

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

Letter No. 2173 dated 5/11/18

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Dated 5/11/18

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No. 27. Read the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer ; to W. H. BAYLEY, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 1st June 1858, No. 756.

SIR,

With reference to my letters noted in the margin on the subject of the unpassed expenditure up to the 30th April 1856, in the North Arcot District and of Mr. Hart of the Audit Department having been deputed to assist Captain Johnston in bringing to a final settlement the accounts connected therewith, I have the honor to report, that a Contingent Bill to defray the travelling expenses &c. of Mr. Hart was duly forwarded to the Civil Auditor to be passed for payment.

2. The Bill thus disallowed consisted of two items, one of Rupees 35-8-0 for Travelling Allowance at the rate of 4 Annas a mile for proceeding to and returning from Arcot, and the other item of Rupees 20 for Batta from the 23rd March to 1st April last at $\frac{3}{10}$ ths of Mr. Hart's Salary.

3. The latter amount I beg to inform the Government has alone been passed by the Civil Auditor, the other being disallowed apparently because the orders of Government noted in the margin comprise no provision for mileage allowances.

4. The orders above quoted I have to observe have reference entirely to Writers and Peons proceeding to the Provinces with the Superintending Engineers on their tours of inspection, and who generally have nothing more to do than their ordinary duties as Copyists. The case of Mr. Hart was very different, for he was appointed to an important special work, and which he has very satisfactorily finished, and as in the case of Uncovenanted Assistants and Clerks, of the Director of Public Instruction, both the allowances under consideration (viz Mileage and Batta) are granted, I most strongly recommend the Government to sanction the Mileage allowance for Mr. Hart, since the batta alone fails to meet all the bona fide expenses incurred by him during his laborious and responsible employment at Arcot.

5. I propose to transmit copy of this application to Captain Johnston, that he may be in a position to make the Government acquainted with the sentiments entertained by that Officer alike on the nature of Mr. Hart's Co-operation, and on the reasonableness of the compensation now solicited.

No. 28. ORDER THEREON, No. 1312 ; dated 8th July 1858.

Para. 1. In this letter, the Chief Engineer recommends that Mr. Hart, an Auditor in the Central Office who was recently employed on special duty at Arcot, should be allowed travelling allowance at the rate of 4 annas a mile, for

	Rs.	A.	P.
Travelling allowance.....	35	8	0
Batta.....	20	0	0

proceeding to and returning from that station, besides batta at the rate of $\frac{3}{10}$ ths salary from 23d

March to 1st April 1858. In support of this application, Colonel Faber quotes the case of the Uncovenanted Servants and Clerks of the Director of Public Instruction, who, by the orders of this Government, dated 8th September 1855, are granted both descriptions of allowance.

2. In the letter of Lieutenant Colonel Strachey, dated 30th June 1857, No. 3169, referred to by this Government in para. 4 of their order of 30th July following, 1857, No. 1480, it was intimated, that the Government of India, had decided, "that the office establishments of Executive Engineers or other Public Works Officers when absent from their fixed stations on duty in Camp, should draw $\frac{3}{10}$ ths of their salaries as travelling allowance to cover all charges, and that "no additional mileage allowance had been sanctioned." The term Batta used by Colonel Faber, in claiming allowance under that head on behalf of Mr. Hart at $\frac{3}{10}$ ths of his salary is therefore a misnomer; it is in fact, the "travelling allowance" authorized by the orders of the Government of India, and the Civil Auditor having admitted it, Mr. Hart has obtained all that he is entitled to under the rules, and no other allowance can be claimed by him, either under the same head or under any other.

Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 13th July 1858.

3. As regards the Chief Engineer's reference to the Uncovenanted Assistants, Clerks, and others attached to the establishment of the Director of Public Instruction, the Government have only to observe that as rules have already been laid down for the allowances in the Public Works Department, a departure from them on the plea that the rules in another Department are different, cannot be admitted.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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Central Office of P. W.
Fort Saint George
1 June 1858.

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

Sir

18th March 1858 No 2228
25 May 1858 No 565

With reference to my letters noted in the Margin on the subject of the Unpassed Expenditure up to the 30th April 1856 in the North Arcot District and of Mr Hart of the Audit Department having been deputed to assist Captain Johnston in bringing to a final settlement the accounts connected therewith, I have the honor to report that a Contingent Bill to defray the travelling expenses of Mr Hart, was duly forwarded to the Civil Auditor to be passed for payment.

2..... The Bill thus disallowed consisted of two items one of Rs 35-8-0 for travelling allowance at the rate of 4 Annas a mile for proceeding to, and returning from Arcot, and the other item of Rupees 20 for Batta from the

the 23rd March to 1st April last, $\frac{3}{10}$ of Mr Hart's Salary.

3. The latter amount I beg to inform the Government has alone been passed by the Civil Auditor, the other being disallowed apparently because the orders of Government noted in the Margin comprise no provision for Mileage allowances.

E.M.C. 19th Aug
1857 N^o 1610 P.V.D
and 17th Sept 1857 N^o
1773 P.V.D

4. The orders above quoted I have to observe have reference entirely to writers and persons proceeding to the provinces with the Superintending Engineers on their tours of inspection, and who generally have nothing more to do than their ordinary duties as copyists. The case of Mr Hart was very different, for he was appointed to an important special work, and which he has very satisfactorily finished, and as in the case of Uncovenanted Assistants and Clerks of the Director of Public Instruction, both the allowance under consideration [viz Mileage and Batta] are granted. I must strongly recommend the Government to sanction the mileage allowance for Mr Hart, since the batta alone fails to meet all the bona fide expenses incurred by him during his laborious and responsible employment at Arcot.

E.M.C. 3rd March 1857
N^o 42 P.V.D
N^o 7746 Para 2.

5. I propose to transmit copy of this application to Captain Johnston, that he may be in a position to make the Government acquainted with the sentiments entertained by that Officer alike on the nature of Mr Hart's cooperation, and on the reasonableness of the compensation now solicited.

I have the honor to be

Fort Saint George
1st June 1858

Your Most Obedient Servant

2nd May

Colonel
Chief Engineer

N. 1312

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Under date the 8th July 1858

Read the following
letter from the Chief
Engineer.

(Here entered 1st June 1858

N. 756)

P. In this letter the
Chief Engineer recommends
that Mr. Hart, an auditor
in the Central Office who
was recently employed on
special duty at Arcot should
be allowed travelling ex-
penses at the rate of
Batta at the rate of 3/4
salary from 23 March

Travelling allowance Rs 35-8-
Batta 20-0-4 (under 10 miles)

For the purpose of giving
Mr. Hart the above allowance
it is recommended that he
should be allowed travelling
expenses at the rate of 3/4
salary from 23 March

From 19th August 1858 to 29th 89 890
" 18th September 1858 to 29th 488
" 22nd October 1858 to 31st 433
" 25th August 1858 to 10 411
" 26th March 1859 to 26 427
" 1st July 1858 to 10 411
" 1st July 1858 to 30 37

23rd March 1858 to 26th 427
24th to 29th 488
From 25th August 1858 to 10 411
Chief Engineer.
The Secretary
to Government 1949

Dated 1st June 1858.
No. 23

1858

Reporting that a contingent
bill to defray the travelling ex-
penses of Mr. Hart who was
deputed to assist Mr. Hart in
his journey to Arcot and return
account connected with the
projected establishment up to the 23rd
April 1858 in the R. Hart & Co.
was forwarded to the Chief
Engineer of the R. Hart & Co.
allowance there has been paid
by the Chief Engineer, and under
circumstances stated, it is recom-
mended for sanction the R. Hart &
allowance for Mr. Hart.

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to 1st April 1858. In sup-
port of this application
Colonel Faber quotes the
cases of the Uncommissioned
Servants and Clerks of
the Director of Public
Instruction, who by the
orders of this Government
dated 8 Sept. 1855
are granted both des-
criptions of allowance.

1. Extract Min. Cons. 8th Sept 1855
N^o 1177

2. In the letter of
Lieutenant Colonel Strachey
dated 30th June 1857, No 3169,
referred to by this Govt.
in para 4 of their order
of 30th July, 1857, N^o 1480
following, &c
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India had decided
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"ments of Engineers &
"Engineers or other
"Public Works Officers
when

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men absent from their
usual stations on duty in
Camp should draw 3/10th
of their salaries as
"travelling allowance to
"cover all charges, and
"that no additional
"mileage allowance had
"been sanctioned". The
term "batta" used by
Colonel V. Faber in ex-
claiming allowance as
under that head on be-
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at 3/10th of his salary is
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it is in fact, the "travelling
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by the orders of the Govt
of India, and the Civil
Auditor having admitted
it, Mr Hart has obtained
all that he is entitled
to

to under the Rules, and
no other allowance can
be claimed by him, as
either under the same
head or under any other.

3. As regards the Chief
Engineer's pay to
Chief of the Unconquered

ed assistants, clerks,
and others attached
to the Establishment
of the Director of
Public Instruction,
the Government adopted
the recommendation
of the Director and

authorized an allowance
of Rs. 1000 a mile for
distances actually
travelling with Balla
at the rate of three
months salary when
absent from the
Presidency. As this

order

Chief of the Unconquered
is with it. It is
not a rule of the
Government.

the Govt have only to observe that as
rules have already been laid down
for the allowancees in the Public
Works Department, a departure
from them on the plea that the
rules in another Department
are different, cannot be admitted.

order though passed in
1855 has been quoted as
a precedent in opposition
to the more recent order
of the 30th June 1857 in
the Public Works Dept.,
the Government will
separately consider the
propriety of continuing
the two allowancees in
the Educational establish-
ment.

10 Copies to the Off^{ce} of the Chief Secy^{to} the Govt.
1 — a — Chief Secy^{to} the Govt.

W. H. B.

Copy to the Secy^{to} the Govt.

Public Works 1858 Dept
D. to Caus: 18th July

A: 1312

Extract Minors of Court
D/8th July 1858

See no reason to sanction
any other but the travelling
allowance to Mr Hart an Auditor
in the Central Office who was
recently employed in special
duty at North Arcot.

A: 27 & 28.

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