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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.)

Captain, R.E.,
Under-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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BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
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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.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Military Works.

Read—the following letter from the Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Simla, 14th June 1887, No. 1155 M.W.:—

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 1355 W., dated 17th May 1887, to the address of the Public Works Department, requesting orders on paragraph 1214 of the Madras Public Works Department Code regarding the right of a medical subordinate or non-commissioned officer in staff employ to retain his quarters during absence on privilege leave, provided the quarters are not required for his *locum tenens*, and to continue to draw any compensation that he was in receipt of at the time he took his leave.

2. In reply, I am to forward, for the information of the Governor in Council, a copy of this department letter marginally noted, which conveys the ruling of the Government of India on a similar reference from the Quartermaster-General in India.

No. 1132 M.W., dated 5th November 1884.

ENCLOSURE.

From Colonel G. CHESNEY, Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, to the Quartermaster-General in India, dated Simla, 5th November 1884, No. 1132 M.W.

In reply to your letter, No. 5428 B., dated 11th October 1884, I am directed to state that the rule which was suggested in this office letter, No. 966 M.W., dated 23rd September 1884, was intended to recognise distinctly the right of a medical subordinate or non-commissioned officer in staff employ to retain his quarters, if he desires to do so, during absence on privilege leave, and to continue to draw any compensation that he was in receipt of at the time he took his leave.

2. If, however, his quarters should be required for his *locum tenens*, the convenience and wishes of the subordinate on leave must yield to the exigencies of the public service, and he would be deprived of his quarters; but in this case he would be entitled to the full amount of compensation to which he would be entitled if present in station and not provided with public quarters. On the other hand, if he voluntarily gave up his quarters while on privilege leave, the medical subordinate or non-commissioned officer in staff employ would be in the same position as if present at the station, but declining (with permission) to occupy available quarters, and he would be entitled to no compensation. In no case can a medical subordinate or non-commissioned officer in staff employ claim quarters at the station to which he may proceed on leave, though there would be no objection to his occupying quarters there, if available, on payment of rent.

3. The Government of India desire to adhere to these principles, and I am to request that, if the rule proposed by the Government of India does not appear to the Commander-in-Chief sufficiently explicit, a fresh draft may be submitted embodying these principles.

ORDER—dated 27th June 1887, No. 1713 W., Public Works.

Communicated to Superintending Engineers and the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, for information and guidance.

(True Extract.)

W. Baddeley

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

To Superintending Engineers.
To the Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
,, Military Department.
,, Public Department.

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BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
MILITARY WORKS.

Govt. of (1887) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated June, 27th.

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 27th June 1887, No. 1713 W.

JUNE.

Quarters

Orders of the Government of India on a reference with regard to paragraph 1214 of the Madras Public Works Code, regarding the right of a medical subordinate or non-commissioned officer in staff employ to retain his — during absence on privilege leave and to continue to draw compensation, communicated to Superintending Engineers and Examiner, Public Works Accounts.

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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.

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.

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* D. P. W. Code.

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.

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

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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.
„ 7001 „ 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.)

(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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GENERAL.
ESTABLISHMENT.

Govt. of (1887) Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated May, 30th.

Recd. *Encl.*

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.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

10th November 1886, No. 7001.

Quarters.

Read the following papers :—

No. 117. *From Major-General G. CHESNEY, Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, to Lieut.-Colonel A. KENNEY-HERBERT, Officiating Secretary to the Government of Madras, Military Department; dated Simla, 21st August 1885, No. 927-MW.*

Quarters.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your endorsement No. 4205, dated 3rd August 1885, forwarding, for submission to the Governor in Council and transmission to the Secretary of State, the memorial of Senior Apothecary John Ringrow regarding his right to hire his own quarters and receive compensation at the rate laid down for his rank when not provided with free quarters.

2. With reference to the memorial, I am to point out that the memorialist is under a misapprehension in supposing that he is on the same footing as an Honorary Lieutenant as regards quarters.

3. An Honorary Lieutenant is on the same footing, as regards quarters, as commissioned officers; he is not entitled to free quarters, nor can he claim to be supplied with quarters on the payment of rent, nor is he entitled to any compensation if he is not provided with Government quarters, and he is generally free to make his own arrangements. Yet even this is subject to the rule that Commissioned and First-class Warrant Officers are not at liberty to reject public quarters if these have been provided in any fort or cantonment.

4. Senior Apothecaries under three years' service in 1st grade hold relative rank as Assistant Commissaries with the advantages attaching to the rank of Lieutenant. But they have further the important privilege of a right to free quarters or compensation in lieu thereof. Mr. Ringrow, however, in effect claims the further privilege of a right to dictate the occasions when the State shall provide free quarters or shall grant compensation, according as either alternative may be to his pecuniary advantage. This, I am to say, is not contemplated by the rules, and the Government of India cannot regard it as reasonable.

5. If, therefore, Mr. Ringrow's memorial is transmitted to the Secretary of State, it must be accompanied by an expression of their opinion as to the unreasonableness of the claim, and of the impropriety of Mr. Ringrow in insisting on its being brought before His Lordship.

6. Under these circumstances, Mr. Ringrow may wish to have an opportunity of reconsidering his action, and I am therefore to return his memorial and to request that he be allowed to re-consider it in the light of the explanation here afforded.

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No. 4805.

Referred, through the Provincial Commander-in-Chief, to the Surgeon-General, Her Majesty's Forces, Madras, in view to the further necessary action and report.

(By Order.)

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

31st August 1885.

To the Surgeon-General, Her Majesty's Forces, Madras,
through the Quarter Master General.

No. 118. *From J. IRVINE, Esq.,* M.D., Q.H.P., *Surgeon-General, Her Majesty's Forces, Madras, to Lieutenant-Colonel A. KENNEY-HERBERT, Officiating Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Ootacamund, 14th September* 1885, *No.* 286.

With reference to your No. 4805 of 31st August 1885, herewith returned, with accompaniments, I have the honor to forward a communication from Senior Apothecary J. Ringrow requesting that his petition may be forwarded to the Secretary of State.

From Senior Apothecary J. RINGROW, Station Hospital, Poonamallee, to the Deputy Surgeon-General, Her Majesty's Forces, Eastern District; dated Poonamallee, 10th September 1885.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of letter* No. 927-MW from the Secretary to the Government of India, dated Simla, 21st August 1885, having reference to my petition to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India.

* Heading "Quarters."

In reply I most respectfully beg that, notwithstanding the disadvantage at which the adversely expressed opinion of the Government of India will place me, the petition may be forwarded to His Lordship the Secretary of State.

In taking a course, the reverse of that indicated in the letter of the Secretary to Government, it behoves me to state my reasons for doing so.

The explanation contained in that letter confirms the justness of my claim; for if, as stated in para. 3 of the letter from the Secretary to the Government of India, an Honorary Lieutenant is on the same footing as Commissioned Officers, then I, carrying equal advantages, am also on the same footing, inasmuch as my salary, as far as quarters are concerned, is consolidated (*vide* India Army Circular, No. 83-84, para. 17) and does not in effect alter the principle that governs the ruling of public buildings in general.

In para. 4 the Secretary to the Government of India says, that I have "the important privilege of a right to free quarters or compensation in lieu thereof." As that compensation, which is Rs. 50 per month, is understood to represent the accommodation value of the quarters, the question arises, to what class of quarters does the important privilege refer; evidently to a standard plan of Government quarters, and not to a hired building for which the Public Works Department pays Rs. 14-6-0 a month. I further beg respectfully to state that the important privilege sanctioned long ago by Government embraces that of allowing Warrant Medical Officers to build their own quarters when public quarters are not available, the Government offering money assistance on stated conditions, the amount so lent being gradually adjusted from the monthly compensation. In the present case, I did not build, but I hired quarters (the only house available), which quarters, while in occupation, the Public Works Department, I may say, forcibly, but nominally, hired, in order to stop further compensation, which may be seen by original house-rent bill appended.

I regret that a representation of these facts should have been regarded as, in effect, a presumption on my part to dictate to Government the occasions when quarters and when compensation should be allotted, and I can only disclaim having aimed at realizing any privilege unauthorized by the State.

In view of the intention of the Government of India seriously expressed in the 5th para. of the letter, I humbly request that this letter in reply thereto may be attached to the petition, which I only submitted in the belief that it was held fit and proper to present a humble petition in the like cases to the Secretary of State.

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MR. RINGROW .. .. DR.

To Kanakummall, widow of late T. A. T. Thathacharry Iyengar and mother and guardian to present T. A. T. L. N. Coomara Thathacharry Iyengar.

To the rent of premises at Poonamallee Cantonment for the month of June 1885 ... ... Rs. 14 6 0
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(Signed) S. VEERASAWMY IYENGAR,
General Agent.

MADRAS,
30th June 1885.

No. 236.

Has the honor to forward Senior Apothecary J. Ringrow's communication for further action.

(Signed) F. A. DAVY, Surgn.-Major,
Senior Medical Officer,
Station Hospital, Poonamallee.

POONAMALLEE,
10th September 1885.

To the Deputy Surgeon-General, H. M.'s Forces, E.D.

No. 182.

Submitted, with reference to your No. 2493 of 7th instant, herewith retransmitted.

(Signed) R. A. CHAPPLE,
Dy. Surgn.-Genl., H. M.'s Forces, E.D.

11th September 1885.

To the Secretary, Surgeon-General, H. M.'s Forces, Madras.

No. 3049-A.

Forwarded.

(Signed) D. J. S. McLEOD, Major,
Dy. Quarter Master General.

17th September 1885.

To the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

No. 5245.

No. 119.

Copy of the above, and of its enclosure, forwarded to the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, with reference to his letter No. 927-M W, dated 21st August 1885.

(By Order.)

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

OOTACAMUND,
23rd September 1885.

No. 120. *From Colonel O. R. NEWMARCH, Offg. Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, to Lieut.-Col. A. KENNEY-HERBERT, Secretary to the Government of Madras, Military Department; dated Simla, 30th April* 1886, *No.* 620-MW.

Quarters.

With reference to the correspondence ending with your endorsement No. 5245, dated 23rd September 1885, relative to the claim preferred by Senior Apothecary J. Ringrow to quarters or compensation in lieu, I am directed to forward a copy of the communication marginally noted from the Secretary of State for India on the subject, and to request that, under the orders of the Governor in Council, the Government of India may be furnished with a report on the question therein raised. The report should contain a detailed statement of the area of the rooms in the quarters hired for Mr. Ringrow.

Extract para. 17 of military letter No. 43, dated 4th March 1886.

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Extract of a military letter from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India; dated 4th March 1886, No. 43.

Para. 17. Under the provisions of clause 83 of India Army Circular of 1884, and Public Works Code, Chapter XVI, Section VI, Para. 155, Medical Warrant Officers are entitled to free quarters or compensation in lieu thereof. Apparently it is not intended that they should have the right, in any circumstances, to choose between free quarters and compensation. Senior Apothecary Ringrow would appear, therefore, to have been treated in accordance with the letter of the regulations, provided that the quarters with which he was supplied were equal to the scale laid down for his grade in Appendix X of the Public Works Code. But, if provided with inferior quarters, he would be entitled, under Appendix VII, to "the difference between their value and the authorized rates of house rent." It does not appear clearly from the correspondence received that Apothecary Ringrow has no claim to compensation under this latter provision. I should be glad to be furnished with conclusive evidence on this point.

No. 2853.

Referred for favor of early report, with advertence to Proceedings of Government (Military), No. 3338, dated 20th June 1885.

(By Order.)

10th May 1886. (Signed) A. KENNEY-HERBERT, Lt.-Col.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Public Works Department.

No. 117-D.

Referred, with advertence to G.O., No. 1853-W, dated 11th August 1885, to the Superintending Engineer, V Circle, for favor of early report whether the quarters provided for Apothecary Ringrow are equal to the scale laid down for his grade in para. 1462-D of the Public Works Code, and for submission of a detailed statement of the area of the rooms in the quarters.

OOTACAMUND,
12th May 1886. (Signed) J. SHAW-STEWART, Col., R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

No. 121. *From the Superintending Engineer, V Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department; dated Chepâk, 27th May 1886, No. 846.*

In returning your endorsement No. 117-D, dated 12th instant, I have the honor to report that the quarters provided for Apothecary Ringrow are less in area than allowed in the scale laid down for his grade in Code, para. 1462-D, as shown by the annexed statement.

Enclosures three.

Authorized scale of accommodation for Senior Apothecary, 1st Grade.

1 Main room	24′ × 16′
2 Main rooms	16 × 16 each.
1 Verandah room	16 × 10
2 Bath or store rooms.	
5 Servants' houses	10 × 10 each.
1 Cook house.	
1 Latrine.	
1 Stable	12 × 8
Square feet ...	1,652

Accommodation afforded by the house provided for the Apothecary.

1 West bath room	7¼ × 18¾
1 Do. adjoining room ...	7¼ × 9
1 Do. bed room	16 × 12
2 North and south store rooms	16¼ × 7¼ each.
1 Centre room	21 × 20
1 Front verandah	20 × 8½
1 East bed room	20¾ × 12
1 „ bath room	12 × 7¾
Square feet ...	1,560·87

No. 189-D.

Transferred to the Military Department, with advertence to its endorsement No. 2853, dated 10th May 1886, herewith returned.

OOTACAMUND,
4th June 1886. (Signed) J. SHAW-STEWART, Col., R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

No. 122. No. 3452.

Copy of the above forwarded to the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, in reply to his letter No. 620-W M, dated 30th April 1886, with the remark that, excluding out-offices and servants' houses, the house accommodation provided for Senior Apothecary Ringrow exceeds the authorized scale.

(By Order.)

OOTACAMUND,
9th June 1886. (Signed) A. KENNEY-HERBERT, Lt.-Col.,
Secretary to Government.

No. 123. *From Major-General O. R. NEWMARCH, Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, to Lieut.-Colonel A. KENNEY-HERBERT, Secretary to the Government of Madras, Military Department; dated Simla, 29th October 1886, No. 1647-MW.*

Quarters.

With reference to the correspondence ending with your endorsement No. 3452, dated 9th June 1886, on the subject of the claim of Senior Apothecary J. Ringrow, Subordinate Medical Department, Madras, to hire his own quarters and draw compensation at the rate laid down for his rank in place of occupying the quarters provided for him by Government, I am directed to forward, for the information of the Governor in Council, a copy of the communication marginally noted from the Secretary of State for India on the subject.

Extract para. 5 of military letter No. 256, dated 23rd September 1886.

Extract of a military letter from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India; dated 23rd September 1886, No. 256.

Para. 5. It appears from the statement accompanying para. 3 of your military despatch, No. 99, of the 9th July 1886, that the accommodation provided for Apothecary J. Ringrow, irrespective of servants' houses, out-offices and stable, is more than equal to the authorized scale.

With regard to these latter, no information is furnished; but as it is stated in your despatch that a deficiency in these would not constitute a claim for compensation, further inquiry on this point is unnecessary.

Apothecary Ringrow must be informed that I am unable to interfere with the orders of your Government negativing his claim to hire his own quarters and receive the regulated amount of compensation in lieu of free quarters.

No. 124. ORDER THEREON, 10th November 1886, No. 7001.

Resolved that Senior Apothecary Ringrow be informed that the Secretary of State has declined to interfere with the orders of the Government of India negativing his claim to hire his own quarters and receive the regulated amount of compensation in lieu of free quarters.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Quarter Master General.
„ Surgeon-General, Her Majesty's Forces, Madras.
„ Public Works Department.
~~Senior Apothy. J. Ringrow~~
~~Retired List~~

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

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Order thereon No: 3040 W a/ 17.11.86.

Communicated to the Supg Engineer I Cir in continuation of G.O. No: 1853 W a/ 11th August/85.

(Sd) J. F. Hasted
Col. R.E.
Secy to Govt P.W.D.

S. E. I. Cir with 1 L. Copy
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Govt. of {1886} Madras.

MILITARY.

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

Dated November, 10th.

Issued

Recd. Encl.

G.O., 10th November 1886, No. 7001.

B No: 3040 W a/ 17th Novr/86

NOVEMBER.
Nos. 117—124.

Quarters.

Ringrow, Senior Apothecary J, Subordinate Medical Department, Madras,—informed that the Secretary of State has declined to interfere with the orders of the Government of India negativing his claim to hire his own quarters and receive the regulated amount of compensation in lieu of free quarters.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

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27th May 1886, No. 3195.

Quarters.

Read the following papers :—

No. 365. *From the Quarter Master General; dated 22nd Feb. 1886, No. 688-A.*

No. 366. *To the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department; dated 26th February 1886, No. 1272.*

No. 367. *From Colonel O. R. NEWMARCH, Offg. Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, to Lt.-Col. A. KENNEY-HERBERT, Secretary to the Government of Madras, Military Department; dated Simla, 10th May 1886, No. 681-M.W.*

Quarters.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your endorsement No. 1272, dated the 26th February 1886, submitting, for orders, the question as to the position of Warrant Officers of the Medical Department temporarily absent from their stations on duty as regards quarters and compensation in lieu thereof.

2. In reply I am to state, for the information of the Governor in Council, that a medical subordinate temporarily absent on duty may retain his quarters; and so long as he does not voluntarily give them up, he may draw any compensation for inferiority of quarters which he was in receipt of before he left the station.

3. I am to add that the rule as regards compensation for the non-provision of quarters should rarely have effect, it being the duty of the Public Works Department to provide quarters either by erection, purchase, or hire.

No. 368. ORDER THEREON, 27th May 1886, No. 3195.

Ordered that the foregoing letter from the Government of India be communicated to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief and the Public Works Department.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Quarter Master General.
" Public Works Department.
" Surgeon-General, Her Majesty's Forces, Madras.
" Controller of Military Accounts, for information.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

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No. 1421 W. d/ 4th June 1886

Communicated to Suptg. Engineers for information.

(Sd) J.S.S.

Govt. of (1886) Madras.

MILITARY.

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

Dated May, 27th.
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G.O., 27th May 1886, No. 3195.

B. No. 1421 W. d/ 4th June 1886

MAY.
Nos. 365—368.

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Quarters.

Warrant Officers of the Medical Department.—Decision of the Government of India on the question as to the position of — temporarily absent from their stations on duty as regards quarters and compensation in lieu thereof, communicated to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief and the Public Works Department.

To.
The Suptg. Engrs.
" Exr. P.W. Accts

With order

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

3d August 1885, No. 4204

Quarters.

Read the following paper :—

No. . *From J. IRVINE, Esq.,* M.D., *Surgeon-General, Her Majesty's Forces in Madras, to Lieutenant-Colonel A. KENNEY-HERBERT, Officiating Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Ootacamund, 14th July* 1885, *No.* 233.

I have the honor to forward herewith a memorial, in duplicate, from Senior Apothecary John Ringrow addressed to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India relative to his claim for quarters or compensation in lieu negatived by G.O., No. 3338, dated 20th of June 1885.

From F. A. DAVY, Esq., M.D., Senior Medical Officer, Station Hospital, Poonamallee, to the Deputy Surgeon-General, Her Majesty's Forces, Eastern District; dated Poonamallee, 6th July 1885, No. 178—85.

Has the honor to submit Senior Apothecary J. Ringrow's memorial setting forth certain grievances for favorable consideration and submission through the proper channel to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India. Undersigned ventures to forward the memorial fully believing that the decision of the Government of India is the result of a misunderstanding.

Petition from J. RINGROW, Senior Apothecary, Madras Sub-Medical Department, to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India; dated Poonamallee, 4th July 1885.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH,—That your Petitioner while in the grade of First-class Apothecary, Station Hospital, Poonamallee, was tenanting quarters hired by himself for Rs. 15 a month and drawing the compensation of his rank, Rs. 30; but on the 16th April 1884 the Executive Engineer, Eastern District, "by order" caused the Commandant to publish in station orders that house No. 11 (that occupied by petitioner) was hired by Government for Rs. 14-6-0 for petitioner's use, and that compensation for quarters will in future entirely cease, and although your petitioner protested against the proceeding on account of the house being, to all intents and purposes, leased to him for the period of his stay in the station, he was compelled to submit, as the Executive Engineer had the paying of compensation.

2. Two months after, by the reorganization (India Army Circular of 1884, Clause 83, Sub-Medical Department), your petitioner was promoted to the rank of Senior Apothecary and became entitled to a compensation of Rs. 50 for quarters, and all the advantages attaching to the honorary rank of a Lieutenant, which petitioner, after promotion, advanced as a claim to hire his own quarters, or to pay the absolute amount of rent paid by Government out of the compensation sanctioned. This, however, being objected to, the subject was referred by the Surgeon-General to the Government of India; but the decision was against petitioner, on the ground that he was only entitled to free quarters with which he had been supplied by the Public Works Department, and was not at liberty to hire his own quarters when not provided with public quarters.

3. Petitioner now begs permission to show that notwithstanding the fact that all the advantages of an honorary Lieutenant have been conferred on him (the hiring of his own house forming no exception), Government have nevertheless decided otherwise, although para. 17 of the India Army Circular referred to shows compensation to form part of petitioner's salary, one-fourth of which is forfeited while on sick or general leave. Petitioner is now made to forfeit

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a much larger sum from his house-rent although at duty and not enjoying the comfort and advantages attaching to a public building on the standard plan, which was evidently the spirit of the order when granting Rs. 50 as compensation for quarters.

4. Your petitioner therefore respectfully begs that the orders of the Army Circular bearing on his special claim to hire his own quarters, or pay the absolute amount of rent paid by Government for the hired quarters, be taken into favorable consideration, with a view to the removal of a grievance petitioner has labored under ever since the publication of the Army Circular quoted, and your petitioner will, as in duty bound, ever pray.

No. 2713.

Forwarded.

8th July 1885.

(Signed) R. A. CHAPPLE,
Dy. Surg.-Genl., H. M.'s F., Eastern District.

No. 2348-A.

Forwarded.

OOTACAMUND,
23rd July 1885.

(Signed) R. C. STEWART, Brigdr.-Genl.,
Quarter Master General.

The Secretary to Government, Military Department.

No. . ORDER THEREON, 3d August 1885, No. 4204

Ordered that the memorial be forwarded to the Secretary of State through the Government of India.

No. . *To the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department; dated* 3 *August* 1885, *No.* 4205

(True Extract.)

A. Keasey Herbert Lt.-Col.,
Offg. Secretary to Government.

To the Surgeon-General, Her Majesty's Forces, Madras.
„ Quarter Master General.
„ Public Works Department, for information.

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Exd. E. C. Shunker.

No 1508 W. 29.6.85.

No 1853 W d/ 11th August/85

Communicated to the Supdg. Engr. V Circle, in continuation of G.O. No 1508 W d/ 29th June 1885.

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Govt. of (1885) Madras.

MILITARY.

To

THE SURGEON-GENERAL, HER
MAJESTY'S FORCES, MADRAS,
&c., &c., &c.

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Dated August,

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Recd. 7/8/85 Encl.

G.O., 3rd August 1885, No. 4204

No 1853 W d/ 11th August/85

AUGUST.
Nos.

Quarters.

Ringrow, Senior Apothecary J., Station Hospital, Poonamallee.—Memorial from — relative to his claim to hire his own quarters or pay the amount of rent actually paid by Government and draw the sanctioned compensation, forwarded to Her Majesty's Government through the Government of India.

S.E. V Circle ✓

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

20 June 1885, No. 3338

Quarters.

Read the following papers :—

No. . *From J. IRVINE, Esq.,* M.D., *Surgeon-General, Her Majesty's Forces in Madras, to Lieutenant-Colonel A. KENNEY-HERBERT, Officiating Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Ootacamund, 28th April 1885, No.* 167.

With reference to the enclosed correspondence, I have the honor to request you will be pleased to move Government to take the subject of free quarters for Senior Apothecaries into consideration.

2. In Clause 83 of India Army Circular for 1884, which treats of the relative rank of Senior Apothecaries, it is stated that the various grades are to have *the advantages* attaching to certain honorary ranks. Now the chief advantage from the Apothecaries' point of view is that relating to quarters.

3. In the special case referred to in the accompanying correspondence, there being no public quarters available, the Apothecary naturally expected that he would be permitted to find his own quarters and draw compensation, Rs. 50, in his case. In this he was disappointed, however; the Public Works Department hired quarters for him, and although they only paid a little more than Rs. 14 for them, he was informed that, as they contained the necessary accommodation, he must be content.

This office letter, No. 748, of 14th March 1885, to the Examiner of Public Works Accounts.
Letter, No. 630-X, of 19th March 1885, from the Examiner of Public Works Accounts.
This office letter, No. 864, of 25th March 1885, to the Examiner of Public Works Accounts, and one enclosure.
Letter, No. 645-X, of 31st March 1885, from the Examiner of Public Works Accounts, original bill for compensation.
Letter, No. 306-A, of 30th January 1885, from the Quarter Master General, Ootacamund.
Letter, No. 1411-A, of 22nd April 1885, from the Quarter Master General, Ootacamund.
(Return requested.)

From C. D. MADDEN, Esq., Surgeon-General, Her Majesty's Forces in Madras, to the Examiner of Public Works Accounts; dated Fort St. George, 14th March 1885, No. 748.

I have the honor to bring the following matters to your notice, and to request that, if they come within the range of your duties, you will kindly give me your opinion regarding them.

2. John Ringrow, Senior Medical Subordinate, Station Hospital, Poonamallee, was promoted to the rank of Senior Apothecary, second grade, on the 12th June 1884.

3. Under para. 14 of Clause 83 of India Army Circulars for 1884, Senior Apothecaries are entitled to Rs. 50 per mensem as compensation when not provided with quarters, and under para. 15 of the same clause they get compensation for inferior quarters "under the rules in force." Again, para. 3 of this clause states that a Senior Apothecary, second grade, has the relative rank of a Deputy Assistant Commissary "with the advantages attaching to the honorary rank of Lieutenant."

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4. Now it appears that Apothecary Ringrow has been and is occupying quarters which are hired for his use by the Public Works Department and for which a rent of Rs. 14-6-0 is paid. The questions arise—

(a) Is Apothecary Ringrow bound to occupy these quarters which have been hired for him, or, considering his honorary rank of Lieutenant is he not entitled to hire quarters for himself?

(b) Assuming that he must continue to occupy his present quarters, is he not entitled to a monthly compensation equal to the differences between the rent paid for them and the full compensation of Rs. 50?

No. . *To the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department; dated 11th May 1885, No. 2532.*

No. . *From Colonel G. CHESNEY, Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, to Lieutenant-Colonel A. KENNEY-HERBERT, Officiating Secretary to the Government of Madras, Military Department; dated Simla, 4th June 1885, No. 530-M.W.*

Quarters.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter,* No. 2532, dated 11th May 1885, submitting the case of Senior Apothecary J. Ringrow, Station Hospital, Poonamallee, who claims to hire his own quarters when unprovided with public quarters.

2. In reply I am to state, for the information of the Governor in Council, that as the Apothecary in question was only entitled to free quarters suitable to his rank, it rested with the Public Works Department to provide them, by building, purchase or hire, as laid down in the Public Works Department Code, Chapter XVI, Sec. V, para. 96-A. He is, therefore, not privileged to hire his own quarters.

* Enclosures returned.

No. . ORDER THEREON, 20 June 1885, No. 3338

The decision of the Government of India communicated to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief and the Surgeon-General, Her Majesty's Forces, Madras.

(True Extract.)

A Kenney Herbert Lt.-Col.,
Offg. Secretary to Government.

To the Quarter Master General.
„ Surgeon-General, Her Majesty's Forces, Madras, with 7 enclosures.
„ Public Works Department, for information. with 10 S. C

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

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Govt. of (1885) Madras.

MILITARY.

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

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Dated June,

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Recd. 25/6/85 *Encl.*

G.O., 20th June 1885, No. 3338.

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Quarters.

Ringrow, Senior Apothecary J., Station Hospital, Poonamallee.—Decision of the Government of India that — is not privileged to hire his own quarters when unprovided with public quarters, communicated to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief and the Surgeon-General, Her Majesty's Forces.

with the order

13th February 1888, No. 511 W., Public Works.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Account.

Read—the following papers:—

From Major C. H. P. CHRISTIE, R.E., Examiner, Public Works Accounts, to the Superintending Engineer, V Circle, dated Madras, 12th January 1888, No. 532 S.E./5:—

With reference to your letter, No. 4042, dated 20th December 1887, I have the honor to state that Ordnance Artificers Reynolds and Gale appear to be entitled to the compensation claimed, as they may be classed either under "Mechanical Engineers" employed in the Commissariat Department or "Non-Commissioned" officers and soldiers attached to the same department.

2. From the papers submitted it would appear that the Executive Engineer was not asked to provide them with quarters; if so, the sanction of Government will be necessary, with reference to Code paragraph 1138, before the charge can be disbursed by the Executive Engineer.

3. The enclosures to your letter are herewith returned.

No. 4399.

Submitted to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, for sanction, with reference to Code paragraph 1138, to the claim for house-rent on account of Messrs. Reynolds and Gale at the rate of Rs. 10 each per mensem, from 28th June to 31st August 1887, being admitted by this department.

18th January 1888. (Signed) H. M. VIBART, Colonel, R.E.,
Superintending Engineer, V Circle.

From Colonel H. M. VIBART, R.E., Superintending Engineer, V Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Cuddalore, 23rd January 1888, No. 4491.

In continuation of my letter, No. 4399, dated 18th instant, I have the honor to state that sanction to the house-rent of Milling Engineers, Messrs. Reynolds and Gale, is required from the 28th June 1887 till such time as they may be employed in the Commissariat Department at Madras.

From the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, dated 26th January 1888, No. 998.

ORDER—dated 13th February 1888, No. 511 W., Public Works.

Payment of rent at Rs. 10 each per mensem on account of Ordnance Artificers Reynolds and Gale is sanctioned with effect from 28th June 1887.

2. The attention of officers concerned will be drawn in the Military Department to paragraph 1136 of the Public Works Code, under which requisition should be made to the Executive Engineer in all cases to provide quarters for military subordinates entitled thereto, and also to paragraph 1138, under which the Public Works Department is under no obligation to pay rent for quarters hired without its intervention.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, V Circle.
To other Superintending Engineers.
To the Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
" Military Department, with copy of G.O., No. 70 W., dated 9th January 1888.

Exd. J. Moses.
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GENERAL.
ACCOUNT.

Govt. of {1888} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated February, 13th.

Recd. *Encl.*

G.O., 13th Feb. 1888, No. 511 W.

FEBRUARY.

Compensation in lieu of Quarters

Orders sanctioning payment of — on account of certain military subordinates in the V Circle.

2nd March 1888, No. 720 W., Public Works.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Military Works.

Read—the following papers :—

From Colonel H. M. VIBART, R.E., Superintending Engineer, V Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 26th January 1888, No. 4495.

I have the honor to state that the Code rule, as regards provision of quarters for families of non-commissioned officers and soldiers, is not sufficient to admit of this department satisfactorily dealing with such cases. In Code paragraph 1136 it is ruled that it will be the duty of officers of the department to provide quarters to the extent allowed by the regulations for the families of soldiers on actual service by allotting vacant public buildings, or, where no public buildings are available, by hiring suitable quarters. By Code appendix C, the house-rent payable by this department on account of non-commissioned officers is Rs. 15. I request to be informed whether it is intended that this department should provide quarters for wives of non-commissioned officers, who have proceeded on active service, to the extent admissible to their husbands under the regulations, and whether, in the event of its being necessary to hire buildings, the authorised rate of house-rent payable by this department on account of quarters for wives of non-commissioned officers is to be Rs. 15, and whether such charges may be incurred by this department without regard as to how their husbands' claims to quarters or tentage (Code paragraph 1218) are dealt with at the station whither they have proceeded on active service.

From Brigadier-General E. FAUNCE, Quartermaster-General, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated Ootacamund, 8th February 1888, No. 610 A.

In returning the correspondence referred to the Commander-in-Chief under Military Department, No. 782, dated 3rd February, I am desired to submit the following remarks.

2. Assuming that the families of regimental warrant and non-commissioned officers will be provided with accommodation in barracks with depôts of regiments absent on service under the orders of the Commander-in-Chief, the inquiries of the Superintending Engineer, V Circle, will be taken as referring to families of departmental non-commissioned officers absent on field service, whose quarters would usually be wanted for their substitutes.

3. The families of regimental warrant and non-commissioned officers absent on service, when accommodated in barracks, do not necessarily receive accommodation on the scale which the non-commissioned officers themselves would receive if present, but are provided with what the responsible officers consider to be suitable accommodation; on the same principle it is not considered essential that public quarters provided by the Public Works Department for families of departmental non-commissioned officers absent on service should be on the same scale as those which the non-commissioned officers themselves would be entitled to, it being held that the reasonable claims of such families extend merely to the receipt of suitable accommodation; the commanding officer of the station might be looked on as competent to decide whether the accommodation proposed to be provided is suitable or not.

4. In view of the accommodation which, as a rule, would be procurable for a rent of Rs. 15 per mensem, it is considered that no lower amount should be fixed as the maximum payable for hired quarters for the family of a non-commissioned officer absent on service for whose accommodation suitable provision could not be made in any public building.

5. The claims of families of non-commissioned officers absent on service to receive free quarters being looked on as distinct, it is considered that in any case when it is necessary to hire these quarters, the Public Works Department should be authorised to incur the requisite charges without regard to the manner in which the claims to quarters or tentage of the non-commissioned officers themselves are dealt with at the station they are serving at.

No. 1350, Military.

Transferred to the Public Works Department, and the referred paper returned.

2. The Government in the Military Department concur in the opinion of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief as expressed in the Quartermaster-General's letter on the points raised by the Superintending Engineer.

(By Order.)

FORT ST. GEORGE, (Signed) A. KENNEY-HERBERT, Brigdr.-Genl.,
24th February 1888. Secretary to Government.

ORDER—dated 2nd March 1888, No. 720 W., Public Works.

Communicated to Superintending Engineers for information and guidance.

2. The substance of the Quartermaster-General's letter will be embodied in the Public Works Code as a note to paragraph 1136.

(True Extract.)

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

To Superintending Engineers.
To the Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
,, Military Department.

Exd. J. Moses.
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BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
MILITARY WORKS.

Govt. of {1888} Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated March, 2nd.

Recd. *Encl.*

G.O., 2nd March 1888, No. 720 W.

MARCH.

Quarters

Orders on correspondence regarding the provision of quarters for the families of departmental non-commissioned officers on active service and the house-rent payable by the Public Works Department for such quarters.

20th March 1888, No. 911 W., Public Works.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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General.
Account.

Read—the following papers :—

From the Superintending Engineer, V Circle,	dated	12th January	1888,	No.	4324.
„ Examiner, Public Works Accounts,	„	27th „	„	„	1005.
„ Superintending Engineer, V Circle,	„	6th February	„	„	4678.
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„ Examiner, Public Works Accounts,	„	7th March	„	„	1167.
„ Superintending Engineer, V Circle,	„	14th February	„	„	4762.
„ Examiner, Public Works Accounts,	„	28th „	„	„	1119.
„ „ „ „ „	„	12th March	„	„	1193.

Order—dated 20th March 1888, No. 911 W., Public Works.

Under the ruling of the Government of India conveyed in G.O., No. 6971, dated 11th November 1887, Military Department, civil hospital assistants in military employ are entitled to free quarters to be provided by the Public Works Department by construction or hire.

2. When hired quarters are provided, the rent should not, without the previous sanction of Government, exceed Rs. 12 per mensem, the rate allowed to military hospital assistants.

3. The Examiner will submit a draft standing order accordingly.

(True Extract.)

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

To Superintending Engineers.
To the Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
„ Military Department.
„ Public „

Exd. J. Moses.
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GENERAL.
ACCOUNT.

Govt. of (1888) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated March, 20th.

Recd. *Encl.*

G.O., 20th March 1888, No. 911 W.

MARCH.

Civil Hospital Assistants

Orders regarding the provision of quarters for — in military employ, and the rent to be paid for hired quarters.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Military Works.

Read—the following papers :—

From Brigadier-General E. FAUNCE, Quartermaster-General, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated Ootacamund, 1st June 1887, No. 1983 A.

Recently, when representing the desirability of permitting all Medical Warrant officers employed at Madras under the orders of the Deputy Surgeon-General, Eastern District, to receive compensation instead of being provided with hired quarters by the Public Works Department, when public quarters were not available, the General Officer Commanding Eastern District brought to notice that the Public Works Department authorities at Madras decline to admit compensation even to Medical Warrant officers passing through or temporarily detained there on duty pending orders, but require bills for actual rent paid by them under such circumstances to be submitted.

2. In the face of the expressed wish of the Government of India that the payment of compensation should be discouraged (Proceedings of Madras Government, No. 3338, dated 20th June 1885), the Commander-in-Chief does not propose to ask Government to move towards a modification of existing rules by admitting compensation to Medical Warrant officers on permanent duty at Madras when not provided with public quarters, but he would submit for the consideration of Government that, in the absence of spare public quarters at Madras, the Public Works Department might, with advantage, be authorised to admit compensation to Medical Warrant officers passing through or casually detained on temporary duty at that station for such period as they may have to spend there under these circumstances.

3. This course His Excellency believes would be an economical one to the State, and at the same time fair to Warrant officers, for, while the State would not be exposed to the liability of expense in hiring quarters for short and uncertain periods, the Warrant officers concerned would be enabled, with the compensation they receive, to pay for such temporary accommodation as they may require.

4. The practice of requiring Warrant officers in this position to produce receipts for quarters they may hire seems undesirable, inasmuch as regulations do not authorise it, but require the Public Works Department either to "provide" quarters or to pay compensation.

5. In connection with this matter it has further come to the notice of the Commander-in-Chief that the Public Works Department does not "provide" Medical Warrant officers on permanent duty at Madras with hired quarters, but pays the rent of houses they hire for themselves on presentation of the landlord's acquittance for the amount.

6. It appears to His Excellency that, under this arrangement, Medical Warrant officers are placed in the very position in which, by regulation (Public Works Department Code, paragraph 1209), they become entitled to receive compensation, in fact in the position which Government does not wish them to occupy, for there is no rule to the effect that, if a Medical Warrant officer receives from the Public Works Department the actual rent of a house which he may hire for himself, he shall have been deemed to have been "supplied by the Public Works Department" with free quarters.

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7. It is therefore suggested that, to remove any doubts and prevent any question arising, the Public Works Department officers at Madras be required in future to adhere to the rule under which they are required to provide hired quarters for Medical Warrant officers when public quarters are not available.

No. 3260, Military.

Transferred to the Public Works Department for favor of issue of the necessary orders.

2. The Government in the Military Department concur in the views therein expressed.

(By Order.)

Ootacamund, (Signed) A. KENNEY-HERBERT, Brigdr.-Genl.,
3rd June 1887. Secretary to Government.

Office note to the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, dated 8th June 1887, No. 1923 C.

Office note from the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, dated Madras, 22nd June 1887, No. 235.

Your office note, No. 1923 C., dated 8th June 1887.

The Quartermaster-General's letter deals with two classes of cases, viz. :—

(*a*) Medical Warrant officers passing through Madras, or temporarily detained there on duty.

(*b*) Medical Warrant officers on permanent duty at Madras.

2. As regards the latter it is a fact that the Executive Engineer in some cases pays to the Medical Warrant officer the rent of a house which he (the Medical Warrant officer) has himself engaged, whereas, according to the letter of the rules, the Executive Engineer should provide quarters for the Medical Warrant officer or pay him compensation at the authorised rate. In such cases the action of the Executive Engineer is, no doubt, technically irregular; but I believe that, in these cases, this irregularity is the consequence of previous irregularities, for which the Executive Engineer is not solely responsible.

3. According to the rules (*vide* Code paragraph 1136) it is the duty of the officer, or of his departmental superior, to apply to the Executive Engineer to provide the necessary quarters; but, when the matter was inquired into about a year ago, it transpired that, in a considerable number of cases, Warrant officers who had never applied for quarters were receiving compensation largely in excess of the rents paid by them for suitable quarters. One Warrant officer was receiving Rs. 75 and living in quarters for which he paid Rs. 21 a-month. It seemed evident that in these cases the Public Works Department could hire the quarters for the same rents that were being paid for them by the Medical Warrant officers, and that the Public Works Department would thus fulfil its obligations to the Medical Warrant officers, and at the same time effect a considerable saving to the State. Executive Engineers were therefore instructed to hire quarters, when possible, instead of paying compensation.

4. On receipt of these instructions, if the Executive Engineer could have found cheaper quarters, or if he could not at once substitute himself as lessee of the quarters occupied by the Medical Warrant officer, he might, I suppose, if he had chosen to stick to the letter of the rule, have hired other quarters, which quarters, though not inferior to the prescribed scale, might have been inferior to those actually occupied, and he might have insisted on the Medical Warrant officer turning out of the quarters occupied and going into the new ones; but in my opinion such a proceeding would have been a gratuitous piece of cruelty. Instead of doing this, the Executive Engineer, studying as far as possible the convenience of the Medical Warrant officer, arranged to substitute himself for the occupying Medical Warrant officer as the lessee of the quarters, and it was probably a necessary part of the arrangement—in some cases at any rate—that for a time the rent should continue to be paid through the occupier, the real lessee. It is possible that this arrangement as to the payment of rent was more general than it need have been, and continued longer than it should have; but that, I believe, is the full extent of the irregularity.

5. To the best of my belief, with the exception of the cases referred to in paragraphs 3 and 4 above, no case has ever come to the knowledge of this office, in which the Executive Engineer, though unable to provide quarters (by hiring or otherwise) when requested to do so, has nevertheless refused compensation or has claimed to limit compensation to the amount of rent paid by the Medical Warrant officer concerned. If any such case has occurred, the action of the Executive Engineer has been quite irregular.

6 If further orders are required, there can be no objection to the course proposed in paragraph 7 of the Quartermaster-General's letter, provided always that the Executive Engineer is allowed to continue existing arrangements for so long as it may be absolutely necessary in cases in which he cannot at once substitute himself as lessee of quarters, the rent of which he now pays through the occupying Medical Warrant officer.

7. With regard to the first of the two classes of cases mentioned in paragraph 1 of this office note, it appears necessary to make a distinction between Warrant officers passing through Madras, on transfer or otherwise, and those who are detained on temporary duty at Madras. The former are not, as far as I am aware, entitled either to quarters or to compensation in lieu thereof. This point appears to have been decided in G.O., No. 657 of 28th February 1870, and this decision is not, I believe, affected by any subsequent orders or rulings. Moreover, there is on record in this office a letter from the Controller of Military Accounts, No. 118, dated 11th May 1872, in which he states his opinion that "compensation for camp equipage or house allowance is not payable to Medical Warrant officers travelling at the public expense."

8. Medical Warrant officers detained on temporary duty in Madras if they do not draw travelling allowance and if they are not entitled to camp equipage under rule 13 of Army Circular No. I, India, Medical Department, dated 16th July 1884, are no doubt entitled to quarters, or to compensation in lieu thereof, and *if there are no barracks or other suitable quarters in which these Warrant officers can generally be accommodated*, as to which I have no information, it will probably save much trouble and expense to the Public Works Department as well as much inconvenience to the Warrant officers themselves if Government adopt the suggestion of the Quartermaster-General in paragraph 2 of his letter.

9. If Government, after satisfying itself as to the title, or absence of title, to travelling allowance or camp equipage in such cases, approves of the adoption of the Quartermaster-General's suggestion, it will then be necessary for Government to define the meaning of *temporary duty*, *i.e.*, to specify some limit of time during which the Executive Engineer may pay compensation as a matter of course, without attempting to provide quarters, and without special sanction; and the claim made on the Executive Engineer for compensation, whether preferred by the Medical Warrant officer or by his departmental superior, should be supported by a certificate by the Pay Examiner to the effect that the Medical Warrant officer has not drawn, and will not draw, any other allowance or receive camp equipage for the period in question.

10. If, on the other hand, there are barracks or other quarters which would ordinarily be available, without necessity for hiring, it seems doubtful whether the adoption of the Quartermaster-General's suggestion would be of any advantage either to the Public Works Department or to the Medical Warrant officers.

11. If Government adopt the suggestion of the Quartermaster-General as to the payment of compensation to Medical Warrant officers detained on temporary duty, and if it would save trouble to the Medical or Military Departments, or to the Medical Warrant officers themselves, it could no doubt be arranged that the compensation should be paid in the Medical (or Military) Department, and I would accept the debits, if within the rules, and if supported by the required certificate as to other

2. In regard to the proposal made in paragraph 6 of the Public Works Department note, I am to observe that the extension of the proposed rules to any other stations than Madras itself does not seem to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief to be necessary or desirable, because it is only at Madras that subordinates are often liable to detention on temporary duty, and because at all stations up-country public quarters of some kind are, as a rule, available for the accommodation of any subordinates who by chance might be temporarily detained there.

3. The adoption of the suggestion in paragraph 11 of the note of the Public Works Department Examiner would doubtless save trouble if the Controller of Military Accounts can accept it.

From Brigadier-General E. FAUNCE, Quartermaster-General, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated Ootacamund, 5th October 1887, No. 3662 A. (Through the Controller of Military Accounts.)

In returning correspondence regarding rules under which compensation for quarters should be granted to Warrant Medical officers at Madras, referred to the Commander-in-Chief under G.O., No. 5356, dated 1st September, I have the honor, by order, to forward, for the information of Government, a copy of a letter * from the Surgeon-General, Her Majesty's Forces, which disposes of the questions raised by the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, in his note, No. 492 D, dated 30th August 1887, which require notice in this department.

* No. 2814, dated 28th September 1887.

2. His Excellency accepts the view expressed in paragraph 5 of Public Works Department memorandum, No. 329 D., dated 12th July 1887, that Warrant Medical officers passing through Madras and travelling at the public expense are not entitled to compensation in lieu of free quarters.

ENCLOSURE.

From Surgeon-General J. IRVINE, M.D., Q.H.P., Her Majesty's Forces, to the Quartermaster-General, dated Fort St. George, 28th September 1887, No. 2814.

In returning the papers referred under your No. 3187 A., dated 9th instant, I have the honor to submit the following remarks.

2. It has always been the practice to avoid, as far as possible, the granting of leave to Medical Warrant officers when under orders for transfer, and this practice is still pursued. In cases where such leave is granted, I am of opinion that they are not entitled to quarters or compensation in lieu during such leave. Paragraph 3 of the Examiner's No. 492 D., dated 30th August 1887, therefore needs no reply.

H.

Forwarded.

2. This office has no remarks to offer, except that, as compensation in lieu of quarters is payable by the Public Works Department and as in the case of Medical Warrant officers on temporary duty at Madras it will rest with that department to determine their title to compensation in lieu of quarters, it seems preferable that it should be paid to them direct by the Public Works Department on the certificates suggested in paragraph 9 of the Examiner's office note and paragraph 4 of memorandum No. 329 D., dated 12th July 1887, from the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department.

27th October 1887. (Signed) C. CARTER, Colonel,
Controller of Military Accounts.

No. 7038, Military.

Transferred, and the referred papers returned, to the Public Works Department.

2. The Government in the Military Department concur in the views expressed in the Quartermaster-General's letters, No. 3012 A., dated 25th August 1887, and No. 3662 A, dated 5th October 1887, and attention is invited to paragraph 2 of the earlier letter.

3. With advertence to paragraph 7 of Public Works Department memorandum No. 329 D., dated 12th July 1887, the papers are returned without the opinion of the Civil Department, owing to the receipt of reminder, dated 23rd August 1887, requesting an early reply from this department.

(By Order.)

FORT ST. GEORGE,
14th November 1887.
(Signed) A. KENNEY-HERBERT, Brigdr.-Genl.,
Secretary to Government.

ORDER—dated 29th November 1887, No. 3258 W., Public Works.

Communicated to the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, who will now frame standing orders in accordance with the views expressed by the military authorities. The drafts of the standing orders will, however, before issue, be referred through the Public Department for the opinion of the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras, so far as they may affect Medical Warrant officers in civil employ.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
" Military Department.
" Public "

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Govt. of {1887} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated November, 29th.

Recd. *Encl.*

G.O., 29th Nov. 1887, No. 3258 W.

NOVEMBER.

Quarters for Warrant Medical Officers

Orders on correspondence relating to the provision of —.

[For Heads of Departments only.]

Circular No. III Public Works.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

ACCOUNT.

General.

Fort William, February 22, 1883.

Copy of the following forwarded to the Local Governments and Administrations and Officers noted in the margin, for information and guidance.

The Governments of Madras, Bombay, Bengal, North Western Provinces and Oudh, and the Punjab, in the Public Works Department.
The Chief Commissioners, Central Provinces, British Burma, Assam, and Coorg.
The Resident at Hyderabad.
The Agents to the Governor General for Central India, Rajputana, and Biluchistan.
The Superintendent of Port Blair, and Chief Commissioner, Andaman and Nicobar Islands.
The Inspector General of Military Works.
The Accountant General, Public Works Department.

By order,

W. S. TREVOR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to the Govt. of India.

No. 78 A—G, dated 22nd February 1882.
From—The Government of India, P. W. Dept.,
To—Secretary to the Government of Bombay, P. W. Dept.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 263 A.—1903, dated the 31st October last, forwarding copy of a letter from the Examiner of Public Works Accounts, on the question of the payment of compensation by the Public Works Department, to all grades of Warrant Officers when not provided with public quarters.

2. In reply, I am to state that the following is the rule for the provision of quarters :—

(*a*).—For all Warrant Officers below the grade of Deputy Assistant Commissary, the Public Works Department provides quarters.

(*b*).—For Warrant Officers of and above that grade, the Public Works Department in some cases provides quarters, but these Warrant Officers cannot claim public quarters as a right.

3. In cases (*a*), the provision of quarters by the Public Works Department either by erection, purchase, or hire, has always been held in the Military Department, to be imperative; for if the Warrant Officer can hire the quarters, the Executive Engineer can do so. The Public Works Department is entitled to the usual stoppages for rent, which are paid by the Warrant Officer. If by any chance these officers provide their own quarters in a Presidency town, they would draw Presidency house-rent, which would be a Public Works charge.

4. In cases (*b*), if the Warrant Officers have to make their own arrangements, they do so just as a Commissioned Officer would, and the Public Works Department has no concern with the arrangements made. If they have to provide their own quarters in a Presidency town, they draw Presidency house-rent, which is a military charge, except in the case of Warrant Officers of the Public Works Department, when the charge would be borne by that Department. If the Public Works Department provides them with quarters, it receives the usual rent laid down for the different grades of Warrant Officers, and, in Presidency towns, it is further entitled to receive credit for the amount of Presidency house-rent which would be admissible to these Warrant Officers if they provided their own quarters.

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B. No 760 W of 8-3-83

Communicated to
officers of the P.W. Dept

(Sd) J.P.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

ACCOUNT.

General.

To

Circular No. III Public Works.

Dated February 22, 1883.

Received

B. No 760 W of 8-3-83

Rules regarding the payment of compensation by the Public Works Department to all grades of Warrant Officers when not provided with public quarters.

Supdg Engrs

Exr P. W. A.

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No. 177 A, P. W. D. Press—23-2-33—740.

With order

26th September 1888, No. 3023 W., Public Works.

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, 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.)

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

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

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* *Vide* section I, appendix C, Public Works Code, Madras.

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Dated September, 26th.

Recd. *Encl.*

G.O., 26th Sept. 1888, No. 3023 W.

SEPTEMBER.

Compensation in lieu of Quarters

Ordered that the Government of India be addressed on the subject of the payment to Military and Medical Warrant officers of the regulated amount of —.

26th September 1888, No. 3024 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,

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 correspondence * relative to the inconvenience and loss of time caused to the 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.

* Proceedings of Government No. 3023 W., dated 26th September 1888.

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.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

Ootacamund,
26th September 1888.

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Dated September, 26th.

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26th Sept. 1888, No. 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 —.

8th February 1889, No. 356 W., Public Works.

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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.

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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Govt. of {1889} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated February, 8th.

Recd. *Encl.*

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 reconsideration of the orders on the subject.

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,

No. 1979.

Bangalore V CIRCLE, MADRAS,
~~Chepauk~~, 8th August 1887.

From
Colonel H. M. Vibart R.E.
~~The~~ SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
V CIRCLE,

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To
THE Chief Engineer,
P. W. Department.

Enclosures.

SIR,

With reference to the enclosed endorsement No. 3753 dated 22nd July 1887 from the Secretary to the Surgeon General with the Government of Madras to the Executive Engineer Presidency Division and its enclosure viz. letter from Honorary Surgeon Lawrence, dated 15th July 1887. I have the honor to state that under the circumstances therein explained, it appears that the P. W. Department can only hire the quarters from the Director of the Civil Orphan Asylum from the date of G. O. No. 1466 W of 30th May 1887, Honorary Surgeon Lawrence being refunded the amount paid by him as rent to the Directors from

October 1886, at the rate of Rs 21 per month – I request that I may have orders on this point.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
[illegible] Sibert Col. R.E.
Supdg: Engineer, V Circle.

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No. 2225 w d/20th August 87

G. O. No 1466 W dated 30th May 1887 was not intended to have retrospective effect. The arrangement with the Directors of the E. O. asylum to rent the bungalow at Rs 35 per mensem will have effect from 1st June 1887

2. Hony. Surgeon Lawrence will be reimbursed the amount he paid as rent from October 1886 to May 1887 inclusive.

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PWC No 622 6

From,

The Superintending Engr.
5th Circle—

To,

The Chief Engineer
P. W. Department.

Dated 8th August 1887—
Received—

No 2225 w dated 20th August 87

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No. 1979—

House rent for Honorary Surgeon Lawrence—

Submitting for Orders certain Correspondence regarding—

No 100 S.E.

Madras D.P.W.

Bangalore 1st May 1888

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From

The Executive Engineer
Presidency Division

To

The Superintending Engineer
V Circle

Sir,

I have the honor to lay before you the following particulars in respect to the hiring of quarters for Military & Medical subordinates from which you will see the difficulty, trouble and annoyance that is caused by such an arrangement & request you will be good enough to refer the matter to Govt. 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 & Non-Commissioned Officers.

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2. Landlords of houses do not care to rent their houses to other than permanent residents in the Station & usually demand one months rent

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rent in advance and a lease for 6 months or longer.

3 When a suitable house is obtained after much trouble & 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 & 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 Govt. 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 & 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.

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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 & a house is engaged & 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.

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 P. W. D. would be saved all the worry and annoyance and the subordinate would be far more pleased and satisfied. I may also

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.

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I have &c

(Sd) Ross Thompson Colo.
Ex: Engineer Presy: Dn

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.

Stuart

Col R.E.

Supg: Engineer V circle

Bangalore.
5th May /88.

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No. 3258 W d/ 29. 11. 87
" 3040 W d/ 17. 11. 86
" 911 W d/ 20. 3. 88.
" 1154 C d/ 17. 3. 88.
" 720 W d/ 2. 3. 88.
" 511 W d/ 13. 2. 88.
" 489 W d/ 11. 2. 88.
" 1466 W d/ 30. 5. 87.

ENCLOSURE
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P.W.C. No. 4281
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From

The Supdtg. Engineer
V Circle.

To

The Chief Engineer,
P.W. Department

Dated 5th } May 1888
Received 8 }

Enclosures.

No. 473

Hiring of buildings for Military & Medical Subordinates — Forwards copy of letter from the Exec. Engineer Presidency and requests orders regarding —

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Public Works Department.

933 Ootacamund, 23rd May 1888

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No. 226 D.

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Letter from the Executive Engineer, Presidency Division No. 100 S.E. dated 1st May 1888
Endorsement thereon by the Supdtg Engineer V Circle No. 473 d/ 5th May 1888.

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. —

Colonel R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

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To,
The Military Department.

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REQUESTED TO BE RETURNED WITH REPLY.

P.G. 1.3.88 No. 21/22 R
" 7.3.88 " 98/99 ~~R~~
" 17.3.88 " 514/15 R
" 12.4.88 " 306/7 R

Ootacamund
30th May 1888

No. 3578

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Forwarded for favr of opinion of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief.

(By Order.)

A. Kenney Herbert Br. Genl.
Secy to Govt
Mily Dept.

To
The Qmg

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Mily (1888) Dept.

ENCLOSURE
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EXAMINER, P.W. ACCOUNTS

No. 3761

From
The P.W.D.

No 226/D

Dated 23d May 88
Recd 24 Do

Regarding hiring of buildings for Mily: and Medl: subordinates

Referred

Qr. Mr. Genl's Office
Ootacamund, 20th July 1888.

No. 2597.A.

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From,
Col. M. Protheroe, C.B. C.S.I.
Offg. Quarter Master General.

To
The Secretary to Government,
Military Department.

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Sir,

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 realizes the difficulties which the P.W.D. 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

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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 ~~the~~ Military Department 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. 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

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

[×] Vide Section i appendix. C. P. W. Code, Madras.

4. Sir Charles Arbuthnot considers that Departmental Non-Commissioned Officers should in all cases be provided with hired quarters by the P. W. D. 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.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

Colonel,
Offg. Qr. Mr. General.

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Ootacamund
23rd July 1888

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No. 5126

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)

A. Kenney Herbert Br. Genl.
Secy to Govt
Mily Dept.

O.L.S. 14/VII/88. / M. 25.7

P.W. Dept. 7400/9134

Mily { 1888 } Deptt.

No. 5488

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From

The Offg. Qr. Mr. Genl

To

The Secy to Govt
M. D.

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Dated 20th } July.
Recd 23rd }

Recd 27-7-88.

Enclos:

No. 2597. A.

Subject.

Returns with remarks, Correspondence on a proposal from the P. W. D. that military & medical subordinates make their own arrangements about hiring of quarters.

with Endorsement

No. 2876 C d/31 July 1888

To

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For favour of remarks on the proposals of H.E. the Commander-in-chief. The change of procedure will probably require the sanction of the Govt. of India.

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111° For W.

To W. No. 2218 d/10-9-88

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So far as the proposals affect only medical warrant officers I agree with the opinion expressed by the Supg. 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 P. W. D. (see G.O. No. 760 W, dated 8th. March 1883, communicating Govt. of India Circular No. 111 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.

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" 760 W. 8. 3. 83.

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Mil. General Acct

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 26th Sept. 1888

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READ the following

From the Supdg. Eng. V Circle.	H.E. No. 473 d/ 5th May 1888.
Memo to the Mily. Deptt.	" No. 226 D d/ 23rd May 1888.
From the Qr. Master General.	" No. 2597 A d/ 20th July 1888.
Endorsement in the Mily Deptt.	" No. 5026 d/ 25th July 1888.
Office Note from the Gr. P.W. Accts.	" No. 2218 d/ 10th Sept. 1888.

Ordered that the Govt. of India be addressed.

To the S.E. V Circle
- Genl Accts
- Mily Deptt.

H.E. No. 3024 W d/ 26th Sept. 1888

To

The Secy. to the Govt of India
Mily. Deptt.

PPH
28 Sept

Sir,

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

*O.G. No. 3023 W d/ 26th Sept. 1888.

L.G.

the P.W. Deptt: in searching for hired quarters for military and medical warrant officers, and to state that this Govt: 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 Govt: of India to the suggestion made in para 2 of the Quarter Master General's letter No 2597 A d/ 20th July 1888, that ~~the~~ 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.

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Thanks.

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Govt. of (1888) Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

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Dated

Recd.

Encl.

G.O. 26 Sep 1888, No. 3023/3024 W

Compensation in lieu of Quarters -

Ordered that the Govt of India be addressed on the subject of the payment to Military & Medical Warrant Officers of the regulated amount of -

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Compensation in lieu of Quarters.

Forwards correspondence relative to the inconvenience & loss of time caused in providing hired Quarters for Mily & Medl Warrant Officers & requesting sanction to the payment of the regulated amount of -

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Letter from S.S. V Circle No 1578 d 9-7-87

CNo 5216

To W

CNo 1037

Nov 6/11

Recd 8/11

933/46 Proposed to keep this letter over until receipt of reply from Mily Dept to reference No 329 d 12.7.87.

The whole subject can then be disposed of together.

C.I.
12.7.87

Ab 356-75 8/2/89

Approved

[illegible] 13/7/87

This paper should apparently still stand over pending final approval of proposed Standing Orders.

C.S.
19.XI.87

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
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P.W. DEPARTMENT, MADRAS

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P.W. D. MADRAS

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"This file came back brought on the Madras S.O. list — to await reply from Mily Dept to their 492 Dy 30-8-87.

~~D.G.W.~~ Cn ~~4~~/6

~~Perhaps a 15.10.87 "reminder" might go to M.D.? J.B. 22-10-87~~

Quarters

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
12 NOV 88

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HC

You will see from CAW's note of 19 XI-87 that the paper is to lie until the ~~Subject to~~ standing orders referred to in G.O. No 3258 W of 29.11.87 are finally approved –

Kindly send it to LD Ann accordingly

Cn
16.12.87

LD

Heading. Quarters

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
12 NOV. 88
P. W. DEPARTMENT, MADRAS

No. 2097 M-W.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

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It is requested that the above heading, with number and date of this communication, may be quoted in any subsequent correspondence on this subject.

Simla, the 2d November 1888.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,
Public Works Department.

Sir,

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

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is also requested to the suggestion of the Quarter Master 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

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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.

I am,
Sir,
your most Obedient Servant,

Secretary to the Government of India

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No 4582 C.S/ 19th Novr 1888

M.W. Deptt.

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Letter× from the Govt of India No 2097 dated 2nd November 1888.

P.W.C. No 11543

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× On the subject of the payment to Military & Medical warrant officers of the regulated amount of compensation in lieu of quarters.-

Referred to the Mily Department with reference 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 Govt of India decline to sanction the proposals of the Govt of Madras on two grounds:- (1) that the system proposed is in some cases unfair to the men

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.

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P.W.C. No. 9195
No. 3258W - 29-11-87
" 1466W - 30-5-87
" 1421W - 4-6-86
" 760W - 8-3-83
" 1154C - 17-3-88
" 2268 - 23-5-88
" 2876C - 31-7-88
" 911W - 20-3-88
" 720W - 2-3-88
" 511W - 13-2-88
" 3258W - 29-11-87
" 2225W - 20-8-87
" 1713W - 27-6-87
" 1466W - 30-5-87
" 3040W - 17-11-86
" 1508W - 29-6-85
" 1853W - 11-8-85

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No. 4582C d/19: Nov. 1888

Form No. 20 A. / 7 B.

Pay and allowances.
House Rent.

QUARTER MASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE,
H^d Qu: Bangalore, ~~Ootacamund~~,
23^d January 1889.

No. 127T

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From

BRIGADIER-GENERAL M. PROTHEROE, C.B., C.S.I.,
QUARTER MASTER GENERAL,

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

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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 Public Works Department, the Surgeon General Her Majesty's Forces and the Commissary General as regards the proposals contained in P.G. No. 6948 of 17th October 1888 for the

* Letter No. 3420 d/ 19th December 1888 from Surgeon General H. M's Forces, with one Enclosure.
Letter No. 7754 d/ 17th January 1889 from Commissary General.

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.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your obedt. Servant,

M. Protheroe
Brigr. Genl,
Quarter Master Genl.

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" 1508 W d/ 29.6.85
" 3040 W d/ 17.11.86
" 2225 W d/ 20.8.87
" 3258 W d/ 29.11.87
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" 2876 C d/ 31.7.88
" 226 D d/ 23.5.88
" 1154 C d/ 17.3.88
" 760 W d/ 8.3.83
" 1421 W d/ 4.6.86
" 3258 W d/ 29.11.87
" 3023 W d/ 26.9.88
" 4582 C d/ 19.11.88

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SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
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DEPARTMENT, MADRAS.

No. 767. Transferred to the Public Works Department, with reference to its No. 4582 C dated 19th November 1888.

A. Kenney Herbert
Br Genl
Secretary to Government.

Fort Saint George
21st Jany 1889.

To
The Public Works Dept
With G of India letter
(returned.)

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Military (1889) Department.

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From
THE QUARTER MASTER GENERAL,

To
THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 127 T.

Dated 23rd } Jany.
Received 24 }

Regd 2/2/89

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Forwdg. correspondence & supporting the proposal to grant compensation to Mily. & Medical Warrant officers when not provided with public quarters.

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No. 3420 Enclosure

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SURGEON-GENERAL'S OFFICE, H. M.'S FORCES,
MILITARY DEPARTMENT, GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,
Fort St. George, 19th Decr 1888.

From
Sir J. A. Hanbury, M.B., K.C.B.,
SURGEON-GENERAL,
H. M.'s FORCES,

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To
THE Quarter Master General,
Ootacamund,

SIR,

With reference to your No. 4660 A dated Ootacamund 3rd December/88, I have the honor to enclose, for the information of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, letter No. 234 dated 15th December/88 from the Dy: Surgeon General, Her M's Forces, Madras District, and to state that I concur in the remarks of Dr. Rae.

With regard to para II of letter No. 2097 M. W. dated Simla the 2nd November/88 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.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

J A Marston M.B.,
Surgeon General,
C.B. H.M. Forces.

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From

THE SURGEON-GENERAL,

H. M.'s FORCES,

To

THE Quarter Mr Genl,
Ootacamund.

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No. 3420

Fort St. George, 19th Decr 1888

Submits, for the information of H. E. the Comdr-in-Chief, letter from the Dy Surgn Genl. HMF. Madras Dist, relative to the regulated amount of Compensation being passed to Medl Warrant Officers in lieu of quarters at stations where no public quarters are available and concurs in the remarks made by that Officer

Qr Mr GENERAL'S OFFICE,
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No. 234

DEPUTY SURGEON-GENERAL'S OFFICE,
H. M.'s FORCES, ~~EASTERN~~ Madras DISTRICT,
Fort St. George, 15th December 1888.

OFFICE OF SURGEON GENERAL
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HER M.'S FORCES, MADRAS.

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From

THE DEPUTY SURGEON-GENERAL,
H. M.'s FORCES, ~~EASTERN~~ Madras DISTRICT,

To

THE Secretary Surgeon General
H. M's Forces.
Fort Saint George.

SIR,

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

* Herewith returned

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 finds that paying the authorized 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

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.

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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.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most obt. Servt
S. B. Roe
Deputy Surgeon General
H.M.'s Ind. Med. Dept

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From

THE DY. SURGEON-GENERAL,
H. M.'s FORCES,
Eastern District,

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Fort St. George, 188

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No. 7754

Commissary General's Office
Madras 19 Jany 1889.

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From, Col. J. Chunning
Commissary General.

To, The Quartermaster General.
Ootacamund

Sir,

933/A/5 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 Presdy, 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.

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3. I have, however, made

(Indian Commissariat.)

enquiries

(Comt. Form No. 137.)

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enquiries, 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 D.P.W, 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 accomodation 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: 10SP

For Warrant Officers — Rs 40 per mensem
" Serjeants —— 35 —— " ——

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obdt: servant

Coll
C.M.T Commissary General.

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From

The Comy Genl
Madras.

To

The Quarter Master
Genl.
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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From the Govt. of India No 2097 M.W. d 2. 11. 88.
Memo. to the Mily. Dept No 4582 C d 19. 11. 88
From the Qr. Mr. General " 127 T d 23. 1. 89
Endt. thereon in the Mily Dept. " 767 d 31. 1. 89.

Ordered to be forwarded to the Govt of India, Mily Dept, with a strong recommendation th for the reasons stated in the foregoing correspondence, the proposal made in this dept. le No 3024 W of 26 Sept 1888 may be reconsi

A.S. No 357 W of Feb. 8

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G.O. 8 Feb 1889 No. 356-74

Compensation in lieu of Quarters

Ordered that certain correspondence regarding payment of — to Mily & Medl warrant officers be forwarded to the Govt of India for reconsideration of their orders on the subject.

Compensation in lieu of Quarters

Forwards correspondence regarding payment of — to Mily & Medl warrant officers & requesting reconsideration of the orders on the subject.

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SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
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I am not inclined to accept this without further reasons. Please send to Military [illegible] stating that Govt of India object to this on 2 grounds. That is it sometimes [illegible] to the same and is open to abuse. It is not thought that this is the case but it is believed that the mere [illegible] it [illegible] that although we [illegible] to the case in everything [illegible] open to abuse: this is not likely to be serious.

With regard to the [illegible] of [illegible] not being [illegible] in the Military Works Dept it has to be remarked that the

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in the Military Works Dept
in Madras and that station
the case is different in Madras
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With regard to [illegible] quarters
and them being available for
successive subordinates the
subordinates often vary in 9/33
rank and in the quarters
they are entitled to ~~[illegible]~~ 5
Also if this were done the
quarters would be handed over
to the Barrack dept as the
P.W.D. could not possibly
inspect the quarters every time
there was a change of incumbent
taking over the quarters from
the out going man and handing
them over to the next man
who probably would require repairs to
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No. 545 M. W.

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, 25 MAR. 89, P. W. DEPARTMENT, MADRAS.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

It is requested that the above heading, with number and date of this communication, may be quoted in any subsequent correspondence on the subject.

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Fort William, the 15th March 1889.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

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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

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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.-

I am,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant.

Secretary to the Govt. of India.

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Current No. 2825

From

The Govt. of India
Mily Departt.

ENCLOS.—

No. 545 M.W.

Dated 15. 3. 89

Received 25. 3. 89

SUBJECT.

Grant of compensation in lieu of quarters to Mily and Medical warrant officers at the several stations of the Madras Presidency where no public quarters are available

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UNDER date the 28th March 1889

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~~From the~~ Govt. of India No 933 ~~545~~ M.W. d/ 15. 3. 89

Communicated to officers & departments concerned, with reference to G.O. No 356 W d/ 8th February 1889

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Public Dept with copies of G.O. No 3023 W d/ 26. 9. 88 & 356 W d/ 8. 2. 89.

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Compensation in lieu of Quarters

Letter from the Govt of India declining to alt their previous decision refusing to sanction the grant ~~of~~ — to Mily & Medl Warrant Officers where no pu Quarters are availa Com^d to officers & Dep concerned.

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