Public Works (1897) Department.

G.O., No. 3515-6 W

Dated 16 December 1897

[Despatch Abstract.]

Rent free quarters for Post Offices, Order that the Govt of India be requested to authorize this Govt to issue a general order exempting Post Offices from payment of rent for the quarters that may be provided for them

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The Govt of India addressed

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S. of S. 16.12.97

[P. W. 25. 1,000—30-11-97]

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Again G.O., dated 189 , No.

Current No. ~~1340~~ 9582 of 1897, dated 22.9.97, from the S.E. IV circle

" " 1353 " 1897, " 23.10.97, " - Prov. Post Offices

" " 11970 " 1897 " 1-12-97, " - Sea Post

ORDER. No 3515 W 9 16.12.97

S.E. IV circle ✓
Imperial Dept ✓
Govt P.W.D. ✓
8/16/12/97

The Govt. of India will be addressed
H.E. No 3516 W of 16.12.97
Secretary G.G. P.W.D. Post

I am directed to state that this Govt. decides to provide Post Offices in this Prov with public quarters free of rent, or to exempt them from payment of rent in cases in which such quarters already exist all such buildings are constructed from Local (Port-/Imperial) funds, and in your letter No 746 dated 20th July 1894, a

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was ruled that the limitations on the powers of local Govts. in respect to ~~limits of expenditure~~ on public works, imposed by para 17. Ch. X Vol I P. W. Code, need not be applied to houses built from such funds. The Examiner is of opinion that this ruling does not empower the local Govt. to issue a general order exempting Post offices from payment of rent, & I am therefore to request the authority of the Govt. of India to notify the exemption under Rule III. para 28, of the same chapter.

2. I am to state that the reasons for the proposed concession are that, in order to do their work properly, Post offices must live close to the shore, not 3 or 4 miles away as is now sometimes the case; that houses fit for occupation by Europeans are rarely, if ever, available in that position, that is, houses fit for occupation by Europeans without risk to health; houses must therefore be built by Govt. as funds are available; that the rents which Post offices can pay are hardly worth collecting from them; & that it is desirable to improve their position by giving them rent-free residences, as is done by mercantile firms in the case of their agents at out-ports, who are the people to with whom Post offices principally have to transact business. The average pay of Post offices is about Rs 338 per mensem, & the

post is a responsible one and its duties need constant attention; the proposed concession would undoubtedly increase efficiency, and would therefore be for the public benefit.

Mr. C. [illegible]

13.12.97

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3. The cost of building a house for a Post Office will likely amount to Rs 10000 in the average.

Public Works (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 11970

The Hon'ble Sir Henry Prinsep K.C.I.E.

Orders

Submitted with reference to the Hon'ble member's note of 13-11-97 on the note for orders flagged 'J'.

The Examiner is of opinion that a general rule allowing Post offices quarters free of rent would require the sanction of the Govt. of India - He doubtless bases his opinion on Rule III, Chapter X, para 28, Vol I P.W. Code, which requires Indian sanction to remit rent "irrespective of the fund from which the cost of the building was met".

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7.12.97

This being so, the case must go to India. The reasons shortly are that, in order to do their work properly, Postoffices must live close to the Store, and not 3 or 4 miles, perhaps, away; that houses are rarely, if ever, available in that position.

Hon. 7-12-97.
R 9-12-97.

From The Examiner, P.W. Accts, Madras

No. 1023 A/A

Dated 15th December 1897

Received 2.12.97

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Post-officers to be provided with rent free quarters — Stating that the sanction of the G of I is necessary to sanction a general rule allowing —

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that is, houses fit for occupation
& Officers without risk of health;
~~or to abridge the power of Corporation~~
~~to prohibit~~ that
houses must therefore be built, as
funds are available;
that the rents which Post
Offices employes are made to contribute
elsewhere from them; & that it is
desirable to improve their position
by giving them rent free residences, as
is done by mercantile firms in the
case of their agents at out ports, who
are the people with whom Post Offices
principally have to transact business.
But add any further argu-
ments that occur to you.

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8/12/97

S.A.W.

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER'S OFFICE,
WEST COAST DIVISION.

No. 6438.2. Calicut 18th September 1897.

FROM,

C. W. Wood Esqr
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,
West Coast Division.

TO

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
FOURTH CIRCLE,
COIMBATORE.

SIR,

Enclosures

Sd. ✓
338 Marine
3.15.5.96
Files ✓

In Government Order no 1305 W of 23rd April 1896, the construction of quarters for the Post Officer at Calicut was sanctioned; the house is now completed and is occupied by the Post Officer. From the papers preceding the Govt. Order, I gather that it is the intention of Government to allow the quarters rent free to the Post Officer. However it is no where definitely laid down that no rent is to be claimed and I report the matter for your orders. I have not yet made a claim on the Post office for rent.

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

C. W. Wood
Executive Engineer.

A/2 5 Tk a/22-9-97
W
Submitted to the Chief Engineer
P.W.D. for favor of orders.

Wainman
Supg. Engr. 4th Circle.

P. W. D.

WEST COAST DIVISION.

612 to 706.

From

THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,
WEST COAST DIVISION.

To

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
FOURTH CIRCLE,
COIMBATORE

Dated 18th } September 1897.
Despatched " }

No. 64382

Enclosures.

Subject.

Port officer's quarters Calicut.

Requests orders whether rent is to be claimed for ——.

Sedn 1/1385/97

Mr. 3515-16W 6.12.97

Cr. 5784 W

The maximum rent chargeable by Govt. officers occupying Govt. quarters is 10% of salary - (Code para 28, Rule II, cl. X Note) Taking the average salary of Port officers at Rs 338. the average rent would be Rs 33 per mensem. The rent for Marine costing Rs 10,000 would be under Code rules, Rs 67 per mensem. If rent of site be added, the rent would be a few Rupees more according to value of site.

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13/12/97

Marine

G. 803

Public Works (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. ~~9584~~ 1310

PRESIDENCY PORT OFFICE 15 OCT 97

Order Govt.
No. 1617 D. 87 1st October 1897

Refered to the Marine Dept. for orders as to whether the Govt. residence provided, and to be provided, for Port offices, are to be occupied free of rent.

2. As the memoranda quoted in the margin, the P. W. Dept was requested to furnish the Marine Dept with approximate estimates of the cost of providing all Port offices with suitable quarters free of rent, but definite orders declaring that the residences shall be rent free do not appear to have been issued.

No 138 Marine dt 24.1.94	
" 368 — " 23.2.94	

7/10/97
W

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From The Supg. Engineer
4th Circle

No. 514/W

Dated 22nd September 1897.
Received 27-9-97
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SUBJECT.

Port officer's Quarters at Calicut.

Requesting orders whether rent is to be claimed for—

No. 624 E. dt 13th October 1897

Referred to the Presidency Port officer for report.

W. Hutchinson
Ag. Secretary to Govt.

The Presidency Port officer
To be returned.

R.S.

P. W. D.

WEST COAST DIVISION.

612 to 706

SUPDG. ENGINEER'S OFFICE No. 20 SEP 97 CHCD. FOURTH CIRCLE

From

THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,
WEST COAST DIVISION.

To

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
FOURTH CIRCLE,
COIMBATORE

Dated 18th September 1897.
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No. 64382

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Subject.

Port officer's quarters Calicut.

Requests orders whether rent is to be claimed for ——.

Gen 1385/97

Ch. 578 W

Ir W. 3515-16 W
11-12-97

The maximum rent payable by an officer occupying Govt. quarters is 10% of salary - (Code para 28, Rule II, Ch. X Vol I)

Taking an average pay of Port officers at Rs 338. the average rent would be Rs 33 per mensem.

The rent of a house costing Rs 10,000 would be under Code rules, Rs 67 per mensem.

If rent is to be levied, the rent would be a few Rupees over according to value of site.

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17/12/97

Ch. 1385

W Offr remarked 17/11/97

The rules contained in para 28. Chap X. Vol I of the F.R. Code would seem to govern the matter under the Govt of India Rule - particularly Section III on p. 300. where the rules are said to apply "irrespective of the fund" but the ruling in G.O. 625 W dy 6 May 94 is not quite consistent with the Code rules. Vide also para 17 (3) of the same Chapter of the Code.

Under these circumstances, it would be best perhaps to obtain C's opinion

R.S.
22 Nov 97

Ch 1385

A.

As regards free quarters or house rent, please see G.O. 1964 W. dy 30 June 91 and subsequent sanctions below - Sub-officers are not included, but they seem to have as much claim to free quarters as others in the Unit. Their duties require their constant presence at the port, and their rates of pay are low as compared with their professional knowledge and responsibilities.

R.S.
15 Nov 97

A.C.
To draft
Memo as
suggested
Circular
C.S.
16 Nov 97.

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Marine (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 1385

From

The Presidency Post Office
Madras

Order

No. 1678/373 G.

Dated 23rd October 1897

Received } 28-10-97
Registered }

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SUBJECT.

Informing that Post Offices should be given quarters free of rent.

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No. 1678 / 373 G.

PRESIDENCY PORT OFFICE,
Madras, 23rd October 1897.

From

Commander H. A. Street R. I. M.,

PRESIDENCY PORT OFFICER,
Madras,

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
MARINE DEPARTMENT,
Chepak.

SIR,

In reply to endorsement No. 624 E of 13th October 1897, on Marine current No. 1310 (herewith returned) I have the honor to state that from the papers read in G. O. No. 1305-W, dated 23rd April 1896 it would appear that it is not the intention of Government to charge rent, and considering the small Salary that a Port Officer draws, I am of opinion that these officers should be given quarters free of rent.

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your Obedient Servant,
H. A. Street
Commander R. I. M.
Presidency Port Officer.

× 338 Mar
15-5-96
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Marine DEPARTMENT.

C. Nos 1310 & 1385

Leave for Sub Quarters

~~HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.~~

THE HON'BLE SIR HENRY BLISS, K.C.I.E.

~~THE HON'BLE MR. GROSE, C.I.E.~~

SUBJECT.

FOR ORDERS.

Quarters are now being, or will hereafter be, provided for Port officers at various ports of this Presidency, and the question has been raised as to whether rent should be charged or not. The Presidency Port officer is of opinion that the quarters should be given free of rent in consideration of the small salary these officers draw.

2. There are, at present, 11 Port Officers drawing an average salary of Rs 330 per mensem vide para 1 & 2 of G.O. No 1305 W dated 23 April 1910

3. From para 1 of the minute

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H.M. 16/11 R 20/11.

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from Lee to Govt of Ind. No 3930 C dated 11 Dec 97 forwarded with above G.O. the provision of quarters free of rent to the Superintendent of Telegraphs in the Punjab, but there is no definite ruling in the matter.

4. For a list of those officials who now draw house-rent or are granted free quarters please see G.O. 1764 W of 30 June 91 attached.

If satisfactory news can be obtained for the pay now given, there seems no need for further concessions. But the post is a responsible one & its duties need constant attention, & unless the concessions would increase efficiency, & therefore, for the public benefit

W Beach
15.11.97

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Should provide them quarters free of rent. I don't know if this decision requires the confirmation of India - I imagine not, as Pub Works are excluded Local - But if India's confirmation is needed, I will peruse retaining reasons in detail - Otherwise it is not worth while to do so.

RSS
19/11/97

S.W.D.

No 4971C dy 23rd November 1897

EXAMINED, P. W. ACCOUNTS. 24 NOV. 1897

Office note.

From W
To C

It is proposed to allow Sorh officers rent-free quarters in future - The cost, either for construction or hiring, would fall against Excluded Local (Pub) funds. Please say whether, in your opinion the sanction of the Govt of India would be required to the measure.

Attention is invited to the following rulings:
P.W. Code - Vol I Chap X para 17 (3)
" 28. III
G.O. 625 W of 6 March 1894

W Beach
22.11.97

R.S.

No. 1023-A dated 1st December November 1897

To.

W.

I do not consider that the ruling contained in G.O.No.825 W dated 8th. March 1894 can be held to authorize the Local Government to sanction a general rule allowing Port Officers to be provided with rent free quarters in future, and I am therefore of opinion that the proposed measure will require sanction of the Government of India.

Esw
1/12/97
Offg.C.

AFK
30/11/97