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Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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Dated 5—6— 1857

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No. 48. Read the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 13th May 1857, No. 286.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward herewith an original letter from the Civil Auditor, dated the 29th Ultimo, enquiring, with reference to Bills for the Establishment of Lieutenant Haig from 10th January to 31st March 1857, at Rupees 700, per month, presented to him for Audit, whether there is any distinct order of Government sanctioning the rate of salary as in the scale of the permanent Establishment, published in the Gazette of the 28th January last, that officer's salary as District Engineer of the 2nd class is fixed at Rupees 600.

2. Lieutenant Haig from the time he was appointed Civil Engineer Upper Godavery has been drawing salary at the rate of Rupees 700, monthly on giving up the continuance of this duty, pending the further orders of the Government of India, he was permitted to draw his salary at Rupees 700 per month, and that of the reduced Establishment on contingent Bills duly sanctioned by Government from time to time.

3. Contingent Bills for the salary and Establishment of Lieutenant Haig have been presented up to the 10th January 1857, the date on which Lieutenant Haig arrived at Dowlaishwarum and commenced upon the duty which he was directed by Government to proceed upon in Extract Minutes Consultation 8th December last No. 2272. The Bills presented to the Civil Auditor would appear to be for the period Lieutenant Haig was employed on this duty. The salary to be drawn by him is included in the sum of Rupees 3,500, computed as the probable expense which would be incurred for the above duty, and was calculated at Rupees 700 per month, and it is now left with the Government to determine whether Lieutenant Haig should have the benefit of the salary of Rupees 700 per month, continued to him until his return to Europe, or whether it is to be reduced to Rupees 600, from the 1st January 1857, agreeably to the Notification of 28th January last.

4. Lieutenant Haigs salary and that of his reduced establishment drawn on Contingent bills previous to 1st January 1857 will have to be charged to the "Upper Godavery Works" having been specially drawn in connection with this work, and for carrying out this adjustment, arrangements will be made for the above appearing in the accounts of the Godavery Division, and from these into the books of the D. P. W. It is believed however that after 1st January 1857 Lieutenant Haigs salary and that of his establishment, if drawn as part of the permanent establishment sanctioned from that date, will have to be charged accordingly to the head "salaries establishments &c. of the D. P. W."

5. I take this opportunity of submitting for the information and orders of Government a letter from Lieutenant Haig dated the 17th Ultimo, No, 22, explaining that he is compelled to draw from his Cash chest the pay of his Officers and Superintendents on account of the distance they are from the Presidency and from the disbursing Officers. In his case this appears to be unavoidable, but it would have been preferable had Lieutenant Haig applied for a certain sum to be placed at his disposal, specially for salaries and establishment, subject to adjustment on receipt of audited salary bills. This would have prevented a resort to his Cash chest, which could not contain much, as he is engaged on only one special duty, and the course is otherwise generally objectionable.

No. 49. ORDER THEREON, No. 1079; dated 5th June 1857.

The Chief Engineer submits a letter from the Civil Auditor regarding the rate of salary to be allowed to Lieutenant Haig. Colonel Faber states that contingent bills for the salary and establishment of Lieutenant Haig have been presented up to the 10th January 1857, the date on which that Officer arrived at Dowlaishwarum and commenced the duty which was assigned to him in Extract Minutes Consultation, 8th December last, No. 2272. The bills to which the Civil Auditor takes exception contain the salary of Lieutenant Haig, at 700 Rupees per month from 10th January to 31st March 1857; but the Chief Engineer presumes that it may be for the period Lieutenant Haig was employed on the duty alluded to above, and for which a sum of Rupees 3,500 was sanctioned inclusive of the salary of 700 Rupees for Lieutenant Haig.

2. The Government observe however that by the subsequent order of 27th January 1857, No. 211, the new Department of Public Works must be considered to have been finally settled according to the scale then approved; and agreeably to the appointment made in the notification appended to that order, Lieutenant Haig can draw only the pay of a 2nd class District Engineer, viz. 600 Rupees a month from 10th January 1857, as the Government of India have declined* to allow the appointment of Lieutenant Haig as extra to the permanent establishment.

† Telegraph message, dated 1st May 1857, No. 896.

3. In reference to para. 5 of the Chief Engineer's letter bringing to notice that Lieutenant Haig is compelled to draw from his cash chest the pay of his Officers and Superintendents, on account of the distance they are from the Presidency, and from the disbursing Officers, the Government must observe that the practice is highly irregular and objectionable, and is opposed to the express orders of the Government of India, dated 24th February 1857, communicated to the Chief Engineer with Extract Minutes Consultation, dated 30th March 1857, No. 576. Lieutenant Haig will therefore be instructed to discontinue the practice at once, the Government being unable to make an exception in his favor. If distance is in this case admitted as a ground of exemption from the operation of a general rule, numerous applications will at once be submitted to Government. The Officers of the Upper Godavery establishment should make arrangements which will not leave them dependent on the punctual arrival of their monthly pay, and if this be done for the first month of their absence, their pay, although always in arrear, will thenceforth still reach them regularly month by month.

(Signed) H. FORBES,
Acting Secretary to Government.

No. 248 Public Works Dept.

Central Office 9th May 1857.

No. 286

Fort Saint George
13 May 1857.

From

The Chief Engineer

To

The Secretary
to Government P.W.D.

Sir, dated 12th May 1857 No. 285

I have the honor to forward herewith an original letter from the Civil Auditor, dated the 29th Ultimo, enquiring with reference to Bills for the Establishment of Lieutenant Haig from 10th January to 31st March 1857 at Rupees 700 per month, presented to him for Audit, whether there is any distinct order of Government sanctioning the rate of Salary as in the Scale of the permanent Establishment, published in the Gazette of the 28th January last, that Officers Salary as District Engineer of the 2nd Class is fixed at Rupees 600.

2 Lieutenant Haig from the time he was appointed Civil Engineer Upper Godavery has been drawing salary at the rate of Rupees 700 monthly.

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1 Original letter from the Civil Auditor dated 29th Ult. to the Chief Engr. Upper Godavery

On giving up the continuance of this duty, pending the further orders of the Government of India, he was permitted to draw his salary at Rupees 700 per month, and that of the reduced Establishment on Contingent Bills duly sanctioned by Government from time to time.—

3 Contingent Bills for the salary and Establishment of Lieutenant Haig have been presented up to the 10th January 1857, the date on which Lieutenant Haig arrived at Dhowlaishwaram and commenced upon the duty which he was directed by Government to proceed upon in Extract Minutes Consultation Nº 2272 December last. The Bills presented to the Civil Auditor would appear to be for the period Lieutenant Haig was employed on this duty. The salary to be drawn by him is included in the sum of Rupees 3500 computed as the probable expense which would be incurred for the above duty, & was calculated at Rupees 700 per month, and it is now left with the Government to determine whether Lieutenant Haig should have the benefit of the salary of Rupees 700 per month, continued to him until his return to Europe, or whether it is to be reduced to Rupees 600 from the 1st January 1857, agreeably to the Notification of the 28th January last.—

4 Lieutenant Haig's salary and that of his

his reduced Establishment drawn on Contingent Bills previous to 1st January 1857 will have to be charged to the "Upper Godavery Works" having been specially drawn in connection with this work, and for carrying out the adjustment arrangements will be made for the above charge in the Accounts of the Godavery Division, and from these into the Books of the D.P.W. It is believed however that after 1st January 1857 Lieutenant Haig's salary and that of his Establishment, if drawn as part of the permanent Establishment sanctioned from that date, will have to be charged accordingly to the head "Salaries Establishments &c" of the D.P.W.—

5 I take this opportunity of submitting for the information and orders of Government a letter from Lieutenant Haig dated the 17th Ultimo Nº 22, explaining that he is compelled to draw from his Cash Chest the pay of his Officers and Superintendents on account of the distance they are from the Residency and from the Disbursing Officers. In this case this appears to be unavoidable, but it would have been preferable had Lieutenant Haig applied for a certain sum to be placed at his disposal, specially for salaries and Establishment, subject to adjustment

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on receipt of audited Salary Bills. This would have been prevented a resort to his Cash Chest, which could not contain much as he is engaged on only one special duty, and the course is otherwise generally objectionable.

Central Office of P.W.
Fort Saint George
13th May 1857

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

Lieut Colonel
Chief Engineer

To PWD

N° 1079

Extract from the Minutes of Consultations
Under date the 8th June 1857

Read the following
letter from the Chief
Engineer

Here enter 13 May 1857
N° 286

The Chief
Engineer submits a letter
from the Civil Auditor
regarding the paid Pay
salary to be allowed to
Lieut.t Majr. Colonel Faber
states that Contingent
Bills for the salary and
Establishment of Lieut.t
Majr. have been prevented
up to the 10 January
1857 the date on which
that

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Pay & Bill
Rupees 85 N° 1444
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Rupees 85 N° 1444
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To
The Secretary
to Government
Fort William

Sir We have the honor to transmit
herewith Bill No 1079 for Rupees 85
(Eighty five)
Amount of the Bill
Rupees 85
Eighty five
Rupees 85 only
2 Enclosed
Bill No 2956
Commissariat Office
Fort William 8th December 1856

that Officer arrived at Dowlaishwaram and commenced the duty which was assigned to him in Chief Engr Mins Comm 8th December last - No 2272 -

The Bills to which the Civil Auditor takes exception contain the salary of Lt Hay, at 700 Rs per Month from 10th January to 31st March 1857; but the Chief Engineer presumes that it may be for the period Lt Hay was employed on the duty alluded to above, and for which a sum of Rs 3,500 was sanctioned including the salary of 700 Rs for Lt Hay.

2 The Govt observe however that by the subsequent

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subsequent order of 27 January 1857 No 211 the new Dept of Public Works must be considered to have been finally settled according to the scale then approved and agreeably to the appointments made with the notification appended to that order, Lt Hay can draw only the pay of a 2d Class District Engineer, viz 600 Rs a Month from 10th January 1857, as the Govt of India have declined to allow the appointment of Lt Hay as extra to the permanent Establishment.

3 In reference to Para 5 of the Chief Engineer's letter bringing to

x Telegraphs in page 71st May 57 No 896

to notice that Lt. Hay is compelled to draw from his cash chest the pay of his officers and superintendents on account of the distance they are from the Presidency, and from the disbursing officers, the Govt. must observe that this practice is highly irregular and objectionable, and is disapproved to the express orders of Govt. of India dated 24th February 1857, communicated to the Chief Engineer with Govt. Mil. Secy. dy 30th March 1857 No. 876. Lt. Hay will therefore be instructed to discontinue the practice at once, in the Govt. being unable to

to make an exception in his favour. If distance is in this case admitted as a ground of exemption from the operation of a general rule, an application would be submitted to Govt. The officers of the Upper Godavery Establishment should make arrangements which will not leave them dependent on the punctual arrival of their monthly pay, and this be done for the first month of their absence, their pay, although always in arrear, will thenceforth

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9 Copies to the Chief Engr. Cap. 6
with 20 Encl.
1 — Civil Aide — "
1 — Asst. Engr.

Public Works 1857 Dept.
Dto Cons. 9th June.

No. 1079.

Extract Mins. of Cons.
Dy 5th June/57.

From the Chief Engr 20th Augt/57
& No. 1702 inclosing 22d Sept.
Nos 14 & 15

Observing that agreeably to the appointment made in the Notification appended to the Order of 27th Jany 1857 Lt Haig can draw only the pay of a 2d Class Dist. Engr viz 600 Rs for 6 months from 10th Jany 1857 & instructing him to discontinue the practice of drawing from his Cash Chest the pay of Officers & Superintendents

No. 48 & 49

Dy 9th June/57