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Government of Madras.

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

SIR,

18th March 1858, No. 8228.
25th 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 &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.

Extract Minutes of Consultation 19th August 1857, No 1610, P. W. D. and 17th September 1857, No. 1773, P. W. D.

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.

Extract Minutes Consultation 3rd March 1857, No. 242, and 3rd July 1856 No. 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 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 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.

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

P. Ex. Mins. Cons. 8th September 1855, No. 1179.

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 13*th 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.

No 56

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

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From

The Chief Engineer

To

The Secretary
to Government
D. P. Works

Sir

18th March 1858 No 8228
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 &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 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 23d March to 1st April last 3/10ths 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.

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E. M. C. 19th Augt 1857 No 1610 P.W.D and 17th Septr 1857 No 1773 P.W.D

E. M. C. 3d March 1857 No 242 & 3d July 1856 No 7746 Para 2. Pub.

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
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant
Alex Taylor Colonel
Chief Engineer

Fort Saint George
1st June 1858

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Revenue Depart.

No. 1312

Extract from Minute of Council dated the 8th July 1858.

Read the following Memorial from Colonel Thos Best

Engineer -

(Memorial dated 30th June 1858 &c &c)

Ordered that Lieut Col Best be allowed Contingencies at the rate of Rs 35-8- per diem from the 1st April 1856 to the 31st March 1857 both days inclusive, and Rs 30 per diem from the 1st April 1857 to the 31st March 1858 both days inclusive, in addition to his Travelling Allowance as Chief Engineer & Secretary to Government, and that he be allowed Travelling Allowance at the rate of Rs 35-8- per diem for the period he was employed on duty in the Nilgiris in 1857 and 1858.

Travelling allowance Rs 35-8-

Batta " 20 " 4 days

Cons: 19th March /58 No. 89 & 90
" 8th June " " 87 & 88
" 22nd Sept /57 " 32 & 33.
" 25th Augt " " 10 & 11.
Pub: C. 3rd March /57 " 26 & 27.
" 1st July /56 " 10 & 11.
P.W. 6 " /58 " 50-57-

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Dated 24th Sept. No. 1199

From

The Chief Engineer.

To

The Secretary
to Government P.W.D.

Dated 1st June 1858.

Rec'd 2nd "

No. 756

Ref. No. 1312. 8th July 1858.

Reporting that a contingent Bill to defray the Travelling expenses &c. of Mr. Hart who was deputed to assist Capt. Johnston in bringing to final settlement accounts connected with the Unpassed Expenditure up to the 30th April 1856 in the N. Circle &c. was forwarded to the Civil Auditor for payment. States that the Batta allowance alone has been passed by the Civil Auditor, and under circumstances stated recommending for sanction the Mileage allowance for Mr. Hart.

No. 27

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to 1st April 1858. In sup-
port of this application
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dated 30th June 1857, No. 3169,
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of 30th July 1857 No. 1480
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"Engineers or other
"Public Works Officers
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non absent from their
fixed Stations on duty or
Camp should draw 3/10ths
of their salaries as
travelling allowance to
cover all charges, and
that no additional
mileage allowance had
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Colonel Faber in re-
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under that head on
behalf of Mr Hart
at 3/10ths of his salary is
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it is in fact, the "travelling
allowance" authorized
by the orders of the Govt
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it, Mr Hart has obtained
all that he is entitled
to

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

3. As regards the Chief Engineer's office of the Government 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. Annas 4 miles for distance actually travelled with Ballia at the rate of three tenths salary when absent from the Presidency. As this order

the Govt have only to observe that no 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.

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order though proceeding 1855 has been quoted as a precedent in opposition to the more recent order of the 30th June 1857 in the Public Works Depart, the Government will separately consider the propriety of continuing the two allowances in the Educational establishment.

10 Copies to the Offg Chief Engr & Disbd Offr
1 —— " —— Chief Auditor

W. H. B.

Copy to Pub dept.

Public Works 1858 Dept 5
Dy. to Caus: 18th July

No. 1312

Extract Minute Caus:
Dated 20th July 58.

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

No. 27828.

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