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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
29th September 1862.*

No. 56. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Public Works Department, dated 12th September 1862, No. 2,177.

Forwards for consideration a letter from the Chief Engineer, enquiring whether the recent Orders of the Supreme Government relative to the grant of Certificates to Officers transferred from one appointment to another, are applicable to the Public Works Department. (Vide Proceedings Public Works Department, dated 12th September 1862, Nos. 209 & 210.)

No. 57. ORDER THEREON, 29th September 1862, No. 689.

Before addressing the Government of India on the subject, the Governor in Council resolves to refer the Chief Engineer's letter for the report of the Civil Paymaster.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from Colonel W. I. BIRDWOOD, R. E., Chief Engineer, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Chepauk, 27th August 1862, No. 2,808 :—

SIR,

1. With reference to the Proceedings of the Government of India in the Financial Department communicated in Proceedings of Government No. 1,960, dated the 18th instant, I have the honor to submit the following observations.

2. It is not clear from the above orders whether it is intended that the Certificate to be given in the cases of transfers of Officers from one station to another, is to apply to all transfers whether with or without promotion, on the occasion of such transfer.

3. In the Proceedings of the Government of India in the Public Works Department communicated in Extract Minutes of Consultation No. 1,036, dated the 3rd June 1857, certain Rules are laid down for regulating the passing of salaries and travelling allowances to Officers of the Department Public Works, which are made applicable to all grades or appointments.

4. These Rules have not as far as I am aware been cancelled by any subsequent ruling on the subject; and in accordance thereto, the increased salary of an Officer transferred and at the same time receiving promotion is restricted to the date of joining the new charge, on the condition that the time occupied in joining is within the prescribed limit. In the grant of travelling allowances calculated at the daily, monthly or mileage rate no restriction would seem to be enforced except the condition respecting time occupied in joining, and it is further clearly laid down that the salaries and travelling allowances thus passed, will be an additional charge against the division of works or the appointment to which the Officer is transferred, thus admitting the fact that the allowances in question are to be passed in all cases in which the condition respecting time of transit is fulfilled.

5. It appears to me, therefore, that the recent orders of the Government of India, however, they may be read do not apply to the Public Works Department and do not cancel explicitly the orders in that Department in June 1857.

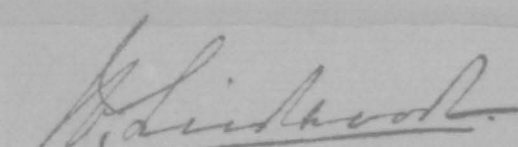
6. I have thought it proper to make this reference for an authoritative decision on the above, as the Officer in charge of the Audit and Account Departments has received Bills for the travelling allowances of Captains Mullins and Hunter, District Engineers of Tanjore and Vizagapatam, for their mileage allowances for taking up the appointments to which they have been promoted, which I fear if passed on to the Civil Paymaster, may be disallowed in the absence of the orders of Government now applied for.

ORDER THEREON, 12th September 1862, No. 2,177.

1. Referred to the Financial Department for consideration, with reference to the orders in that Department dated 12th August 1862, No. 598.

2. The Resolution of the Government of India dated 10th September 1858, does not appear to have been communicated to this Department, and consequently the Rules referred to by the Chief Engineer in paragraph 3 have been in force hitherto. It seems necessary, therefore, that distinct orders should be obtained from the Government of India as to whether the ruling in the Financial Department of 10th September 1858 and 14th July 1862, is to supersede that in the Public Works Department of 1st May 1857, No. 2,041.

(True Extract.)


Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Financial Department,
,, Chief Engineer.
Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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