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Pay and Allowances—House-rent.

Kimberley, Sergeant-instructor, Madras Railway
Volunteers.—Claim preferred by — for a refund
of house-rent paid by him in excess of the com-
pensation allowed in lieu of quarters from the 1st
May 1889 to the 22nd March 1892, submitted for
the orders of the Government of India.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

Pay and Allowances—House-rent.

Read the following papers:—

No. . From Brigdr.-Genl. E. H. EYRE, Quarter Master General, Madras Army, to Brigdr.-Genl. H. R. HOPE, Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Ootacamund, 29th April 1892, No. 848-MW (Pay and Allowances—House-rent).

With reference to Proceedings of Government, No. 98 of 6th January 1892, and in continuation of para. 1 of my letter, No. 482-MW of the 10th ultimo, I am desired to report, for the information of Government, that the Director-General of Military Works in India, who was communicated with on the subject of the claim put forward by Sergeant-instructor Kimberley of the Madras Railway Volunteers for a refund of house-rent paid by him in excess of the compensation allowed in lieu of quarters, refers to Army Regulations, India, Vol. IX, paras. 165 to 167, and states that he knows of no authority under which he can sanction the payment of compensation in excess of that admissible when public quarters are not available, nor is he able to admit that it is the duty of the Military Works Department to hire quarters for sergeants-instructor of volunteer corps when public buildings are not available—*vide* his letter, No. 875-B of 3rd March 1892, to Chief Engineer, Military Works (copy enclosed).

2. Before recommending to Government the payment of the higher rate of compensation in lieu of quarters to the sergeant-instructor stationed at Olvakod, the local military authorities were addressed in view to its being ascertained whether all the conditions specified in para. 167 of the above-quoted regulations are fulfilled in the case under reference, and I am now desired to forward, for your information, the accompanying copy* of a letter from the Commandant of the corps which has been received in reply.

* No. 729/181 of 8th April 1892.

3. As it appears from the above letter that the funds of the corps are not in a position to meet the extra cost referred to, and His Excellency being moreover of opinion that so useful a corps as the Madras Railway Volunteers is deserving of every encouragement, recommends that Government may be pleased to sanction the payment of the higher rate of compensation specified in the above-quoted paragraph, with effect from 1st May 1889, for the sergeant-instructor at Olvakod.

From Lieutenant-Colonel N. ARNOTT, R.E., for Director-General of Military Works in India, to the Chief Engineer, Madras Command, Military Works, Ootacamund; dated Simla, 3rd March 1892, No. 875-B.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 664, dated 27th January 1892, forwarding a copy of the Proceedings of the Madras Government, No. 98, dated 6th January 1892, relative to a claim put forward by Sergeant-instructor Kimberley of the Madras Railway Volunteers for a refund of house-rent paid by him in excess of the compensation allowed to him in lieu of quarters.

2. In reply I have the honour to refer you to paras. 165 to 167, Army Regulations, India, Vol. IX, and to say that I know of no authority under which I can sanction the payment of compensation in excess of that admissible by regulations when public quarters are not provided.

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3. Nor am I able to admit that it is the duty of the Military Works Department to hire quarters for sergeant-instructors of volunteers when public buildings are not available. The regulations clearly contemplate the payment of compensation in such cases, and if the actual rent paid exceeds the rate of compensation allowed, the difference should apparently be paid out of the funds of the corps.

From Major H. L. ANSTED, Officiating Commandant, Madras Railway Volunteers, to the Quarter Master General, Madras Army, Ootacamund; dated Madras, 8th April 1892, No. 729/181.

With reference to minute (2) of your No. 572-MW, dated 22nd March 1892, all the conditions specified in para. 167, Army Regulations, India, Vol. IX, have been adhered to. There are no other quarters available in Podanur at a lower rate than Rs. 17-8-0; the rent has always been abnormally high, and taking into consideration the heavy loss sustained by the corps this year in the amount of capitation grant earned, I am of opinion that the funds of the corps cannot meet the extra cost referred to.

No. . With report from Controller of Military Accounts; dated 21st May 1892, No. 471-G.

No. . To the Quarter Master General, Madras Army; dated 2nd June 1892, No. 3570.

No. . From Brigadier-General E. H. EYRE, Quarter Master General, Madras Army, to Brigadier-General H. R. HOPE, Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Ootacamund, 6th July 1892, No. 1339-MW (Pay and Allowances—House-rent).

In reply to Military Department memo., No. 3570 of the 2nd ultimo, I am desired to report, for the information of Government, that the Commandant, Madras Railway Volunteers, having again been communicated with on the subject of the claim preferred by Sergeant-instructor Kimberley, refers to his letter No. 729/181, dated 8th April 1892 (a copy of which was forwarded with my letter, No. 848-MW of the 29th idem) and states that, for the reasons therein mentioned, the capitation grant is not in a position to bear the charge in question. He adds that there has been a very serious decrease in the grant earned for the year just closed, and that heavy expenses for rifle ranges and other purposes are anticipated.

No. . ORDER THEREON, 12th August 1892, No. 4989
The Government of India will be addressed.

No. . To the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department;
dated August 1892, No. .

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. R. HOPE, Brigdr.-Genl.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Quarter Master General.

„ Controller of Military Accounts.

„ Public Works Department, for information.

Exd. T. K. Narayana Aiyangar.