency town, not only the one item of increased rent, yet I have to pay what is probably the full market value of the house (I am informed on the best official authority that Rs. 80 a-month is too much for it) and am in addition deprived of the Rs. 100 a-month, which I should be entitled to if I were permitted to live elsewhere; as you are aware I am compelled to reside in the factory, and I may remind you that it has been stated by a former Superintendent, when writing upon the same subject, ‘there is little doubt that no one would select these quarters as a residence’ in consequence of their inconvenience and the danger of living with so many large boilers within a few score yards of the house (see Gun Carriage Factory, No. 2389, dated 19th January 1886), and also on account of their want of privacy owing to the fact that a portion of the house has to be given up for public business and the accommodation of a telephone.

“8. I may perhaps be permitted to add, in support of my application, that when I was Assistant to the Inspector-General of Ordnance, Bengal, an appointment which I joined more than four years ago, and of which the responsibility and claims upon my time were not to be compared with those of the charge of this factory, I was in receipt of more pay than I

N.B.—There is a Deputy Inspector-General as well as an Assistant in Bengal.

now draw, inasmuch as I then received Rs. 100 Presidency house-rent, free of income-tax, plus Rs. 500 staff pay, whereas the Rs. 600 staff pay I now draw is subject to deduction on that account.

"9. Should His Excellency in Council not see fit to permit me to occupy these quarters rent free, in consideration of my forfeiting Rs. 100 Presidency house-rent, and of the other reasons which I have above advanced, I would ask that at least he would be pleased to give effect to the recommendation of the Board, supported, as it was, by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief as described in paragraph 4 of this letter, and would sanction the deduction of Rs. 30 a-month from the rent fixed for the house in all cases when it is occupied by an officer of a rank to which Presidency house-rent is ordinarily attached. The rent actually recovered by Government for the quarters would then be as shown below for the several ranks mentioned:—

Rank.	Rent.	Presidency house-rent.	Remission.	Rent recovered.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
"Colonel	80	...	...	80
"Lieutenant-Colonel ..	80	30	30	80
"Major	80	100	30	150
"Captain	80	60	30	110 "

2. Under the circumstances brought to notice, and as the Superintendent of the factory has not the whole of the house for occupation, I beg strongly to support the recommendation made in 1876 by the House Board and supported by His Excellency the Commander-in-chief (*vide* letter from the Quartermaster-General, communicated with Order of Government, No. 4460, dated 2nd September 1876), that, whenever these quarters are occupied by an officer of a rank to whom Presidency house-rent is allowed, they should only be assessed at Rs. 50 per mensem.

From Major C. H. P. CHRISTIE, R.E., Examiner, Public Works Accounts, to the Controller of Military Accounts, dated Madras, 22nd June 1887, No. 25 M.

In returning the papers received with your No. 1154, dated 11th June 1887, I have the honor to observe that, if the Director-General of Ordnance only desires a modification of the rules as to house-rent allowance payable in the Military Department, the matter is one which in no way concerns the Public Works Department.

2. If, on the other hand, the proposal is that the Public Works Department should abandon the principle of fixed rents, and substitute a sliding scale, for the express purpose of defeating a rule (as to house-rent allowance) deliberately made, and on appeal upheld, in another department, I am of opinion that the proposal could not be entertained in the Public Works Department.

From Colonel C. CARTER, Controller of Military Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated 24th June 1887, A.

Forwarded.

2. As Major A. F. Fletcher, R.A., Superintendent, Gun Carriage Factory, is in occupation of public quarters, he forfeits Presidency house-rent and pays a rent of Rs. 80 per mensem.

3. In the orders marginally noted the Government of India ruled that the Superintendent, Gun Carriage Factory, Madras, should not be exempted from the payment of house-rent for the public quarters occupied by him, as officers of the Ordnance Department in charge of factories did not fall under the exemption in the concluding sentence of the Finance Resolution, No. 3413, dated 29th December 1882.

Proceedings of Government, No. 4460, of 2nd September 1876.

4. The orders of Government referred to by the Superintendent, Gun Carriage Factory, and in paragraph 2 of the letter under report, do not appear to have been communicated to this office.

5. As stoppages on account of house-rent are not scrutinised by this department, the correspondence was forwarded for remarks to the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, whose reply, No. 25 M. of 22nd June 1887, is attached.

No. 4099, Military.

Transferred to the Public Works Department with reference to Proceedings of Government, No. 2133 W., dated 16th August 1876.

(By Order.)

OOTACAMUND.
11th July 1887.

(Signed) A. KENNEY-HERBERT, Brigdr.-Genl.,
Secretary to Government.

389 D.

Referred to the Superintending Engineer, V Circle, who will report the value of the portion of the house occupied by the Superintendent, Gun Carriage Factory, in view to the rent chargeable under Code rules being compared with that now paid.

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

25th July 1887.

Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

From Colonel H. M. VIBART, R.E., Superintending Engineer, V Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Shatitope, 2nd October 1887, No. 2680.

In returning the enclosures of your memorandum No. 389 D., dated 25th July 1887, I have the honor to state that three rooms, measuring in all 681 square feet on the ground floor of the quarters of the Superintendent of the Gun Carriage Factory, are set apart as office rooms for the Superintendent. There is a separate office building for the clerks.

2. The valuation of the portion of the building actually occupied as quarters by the Superintendent of the Gun Carriage Factory is—

5,316 square feet, valuation	...	...	...	...	...	RS.
Out-houses, 1,370 square feet, valuation	...	...	...	...	...	1,370
Total	...	...	...	...	...	23,350

In the register of buildings the valuation is entered as Rs. 24,800 for the Superintendent's quarters and Rs. 1,370 for the out-houses = Rs. 26,170.

ORDER—dated 9th November 1887, No. 3005 W., Public Works.

Ordered that the Government of India be addressed.

(Here enter No. 3006 W., dated 9th November 1887.)

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, V Circle.
" Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
" Military Department.

Exd. J. Moses.
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GENERAL.
ACCOUNT.

Gob. of 1887 Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated November, 9th.

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 9th Nov. 1887, No. 3005 W.

NOVEMBER.

Rent

The Government of India to be addressed with regard to the rate of — recovered from the Superintendent, Gun Carriage Factory, Madras, for the quarters occupied by him in the factory premises.

9TH NOVEMBER 1887, No. 3006 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Account.

LETTER—FROM

COLONEL J. O. HASTED, R.E.,

Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Public Works Department,

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

I am directed to forward, for the favorable consideration of the Government of India, the accompanying * correspondence, having reference to the rate of rent recovered from the Superintendent, Gun Carriage Factory, Madras, for the Government quarters occupied by him in the factory premises.

2. The rent formerly charged for the building was Rs. 100 per mensem; but in 1876, on the recommendation of a House Board, this Government reduced the rate to Rs. 80 per mensem, without reference to the question of the stoppage of the Superintendent's Presidency house-rent (*vide* Proceedings, No. 2133, dated 16th August 1876, copy forwarded herewith).

3. In 1883 it was sought to exempt the Superintendent from payment of rent altogether, on the ground that he was compelled to live in the quarters, but the Government of India declined to sanction this, on the ground that the exemption contained in Financial Resolution, No. 3413, dated 29th December 1882, was only in favor of officers whose free quarters were considered as part of the emoluments attached to their appointments (*vide* your letter, No. 298 B., dated 30th May 1883).

4. If the rent of that portion of the building occupied by the Superintendent be calculated in accordance with Code rules at $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. per annum, the rate would be Rs. 146 per mensem; but having regard to the inconvenient situation of the quarters, in the midst of the factory, the want of privacy caused by a portion of the building being occupied for public purposes, and to the circumstance that the Superintendent is compelled to occupy the quarters, this Government consider that it would not be right to assess the rent on the actual value of the premises. They think, therefore, that, allowing for the disadvantages abovementioned, it may be taken for granted that the rent assessed by the House Board in 1876, viz., Rs. 80 plus the deduction of Rs. 30, the Presidency house-rent of an officer drawing regimental pay, fairly represents the value of the quarters to the occupant, and that that amount, Rs. 110 per mensem, should be met by a deduction of the Presidency house-rent of the occupant, the balance being paid in cash. A Lieutenant-Colonel holding the appointment would thus forfeit his Presidency house-rent of Rs. 30 and pay Rs. 80 as rent. A Major, the present incumbent for instance, would forfeit his Presidency house-rent of Rs. 100 and pay Rs. 10 in cash.

5. This Government are aware that this proposal is contrary to the ruling of the Government of India, contained in Financial Resolution, No. 2413, dated 29th December 1882, but they think that no officer compelled to occupy Government quarters should be called upon to pay a higher rate of rent than that for which he could obtain good private accommodation.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

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

FORT ST. GEORGE,
9th November 1887.

Exd. J. Moses.

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GENERAL.
ACCOUNT.

Gobt. of (1887) Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated November, 9th.

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 9th Nov. 1887, No. 3006 W.

NOVEMBER.

Rent

Submitting to the Government of India
a proposal with regard to the rate of —
to be recovered from the Superintendent,
Gun Carriage Factory, Madras, for the
quarters occupied by him in the factory
premises.

Obso! The Controller of Military Accounts

No. G
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ORDNANCE OFFICE:

Fort Saint George,

7 April 1887.

From

Colonel H. McLEOD, R. A.,

Inspector General of Ordnance.

To

The Secretary to Government,

Military Department.

Sir,

Fort Saint George.

I have the honor to state, for the infor-
-mation of the Right Honorable the Governor in
Council, that I have received the following letter
from the Superintendent Gun Carriage Factory, Madras.

"In continuation of my letter No 3376 dated 1st
"ultimo, and with reference to your telephonic message
"drawing my attention to O. G. No 3178 forwarded
"with your No 3444 of the 14th July 1884, I have
"the honor to submit the following observations."

"The Resolution of the Government of Madras
"Financial Department referred to in the O. G. above
"named directs that - "all Officers x x x shall
"forfeit Presidency House Rent, and shall also pay
"House Rent on the scale laid down in G. O. of
"the 13th October 1866" the date of the G. O. referred
"to seems to have been misquoted, for Fort Saint George

No 3955 dated 15th
March 1887.

No 3955 dated 15th
March 1887.

Encl.

"G.O. No 460 dated 11th December of that year pub-
 lished G.O. of Government of India dated 11th October
 1866 in which is laid down the scale of rent to be
 charged to Officers who occupy public quarters, the
 scale being regulated according to rank."

"That this scale has not been held to be appli-
 cable to the Quarters of the Superintendent of the
 Carriage Factory is clear from the fact that every
 Superintendent irrespective of his rank, has, I believe
 been charged Rupees 80 a month for them, notwith-
 standing the fact that according to the scale referred
 to, the rent chargeable to a Colonel or a Lt. Colonel
 is Rupees 100."

"There appears to be no question that these
 quarters have always been considered to be occupied
 under special conditions; and consequently in July
 1876, a Board was assembled to report upon them
 and to fix the rent at which they should be letted,
 this Board recommended that the rent should be
 Rupees 80 a month "so long as the whole building
 be not occupied by the tenant" and expressly added
 that the then incumbent "should not be required to
 forfeit

"forfeit the Rupees 30 Presidency House Rent" (allowed to a
 Lt. Colonel)"

G.O. 16th August 1876
 No 2132. IV

"The order passed by His Grace the Governor in
 Council was that the rent should be adjusted at Rs 80
 per mensem without reference to the stoppages or otherwise
 of the Superintendent's Presidency House Rent."

"I would ask you to take the facts of this case into
 your consideration and would respectfully request that
 His Excellency the Governor in Council may be pleased
 to reconsider the above order on the grounds that the
 rent paid is too high, having due regard to the drawbacks
 and disadvantages of the house, and also that whereas
 in the case disposed of under the order of 1876, the
 House Rent forfeited was only Rupees 30 in my case
 it is Rupees 100 which I lose, under its operation, in
 addition to the Rupees 80 paid as rent."

"Presidency House Rent, I submit, is granted
 to an Officer with the object of enabling him to meet all
 the enhanced charges incidental upon living in a Presi-
 dency Town, not only the one item of increased rent, yet,
 I have to pay what is probably the full market
 value of the house (I am informed on the best official
 authority that Rupees 80 a month is too much for it)
 and am in addition deprived of the Rupees 100 a month
 which

"which I should be entitled to if I were permitted to
"live elsewhere; as you are aware I am compelled to
"reside in the Factory and I may remind you
"that it has been stated by a former Superintendent
"when writing upon the same subject "there is little
"doubt that no one would select these Quarters
"as a residence" in consequence of their inconvenience,
"and the danger of living with so many large boilers
"within a few score yards of the house (see Gun
"Carriage Factory No 2889 dated 19th January 1886)
"and also on account of their want of privacy owing
"to the fact that a portion of the house has to be
"given up for public business and the accommodation
"of a telephone."

"I may perhaps be permitted to add in support
"of my application that when I was Assistant to
"the Inspector General of Ordnance Bengal on
"appointment which I joined more than 4 years ago,
"and of which the responsibility and claims upon
"my time were not to be compared with those of the charge
"of this Factory I was in receipt of more pay than
"I now draw, in as much as I then received Rs 100

Presidency

N.B. There is a Dy.
Inspector Genl as well as
an Asst in Bengal.

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"Presidency House Rent free of income tax, plus
"Rupees 500 Staff pay, whereas the Rupees 600
"Staff pay I now draw is subject to deduction
"on that account."

"Should His Excellency in Council not
"see fit to permit me to occupy these Quarters rent
"free, in consideration of my forfeiting 100 Rupees
"Presidency House Rent, and of the other reasons
"which I have above advanced, I would ask that
"at least he would be pleased to give effect to the
"recommendation of the Board supported as it
"was by His Excellency the Commander in Chief
"as described in para 4 of this letter and would
"sanction the deduction of Rupees 30 a month
"from the rent fixed for the house, in all
"cases when it is occupied by an Officer of a
"rank to which Presidency House Rent is
"ordinarily attached. The rent actually re-
"covered by Government for the Quarters would
"then

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 "then be as shown below for the several ranks
 "mentioned."

Rank	Rent	Presy: R. Rent	Remission	Rent recovered
	R [£]	R [£]	R [£]	R [£]
Colonel	80	0	0	80
Major	80	30	30	80
Captain	80	100	30	150
	80	60	30	110

2. Under the circumstances brought to notice and as the Superintendent of the Factory has not the whole of the House for occupation, I beg strongly to support the recommendation made in 1876 by the House Board and supported by His Excellency the Commander in Chief, vide letter from the Quarter Master General communicated with Order of Government No 4460 dated 2nd September 1876, that whenever these Quarters are occupied by an Officer of a Rank to whom Presidency House Rent is allowed they should only

be

30th/7 R. H.
 be affected at Rupees 50 per mensem.—

I have the honor to be,
 Sir,
 Your most obedient servant,
 H. Mc Lint Colonel R. A.,
 Inspector General of Ordnance.—

Encs 4 of letter 25th 2nd

1/23/88 Encs 11 of letter 19th

EXAMINER
JUN 1887

Military {1887} Department.

No. 4188

From
The Inspector General of Ordnance,
Fort Saint George.
To
The Secretary to Government,
Military Department
Fort Saint George

DATED 27
RECEIVED 27 April 1887.
June

No. 6

Enclosed with recommendation the enclosed letter from the Superintendent Gun Carriage Factory Madras on the subject of House rent charged for his quarters in the Factory.

N.B.—In any future communication on this subject, the number and date of this letter should be quoted.

[C. No. 1.]

No. 25th

From Major C. H. P. Christie R. E.
THE EXAMINER,
PUBLIC WORKS ACCOUNTS,
MADRAS,

To
The Controller of Military Accounts,
Madras.
Madras, 22 June 1887.

Sir,

In returning the papers received with your No. 1154 dated 11th June 1887, I have the honor to observe that if the Director General of Ordnance only desires a modification of the rules as to house rent allowance payable in the Military Department, the matter is one which in no way concerns the P. W. Department.

2. If, on the other hand, the proposal is that the P. W. Department should abandon the principle of fixed rents, and substitute a sliding scale, for the express purpose of defeating a rule (as to house rent allowance) deliberately made, and on appeal upheld, in another Department, I am of opinion that the proposal could not be entertained in the P. W. Department.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your Most Obedient Servant.

Chas. Hunter

Major R. E.
Examiner P. W. Accounts Madras.

27. 22/6.

Encs 11.

Chas. Hunter

Forwarded

As Major A. F. Fletcher R.A. Superintendent Gun Carriage Factory is in occupation of public quarters, he forfeits Presidency House rent, and pays a rent of Rs. 80 per annum.

In the orders marginally noted the Government of India ruled, that the Superintendent Gun Carriage Factory, Madras, should not be exempted from the payment of house rent for the public quarters occupied by him, as Officers of the Ordnance Department in Charge of Factories did not fall under the exemption in the concluding sentence of the Finance Resolution, No. 3413, dated 29th December 1882.

The orders of Government referred to by the Superintendent Gun Carriage Factory, and in para 2 of the letter under report, do not appear to have been communicated to this Office.

As stoppages on account of House rent are not scrutinized by this Department, the correspondence was forwarded for remarks to the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, whose reply, No. 25 M. of 22nd June 1887 is attached.

Chas. James. Colonel,
Controller of Military Accounts

Returned

Vide Articles 106 + 972
Army Regulations India,
Volume I, Part I.
Article 1182 Code of
Regulations for the
Public Works Depart-
ment.

P.L. No. 3212 of 7 June 1885
P.L. No. 4183 of 29 May 1886
P.L. No. 3178 of 3rd July 1886
Military.

3482. P.H. 8168

G.O. 4. No 460 of 1866.
P.G. 2/9/87 - Nov. 30/31 P.

-- 7/6/83 -- " -- 7/2/84
-- 20/5/84 -- " -- 30/4/84
-- 3/7/84 -- " -- 4/4/84

B. No 1681 W. 24.6.84
" 1410 W. 5.6.84
" 2143 W. 6.11.83
" 2240 W. 11.8.83
" 1603 W. 7.6.83

No 4099

Transferred
to the Public Works
Department with
reference to P.G.
No 2133 W. of 16. August
1876.

My Order,

A. H. A. H. H. H. H.
Secy. to Govt
July Sept.

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11 July 87

801306 of 16.5.96
" 2133 of 16.5.76

Reimbursed 21.7.87

From
The CONTROLLER OF MILITARY ACCOUNTS,
Fort St. George.

To
The SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

Dated 24 June 1887
Received 27 July 1887

ENCLOSURES 2

Forwards, with report,
letter from the Inspector General
of Ordnance re house sent to
the Superintendent of Gun Carriage
Factory.

with endorsement

Endorsement from the mil. Dept No 4099 of 11.7.87
on letter from the Inspector of Ordnance to
4 dated 2.4.87 & report from the Cont. of mil.
Accts. 2/24.6.87.

Referred to the
Supy. Supt. V Circle,
who will report the
value of the portion of
the house occupied
by the Supt. Gun Carriage
Factory, in view to
the rent chargeable
under Code rules being
compared with that
now paid.

S. S. V Circle
with original papers
returned

Dec 24/11

No. 150 W. 21. 6. 84.
 410 W. 5. 6. 84.
 5143 W. 6. 11. 83.
 2240 W. 11. 8. 83.
 1603 W. 7. 6. 83.
 1080 W. 11. 4. 83.
 2133. 16. 9. 76.
 1306. 26. 5. 76.

On 57. 10.

No 389 D of 25 July 1887

Enclosures. 3.

No. 2680

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,

Camp Shatiatop

V Circle, Madras,

Chennai, 2 October 1887.

From

Col. H. M. Hart. P.E.

To

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, V CIRCLE,

THE

Chief Engineer
P. W. Department

SIR,

In returning the enclosures of your Memorandum No 389 D dated 25 July 1887, I have the honor to state that three rooms measuring in all 681 Square feet on the ground floor of the quarters of the Superintendent of the Gun Carriage Factory, are set apart as office rooms for the Superintendent. There is a separate office building for the clerks.

2. The valuation of the portion of the building actually occupied as quarters by

the

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W.C. No 8165

London.

The Superintending Engineer
- 5th Circle -

To,

The Chief Engineer
- P.W. Department -

Dated 2nd

Received 6-4-87
1914-11-27

Enclosures 3.

No. 2680-

Superintendent's Quarters
at Gun Carriage Factory

Furnishing
information regarding
the valuation &c of the

No. 1306 d/16.5.76

" 2133 d/16.8.76

" 1080 d/11.4.83

" 1603 Wd/7.6.83

" 2240 Wd/11.8.83

" 3143 Wd/6.11.83

" 1410 Wd/5.6.84

" 1561 Wd/21.6.84

" 389 d/5.7.87

Final. G.O. 1587 d/24-7-83
1883 d/29-5-84
Certain Mfg Dept papers.

Recd. 22-10-87 R. 26-10-87

Circ. 14-10-87 R. 22-10-87

The proposal would involve a sliding scale of rents. This is, in the opinion of the Engineer, out of the question.

The actual value of the quarters, calculated by area, is Rs 11.6 per month. but, there are certain circumstances connected with the quarters which depreciate their value. The rent has therefore been assessed at Rs 80 per month.

The only other way of charging for the quarters would be according to the rank of the occupant. Under this arrangement, Colonel McLeod would have to pay Rs 100 per month - vide para 1182 of the S.W. Code.

Residing house rent is forfeited when public quarters are provided. house rent being also charged. vide G.O. 85 d/16 Jan. 83 and G.O. 1023 d/27 May. 83 (Financial).

R.S.

11-4-87

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File

L. O.

His Excellency the Governor in Council sees ^{sufficient} no reason to reduce the rent fixed in G. O. 2133 of 16. August. 1876 for the quarters of the Subt. Gun Carriage Factory. The amount now paid is Rs 80 per mensem, but this would be raised to Rs 11.6- per mensem if the rent were calculated at 7 1/2 per cent on the value of the quarters actually occupied, in accordance with para 1021 of the P. W. Code.

To the Military Dept.
(The Secy of the Military Dept.
for favor of counter initials)

13.10.87

305-6
The Superintendent of the
Iron Carriage factory is,
I understand compelled to
occupy the quarters in the
factory, and having regard
to the inconvenient situation
of those quarters, and the
want of privacy caused by
a portion of the building
being occupied for public
purposes, it would in my
opinion be wrong to calculate
the rent on the area of that
portion of the building
allotted to the Superintendent.
I think that allowance for
the disadvantages above
mentioned it may be
taken for granted that
the rent apportioned by the
Household in July 176, viz.
R^s 80 plus the deduction
of R^s 30, the Presidency
house rent of an Officer
drawing regimental pay,
fully represents the value
of the quarters to the
occupant and that that
amount viz. R^s 110 should be
taken as the value of the

quarters, to be met by a
deduction of the Presidency
house rent and the balance
in cash. A Lieut Colonel
holding this appointment
could forfeit his Presidency
house rent of Rs 30/ and
pay Rs 80/ in cash.

A Major, the present incumbent
for instance, could forfeit
his Presidency house rent
of Rs 100/ and pay Rs 10/ in
cash.

I know that this is contrary
to the ruling of the Govt of
Madras passed in Govt of
Madras Financial Dept 16th
/Aug/83. But I venture
to think that no officer
compelled to occupy Govt
quarters shd be called on
to pay a higher rent than
that for which he could obtain
good private accommodation.

If not compelled to occupy
the quarters in the factory
Major Fletcher could draw
Rs 100/ Presidency house

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rent and could doubtless
obtain a suitable house
for at the most Rs 150/
having to pay the difference
Rs 50/ out of his actual
pay.

By paying Rs 80/ for his
quarters in the factory
and at the same time
forfeiting his Presidency
house rent he is Rs 80/ out
of pocket and Govt is
really obtaining from him
a rent of Rs 180/.

Then the Govt of Madras
granted Major pay to
Major of Artillery, the
Officers of that rank
employed in the Ordnance
Dept are specially and
thus disadvantageously
treated. The Major
being restricted to Staff
Corps pay - all other
ranks in the Ordnance
Dept drawing Regt pay.
It would I think therefore

to be fair to charge
them for the quarters
in question only the rent
paid by other ranks -

C.F.G.

20.10.87

The old rent was 100 Rs. & under the
rules the Supt. also lost his house-
rent allowance (G.O. 26 May 76). This
was considered excessive & a fresh
House Board assembled, the result being
the G.O. 16 Aug 76 reducing the rent
to 80, but declining to meddle with the
rule that house rent allowance was
to be forfeited. It is a doubtful time that
the idea below this order was that 110 Rs.
was a fair rent, but both were fully aware
that the allowance forfeited varied with
the rank of the Officer. And they also
knew that they had no power to modify
such allowances or the rules requiring
their forfeiture when quarters are provided.

This rule was reiterated & extended by the
Resⁿ in G.O. 16 Jan 83. That of 24 July 83
as explained by later orders & as stated
in the draft, require the Supt. to pay
146 Rs. a month, quite irrespective of
the house rent allowance forfeited.

The Resⁿ in G.O. 11 Oct 83 provides that
where a full rent at 7 1/2 % is exacted
Pres^y of house rent allowance shall
not be forfeited, but this only applies
to Civil Officers & if Major Fletcher
claims the benefit of it now, he on pro-
motion shall forfeit it to Col. Supt. & so
have to pay 146 against what they could
circ. 21-10-87 R.26-10-87

only recover 30, they wd then
be losers by (116-80 or) 36 a month.
The case of the S.C.F. Supt. was
specially brought before India
in view to giving him if possible
the benefit of an exemption
provided by the Resⁿ in G.O. 16 Jan 83,
but India refused - G.O. 29 May 84.
He is supplied with public quarters
& compelled to live in them, but
such quarters are not part
of the emoluments attaching to his
Office. On these grounds it appeared,
and still appears, to me quite
clear that this Gov^t has no
power at all to reduce Major
Fletcher's rent, & ~~that~~ as even
India can only do it by relaxing
a principle repeatedly laid down
I did not think it likely that
any representation to them wd
be successful.

I have however no objection
whatever to such a representation
being made. There is no doubt
that the rule cuts Major Fletcher
somewhat heavily.

P.P.H.
23 Oct

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

No 30056

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the

9th Nov 87

Read the following

From the Inspector General of } No. 4-9 of 2nd April 1887
Ordnance. }
From the Examiner, P.W.A. - " No. 25 M. of 22nd June 1887
From the Controller of Milly. } " A, of 24th June 1887
Sects. }
Endorsement in the Milly. Dept. " No. 4099 of 11th July 1887
Endorsement in the P.W. Dept. " No. 389 D. of 25th July 1887
From the Suptg. Engr. & Civil. " No. 2680 of 2nd October 1887

Ordered that the
Government of India be
addressed.

To
The Supg. Engr. V. Lisle.
Examiner, P.W. Sects.
Milly. Dept.

At. In. 2006 W. of 9 November 1887.

To
The Secy. to the Govt. of
India.
Military Department.

Sir,
I am directed to
forward, for the favorable
consideration of the Govt. of
India

+ P. Q. No. 12

India, the accompanying correspondence, having reference to the rate of rent recovered from the Superintendent Gun Carriage Factory, Madras, for the Government quarters occupied by him in the Factory premises.

2. The rent formerly charged for the building was Rs. 100 per mensem; but in 1876, on the recommendation of a House Board, the Government reduced the rate to Rs. 80 per mensem, without reference to the question of the stoppage of the Superintendent's Presidency house-rent, vide Proceedings No. 2133 of 16th August 1876, copy forwarded herewith.

3. In 1883 it was sought to exempt the Superintendent from payment of rent altogether, on the ground that he was compelled to live in the quarters, but the Govt. of India declined to sanction this on the ground that the exemption contained in Financial Resolution No. 3413, of 29th December 1882, was only

in favor of officers whose free quarters were considered as part of the emoluments attached to their appointments. vide your letter No. 298B of 30th May 1883.

4. If the rent of that portion of the building occupied by the Superintendent be calculated in accordance with Code rules, at $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. per annum, the rate would be Rs. 146 per mensem; but having regard to the inconvenient situation of the quarters, in the midst of the Factory, the want of privacy caused by a portion of the building being occupied for public purposes, and to the circumstance that the Superintendent is compelled to occupy the quarters, the Govt. consider that it would not be right to assess the rent on the actual value of the premises. They think, therefore, that allowing for the disadvantages above mentioned, it may be taken for granted that the rent + assessed

applied by the House Board
in 1876, viz. Rs. 80, plus the
deduction of Rs. 30, the Presidency
house-rent of an Officer drawing
regimental pay, fairly represents
the value of the quarters to
the occupant, and that that
amount, Rs. 110 per mensem,
should be met by a deduction
of the Presidency house-rent of
the occupant, the balance being
paid in cash. A Lieut. Colonel
holding the appointment
would thus forfeit his Presidency
house-rent of Rs. 30 and pay
Rs. 80 as rent. A Major, the
present incumbent for instance
would forfeit his Presy. house-
rent of Rs. 100 and pay Rs. 10
in cash.

5. His Govt. are aware that
this proposal is contrary to the
ruling of the Govt. of India,
contained in Financial Resolution
No. 2413 of 29th Decr. 1882, but
they think that no officer
compelled to occupy Govt.
quarters should be called
upon

upon to pay a higher rate
of rent than that for which
he could obtain good
private accommodation.

See
4/11/87

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G.O. 9th Nov 1887. No. 3005
 3006

Rent 7 $\frac{1}{2}$

The Govt. of India
 to be addressed with
 regard to the rate of
 to be recovered from
 the Supt. Genl. Amalg.
 factory, maddras, for
 the quarters occupied
 by him in the factory premises.

Rent 20
 = 3000

Submitting to the
 Govt. of India a
 proposal with regard
 to the rate of - to
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 the Supt. Genl. Amalg.
 maddras, for the quarters
 occupied by him in the
 factory premises.

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