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Dated 16-7- 1851.

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No. 60. Read the following letter from Major E. LAWFORD, Superintending Engineer in charge of the Central Office of Public Works; to W. H. BAYLEY, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 24th June 1858, No. 1393.

SIR,

1 Copy of letter from Captain O'Connell, No. 2 dated 21st June 1858.

I have the honor to forward for submission to Government, the accompanying transcript of a letter from Captain P. P. L. O'Connell, now on duty at Nellore, having reference to his present pay and allowances.

2. In consequence of the wording of the order in the Fort Saint George Gazette of the 15th Instant, placing the services of that Officer at the disposal of the Public Works Department for employment in the Nellore District, an uncertainty exists as to whether the salary to be drawn by him, is to be debited to the Public Works or Railway Department.

3. I would beg to suggest for the consideration of His Lordship in Council, that as Captain O'Connell more properly belongs to the Department last referred to, he may be permitted to draw the salary of Deputy Consulting Engineer for Railways; and as he is now employed on the duties of a Superintending Engineer in the inspection of work &c; sanction may be accorded for the disbursement to him of the Travelling Allowances drawn by those Officers, when engaged on similar duties; unless the Government should see fit to authorize the grant to him of both the salary and allowances of a Superintending Engineer, and direct the charge to be debited to this Department.

Letter from Captain P. O'CONNEL, Engineers; to Major E. LAWFORD, Superintending Engineer, in charge of Central Office of Public Works, dated Nellore 21st June 1858, No. 2.

SIR,

I have the honor to request that you will do me the favor of obtaining an Order of Government on the subject of the appointment which I am now supposed to be holding; The General Order of Government published in the Fort Saint George Gazette of the 15th Instant does not state what it is, and the Officiating Consulting Engineer for Railways has forwarded for my signature a letter stating that I have handed over to him the Office of the Deputy Consulting Engineer for Railways.

This shows so clearly that there is an uncertainty about the matter, that I am induced to request, that the Civil Auditor and I may be informed, whether I am to be considered to be holding the appointment of Officiating Deputy Consulting Engineer for Railways, or an appointment in the Department of Public Works.

I shall also feel obliged if the Civil Auditor can be authorized to pass my Travelling Allowance from Madras to Nellore, and informed whether the charge is to be made in the Railway Department, or in that of Public Works.

No. 61. ORDER THEREON, No. 1329; dated 10th July 1858.

Para. 1. With this letter, the Superintending Engineer in charge of the Central Office submits a copy of one from Captain P. P. L. O'Connell, having reference to his present employment in Nellore. From the wording of the order, placing that Officer's services at the disposal of the Public Works Department, Captain O'Connell represents that some uncertainty exists as to whether he belongs to that or the Railway Department; he requests that the Civil Auditor may be instructed to pass his travelling allowance from Madras to Nellore, and enquires whether the charge is to be made in the Railway or Public Works Department.

2. Major Lawford suggests that as Captain O'Connell more properly belongs to the Railway Department, he should be permitted to draw the salary of Deputy Consulting Engineer for Railways, and that as he is now doing the duties of a Superintending Engineer, the travelling allowance drawn by Officers of that class should be disbursed to him, if not, both the salary and allowances of a Superintending Engineer.

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

3. Captain O'Connell's substantive appointment is that of Assistant to the Chief Engineer. On the 27th April he was appointed Acting Deputy Consulting Engineer for Railways, but did not take up that appointment until the 13th June. On the 15th of that month, his services were placed temporarily at the disposal of the Public Works Department for employment in Nellore, in consequence of Major Lawford's representing that Lieutenant Mullins, the District Engineer was disabled by an accident from attending to his duty, and requesting that the services of an Engineer Officer might be placed at his immediate disposal to exercise close professional superintendence over the Pennair Annicut works during the continuance of Lieutenant Mullins' illness. The Government do not see that by the arrangements now existing Captain O'Connell occupies the position of Superintending Engineer, or that he has any claim to the salary or travelling allowance of an Officer of that rank.

4. Captain O'Connell will be granted the travelling allowance authorized by the Rules to the appointment of Assistant to the Chief Engineer; his salary will be that of Assistant to the Chief Engineer and Acting Deputy Consulting Engineer, and must form a charge against the Public Works Department so long as his services are at the disposal of that Department. The Government would wish to know from the Officiating Chief Engineer, in what manner he would propose to meet this charge. They would also wish to know, what is the present position of Lieutenant Mullins, and what pay he is drawing. He would seem to have been unable to attend to duty since the 20th May last, and yet not to be on leave of absence either on private affairs or on sick Certificate.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

No. 2.

From,

Captain P. O'Connell
Engineers

To,

Major E. Lawford
Superintending Engineer
In Charge of the Central Office of P.W.

Sir,

I have the honor to request that you will do me the favor of obtaining an Order of Govern[ment] on the subject of the Appointment which I am now supposed to be holding; The General Order of Government published in the Fort St. George Gazette of the 15th Inst. does not state what it is, and the Officiating Consulting Engineer for Railways has forwarded for my signature a letter stating that I have handed over to him the Office of the Deputy Consulting Engineer for Railways.

This shows so clearly that there is an uncertainty about the matter, that I am induced to request, that the Civil Auditor and I may be informed whether I am to be considered to be holding the appointment of Officiating Deputy Consulting Engineer for Railways

Railways, or an Appointment in the Department of Public Works.

I shall also feel obliged if the Civil Auditor can be, authorized to pass my travelling allowance from Madras to Nellore, and informed whether the charge is to be made in the Railway Department, or in that of Public Works.

I have the honor to be, &c.

Nellore
21st June 1858.

/ Signed / P. O'Connell, Captain
Engineers.

/ A true Copy /

Major.
Supg. Engr. in charge of the
Central Office of P.W.

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Central Office of P.W.D.
Fort St. George
24 June 1858

No. 1393

From,

The Superintending Engineer
In Charge of the Central Office of P.W.D.

To,

The Secretary to Government.
P.W.D.

Public

Sir,

I have the honor to forward for submission to Government, the accompanying transcript of a letter No. 2 dated 21st June 1858 from Captain P. F. L. O'Connell, now on duty at Nellore, having reference to his present pay and allowances.

2. In consequence of the wording of the order in the Fort Saint George Gazette of the 15th Instant, placing the services of that Officer at the disposal of the Public Works Department for employment in the Nellore District, an uncertainty exists as to whether the salary to be drawn by him, is to be debited to the Public Works or Railway Department.

3 I would beg to suggest for the consideration of His Lordship in Council, that as Captain O'Connell

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Enclosure 1

1. Copy of letter from Captain O'Connell No. 2 dated 21st June 1858

Enclosure in a letter from the Superintending Engineer in Ch. of the Central Office of P.W.D. No.

To Secretary to Govern.t P.W.D.

Dated 24. June 1858.
Read
P.W.D. No. 1393

Copy of a letter from Captain P. O'Connell, Engineer, Requesting to be favored with an order of Govt. appointing him to the special duty specified and referring on the subject Nellore Canal &c &c for information, while he is to be considered holding the appointment of Off.g Ex. Engr. for Railway on an allowance in the P.W.D. Regulations that the Civil Auditor may be authorized to fix his travelling allowance from Madras to Nellore.

more properly belongs to the department last referred to, he may be permitted to draw the salary of Deputy Consulting Engineer for Railways; and as he is now employed on the duties of a Superintending Engineer in the inspection of work &c., sanction may be accorded for the disbursement to him of the travelling allowances drawn by those officers, when engaged on similar duties, unless the Government should see fit to authorize the grant to him of both the salary and allowances of a Superintending Engineer, and direct the charge to be debited to this Department.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servt.

Central Office of P.W.
Fort St. George
24 June 1858.

Major.
Superintending Engineer in
Charge of Central Office of P.W.

To,
The Secretary to Government.
P. W. D.

No 11.

No. 1329 P.W.D.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 10th July 1858.

Read the following letters
from the Superintending Engineer
in charge of the Central Offices
of Public Works.

(Here enter 24th June 1858 No. 1393.)

No. 1. With this letter the Superintending Engineer in charge of the Central Offices submits a copy of one from Captain C.P.L. O'Connell having reference to his present employment in Nellore. From the wording of the order placing that officer's services at the disposal of the Public Works department, Captain O'Connell represents that some uncertainty exists

Civil Pub. Cons. 1st July 1858 No. 90-91

Civil Public Department
Fort St. George
The 10th July 1858.

From
The Chief Engineer in charge
of the Central Offices of the
Public Department
To
The Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

Dated 4th June 1858.
Rec'd 24 June 1858.

No. 1329 of 1858.
Public Department
Fort St. George, 10th July 1858.

Enclosure 1.

Forwards herewith copy of a letter from Captain O'Connell, now on duty in Nellore, and requesting the authority of Govt. to enable him to draw the pay of Ex-Consulting Engineer for Rs. and the allowances of a duly Engineer during the present employment.

6th July 28th
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exists as to whether he belongs to that or the Railway department, he requests that the Civil Auditor may be instructed to pass his travelling allowances from Madras to Nellore and enquires whether the charges is to be made in the Railway or Public Works department.

2 Major Lawford suggests that as Captain O'Connell more properly belongs to the Railway depart^t he should be permitted to draw the Salary of Deputy Consulting Engineer for Railways, and that as he is now doing the duties of a Superintending Engineer, the travelling allowances drawn by officers of that class should be disbursed to him, if not, both the Salary

salary and allowances of a Superintending Engineer.

3 Captain O'Connell's reduction in the appointment is that of Assistant to the Chief Engineer. On the 27th April he was appointed Acting Deputy Consulting Engineer for Railways, but did not take up that appointment until the 13th June. On the 15th of that month his services were placed temporarily at the disposal of the Public Works department for employment in Cachar, in consequence of Major Lawford's representing that Lt Mullins the District Engineer was disabled by an accident from attending to his duty, and requesting that the services of an

an Engineer Officer ought be placed at his immediate disposal to exercise a Control per & fe Journal Superintendence over the Permanent Armament works during the continuance of Lieut. Collins illness. The Government do not see that by the arrangements now existing Capt. O'Connell occupies the position of Superintending Engineer or that he has any claim to the Salary or travelling allowances of an Officer of that rank.

11. Captain O'Connell will be granted the travelling allowances authorized by the Order to the appointment of Assistant to the Chief Engineer

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Engineer. His salary will be that of Assistant to the Chief Engineer and Acting Deputy Consulting Engineer and must form a charge against the Public Works Department so long as his services are at the disposal of that Department. The Govt would wish to know from the Officiating Chief Engineer in what manner he would propose to meet this charge. They would also wish to know what is the present position of Lt Collins and what pay he is drawing. He would seem to have been unable to attend to duty since the 20th May

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Returns to the Office of Chief Engr. Dublin 17th
1 — Acting Engrs
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Public Works 1858 Dep.t
Dr. to Cons: 13th July.

No 1329.

Extract Mins of Cons:

Dy 10th July 58.

From the Chief Engr. of 16th July
1858 & Dr. 1586. in Cons. 27
From the Dr. of 21st July/58 Pro. 1618
in Cons: 31st Augt/58 Nos 37-38

Sanctioning the grant
of travelling allowance to Capt.
McConnel at the rate authorized
by the Rules to the appointment
of Asst. to the Chief Engineer
and requesting the Offg Chief
Engineer to furnish certain
information Connected with his
appointment in Mellore=

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