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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Account.

READ—the following papers :—

From Colonel ROSS THOMPSON, R.E., Executive Engineer, Presidency Division, to the Superintending Engineer, V Circle, dated Bangalore, 1st May 1888, No. 100 S.E.

I have the honor to lay before you the following particulars in respect to the hiring of quarters for military and medical subordinates, from which you will see the difficulty, trouble and annoyance that is caused by such an arrangement, and request you will be good enough to refer the matter to Government with a view to some steps being taken to relieve this department of the disagreeable necessity of hiring houses for the subordinates of other departments :—

1. Decent houses in good localities are not procurable for the scale of rent laid down for conductors, sub-conductors and non-commissioned officers.
2. Landlords of houses do not care to rent their houses to other than permanent residents in the station, and usually demand one month's rent in advance and a lease for six months or longer.
3. When a suitable house is obtained after much trouble and knocking about for a medical or military subordinate, it is objected to on the grounds that it is in a bad locality or too far distant from place of business.
4. When a suitable house within convenient distance and a good locality is obtained, it is found that the rent exceeds the authorised rate allowed for the subordinate for whom it is intended.
5. In this case the sanction of Government is required before the house could be engaged; by the time this sanction is obtained, the landlord, who cannot wait the convenience of this department, gives up the house to another tenant or the subordinate is transferred to another part of the station or is transferred out of the station.
6. Just as a suitable house is procured for a medical subordinate within convenient distance of his hospital and within the authorised rate, he is transferred to another hospital in another part of the station where another house has to be provided for him and the whole process of house-hunting, &c., has to be gone over again.
7. Then just perhaps as success has attended this second attempt to provide a house, this subordinate is transferred either to the same hospital he was first attached to, or to some other hospital in another locality, or out of the station altogether.
8. After overcoming all these difficulties in some instances, and a house is engaged and occupied by the subordinate, he lives in it for a few days; when suddenly he is transferred out of the station, the landlord claims rent for the period the house is left untenanted.
9. Invariably when a house is engaged for a subordinate he is never satisfied with it; it is either in a bad locality or too far for his work, or does not contain sufficient accommodation, or something or other which he does not like.
10. House-hunting to one who has nothing to do is in itself a difficult matter, but to one who has his work to attend to it is infinitely more troublesome and annoying. When quarters are asked for, the sub-divisional officer concerned is directed to

search for them; he has to spend almost the whole of his hours in the morning for days together sometimes, beating about for a house in different parts of the station, thereby neglecting his proper duties to the detriment of the public service.

11. Under these circumstances, I would suggest that, in the case of military and medical subordinates, the compensation due to each be paid to him and that he be allowed to make his own arrangements for quarters. In some cases Government would benefit by the arrangement pecuniarily and in some cases would lose, but on the whole the balance would be even, for a saving on one side would meet a loss on the other. In this arrangement the great end would be accomplished in that the Public Works Department would be saved all the worry and annoyance and the subordinate would be far more pleased and satisfied. I may also mention another arrangement which perhaps would be favorably considered, and that is that each department of the State pay its own compensation and house-rent.

No. 473.

Forwarded to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, for orders.

2. The undersigned agrees in all that the Executive Engineer states as regards the difficulties this department must contend with in providing hired quarters for military and medical subordinates in Madras. In other stations where the demand for houses is not so great and where the numbers of military and medical subordinates for whom quarters have to be provided are not so large as in Madras, the difficulties are perhaps comparatively less. It would, I consider, be advisable in the interests of the service to allow military and medical subordinates stationed at Madras and Bangalore as an exceptional case compensation in lieu of quarters when public quarters are not available.

BANGALORE,
5th May 1888.

(Signed) H. M. VIBART, Colonel, R.E.,
Superintending Engineer, V Circle.

Memorandum from Colonel J. O. HASTED, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated Ootacamund, 23rd May 1888, No. 226 D.

Referred to the Military Department for consideration.

2. It is no doubt the case that a vast amount of time is consumed in searching for quarters in Madras and Bangalore when no public quarters are available.

From Colonel M. PROTHEROE, C.B., C.S.I., Officiating Quartermaster-General, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated Ootacamund, 20th July 1888, No. 2597 A.

In returning the correspondence referred under M.D. No. 3578 of the 30th May last, I am desired to state that the Commander-in-Chief fully realises the difficulties which the Public Works Department meet with in connection with the provision of suitable hired accommodation for warrant officers, military and medical, at Madras and Bangalore; and, having obtained the opinion of the heads of departments concerned, His Excellency would recommend the adoption by Government of the proposal of the Executive Engineer, Presidency, in regard to compensation being allowed to warrant officers at those stations in all cases in which public quarters are certified not to be available.

2. In regard, however, to the amount of compensation payable to warrant officers of Military departments, it is necessary to make the proviso that they should in each case receive the same compensation as is payable to medical warrant officers entitled to accommodation on a corresponding scale, less the amount which represents house-rent in their pay, that is, that conductors and sub-conductors should receive as compensation the same sums as apothecaries and assistant apothecaries, respectively, less Rs. 12 and Rs. 7-8-0 in each case, these being the amounts of house-rent included in the pay of the military warrant officers in question.

3. It is essential that this proviso should be made, for otherwise military warrant officers required to provide themselves with quarters would be placed in a very disadvantageous position as compared with medical warrant officers who are entitled to the same scale of accommodation,* it being admitted (*vide* 1 of letter of Executive Engineer, Presidency division, Code, Madras.

No. 100 S.E., dated 1st May 1888) that decent houses in good localities are not procurable on the scale of rent laid down for conductors and sub-conductors.

4. Sir Charles Arbuthnot considers that departmental non-commissioned officers should in all cases be provided with hired quarters by the Public Works Department on the rare occasions when public quarters may not be available for them, for no rate of house-rent is laid down for men of non-commissioned rank, and it does not seem to be necessary or desirable to fix one.

No. 5026, Military.

Transferred with an expression of concurrence of Government in the Military Department in the views of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief.

2. The referred papers are herewith returned.

(By order.)

OOTACAMUND,
23rd July 1888.

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

Office note from the Examiner of Public Works Accounts, dated 10th September 1888, No. 2218.

So far as the proposals affect only medical warrant officers, I agree with the opinion expressed by the Superintending Engineer and concurred in by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief in regard to the advantage of allowing compensation to such officers at Madras and Bangalore in all cases in which they are otherwise entitled to it, and when public quarters are certified not to be available.

2. The change being desired by the Military Department, there is apparently no objection to its being made by the Government, inasmuch as the desire of the Government of India for the adoption of the present system seems to have been based on an opinion of the Military Department that the hiring should be undertaken by the Public Works Department (see G.O., No. 760 W., dated 8th March 1883, communicating Government of India Circular No. III P.W., dated 22nd February 1883); but, as the point is doubtful, it might perhaps be better to inform the Government of India if the change is decided upon.

3. As regards the proposal to give to warrant officers, other than medical, compensation on the scale provided for medical warrant officers, nothing can be done without the sanction of the Government of India.

ORDER—dated 26th September 1888, No. 3023 W., Public Works.

Ordered that the Government of India be addressed.

(Here enter No. 3024 W., dated 26th September 1888.)

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. O. HASTED, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

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

LETTER—to the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, dated Ootacamund, 26th September 1888, No. 3024 W.

With reference to Government of India Circular No. III Public Works, dated 22nd February 1883, and to para. 3 of your letter No. 681 M.W., dated 10th May 1886, I am directed to forward the accompanying * Proceedings of Government No. 3023 W., correspondence * relative to the inconvenience and loss of time caused to the dated 26th September 1888.

Public Works Department in searching for hired quarters for military and medical warrant officers, and to state that this Government propose to rule that, at stations where no public quarters are available, the regulated amount of compensation in lieu of quarters shall be passed to medical warrant officers, leaving them to make their own arrangements with respect to provision of quarters.

2. I am at the same time to request the sanction of the Government of India to the suggestion made in para. 2 of the Quartermaster-General's letter No. 2597 A., dated 20th July 1888, that when public quarters cannot be provided for military warrant officers entitled thereto, the same amount of compensation (less the sums which represent house-rent in their pay) be passed to them, as is granted to medical warrant officers entitled to accommodation on a corresponding scale.

(Signed) J. O. HASTED, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

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G.O., 26th Sept. 1888, Nos. 3023,
3024 W.

SEPTEMBER.

Compensation in lieu of
Quarters

Forwarding correspondence relative to the inconvenience and loss of time caused in providing hired quarters for Military and Medical Warrant officers, and requesting sanction to the payment of the regulated amount of —.

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8TH FEBRUARY 1889, No. 356 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Military Works.

READ—the following papers :—

From Colonel E. COLLEN, Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Simla, 2nd November 1888, No. 2097 M.W.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 3024 W., dated 26th September 1888, stating that, on account of the inconvenience and loss of time caused to the Public Works Department in searching for hired quarters for Military and Medical Warrant officers, the Government of Madras propose to rule that at stations where no public quarters are available, the regulated amount of compensation in lieu of quarters shall be passed to Medical Warrant officers, leaving them to make their own arrangements for quarters. Sanction is also requested to the suggestion of the Quartermaster-General, Madras, that when public quarters cannot be provided for Military Warrant officers entitled thereto, the same amount of compensation (less the sums which represent house-rent in their pay) be passed to them, as is granted to Medical Warrant officers entitled to accommodation on a corresponding scale.

2. In reply, I am to state, for the information of the Governor in Council, that the Government of India regret they are unable to sanction the proposals. It has been found by experience that the system proposed is in some cases unfair on the men themselves and is open to abuse.

3. I am to add that the trouble and annoyance complained of are not experienced by the Military Works Department, and I am to suggest that when no public quarters are available at a station, the best course would be to hire a suitable building on lease, which would then practically become public quarters and be available for successive subordinates serving at a station.

No. 4582-C.

Referred to the Military Department, with advertence to G.O., No. 3023 W., dated 26th September 1888, for any further remarks His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief may have to offer on the subject.

2. It is observed that the Government of India decline to sanction the proposals of the Government of Madras on two grounds—(1) that the system proposed is in some cases unfair to the men themselves and is open to abuse, (2) that the trouble and annoyance complained of are not experienced by the Military Works Department.

3. With regard to (1) it is not thought in this department that the system proposed would be unfair to the men, who, it is believed, would prefer the change proposed. The system of payment of rent to the men themselves would like any other be open to abuse, but this is not likely to be serious.

4. Adverting to (2) it is remarked that, as there is no Military Works Department in this Presidency, the case is totally different from Bengal.

5. The suggestion to lease a building as public quarters for successive subordinates appears open to many objections. Subordinates vary in rank and consequently in the quarters they are entitled to. If quarters were leased as proposed they would have to be handed over to the charge of the Barrack Department.

6. The Public Works Department could not undertake to inspect the quarters on each change of occupant and to take them from the outgoing man and hand them over to his successor, who would probably ask that repairs, &c., might be executed.

19th November 1888.

(Signed) H. R. MEAD, Colonel, R.E.,
Ag. Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

From Brigadier-General M. PROTHEROE, C.B., C.S.I., Quartermaster-General, Madras Army, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated Bangalore, 23rd January 1889, No. 127 T.

In returning the documents received under your endorsement, No. 7942 of 26th November 1888, I am directed to submit the correspondence as per margin for the information of Government, and to state that His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief concurs generally in the views expressed by the Secretary to Government, missary-General as regards the proposals contained in P.G., No. 6948 of 17th October 1888, for the payment of compensation in lieu of the provision of quarters to Military and Medical Warrant officers and the objections thereto raised by the Government of India in letter, No. 2097 of 2nd November 1888.

2. I am to ask that Government may be pleased to again address the Government of India on the subject in the hope that their decision in this question may be reconsidered after perusal of the arguments now put forward by the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, and the heads of departments concerned.

ENCLOSURE.

From Sir J. A. HANBURY, M.B., K.C.B., Surgeon-General, Her Majesty's Forces, to the Quartermaster-General, Madras Army, dated Fort St. George, 19th December 1888, No. 3420.

With reference to your No. 4660 A., dated Ootacamund, 3rd December 1888, I have the honor to enclose, for the information of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, letter No. 234, dated 15th December 1888, from the Deputy Surgeon-General, Her Majesty's Forces, Madras District, and to state that I concur in the remarks of Dr. Roe.

2. With regard to para. 2 of letter No. 2097 M. W., dated Simla, the 2nd November 1888, from the Government of India, Military Department, the only abuse which the proposed system of compensation in lieu of quarters may lead to is that Medical Warrant officers may hire inferior quarters in which their health would be liable to deteriorate, but this could be obviated by requiring them to obtain the previous approval of their Commanding officers.

From P. B. ROE, Esq., M.B., Deputy Surgeon-General, Her Majesty's Forces, Madras District, to the Secretary, Surgeon-General, Her Majesty's Forces, dated Fort St. George, 15th December 1888, No. 234.

With reference to your memorandum No. 2765* of 6th December, forwarding letter No. 2097* of 2nd November from Secretary to Government of India to Secretary to the Government of Madras, I have the honor to

* Herewith returned.

remark that the letter appears to refer to all stations in the Madras Presidency and not merely to Bangalore and Madras, as proposed by the Superintending Engineer, V Circle.

2. With reference to para. 2 of the letter, I beg to state that, as far as the men themselves are concerned, all medical subordinates serving in Madras have hitherto been perfectly contented to receive, in lieu of quarters, the authorised compensation, but when Government insists on hiring quarters for them they naturally will not be inclined to accept accommodation inferior to what they are entitled to by regulations. I do not quite understand what abuse it is supposed the system is open to. If Government find that paying the authorised compensation is, for it, a cheaper arrangement than building quarters, it can scarcely be called an abuse if, as possibly occasionally happens, an unmarried subordinate secures accommodation with a friend at a somewhat lower rate than he actually receives.

3. With reference to para. 3 of the letter, I think the fact is not surprising that the Military Works Department does not experience the trouble and annoyance complained of. In all the Bengal stations in which I have served, quarters were provided for the authorised number of medical subordinates, so that it was only in exceptional cases that the Military Works Department was called on to find quarters for them; in Madras, on the contrary, the necessity is of constant occurrence.

I doubt if it will be possible in Madras, without incurring great expense, to hire, as suggested, a suitable building for successive subordinates.

4. As far as I can ascertain, the sanctioned scale of compensation is less than the sum Government will be obliged to pay for the hire of suitable accommodation, and, as the men themselves prefer to receive the compensation, it is, I think, to be regretted that Government should incur a greater expense by insisting on hiring quarters.

From Colonel J. C. GUNNING, Commissary-General, to the Quartermaster-General, Madras Army, dated Madras, 17th January 1889, No. 7754.

In reply to your letter No. 168-A., dated 12th January 1889, I have the honor to state that I was under the impression that, as the Government of India had negatived the proposition regarding the payment of compensation for public quarters to departmental warrant and non-commissioned officers, no further action on the subject was contemplated.

2. The proposition emanated from the Executive Engineer, Presidency, who wished to be relieved of the duty of searching for houses to rent, and therefore, it is for him to advance further arguments in support of his proposal if it is still considered advisable to carry it out.

3. I have, however, made inquiries and find that the men concerned do not consider that the introduction of the proposed system would be unfair to them. On the contrary they would prefer it for some reasons. For instance, when men first arrive at Madras, if there are no public quarters available for them, application for hired quarters has to be made to the Public Works Department, and as this and the subsequent search for houses occupies some time, they have frequently to put up with friends or at an hotel for weeks until suitable accommodation can be found. Whereas if house-rent was payable to them from the date of arrival, the men could write ahead to any friend at Madras to secure a house for them against their arrival.

4. They say, however, that the rates fixed by me in my former letter on this subject were too low, as rents are now higher than ever and decent houses cannot be hired for less than—

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For Warrant officers	40
For Sergeants	35

No. 767, Military.

Transferred to the Public Works Department, with reference to its No. 4582 C., dated 19th November 1888.

FORT ST. GEORGE, (Signed) A. KENNEY-HERBERT, Brigdr.-Genl.,
31st January 1889. Secretary to Government.

ORDER—dated 8th February 1889, No. 356 W., Public Works.

Ordered to be forwarded to the Government of India, Military Department, with a strong recommendation that, for the reasons stated in the foregoing correspondence, the proposals made in this department letter No. 3024 W., dated 26th September 1888, may be reconsidered.

(Here enter No. 357 W., dated 8th February 1889.)

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. R. MEAD, Colonel, R.E.,
Ag. Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

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

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8TH FEBRUARY 1889, No. 356 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

ENDORSEMENT—dated 8th February 1889, No. 357 W., Public Works.

Forwarded.

(Signed) H. R. MEAD, Colonel, R.E.;
Ag. Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

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BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
MILITARY WORKS.

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Dated February, 8th.

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G.O., 8th Feb. 1889, No. 356 W.,
357 W.

FEBRUARY.

Compensation in lieu of
quarters

Forwarding correspondence regarding
payment of — to Military and Medical
Warrant officers and requesting reconsider-
ation of the orders on the subject.

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28TH MARCH 1889, No. 933 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Military Works.

READ—the following paper:—

From Lieutenant-Colonel E. COLLEN, Secretary to the Government of India,
Military Department, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public
Works Department, dated Fort William, 15th March 1889, No. 545 M.W.
(Quarters).

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 357 W., dated
the 8th February 1889, submitting certain correspondence relative to the grant of
compensation, in lieu of quarters, to Military and Medical Warrant officers at the
several stations of the Madras Presidency where no public quarters are available, and
soliciting a reconsideration of the proposals made in the letter of the Government of
Madras, in the Public Works Department, No. 3024 W., dated 26th September 1888,
to the effect that, where there are no public quarters, certain rates of compensation
should be given and the Warrant officers allowed to make their own arrangements.

2. In reply, I am to state, for the information of the Governor in Council, that,
having again given careful consideration to the whole subject, including the further
correspondence now submitted, the Government of India regret that they are unable
to alter their previous opinion conveyed in Military Department No. 2097 M.W.,
dated 2nd November 1888.

ORDER—dated 28th March 1889, No. 933 W., Public Works.

Communicated to officers and departments concerned, with reference to G.O.,
No. 356 W., dated 8th February 1889.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. R. E. DRAKE-BROCKMAN, Lt.-Col., R.E.,
Ag. Joint Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineer, V Circle.
" Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
" Military Department.
" Public Department, with copies of G.O., Nos. 3023 W.,
dated 26th September 1888, and 356 W., dated 8th February 1889.

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PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated March, 28th.

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G.O., 28th Mar. 1889, No. 933 W.

MARCH.

Compensation in lieu of Quarters

Letter from the Government of India declining to alter their previous decision refusing to sanction the grant of — to Military and Medical Warrant officers where no public quarters are available, communicated to officers and departments concerned.

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9TH SEPTEMBER 1889, No. 2489 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Military Works.

READ—the following paper:—

From Colonel W. H. BURTON, R.E., Superintending Engineer, V Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 22nd August 1889, No. 3385.

I have the honor to bring to your notice that cases frequently occur of Medical, &c., subordinates arriving at Madras being detained there awaiting orders and pending orders posting them to permanent duty either at Madras or in the mofussil, as also of coming to Madras before any notice of their advent, and consequent want of quarters, has been furnished to the Executive Engineer.

The time any such subordinate entitled to quarters remaining at Madras not being known, and quarters available for hire or reasonable landlords being few and there being usually no vacant public quarters at all, compensation, in lieu of quarters, as was a few years ago authorized by the regulations to be paid, should, as I think, be again authorized.

2. But this remedy under the ruling of the Government of India and action of the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, is not now available, and the Executive Engineer is to "build," "hire," or "purchase" quarters for all entitled thereto, which is not possible, and the greatest inconvenience and hardship is caused to individuals.

3. As a case in point: Apothecary Prichard is posted from 2nd July 1889, date of arrival, to do duty at the General Hospital, as a temporary measure, and he may, I presume at some future date, but at a date quite unknown to the Executive Engineer, Presidency, be posted for duty permanently out of Madras; in the meantime the Executive Engineer at Bangalore and his subordinates in Madras are exercised as to how to find suitable quarters for him; unless, therefore, compensation is re-admissible and will be passed by the Examiner when seen in the Executive Engineer's accounts, I propose to direct Executive Engineer to hire in Madras a house large enough, say for four families, in view of a Government order being issued to the effect that all Warrant and Non-commissioned officers, whether employed in Military or Civil departments, and entitled to free quarters when passing through Madras, are to go and live there.

4. No doubt this arrangement will be found excessively inconvenient, because no such house can be found close to the Fort, General Hospital or other place where every one of the temporary occupants may be ordered to attend daily for duty. Such a house, with a care-taker, will probably cost Rs. 2,500 per annum, which might be conveniently debited equally between Military, Ordnance and Civil departments, and I would request the sanction of Government accordingly.

ORDER—dated 9th September 1889, No. 2489 W., Public Works.

The Government considers that the suggestion in para. 3 of letter from the Government of India, No. 2097 M.W.,* dated 2nd November 1888, should be adopted as an experimental measure, and accordingly authorizes the Superintending Engineer, V Circle, to lease, for one year, one large or two moderate-sized houses in a convenient locality at Madras. The building or buildings will then be regarded as public quarters, and will be available for occupation by Non-commissioned and Warrant officers, and Medical subordinates, for whom the Public Works Department is required to provide free quarters.

2. It will be understood that these quarters will be reserved for Military and Medical subordinates temporarily stationed at, or passing through, Madras, and that men permanently transferred to the Presidency will, if necessary, be required to live in them only until other quarters can be provided by hire or otherwise.

3. The Superintending Engineer will report, for approval, the accommodation secured and the rate of rent proposed to be paid; and the result of the experiment should be reported in due course.

(True Extract.)

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

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

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BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
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PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated September, 9th.

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G.O., 9th Sept. 1889, No. 2489 W.

SEPTEMBER.

Quarters

Orders authorizing the Superintending Engineer, V Circle, to lease, for one year, one large or two moderate-sized houses in a convenient locality at Madras for accommodating Non-commissioned and Warrant officers and Medical subordinates for whom the Public Works Department is required to provide free —.

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For orders.

Apparently there would be no use in going up to the Govt. of India again on this subject, for they have twice refused to reconsider their orders - vide Ls 356 W of 8.2.89 & 933 W of 28.3.89 -

The proposal of the I. S. to lease a building is in accordance with the suggestion of the G. S. in para 3 of their letter of 2.11.88, printed with Pro. Ls 356 W of 8.2.89, but objections to this plan were pointed out in Col. Mead's note printed with the same Pro.

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If the S. S. can find
a conveniently situated
house, it will undoubtedly
be the only place by which
all the present trouble
can be stopped

W. S. G. C.
27.8.87

I think it would be
as well to try the
improvement of
having one large or
two moderate sized
houses for a year;
it would be climbing
mountains, that there
are only temporary
quarters.

W. S. G. C.
27.8.87

No. 2385

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SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,
V Circle, Madras,
22 August 1889

From

Colonel F. H. Barker R.E.

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, V CIRCLE,

To

THE Chief Engineer

P. W. Department

SIR,

Enclosures.

I have the honor to bring to your
notice that cases frequently occur of Medical
Subordinates arriving at Madras being detained
there awaiting Orders & pending Orders posting
them to permanent duty either at Madras or in the
Provinces; as also of coming to Madras before any
notice of their arrival & consequent want of
quarters has been furnished to the Chief Engineer.

The time any such Subordinates entitled
to Quarters remaining at Madras not being
known, and quarters available for him or reason-
able land lords being few and there being usually
no vacant public Quarters at all. Compensation
in lieu of Quarters as was a few years ago &
authorised

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Authorized by the Regulations to be paid ^{should} as
I think, be again authorized.

2. But the remedy under the ruling of the
Government of India and action of the Examiner
P.W. Accounts is not now available and the
Executive Engineer is to "build, hire, or purchase" &
Quarters for all entitled thereto which is not pos-
sible, and the greatest inconvenience & hardship
is caused to individuals.

3. As a case in point A. P. S. Prichard
is posted from 2nd July/89 date of arrival to do duty
at the General Hospital as a temporary Engineer
& he may I presume at some future date, but
at a date quite unknown to the Executive Engineer
Presidency, be posted for duty permanently
out of Madras, in the meantime the Execu-
tive Engineer at Bangalore and his Subordi-
nates in Madras are exercised as to how to find
suitable quarters for him, and therefore com-
pensation is re-admissible & will be proposed by
the Examiner when seen in the Executive Engineer's
Accounts. I propose to direct Executive Engineer
to hire in Madras a house large enough for
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4 families in view of a Government Order
being issued to the effect that all Warrant and
Non-Commissioned Officers whether employed
in Military or Civil Departments ^{& entitled} to free
Quarters when passing through Madras are to
go and live there.

4. No doubt this arrangement will be found
excessively inconvenient, because no such house
can be found close to the Fort General Hospital
or other place where every one of the temporary &
occupants may be ordered to attend daily for duty.

Such a house with a caretaker will probably
cost Rs 2500 per annum which might be con-
veniently debited Equally between Military
Ordnance & Civil Departments. And I
would request the sanction of Government
accordingly.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most Obedt. Servant.

W. H. Burton Col. R.E.

Asst. Engineer & Civil

Go in 9370 of 28-3-89
356 W. 57 W. 8-2-89
3083 30 W. 24-9-88.

From

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,

V. CIRCLE,

To

THE Chief Engineer
S. W. Deptt.

Dated

22

August 1889.

Recd.

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Enclosures

No. 3385.

Quarters for Medical
& Subordinates —

Requesting sanction
to have built ~~one~~ for
general use under
the circumstances
stated within.

0-27-8 29-9-89.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 9th

Read the following

From the S. S. V. Circle No. 3385 of 22-8-89.

+ L.O. No. 356 W. 28 Feb. 1889.

The Govt. considers
that the suggestion in
para 3 of letter from
the Govt. of India No.
2097 M. W. of 2 Nov.
1888 should be adopted
as an experimental
measure, and accord-
ingly authorises the
Supt. S. S. V. Circle
to lease for one year,
one large or two
moderate sized
houses in a convenient
locality at Madras.
The building or buildings
will then be regarded
as

as public quarters, & will be available for occupation by non-commissioned & warrant officers, & medical subalterns, for whom the P.W. Dept. is required to provide free quarters.

2. It will be understood that these quarters will be reserved for military & medical subalterns temporary stationed at, or passing through, Madras, and that when permanently transferred to the Presidency, will, if necessary, be required to live in them until other quarters can be provided by hire or otherwise.

3. The Dept. will report for approval, the income regulations and the rate of rent proposed to be paid; and the results of the experiment should be reported in due course.

Ch. M. S. 29-11-19

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Show proof

Sent by L.S. 4-11-19

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S. S. V. C. Miller
Genl Secy
Public Secy
Military Secy

To the Hon. the Chief Secy for Home of the Madras Government

From the S.S.V. C. Miller to 3300 27-11-19

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Govt. of Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Date

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G.O. 9 Sept 1899 No 24894

Quarters

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or two moderate sized
houses in a convenient
locality at Madras
for accommodation
not less than 2 warrant
officers & medical
subordinates for whom
the receipt is req^d
to provide ~~passages~~
free — $\frac{110}{5}$

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