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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Account.

Read—the following paper :—

From the Quartermaster-General, Madras Army, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department (through the Controller of Military Accounts), dated Ootacamund, 15th June 1893, No. 1170 M.W.

With reference to Proceedings of the Madras Government No. 1796 of 16th March 1893, I am desired to submit, for the favorable consideration of Government, the accompanying appeal * from Captain A. W. B. Gordon, Staff Captain, to the Officer Commanding Royal Artillery, Madras Circle, and to state that, though there is no doubt this officer, in accordance with the provisions of Army Regulations, India, volume I, part I, paragraph 400, should have been required to pay office rent for the whole of the period he was provided with an office and that the Officer Commanding Royal Artillery is not entitled to free office accommodation taking into consideration the fact that the fault lies originally not with the Staff Captain but with the Public Works Department which failed to deduct the rent and which was apparently as ignorant of the regulations on the subject as the Staff Captain himself, the Provisional Commander-in-Chief is of opinion that it is a decided hardship Captain Gordon should, after such a lapse of time, be called upon to pay the large sum representing the total amount of office rent for the building utilized by him from 27th November 1890 to 31st December 1892.

* Original appeal No. 42 of 29th April 1893 from Staff Captain with ten enclosures and ten subsequent minutes.

2. General Stewart cannot but sympathize with an officer who, having been permitted to draw an allowance to which he was not entitled but which was so small as not to make any material difference in his monthly salary had it never been given him, is suddenly put to considerable straits by a deduction of one-third of his monthly pay and allowing to the negligence on the part of the Public Works Department to recover the rent month by month from the Staff Captain as it became due and the failure on the part of the Audit Department at the time to perceive the error.

3. Under these circumstances, General Stewart strongly recommends that the retrenchment in question be withdrawn, Captain Gordon being reimbursed any sum already deducted from his pay by the Pay Department.

No. 496 G.

Forwarded.

2. With reference to the latter portion of paragraph 2 of the Quartermaster-General's letter under reference, it is necessary to explain that this department does not watch the recovery of rent due for the occupation of public quarters. Office allowance is passed unquestioned in assimilation with the practice of the other circles. Further, there is nothing to show what portion of the sum of Rs. 60 included † in the staff pay of a Staff Captain as office allowance is on account of office rent.

† Article 490, Army Regulations, India, Vol. I, Part I.

3. Under the revised * procedure for recovery of rents which came into operation from the 1st July 1890, recoveries from Military officers occupying public quarters are effected in cash by the Executive Engineer on the spot, the assistance of this department being obtained only when the Executive Engineer has failed to secure payment from the officers concerned.

* Government of India Military Department No. 900 M.W., dated 17th April 1890, recorded in Proceedings of Government, Public Works Department No. 1323 W., dated 10th May 1890, communicated with Military Department No. 3826, dated 9th June 1890.

4. It will thus be seen that the animadversion upon this department is uncalled for.

(Signed) C. F. THOMAS, Lieut.-Col.,
Controller of Military Accounts.

29th June 1893.

To the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

No. 4318, Military.

Transferred to the Public Works Department for favour of disposal with reference to G.O., No. 471 W., dated 23rd February 1893.

(By Order.)

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

OOTACAMUND,
4th July 1893.

ORDER—dated 25th July 1893, No. 1928 W., Public Works.

With the endorsement read above the Military Department transfers for disposal an appeal from Captain A. W. B. Gordon, Staff Captain, Royal Artillery, Ootacamund, against the orders issued in G.O., No. 471 W., dated 23rd February 1893, directing the recovery from him of the arrears of rent for the portion of the orderly room clerk's quarters occupied by the Royal Artillery office.

2. There was no authority for the provision of office accommodation for the Royal Artillery by the Public Works Department, and such accommodation should not have been provided. The Government is of opinion therefore that the claim for arrears of rent must be waived and directs that paragraphs 2 and 3 of the order quoted above be cancelled.

3. The arrangement in force should be put a stop to at once and separate and suitable quarters provided for the orderly sergeant.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Exd. C. A. Munisawmy.
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GENERAL.
ACCOUNT.

Govt. of {1893} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated July, 25th.

Recd. Encl.

G.O., 25th July 1893, No. 1928 W.

JULY.

Royal Artillery Office at Ootacamund

Directing that the claim for arrears of rent for the portion of the orderly room clerk's quarters occupied by the — be waived and suitable quarters be provided for the orderly sergeant.

Enclosure 1

No. A

Nilgiri Division Office
Ootacamund 2nd April 1890

1928/3

From
J. W. Martin Esq.
Executive Engineer
Nilgiri Division

To
The Staff Captain R.A.
Madras Circle

Sir

In reply to your letter No. 1 d/- 1st April 1890 in the matter of providing an Office for you, and accommodation for a Staff Sergeant and two gunners, I have the honor to inform you that subject to the sanction of the Examiner P.W. Accounts I approve of your renting the late Masonic lodge building for Rs 50/- per mensem to be used for an Office for yourself and Quarters for the Staff Sergeant, but as regards the two gunners there is a small house, Government property, on Stone House Hill, just vacated, which I think will answer as quarters for the men.

I have &c

(Sd) J. W. Martin Ex. Engr.
[illegible] Div

Enclosure 2

Executive Engineer's Office
Coimbatore Division
Coimbatore 6th June 1890

No. 2565

From G. B. Lambert Esq
Executive Engineer
Coimbatore Division

To
Colonel van Straubenzee C.B.
Col. on the Staff R.A.
Madras Circle

Sir

I have the honour to return duly completed and signed the agreement from Abdul Rahiman Hajee Fakeer Mahomed Sait owner of the house known as Flora Cottage, which accompanied your letter No. 35 of 7th May 1890 under reply.

I have &c.
(Sd) G. B. Lambert
Executive Engineer

Enclosure Agreement — I the undersigned George Buchanan Lambert hereby agree with Abdul Rahiman Hajee Fakir Mahomed Sait of Ootacamund, his Executors, Administrators or Assigns to rent his house known as Flora Cottage for the period of one year, commencing from 1st of April 1890, to the 31st March 1891 at a monthly rent of Rs 50/- (fifty) to be paid on or before the 5th of each month following for which it is due regularly. The landlord agreed to keep the house in habitable condition and water tight.

1928/4

(Sd) G. B. Lambert
Ex. Engineer
5-6-90

Enclosure 3

Executive Engineer's Office
No. 2568
Coimbatore Division
5th June 1890

From
G. B. Lambert Esq.
Executive Engineer
Coimbatore Division

To
Colonel J. van Straubenzee C.B.
Colonel on the Staff
R.A. Madras Circle

Sir

With reference to your letter No. 53 dated 26th May 1890 I have the honour to forward 20 P.W.D. forms No. M 102 C for use in lieu of those forwarded with my letter 2327 of 22nd idem, as these forms are only used when Government buildings are occupied by officers who have to pay rent.

2 - The forms now sent are intended for the rent to be paid by Government for the occupation of private buildings.

3 - Under these circumstances I have

the honour to request you will be so good as to furnish me with a revised bill for April in form No. M 42 C for April 1890 duly signed by the Landlord under "A particulars of Bill" and with your signatures to Certi-ficates B and C.

4 - I also herewith forward for your Counter signature and return the enclosed estimate amounting to Rs 550 for Rent of hired building

I have &c
(Sd) G. B. Lambert
Executive Engineer
Coimbatore Division

Enclosure 4

Nilgiri Sub Divn Office PWD
Ootacamund 18th April 1891

No 86 -

From Offr in charge
Nilgiri Sub Division
To - The Colonel on Staff
R.A. Madras Circle
Ootacamund

Sir

I have the honour to inform you that I have received instructions to renew the lease of the building used as an office by you, I therefore request you will be good enough to inform me if I shall do so or whether you have any building in view instead and which you would prefer to the present building.

I have called several times to see you o this subject but failed to meet you, I therep request you will kindly write to say if I a carry out the orders I have received.

1928//

I have &c
(Sd) R. A. Bragg Condr
Sub Divisional Officer

Enclosure 5

Executive Engineers Of
Coimbatore 1st April 18

No 1918

From G. B. Lambert Esqr
Executive Engineer
Coimbatore Division
To Captain A. W. B. Gosden
Staff Captain
R.A. Madras Circle

Sir/ With reference to your letter No 36 of 26th February 1891, I have the honour to inf you that Conductor R. A. Bragg Sub Engine has been instructed to renew the agreeme

I have &
(Sd) G. B. Lambert
Executive Engineer

Enclosure 6

Ex. Engineer's Office
Camp Ooty
No. 3161 20th May 1891

From
J. C. Larminie Esq
Ex. Engineer
Coimbatore Division

To
The Staff Officer R.A.
Madras Circle Ooty

Sir

I have the honor to forward the estimate noted below and request that you will be so good as to return it with your counter signature.

Rent of hired buildings for Head Quarters R.A. Madras Circle Office and Quarters for the Orderly Room Sergeant, combined in one building at Ootacamund Rs 600 —

I have etc.

(Sd) J C Larminie
Ex Engineer

Estimate Form — Abstract

O.W. 5.9 / 223/13

Quantity	Description of work	Rate	Per	Amount	Total
1	2	3	4	5	6
		Rs		Rs	Rs
	Rent of hired building for Head Quarters Royal Artillery Madras Circle Office and Quarters for the Orderly Room Sergeant combined in one building for 12 months from 1st March 1891 to 29th February 1892	50 —	mensem	600	600
	Grand total of Estimate				600 —

Ooty 20th May 1891 (Sd) J C Larminie Ex Engineer

Enclosure 7

No. 1182

Executive Engineer's Office
Coimbatore 30th March 1892

19/6

From
J C Larminie Esqre
Executive Engineer
Coimbatore Division

To
The
Commandant
Royal Artillery
Madras Circle

Sir

With reference to your letter No. 41 of 24th instant I have the honor to state that I approve of your occupying the Montacute House at Ootacamund, but I should refer you to G.O. No. 1694 of 9th March 1892 a copy of which has been forwarded to you with my letter No. 1129 of 25th March 1892 from which you will observe that this Department has nothing to do with the adjustment of claims for house rent

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
sd J C Larminie
Executive Engineer

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Enclosure 8

R.A. Madras Circle Office
Ootacamund
24th March 1893

No 41

1928/7

From
The Staff Captain
Royal Artillery
Madras Circle

To
The Executive Engineer
Coimbatore Division
Coimbatore

Sir

I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to approve of my renting Montacute House at this Station at Rs 60/- per mensem, as an office for myself and quarters for the Orderly Room Clerk; the office at present occupied at a rental of Rs 50/- is not suitable, and there is no Government building available.

2. The building which it is proposed to occupy belongs to the same landlord viz: Abdool Rahman Hajee Yakoob Mahomed Sait, as the building at present occupied.—

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Obedient Servant

sd A.W.B. Gordon Staff Captain
R.A. Madras Circle

PW 5.7
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Quarters

Enclosure-9

No 1790

Government of Madras
Military Department
Fort Saint George the 16th March 1893

23rd February 1893 - No 471 W. - Public Works.

Government of Madras
Public Works Department

General.
Account.

Read - the following papers :-

From J.C. Larminie Esq. - Superintending Engineer in charge of Coimbatore division to the Superintending Engineer IV Circle, dated, Calicut 15 November 1892. No 4015.

With reference to G.O. No 2959 W. of 25th October 1892, bearing your endorsement No 540 C.I. of 29th idem - I have the honor to report that the building now rented provides accommodation for the Royal Artillery Office as well as for the ~~[illegible]~~ Orderly Room Clerk, for the latter alone suitable quarters could be rented for about Rs 30 per month.

No 482 W.

Submitted to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, for information.

(Signed) J.C. Larminie

22nd November 1892. Superintending Engineer, IV Circle.

Office-note from the Examiner, Public Works accounts, dated Madras, 6th December 1892, No 1921 C.

[Your office note No 5009 C., dated 29th November 1892]

Yes. Only a proportionate share of the rent for the portion occupied by the Sergeant is chargeable to the Military Works Grant. The rent of the other portion occupied by Royal Artillery Office should be paid and adjusted by the Military Department (see Government of India Public Works Department Code, Volume I, Chapter VII, para. 78, and Chapter XI, para. 21, and also Madras Code, Chapter X, para 1137, which under G.O., No. 2806 W., dated 7th October 1892, must be acted on).

2 Before receipt of your office-note it was not known to this office that a portion of the building was used as an Office by the Royal Artillery.

From W. C. Lewis, Esq., Executive Engineer, Coimbatore division, to the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, dated 11th January 1893, No. 54.

With reference to your endorsement No. 591 C.I. of 11th December 1892, I have the honor to forward, herewith, a plan of the "Montacute House" showing the portions occupied by the orderly Sergeant and those occupied by the Royal Artillery Office.

2 Though the Sergeant is occupying a little over half the building, as will be observed from the plan, yet considering the circumstances that a suitable building on a monthly rent of Rs 25 to 30 could be got for the Sergeant, the rent of Rs 60 per mensem now paid for the building may, in equity be divided equally between the two and the present arrangement continued. If, on the other hand, the Military Department has any objection to bear half the cost, another small building will be hired for the Sergeant.

3 The Royal Artillery Office has been accommodated since 1st April 1890 and the rent payable by the Military Department up to the end of December 1892 comes to Rs 870 as per particulars below, and I request to be informed whether the amount due may be debited to the Military Department.

From

	Rs
From 1st April 1890 to 31st March 1892, half of Rs 50, rent paid for "Flora Cottage"	600
From 1st April 1892 to 31st December 1892, half of Rs 60, rent paid for "Montacute House" 19.58/09 . . .	270
Total	870

No. 8 W.

Copy forwarded (with one enclosure) to the Chief Engineer Public Works Department, with reference to his memo. No. 5203 C., dated 8th December 1892.

(Signed) J. C. Larminie

13th January 1893. Superintending Engineer

No. G/109

Returned as requested.

2. The Staff Captain, Royal Artillery, Ootacamund, draws a Staff salary of Rupees 250 per mensem, which includes Rs 60* for office allowance and office rent; the claim on account of rent for the portion of the orderly room clerks quarters occupied by the Royal Artillery Office, should under the circumstances, be preferred by the Public Works Department against the Staff Captain, Royal Artillery.

* Article 400, Army Regulations, India, Vol. I Part I, as amended by Clause 102. India Army Circular of 1890.

(Signed) C. F. Thomas, Lt. Colonel,

9th February 1893 Controller of Military Accounts

To the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

No. 1096. Military

Transferred to the Public Works department and the referred papers returned.

2. The Military Department is unable to accept the debit in question for the reasons given by the

Controller of Military Accounts.—

Fort St. George
14th February 1893.

Sd/ H. R. Hope, Br: General,
Secretary to Government.

Order – dated 23rd February 1893, No. 471 W., Public Works.

The endorsement from the Military Department above recorded will be communicated to the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, and the Examiner, Public Works Accounts.

Orders will issue in the Military Department directing the recovery from the Staff Captain, Royal Artillery, Ootacamund, of the sum of Rs 870 due by him up to 31st December 1892 on account of the rent of the portion of the orderly room clerks quarters occupied by the Royal Artillery Office. The amount will be credited to the Public Works Department. 2

Rent at Rs 30 per mensem for the office will be recovered by the Executive Engineer from the Staff Captain from 1st January 1893.— 3

(True Extract)

(Signed) G. T. Walch

Ag: Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

To, The Superintending Engineer, IV Circle.
" Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
" Military Department

Order Communicated to the Controller of Military Accounts for favor of necessary action, with reference to para 2 of the Public Works Department Order.

(True Extract)

(Signed) H. R. Hope Br: General
Secretary to Government

(True Copy)

Signed W. A. Marcar
For Chief Assist: M. D.

1928/P

To The C. M. A.
" A. G.
" Q. M. G. &c } for information.

II

No. 522 MW.

Ootacamund
20th March 1893

To.

The Colonel on the Staff
Royal Artillery

Forwarded for information and return.

Sd/ A. G. Hutchins Colonel
Dy: Quarter Master General.

III

ROYAL ARTILLERY, MADRAS CIR.
No. 654
DATE 21.3.93
OOTACAMUND

The
Quarter Master General
Ootacamund

Returned with thanks.—

Sd/ R. Alexander Col: on the Staff
C.R.A. M. Circle

Ootacamund
24th March 1893

From. Captain A. Gordon R.A.
Staff Captain R.A.M.C.

To. The Colonel on the Staff
C.R.A. M.C.

~~Enclosure 10~~

Ootacamund
24th March 189

No. 29

Sir, With reference to G.O. d. 23rd Feby: 18

1893, No. 471. W. I have the honor to bring the following facts to your notice.

When I took over the duties of Staff Captain R.A.M.C. on the 26th Nov. 1890. I found the office situated in Flora Cottage which house was rented by the Executive Engineer from Fakeer Mahomed Sait at Rs 50 a month and was occupied half as the office of the Colonel on the Staff C.R.A.M.C. and half as a quarter for the Head Clerk. This had been going on since this Office was first opened in April 1890. I never heard the slightest rumour that the Staff Captain would be expected to pay half the rent but concluded that it was the office of the Colonel on the Staff who I naturally believed would be provided with one in the same way that the head of every Department is up here and also I might add as every Colonel of the R.A. is in the Service.

I venture to submit that it is hard on me to suddenly call for back rent for a period of 3 years simply because I draw Rs 30 for office allowance. Every Adjutant in the British Service out here does the same and yet they are always provided by Government with an Office free. 2

My Stationery & Office allowance of Rs 60 a month just pays for the necessary paper in use and for extra pay to the Clerks. I have the additional expense not common to Adjutants of having to take at least a maund of Office

should the charge be admitted at all. 1958/17

There surely must be some sort of limit to an Officer's liabilities. Apparently no officer is safe from having any sort of charges brought against him from the date of his first Commission.—

Sd. R. Alexander Colonel
R.A.

No. 613 M.W. (3) Quarter Master General's Office
Ootacamund 29th March 93

C.M.A.

Referred for favor of early remarks and return.

2. From A.R.I. Vol. I part I para. 1100 as amended by I.A. Circular, Clause 102 of 1890, it appears to this Office that the Office of the Colonel on the Staff R.A. should be maintained by his Staff Captain whose Staff Salary includes a sum of Rs 60-0-0 per mensem as office allowance and office rent. From the wording of the above paragraph it is apparently contemplated that the office work of the Colonel on the Staff should be conducted in the Office of his Staff Captain and that the State will not provide free accommodation for that purpose. If this view of the case therefore is correct, the present Staff Captain appears to be liable for payment of rent from the date of his taking up his duties, and his predecessor in office from date of publication of above quoted I.A. Circular until date of relief by the present incumbent.

3. Even should an office be provided in a Government building, it is presumed the Staff Captain will be required to pay rent for the same, seeing that an allowance is specially made for office rent.—

B.O.

"By order"
Sd/ R. H. Rype Brigdr General
Quarter Master General

(4)

No. 281

Controller's Office
14th April 1893.

Returned as requested.

The opinion expressed by you is concurred in by this Office. 2

Major (then Captain) L. A. McClintock R.H.A. now in England, was the Staff Captain R.A., Madras Circle, from 1st April to 26th November 1890 inclusive, and office rent should be recovered from him for the above period and from Captain Gordon from the latter date. 3

Sd/ C. F. Thomas Lt Colonel
Controller of Military Accounts

To
The Quarter Master General

(5)

No. 478 M.W.

Ootacamund
21st April 1893

Thro' A.A.G. R.A.
Colonel on the Staff R.A.
Madras Circle

Your minute and the correspondence thereto attached, have been submitted for the consideration of the Commander-in-Chief. His Excellency concurs in the views taken by this Office and the Controller of Military Accounts as contained in minutes 3 and 4.

2. Reference is invited to Army Regulations India Vol II Part II para: 2489 A. as reconstructed by G.G.O. No 10 of 1892, which lays down the procedure to be followed by the Staff Captain R.A. should he wish to appeal.

Please return.

Sd/ A. G. Hutchins Colonel
for Quarter Master General

(6)

No. 2181

Ootacamund
24th April 1893

Forwarded.

Sd/ W. E. Lockhart Colonel
Asst: Adjt. General R.A.

(True Copies)

A W B Gordon
Staff Captain
Royal Artillery, Madras Circle

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No. 42

Buildings - Rent.

ROYAL ARTILLERY, MADRAS CIRCLE OFFICE.

Ootacamund, 29th April 1893.

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I

From
Captain A.H.B. Gordon ~~Colonel on the~~ STAFF, Captain
~~Commanding~~ Royal Artillery,
Madras Circle.

To The Colonel on the Staff
Comdg Royal Artillery Madras Circle
Ootacamund

Sir

I have the honor, with reference to the correspondence ending with No. 478 M.W. dated 21st instant from the Quarter Master General Madras Army, (copy enclosed) to respectfully request that the question of Office rent to be paid by me, may be referred to ~~higher authority~~ Government of India, as a special case.

2. It will be observed from the accompanying copies of correspondence, as per margin, that in April 1890 the Executive Engineer Nilgiri Divn approved of a certain building as an Office for the Staff Captain

1. No. A. From Executive Engineer Nilgiri Divn dt. 2. 4. 90
2. No. 2565, From Executive Engineer Coimbatore Division dated 5th June 1890.
3. No. 2568, From Executive Engineer Coimbatore Division dated 5th June 1890.
4. No. 86 From the Officer in Charge Nilgiri Sub Dn. P.W.D. dated 18th April 1891.
5. No. 1948. From Executive Engineer Coimbatore Division dated 1st April 1891.
6. No. 3161 From Executive Engineer Coimbatore Division dated 20th May 1891.
7. No. 1182 From Executive Engineer Coimbatore Division dated 30th March 1892.
8. No. 41 From Staff Captain R.A. Madras Circle, to Executive Engineer Coimbatore Division, dated 24th March 92.
9. Proceedings of Government (Madras) No. 471. W. Public Works, dated 23rd February 1893.
10. No. 29 From Staff Captain R.A. Madras Circle, to Colonel on the Staff Comdg R.A. Madras Circle dated 24th March 1893, with minutes 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 on the subject.

R.A. Madras Circle, and quarters for the Orderly Room Clerk, subject to the sanction of the Examiner Public Works Accounts and that in June 1890 a lease was signed by that Officer for one year. In April 1891, this lease was renewed by the Public Works Department for another year, and in March 1892, the Executive Engineer Coimbatore Division approved of the present house being occupied at a monthly rental of Rs 60/- in consequence of the former premises being unhealthy, so that the arrangement was apparently sanctioned by the Examiner Public Works Accounts.

It will be seen that the Executive Engineer Coimbatore Division has taken the entire responsibility of approving or otherwise of a building as quarters for the Orderly Room Clerk, and an Office for the Staff Captain, and I would respectfully submit that had I not been under the impression that the rent for Office was to be paid by the Public Works Department, the Executive Engineer being evidently under the same impression, (vide enclosure 3) the latter officer would never have been consulted in the matter.

I am supported in this belief from the fact that there is not an Adjutant in

in the British Service, so far as I know, who pays rent for his office, although they nearly all draw the same amount (Rs 30) as office rent; besides this, on taking over the Office of Staff Captain, in November 1890, I found that the rent had been paid by the Public Works Department for nearly 7 months.

From letters No 2568 (Enclosure 3) and No 3161 (Enclosure 6), it will be seen that provision was made for this office rent in the Budget Estimate of the Public Works Department for the years 1891 & 1892.

The sudden deduction of Rs 490/- from my pay comes hard on me, and I would respectfully request that this matter may be referred. In the meantime, I have applied to the Pay Examiner to withold the deduction of one-third of my monthly pay (of which I have received notice) under the latter part of Article 808 (c) Army Regulations India Volume I Part I "Pay &ca", pending final decision; but this has been refused and my pay stopped accordingly.—

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedient Servant

A. W. S. Gordon

Staff Captain

Royal Artillery Madras Circle

Thro' Assistant Adjutant General R.A.

ROYAL ARTILLERY, MADRAS CIRCLE
No. 989.
Date 3. 5. 93
OOTACAMUND

II

Quarter Master General.
Madras Army.

Forwarded, and strongly recommended; I also beg to urge that the Rs 790/ if a just charge may be paid by those Officials who allowed this sum to accumulate, and that Captain Gordon's liabilities be confined to the future. No Officer is justified in spending his pay, if he is at any time liable to be called upon to refund it for years back.

I also request that my claim to be provided either with an office, or office allowance, may be reconsidered.—

I suppose I am the only head of an Office in the Army that is not provided with an Office.

A. Alexander
Colonel on the Staff
Commandg Royal Artillery Madras Circle

Ow 5·5
7231/53

Captain Gordon has already had Rs 350/ deducted from his pay for ~~April~~ March and April 93. This is most unjust if as I contend he is not liable for these arrears. They ought to be recovered from those Officers who neglected to enforce payment at the time and I request they may be called upon forthwith to refund this money to Captain Gordon.

II

ROYAL ARTILLERY, MADRAS CIRCLE
No. 702
Date 27. 3. 93
OOTACAMUND

Urgent

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Qr Mr General, Madras Army

Forwarded and recommended for favorable consideration. I have always been under the impression that the Office in Montacute House, was provided for my use by Government and that the Staff Captain R.A. used it with my permission. I draw no allowance for Rent or office and naturally conclude that I am as much entitled to an Office as any Staff Officer here or any Lt Col. R.A.

Captain Gordon's Statement about his rent and Office allowance is absolutely correct. It can never have been intended that a Staff Captain R.A. should be worse paid than the Adjutant of a Lt: Col. R.A. who invariably uses the Lt Colonels Orderly room and has no travelling expenses.

It will be observed that part of the charge refers to a time anterior to Capt. Gordon's appointment as Staff Captain R.A.—

I respectfully request that I may immediately be provided with a suitable Office to carry on my work as Col. on Staff R.A. and that these arrears of rent up to date of receipt of this correspondence in my Office, viz. 21st March 1893 may be charged to those officers through whose neglect to carry out Regulations of the Service this enormous sum in arrears has been allowed to accumulate. That is should

Office books & records with me every year over 7000 miles of travelling for which I get no allowance.

3. I have applied more than once for permission to shift my office to some Government building but have always been met with the answer that there was no available accommodation and that Government would rent a house as it has done up to the present.

4. I believe I am right in saying that there is at present spare room in the buildings on Stonehouse hill for an Office.

5. The Office was shifted from "Flora Cottage" to its present site "Montacute House" through no wish of mine, but simply because the doctor said the former was unhealthy, and my head Clerk & the Subdivisional Engineer of the Nilgiri division chose this house as being suitable for the purpose, the latter official stating that Government would sanction the extra expense of 10Rs a month rental which it has done up to the publishing of the order referred to in the first part of this letter.

6. I shall be much obliged if you would kindly forward this letter to Head Quarters for favorable consideration with the view of the decision arrived at in the above quoted G.O. being rescinded if possible.—

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant
(Sd) A W B Gordon Staff Captain
R.A. Madras Circle

II

No 695
1928

III

Ootacamund
5th May 1893

No 2363

Forwarded..

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Asst. Adjutant Genl R.A.

QR. MR. GENERAL'S OFFICE
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IV

[illegible] A. A. G. R. A.

No. 913 M.W.

Col: on the Staff
Comdg R.A. Madras Circle

Returned, with reference to para 2 of this Office Minute No. 778. M.W. of 21st [illegible] and with a request that the procedure prescribed by Government in A. R. I. Vol: II Part II, para 2489. A., as revised by S. G. O. No. 10 of 1892, may be followed.

E. H. Eyre Brig Gl
Q. M. G.

Ootacamund
9th May 1893

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Ootacamund
10th May 1893

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W Lukhart Colonel
Asst. Adjutant Genl R.A.

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ROYAL ARTILLERY, MADRAS CIRCLE
No. 1082
DATE 12. 5. 93
OOTACAMUND

The Pay Examiner
Fort. S. George.

Forwarded with reference to minute IX. of Q.M.G. - Kindly transmit this correspondence to the Controller of Mil^y. Accounts for reference to the Government of India.

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Colonel on the Staff
C.R.A. Madras Circle

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Mily Accts Dept
Pay Branch
No. 92/5 17 May/93

Transferred for favor of disposal, with reference to this Office remarks in your Office note No 80 of 8 April/93

J. A. E.
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To
The Central Branch
Fort St George

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No. 1284

Controller's Office
29th May 1893

Returned - the question being one in which this Department has no concern beyond making the necessary recovery ordered[a] by the Public Works Department.

2. The appeal should apparently be submitted to Government through Army Head Quarters.

Lieut. Col.
Controller of Military Accts
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[a] F. G. Pub: Works No. 471 W of 23-2-93 communicated by F. G. M. D. No. 1796 of 16-3-93.

To
The Colonel on the staff
Commanding R. A. Madras Circle

ROYAL ARTILLERY, MADRAS CIRCLE
No. 1186
DATE 31. 5. 93
OOTACAMUND

IX

Q. M. General. - Please see above remarks. During this delay Captain Gordon is not only being kept out of his money but further deductions are being made from his pay ~~and~~ nothing is being recovered from those officials through whose

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neglect or carelessness this enormous amount of arrears has been allowed to accumulate

A. Alexander Col R.A.
Colonel on the Staff
Comdg: Roy Art Madras Circle

Qr. Mr. GENERAL'S OFFICE.
RECEIVED 31 MAY 93
Dy. No. 1027
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Ootacamund, 1st June 1893.

No 1068 M.W.

Colonel on the Staff,
Comdg. R.A. Madras Circle.

In accordance with the procedure laid down in the para of the Regulations quoted in Minute No. 4, Clause (c), the appeal together with all the documents connected therewith should be submitted in duplicate. It is requested that this may now be done, when, after submission to the Provisional C. in C., the matter will be referred for the final decision of Government.

E. H. Eyre Brig Gl
Q.M.G.

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ROYAL ARTILLERY, MADRAS CIRCLE
No. 1910
DATE 5.6.93
OOTACAMUND.

XI

Despatched
12.6.93

Qr. Mr. Genl

Resubmitted in duplicate as requested

A. Alexander
C.R.A. Madras Circle

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Dy. No. 1144

Q. M. G.'s Form No. 7. Through Controller of Military Accounts

HEADING Pay and Allowances

QUARTER MASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Ootacamund,
15th June 1893.

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

No. 1170 M.W.

From

~~BRIGADIER GENERAL E. H. EYRE~~,
The QUARTER MASTER GENERAL,

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

With reference to P. M. G.'s No. 1796, of 16th March 1893, I am desired to submit for the favorable consideration of Government the accompanying appeal* from Captain A. W. B. Gordon, Staff Captain to the Commanding Royal Artillery, Madras Circle, and to state that though there is no doubt this officer, in accordance with the provisions of Army Regulations India Volume I Part I, para 400, should have been required to pay office rent for the whole of the period he was provided with an office, and that the Commanding Royal Artillery is not entitled to free office accommodation, taking into consideration the fact, that the fault lies originally not with the Staff Captain, but with the Public

* Original appeal No. 42 of 29th April 1893 from Staff Captain with 10 enclosures and 10 subsequent Minutes.

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Public Works Department which failed to deduct the rent, and which was apparently as ignorant of the Regulations on the subject, as the Staff Captain himself, the Provisional Commander-in-chief is of opinion, that, it is a decided hardship Captain Gordon should, after such a lapse of time, be called upon to pay the large sum representing the total amount of office rent for the building utilized by him from 27th November 1890, to 31st December 1892.

2. General Stewart cannot but sympathize with an officer who having been permitted to draw an allowance to which he was not entitled, but which was so small as not to make any material difference in his monthly salary had it never been given him, is suddenly put to considerable straits by a deduction of one-third of his monthly pay, and allowing to the negligence on the part of the Public Works Department to recover the rent month by month from the Staff Captain as it became due, and the failure on the part of the audit Department at the time to perceive the error.

3. Under these circumstances General Stewart strongly recommends that the retrenchment in question be withdrawn, Captain Gordon being reimbursed any sum already deducted from his pay by the Pay Department.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your obedient servant

G. H. Hutchins
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for Quarter Master General

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Military (1893) Department.

Current No. 4149

From

The Quarter Master General,

To

The Secretary to Government,
Military Department.

No. 1170 M.W.

Dated 15th } June 1893.
Received 1 } July

—— by A. D.
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Enclosure. 1 Sheet

Appeal of Staff Captn. R. A. re: Recovery of Rent due for the portion of the orderly Room clerks Quarters occupied by the R. A. Office at Ootacamund.

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Controller's Office
29th June 1893.

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2. With reference to the latter portion of para 2 of the Quarter Master General's letter under reference, it is necessary to explain that this Department does not watch the recovery of rent due for the occupation of public quarters. Office allowance is passed unquestioned in assimilation with the practice of the other Circles. Further, there is nothing to show what portion of the sum of Rs 60/- (a) included in the Staff pay of a Staff Captain as office allowance, is on account of office rent.

(a) Article 400 Army Regulations India Volume I Part I.

3. Under the revised procedure for recovery of rents which came into operation from the 1st July 1890, recoveries (b) from Military Officers occupying public quarters are effected in Cash by the Executive Engineer on the spot, the assistance of this Department being obtained only when the

(b) Government of India Military Department No. 400 [illegible] dated 17th April 1890 [illegible] in Proceedings of Government, Public Works Department 1328 W. dated 1st May 1890, communicated with Military Department No. 3528 dated 25th June 1890.

Executive Engineer has failed to secure payment from the officers concerned.

4. It will thus be seen that the animadversion upon this department is uncalled for.

C A Thomas
Lt. Colonel
Controller of Military Accts.

To
The Secretary to Government,
Military Department.

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P. W. CURRENT No. 7231

From

THE CONTROLLER OF MILITARY ACCOUNTS,

Madras,

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

R.A.
1st JUL. 93

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Dated 29th } June 1893.
Received 1 } July
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Regarding recovery of rent for office accommodation from Staff Captain R.A. Ootacamund.

No. 471 W d/ 23-2-93
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" 16.3.1893 No 1796 R

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Military Department.

Ootacamund. 4th July 1893.

No. 4318.

Transferred to the Public Works department for favor of disposal with reference to G. O. No. 471-W, dated 23rd February 1893.

(By Order)

[illegible] Br. Genl.
Secretary to Government.

To
The Public Works department

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P. W. DEPARTMENT.

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READ the following :—

Endorsement in the Mily Dept No 4318 d/ 4th July /893.

I agree with the note below.
I suppose this order will be sufficient to recover for Captain Gordon the pay which has been docked.
How long is Monument House hired for? Because if it has been taken for the year, rent will have to be paid for it for that time, and nothing will be gained by finding another small house for the sergeant, and turning Captain Gordon adrift now.

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18 July

There was no authority for the provision of office accommodation by the P.W.D. and no such accommodation should have been provided. I think therefore that the claim for arrears, other than those for the sergeant's quarters must be waived. But the arrangement in force should be put a stop to at once. Separate suitable quarters for the sergeant should be provided; & Col. Alexander & Capt. Gordon must settle for themselves the question of office room.

Was G.O. 23 Feb 93 ~~[illegible]~~ 471 W. passed by me?

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8 July

FOR ORDERS. It would appear from this correspondence and the previous papers recorded in G.O. 471 W. d/ 23rd February 1893 that quarters were hired at Ootacamund by the Ex. Engineer for the joint accommodation of the Orderly Sergeant and the Royal Artillery office.

On the question of recovery of rent arising, the matter was referred to the Controller of Military Accounts who in his report No. $\frac{G.}{109}$ d/ 9 Feby /93 pointed out that the rent for the portion of the building

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The Ch. Engineer

FOR ORDERS.

7 July 93.

Rent for accommodation of the R A office

No. 1928 W

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

d/ 25th July 93 genl Acct

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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READ the following

Print with G.O. [illegible]

Endorsement of the Military Dept., No. 4318
dated 4th July 1893

With the endorsement read above the Military dept. transfers for disposal an appeal from Capt. A. W. B. Gordon, staff Captain, Royal Artillery, Ootacamund, against the orders issued in G.O. No. 471 W dated 23rd February 1893 directing the recovery from him of the arrears of rent for the portion of the orderly room clerk's quarters occupied by the Royal Artillery office.

2. There was no authority for the provision of office accommodation for the Royal Artillery by the P.W.D., and such accommodation should

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not have been provided. The Govt. is of opinion therefore that the claim for arrears of rent ~~should~~ must be waived, and directs that paras 2 and 3 of the order quoted above be cancelled

3. The arrangement in force should be put a stop to at once, and separate and suitable quarters provided for the orderly sergeant.

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(1) His Excy the Governor

(2) The Hon'ble [illegible]

Read [illegible]

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No. 1928 W. 25-7-95

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To

The Supdg Engr, IV Circle
" Military Dept
" Examiner of Pub Accts

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Govt. of {189 } Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated

Recd. Ansd.

G.O. ~~[illegible]~~ 25-7- 1893, No. 1928 W.

Royal Artillery office at Ootacamund

Directing that the claim for arrears of rent for the portion of the orderly room clerk's quarters occupied by them be waived and suitable quarters be provided for the orderly sergeant