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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 28th July 1857.

No. 33. Read the following letter from H. B. HUDDLESTON, Esq., Civil Engineer; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Government, dated St. Thome, 9th July 1857, No. 21.

SIR,

I have the honor in acknowledging the receipt of an Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 25th May 1857, No. 997 to forward a Statement regarding my tentage for the months of January and February 1857, as also an application for the expenses incurred on March to Madras and to request you will be pleased with as little delay as possible to submit the same for favorable consideration of Government.

1. The claim I had the honor to submit for Tentage in the months of January and February 1857, in my letter under date the 27th of April 1857, is so clearly a matter of right and common justice that I had at least expected a favorable consideration rather than a reference to an Officer who has shewn neither consideration or politeness to myself as instanced in the painful correspondence I laid before Government displaying a premeditated and wilful attempt to injure my character even among my personal Friends and Brother Engineers it is not however for the purpose of shewing this spirit of pitiable animosity on the part of the Chief Engineer towards myself that I again trespass on the attention of Government but to lay before them the fact that they (the Government) declared on a former occasion in Extract Minutes of Consultation, under date the 3rd May 1855, No. 532, that we (the Covenanted Civil Engineer's) were entitled to this allowance in virtue of our Covenant with the Honorable the Court of Directors which decision I apprehend is as applicable to the present case as it was to the former one and I trust I may be allowed to draw the sum claimed which is in reality but a re-imbursement for expenditure actually incurred.

2. Having when dismissed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council been stationed about 400 miles up Country I have not only lost much (to me) valuable time in a tedious (and at this season) dangerous March to the Presidency but had to expend a sum of not less than 300 Rupees in reaching it and I have now the honor to request that these heavy expenses may be allowed as my circumstances put it beyond my power to sustain so great a drain on my slender resources.

3. I have the honor in conclusion to enclose abstracts for the sums claimed in the hope of receiving a favorable answer.

No. 34. ORDER THEREON, No. 1420; dated 23rd July 1857.

Para. 1. The Government do not find in their order of the 3rd May 1855 any thing to warrant the assertion made by Mr. Huddleston, that he is entitled to Tentage under his Covenant with the Honorable Court. That order merely granted to the Covenanted Civil Engineers the Tentage then usually allowed to First Assistant Civil Engineers, but since its date the Department of Public Works has been re-organized, and is controlled by Rules and Regulations which supersede all former orders. The Rules published on the 27th January 1857, make no provision for Tentage, but grant travelling allowance only under certain conditions; and by the terms of Mr. Huddleston's Covenant with the Company he is entitled to an allowance for travelling expences incurred in the prosecution of his duties. From the Civil Engineer's report it does not appear that Mr. Huddleston was employed during the two months for which he claims Tentage on any works of importance or in the Field; he is therefore not legally entitled to any marching allowance, but as he states that he actually maintained his marching establishment complete during this period, and that the claim advanced by him is only a reimbursement of the expences actually incurred by him, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council is pleased to make his case a special exception to the general rule, and to direct that his Bills for Tentage for January and February 1857, amounting to Rupees (236) two hundred and thirty-six be disbursed.

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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 23rd July 1837.

2. The Governor in Council has also resolved as a special case to take a favorable view of Mr. Huddleston's claim to Travelling allowance from Masulipatam to Madras, and to order accordingly the reimbursement of the expenses stated to have been actually incurred on that account amounting to Rupees (300) three hundred.

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

No. 21.

To the Secretary to the Government of
Fort St. George L.B.B.

Dated 23rd July 1837 No. 21

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1. The Claim I had
the honor to submit for ten days in
the months of January & February
1857 in my letter under date the
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before Government displaying a
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tempt to injure my character
even among my personal friends
Other Engineers —

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Engineer towards myself that I
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Government but to lay before them
the fact that they / The Gov^{mt} /
declared on a former occasion in
Extract Minutes of Consultation
under date the 3rd May 1853 No.
532 that we / The Gov^{mt} C. E. S. /
were entitled to this allowance
in virtue of our Contract with the
Hon^{ble} the Court of Directors their
decision I apprehend is as applicable
to the present case as it was to the
former one and I trust I may be
allowed to draw the sum claimed
which is in reality but a reimbursement

for expenditure actually incurred

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Sir

Your most Obedient Servant
A. B. Huddleston C. S.

A. B. Huddleston
9 July 1853

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No 2

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Under date the July 1857

Read the following letter from
Wm. B. Huddleston, Esq. late
Civil Engineer

(Received 9th July 1857)

1. In the order of
the 3rd May 1855 the
ferryed to by Mr. B. Huddleston, the Govt.
do not find that any
mention is made
of his being entitled
to freight under his

Canal 26th May 1857 1854 1852

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To the Com 28th July

1857

From W. B. Huddleston

Civil Engineer

Received 9th July 1857

1857

2 Enclosed is returned
for forwarding and return to the
Hon. Secy of the Govt. 1857, as
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heavy expenses incurred in
the work to be done to the
allowance to him, and re-
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submitted for the Hon.
Secy's consideration of
Government.

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covenant as that gentleman states.

2. The order in question granted to the Covenanted Civil Engineers the tentage drawn by 1st Assistant Civil Engineers and the rules under which that allowance was then drawn were superseded by those of the 27th January 57.

3. The Civil Engineers having reported that Mr. Middleton was not employed in the field in January or Feb^r.

Mr. Middleton was not employed in the field in January or Feb^r.

February his claim to tentage cannot be admitted.

4. The Gov^t consider that ~~the~~ ~~the~~ all claims upon their liberality on Mr. Middleton's part ceased with their order of the 22nd April 57 granting him passage money to England, and they must decline to pay the Bill he now submits for travelling expenses to Madras.

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Extract from these Minutes of Consultation

Under date this 23rd July 1857.

Read the following
letter from H. B. Huddleston
Esq. late Civil Engineer.

Hereunder of 4th July 1857 No 217.

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P. The Government
do not find in their Order
of the 3rd May 1855 any thing
to warrant the assertion
made by Mr Huddleston,
that he is entitled to
Fentage under his Covenant
with the Honorable Court
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Engineers the Fentage then
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B. S.

9 Copies to the Chief Secy. S.

1 - Mr. Asst. Secy. S.

1 - Mr. Civil Auditor. S.

1 - Mr. H. H. Huddleston Esq.

with 2 Bills - Chief Secy.

Public Works 1857 Dept.
D^o to Cons 28th July.

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Extract this of Cons.
D^o 23rd July 1857.

Sanctioning as a special case,
Mr. Middleton's Bill for
Furlough for January & February
1857, amounting to Rupees 236 &
his travelling allowance from
Mauritipattin to Madras,
amounting to Rupees 300.

N^o 33 + 34.