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No. 45. Extract from the Proceedings of the Acting Superintending Engineer, Northern Circle, in charge of the Central office of Public Works, dated 11th February 1857, No. 10231.

Read the following letter from Captain H. W. RAWLINS, Officiating Garrison Engineer; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated 11th February 1857, No. 7.

SIR,

With reference to G. O. G. 27th Ultimo, remodelling the P. W. D. and separating the appointment of Superintending Engineer, into two Departments, I have the honor to respectfully point out, that there is no provision made in the new rules under any circumstances of emergency, for travelling allowance, either to the Civil Architect, Garrison Engineer or to the Superintendant of the East Coast Canal; nor have any orders been promulgated, entitling the two former Officers to the augmented rate of House rent, similar to the system adopted in Calcutta and Bombay, and so strongly recommended in Extract Minutes Consultation No. 1841, 10th October 1854, part 11.

Resolved to forward for the orders of Government, copy of the foregoing letter No. 7, dated 11th Instant, from the Garrison Engineer.

(Signed) C. C. JOHNSTON, Captain,
Acting Superintending Engineer Northen Circle.

No. 46. Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, dated 6th March 1857, No. 10739.

Read the following letter from Captain H. W. RAWLINS, Officiating Garrison Engineer Fort Saint George; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated 5th March 1857, No. 35.

SIR,

In acknowledging the receipt of your Resolution No. 10492 of the 26th Ultimo, communicating in Extract Minutes Consultation No. 349 of the 21st Idem, the decision of Government that the Garrison Engineer at the Presidency is not entitled to "travelling allowance," I do myself the honor respectfully to solicit the favor of your recommending a re-consideration of the subject for the following reasons.

2. That while the pay of the Garrison Engineer is fixed at Rupees 500 a month, his duties are as responsible, and perhaps more numerous than those of a District Engineer; who not only draws 6 or 700 Rupees monthly but also travelling allowance at the rate of 5 Rupees per day; and who has several Commissioned Officers to assist him; whereas the Garrison Engineer has the same pecuniary charge as the District Engineer, in addition to the important one of being sole Executive superior Officer to superintend and carry out his works.

3. The Garrison Engineer's duties extend over 18 square miles and are composed of a vast number of intricate works scattered all over the Presidency, requiring unceasing supervision and controul. I believe that at no time shall I have less than 60 or 70 works daily to look after; and that nearly ⅔ of these will be situated outside the Fort; at Vepery, Perambore Royapoorum, Sydapett, and the Suburbs of Madras.

4. My time is now wholly occupied from morning till evening in either personally supervising works out of doors or attending to my accounts and correspondence in office; and on comparison I believe it will be seen that I am actually moving about on duty by far more hours in the month, than any other Officer in the Department of Public Works; and that the expense of keeping up horses and conveyances is certainly equal to that of providing tents. I seldom travel less than 15 miles a day, and often 20 and 25. The works are all detached and although

the distance from one to the other may not be great; yet there are so many of them to be inspected, that I am often obliged to be travelling about all day long. Like Medical Officers I must be constantly on the move. They keep from 6 to 8 horses in work daily at Madras, and their duties are confined to a single District, while mine extend throughout the Presidency.

5. I have hitherto kept 3 horses exclusively for my professional public work, and these are often so knocked up, that I am obliged to hack besides. I now have a large range of duty than heretofore with less pay; and although I am thankful for what I get yet in justice to myself, and to my successors in office (particularly if he be a Lieutenant) I must submit that the Garrison Engineer's small pay will not enable him to meet the great additional expenses of living in Madras, and of keeping a sufficient number of horses to superintend his numerous works satisfactorily and efficiently.

6. I therefore respectfully pray, that you will be pleased to recommend that travelling allowance be granted to the Garrison Engineer in the same way as it is to all other Officers of the Public Works Department; upon the approval and countersignature of the Chief Engineer.

Resolved to forward to Government copy of the foregoing letter No. 35, dated 5th Instant from the Officiating Garrison Engineer, with the Chief Engineer's earnest solicitation that with the strong and undoubted claims to travelling allowance now advanced by that Officer before them, Government will be pleased to re-consider their decision as contained in Extract Minutes Consultation No. 319, of the 21st Ultimo, and will authorize the payment of (5) five Rupees per diem, on the broad ground of the applicants duties not being limited to the Garrison, but comprising so large an area as to make heavy expenditure necessary, and which must necessarily trench greatly on the remunerative salary of his office, if the ordinary rates for marching allowance are withheld from his case.

(Signed) C. E. FABER, Colonel,
Chief Engineer.

No. 47. ORDER THEREON, No. 618; dated 3rd April 1857.

1. Under the circumstances represented by Captain Rawlins, Officiating Garrison Engineer, and agreeably to the recommendation of the Chief Engineer, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council authorizes the disbursement to that Officer of travelling allowance at the rate of five Rupees per diem.

2. The Government consider that the Civil Architect is equally entitled to travelling allowance and direct that it be disbursed to him accordingly.

3. Captain Rawlins and Colonel Atkinson will be instructed to keep a diary in which they will enter, as accurately as they can, the distances they daily travel.

4. The Superintendent of the Eastern Coast Canal will, in respect of travelling allowance be placed on the footing of a District Engineer.

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

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Public Works Dept.

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Authorizing the disbursement to the Garrison Engr and the Civil Architect of travelling allowances at the rate of 5 Rs per diem & directing that the Supd.t of the East Coast Canal be allowed in like manner travelling allowances on the footing of a Dist.t Engr.

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C.d Pamphlet No. 96.