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## Government of Madras

### REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

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*Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 10th March 1857.*

No. 35. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Acting Superintending Engineer, Northern Circle, in charge of the Central office of Public Works, dated 19th February 1857, No. 10380.

Read the following letter from Major E. LAWFORD, Superintending Engineer Southern Circle; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Camp Papanassem 11th February 1857, No. 36.

SIR,

Adverting to the notification Published in the Gazette of 28th January 1857, I have the honor to represent, that Overseer Edmonds, and Koelmyer, who are therein, appointed Assistant Overseers on salaries of 70 Rupees, with Military Pay, in the former, and 80 Rupees net in the latter case, have both been long employed as Overseers of the Upper, and Lower Coleroon annicuts with salaries of 55 and 45 Rupees respectively.

2. I am strongly in favour of keeping up the annicut establishments, and think that it would be inexpedient to make any change of men, and I consider that the salaries added to those of their grade, in the Department Public Works, would not be too high for the services of Overseers Edmonds, and Koelmyer. The former has charge not only of the Upper annicut, and its dependencies but of the Vennaur works and the banks of the rivers for 20 miles, and Mr. Koelmyer is in like manner employed on the Coleroon banks, and other works in the Neighbourhood.

3. I propose therefore, to give each Overseer 50 Rupees per month, as being attached to the annicut, besides his salary in the General Department for the duties of which he will always be equally available, and I trust you will be so good as to recommend my proposal for the sanction of Government.

4. I further beg to bring to your notice that Mr. Ottman formerly a Sub Assistant Revenue Surveyor, completed in August last his period of service to entitle him to promotion as an Assistant Surveyor, for which I know Major Boileau intended to recommend him. His pay and allowances in that rank would have been 140 Rupees per month, whereas now he is an Assistant Overseer only on 80 Rupees net pay, and placed below some who are I believe inferior to him in qualification. I would recommend that as a special case Mr. Ottman be appointed an Assistant Supervisor on 150 Rupees which he fully deserves.

Resolved, to forward copy of the foregoing letter for the orders of Government. Messrs. Edmonds, and Koelmyer, in addition to the salaries respectively drawn by them, will it is presumed, be entitled to Rupees 1-8-, per diem, travelling allowance, a circumstance which, the Superintending Engineer Southern Circle, does not appear to have recollected, when proposing to grant them Rupees 50, in excess of their Departmental salary.

(Signed) C. C. JOHNSTON,  
*Acting Superintending Engineer Northern Circle.*

No. 36. ORDER THEREON, No. 418; dated 1th March 1857.

The Government cannot grant to Assistant Overseers Edmonds and Koelmyer, any allowance in excess of the pay assigned to them in the list of the new Public Works establishment. Their present increased rate of pay with the travelling allowance of their grade is considered sufficient.

2. Mr. Ottman, will be promoted in his turn if he continues to give satisfaction to his superiors.

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

N<sup>o</sup> 10380

Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer  
in the Department of Public Works, Fort George

Under date the 19 February 1857.

Read the following.

N<sup>o</sup> 36 of 1857.

From,

Major E. Sawford,  
Sup<sup>r</sup> Eng<sup>r</sup> South Island

To,

Colonel L. E. Faber,  
Chief Engineer D.M.

Sir,

Adverting to the notification published in the Gazette of 28<sup>th</sup> January 1857, I have the honor to represent, that Overseer Edmonds, and Koelmeyer, who are therein, appointed Asst<sup>d</sup> Overseers on Salaries of 70 Papes, with military Pay, in the former, and 80 Papes net in the latter case, have both been long employed as Overseers of the Upper, and Lower Coleroun Annicents with salaries of 55 and 45 Papes respectively.

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