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Government of Madras.

Public Works **DEPARTMENT.**

Cons. 25-8-57

G.O. No. 1610 Press Mis.

10-11 Dated 19— 8— 1857

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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 25th August 1857.

No. 10. Read the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 30th July 1857, No. 2510.

SIR,

I have the honor to submit the accompanying letters and contingent Bill, noted in the margin, received from Major E. Lawford, Superintending Engineer, Southern Circle, on the subject of the Travelling Allowances to the Writers and Peons who accompanied that Officer on his late tour of Inspection. The bill in question includes the amount paid by him for carrying an office desk, and papers for the use of the Writer, and two other trifling charges, the whole amounting to Rupees (35-9-6) thirty-five, annas nine, and pice six. The aggregate of the bill being Rupees (203-4-9) two hundred and three, annas four and pice nine, as shewn in the margin. This amount has been bonâ fide laid out by Major Lawford from his own funds, as the parties received no pay during their absence from Madras. The order of Government contained in Extract Minutes of Consultation dated the 20th* April last, did not reach Major Lawford before the end of that, or the beginning of the following month and it was too late then to modify the arrangements made several months before regarding the payment of the Establishment proceeding with him. Under these circumstances, and as the charge is moderate considering the harassing work which the Writer and Peons had to perform during their protracted absence from Madras, I beg to recommend that the Government should be pleased to look upon this charge as a special or contingent one, and authorize the payment of the bill. Such future orders as may be received from the Government regarding batta to office servants in the Public Works Department, will of course regulate the proceedings hereafter of the Superintending Engineer's in this matter.

Dated 14th July 1857, No. 179.
" 20th do. No. 185.
One contingent Bill for Rupees 203 4 9.

	Rs.	A.	P.
Travelling Allowance for a writer	125	7	9
do. for 2 peons	42	3	6
	167	11	3
Other charges.....	35	9	6
Total Rupees...	203	4	9

*No. 726.

No. 11. ORDER THEREON, No. 1610; dated 19th August 1857.

The bill submitted by the Chief Engineer with the above letter, is for travelling allowances paid to the Writer and Peons, who accompanied Major Lawford on his recent tour of inspection, and for carriage charges for conveying an office desk and papers. It amounts in the aggregate to Rupees 203-4-9 and is made up as follows:

	Rs.	A.	P.
Travelling batta to the Writer @ 25 Rs. a month from 14th. Feb. to 15th July 1857,	125	7	9
Do. to 2 peons @ 3-8 per month, from 15th January to 15th July 1857,	42	3	6
Carriage charges for office desk and papers	33	13	6
Repairing desk and contingent charges	1	12	0
Total...	203	4	9

These charges, it is stated, have been actually incurred, having been advanced by Major Lawford out of his own funds, long before the receipt of the orders of Government of the 20th April last. Instructions have been* since received from the Government of India, permitting the grant of travelling batta to office establishments in the P. W. D., to the extent of three-tenths the salary of each servant; but it is observed that the charges in the present instance are considerably above that rate, being most probably one half the salary of the servant. It is also to be noticed that Major Lawford allowed batta to the Peons, which by analogy would appear to be inadmissible, as the Collectorate Peons are never allowed batta when on circuit; and indeed, no person in the Revenue or other Civil Departments, whose salary is below ten Rupees a month, is entitled to any travelling allowances.

* 4th July 1857, No. 1121.

2. As the present case, however, is an isolated one, and the money claimed has been bonâ fide expended, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council specially sanctions the bill submitted

on behalf of Major Lawford, amounting as shewn above to Rupees (203-4-9) two hundred and three, annas four, and pice nine.

3. On all future occasions batta to the servants of the Central office proceeding to the Provinces with the Superintending Engineer's will be given according to the scale laid down by the Government of India.

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

Central Office of P. W.
Fort Saint George,
30th July 1857.

No 2570

From,
The Chief Engineer

To,
The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department.

Sir

I have the honor to submit the accompanying letters and contingent Bill, noted in the margin, dated 11th July 1857 No 140. 20th " " 185
Contingent Bill for Rupees 203-4-0.
received from Major E. Lawford, Superintending Engineer Southern Circle, on the subject of the Travelling Allowances to the Writers and peons who accompanied that Officer on his late tour of Inspection. The Bill in question includes the amount paid by him for carrying an Office desk and papers for the use of the Writer, and two other trifling charges, the whole amounting to Rupees (35-9-6) Thirty-five, Annas nine, and pice six. The aggregate of the Bill being Rupees (203-4-9) Two hundred and three, Annas four and pice nine, as shewn in the margin. This amount has been bonafide laid out by Major Lawford from his own funds, as the parties received no pay during their absence from Madras. The order of Government contained in Extract Minutes of Consultation dated the 20th April last did not reach Major Lawford before the end of that, or the beginning of the following Month, and it was too late then to

Travelling Allowance for a writer Rs 125-4-0.
" for 7 peons — 42-3-6
164-11-3
Other charges — 35-9-6
Total Rupees 203-4-9

No 3

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to modify the arrangements made several Months before regarding the payment of the Establishment proceeding with him. Under these circumstances, and as the charge is moderate considering the laborious work which the Writer and peons had to perform during their protracted absence from Madras, I beg to recommend that the Govern: ment should be pleased to look upon this charge as a special or contingent one, and authorize the payment of the Bill. Such future orders as may be received from the Government regarding bills to Office Servants in the Public Works Department, will of course regulate the proceedings hereafter of the Superintending Engineers in this matter. –

Central Office of Lt. H.
Fort Saint George
30th July 1854

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

A. E. Tatlow Colonel
Chief Engineer.

Copied by P. Shungavaloo.

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Rec'd 2nd April 57
Rec 145 & 146.

Public Works Department
Dated Oct. 25 1867
No. 153

From
The Chief Engineer
To
The Secretary
to Government P.W.D.

Dated 30th ult. Transmitting Claimed
Received 31 July 1867
Rs. 519.

No. 7610. 19th Aug.

Submits letters and a contingent Bill, received from the Supg. Engr. 1st Circle, on the subject of travelling allowance to the Surveyor and peons who accompanied him on his late tour of Inspection and requests sanction for the aggregate of the Bill being Rs. 203-4-9 for the amounts from bona fide laid out by Major Lawford out of his own funds as the order of Govt. did not reach him before the end of that or the beginning of the following month.

No 10.

Rec'd 3rd Aug. R/ 7 C/ 14 R/ 18

Travelling allowance to the under signed
a monthly from 16th to 15th July/57 — 125. 7. 9.
Do. to Peon @ 3. 0. per mensem for
16th June to 15th July/57 ——— 42. 3. 0.
Carriage charges for Office duty ——— 33. 13. 6.
Repairing tents & sundry charges ——— 1. 12. 6.
Rs 203. 4. 9

Their charges, which appear moderate.
Hardly high, but it is stated, have

actually incurred, having been advanced by Major Lawford out of his own funds; but as instructions have been received* from the Govt of India, definitely sanctioning the grant of travelling batta to office establishments in the Public Works Dept, to the extent only of three tenths of the salary of each servant, the Govt are precluded from authorizing a higher rate in the present case. They therefore direct that a fresh bill be made out at the authorized rate, and submitted for their sanction. They observe that Collectorate Peons are not allowed batta when on circuit; but in consideration of the large area, over which Peons attached to the Supt's Engrs will be required to go, the Govt are willing that they also shall share the privilege generally extended to the office servants of the P. W. D.

* From Govt of India, 4th July 57, No 1121.

No: 1610

Public Works Department

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 19th August 1857.

Read the following letter
from the Chief Engineer

(Here enter 30th July 1857 No 2516)

The bill submitted by the Chief Engr with the above letter, is for travelling allowances paid to the writer and peons, who accompanied Major Lawford on his recent tour of inspection, and for carriage charges for conveying an office desk and papers. It amounts in the aggregate to Rupees 203-4-9, and is made up as follows.

Travelling batta to the writer @ 25 Rs a month, from 14th Feb to 15th July 1857	125.7-9
Do. to 2 peons @ 3-8-0 per month from 15th Jan'y to 15th July/57	42.3-6
Carriage charges for office desk & papers	33.13.6
Repairing desk & Contingent charges	1-12-0
	Rs 203-4-9

These charges, it is stated, have

been actually incurred, having been advanced by Major Lawford out of his own funds, long before the receipt of the orders of the Govt of the 20th April last. Instructions have been since* received from the Govt of India, permitting the grant of travelling batta to office establishments in the C.P.D., to the extent of three tenths the salary of each servant, but it is observed that the charges in the present instance are considerably above that rate, being most probably one half the salary of the servants. It is also to be noticed that Major Lawford allowed batta to the peons, which by analogy would appear to be inadmissible, as the Collectorate peons are never allowed batta when on circuit; and indeed, no person in the Revenue or other Civil Dept, whose salary is below ten rupees a month, is entitled to any travelling allowances.

* 4th July/57. No 1121.

As the present case, however, is an isolated one, and the money claimed has been bonâ fide expended, the Right Honble the Govr in Council specially sanctions the bill submitted on behalf of Major Lawford, amounting as shewn above to Rupees (203.4.9) two hundred and three, annas four, and pice nine.

On all future occasions batta to the servants of the Central Office proceeding to the provinces with the S. Rs, will be given according to the scale laid down by the Govt of India

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D. 21st April/57 Do 145 & 46

Public Works 1857 Dept.
Do to Augs: 25: Augt.

No. 1610.

Extract Mins: of Cons:
Dated 19th Augt. /57.

From the Chief Engr. of Public Works
No. 17.6 inst. 22.

Sanctioning as an official case the bill submitted in behalf of Major Sandford, for travelling allowances paid to the Orderly and Groom who accompanied him on his recent tour of inspection, and for carriage charges for conveying official books and papers amounting to Rupees 203-4-9.

No. 10 & 11.