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Read again letters from Mr. GEORGE TAYLOR, dated 18th March and 12th May 1858, and recorded in Diary to Consultations 13th April and 15th June 1858 respectively, Nos. 626 and 1164.

No. 64. Read also the following letter from Major E. LAWFORD, Superintending Engineer, Southern Circle in charge of the Central Office of Public Works; to W. H. BAYLEY, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 12th June 1858, No. 1102.

SIR,

With reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation dated 12th April 1858, No. 646, I have the honor to report upon the claim preferred by Mr. G. Taylor, Covenanted Civil Engineer, for travelling allowances and office-rent, respectively at the rate of 5 Rupees a day, from 10th April 1855 to 31st August 1857 and 30 Rupees a month from 14th July 1855 to 31st August 1857 together amounting to Rupees 5,141 or after deducting the amount Rupees 3,026 acknowledged to have been received, to Rupees 2,115.

2. Regarding his first claim, viz. travelling allowance, I do not think it admissible, because Mr. Taylor has drawn all the travelling allowance to which he was entitled by the rules. In Extract Minutes of Consultation dated 3rd May 1855 No. 532, the Government were pleased to accord sanction for tentage for all the Covenanted Civil Engineers at the rate proposed by the late Board of Public Works, viz. Rupees 3 per diem, as drawn by first Assistant Civil Engineers, and Mr. Taylor acknowledges to have received it from 10th April 1855, the date on which he appears to have been employed on detached duty, to 31st December 1856, and as in the revised list of the Department of Public Works, published on the 13th June 1857, Mr. Taylor's name appeared as an Assistant Engineer, to which grade travelling allowance at Rupees 4 per diem was allowed, he was permitted to draw that increased rate up to 31st May 1857 agreeably to the rules. I beg here to remark that if Mr. Taylor considered the allowances to which only he was entitled by the rules not sufficient to re-imburse him for his expenses, he should have represented the matter at the time and had it settled, but having drawn the same in common with all other Civil Engineers for so many months, his claim for a higher rate of allowances now, and after his connexion with the Government has ceased, cannot I think be upheld.

3. The only travelling allowances claimed by Mr. Taylor, and which he has not received, are for the months of June, July and August 1857, which were disallowed by the Central Office. I beg to submit his Inspection List for those months, from which the Government will see how far the exception taken to them, with reference to the rules, is correct.

4. Mr. Taylor was not considered entitled to travelling allowance for June 1857, as from his Inspection List for that month it will be seen he was employed for the greater part of it on in-door duty, and during only 7 days did out-door work, viz. in surveying for the improvement of the Coringa Harbour, but as the distances travelled by him on these occasions were within four miles of his fixed station, and the rules requiring he should travel at least 5 milesto entitle him to travelling allowance, he was not considered as having any claim to the same. The District Engineer was, however, called upon to state how he, under the above circumstances, considered Mr. Taylo rentitled, and in reply he explained that he formed his opinion under the belief that Mr. Taylo rhad maintained an adequate travelling establishment and that though the distances of the places noted by him in the Inspection List, did not average more than four miles, yet that his expenses had not thereby been diminished, as his marching establishment had nevertheless been kept up.

5. In the Inspection List for July 1857 it is shewn that Mr. Taylor was employed on out-door duties during only 6 days, but the distances of the places visited although the same as in the previous month are stated to be 5 miles and upwards instead of four. This discrepancy between the two lists was pointed out to the District Engineer, and the bills and Inspection Lists for the two months returned with intimation that Mr. Taylor was not entitled to the allowance. The District Engineer thereupon forwarded a memorandum* from Mr. Taylor, which is herewith submitted, explaining the circumstances under which he considered himself entitled to the allowance, but the District Engi-

* Dated 10th September 1857.

the following manner.

neer was informed that the explanation afforded did not warrant the Chief Engineer passing the allowance contrary to the rules.

6. Before receiving the last communication, the District Engineer, at the request of Mr. Taylor, re-forwarded the Inspection Lists and travelling allowance bills for June and July and at the same time forwarded those for August with a request, that the bills might be passed under the explanation given in Mr. Taylor's memorandum noticed above. In reply Captain Rundall was referred to the last communication from this office which finally disposed of Mr. Taylor's claim for travelling allowance.

7. With regard to his claim for office rent, it has only to be said that this allowance was but lately conceded to the several Officers of the Department Public Works, in Extract Minutes of Consultation dated 11th November 1857, No. 2091. That order being intended to have no retrospective effect, Mr. Taylor, who left the service of Government two months previously, can have no right to claim anything. The Government will, however, remark that he acknowledges to have received Rupees 523 as office rent from 14th July 1855 to 31st December 1856, and charged it in his sundry expenditure account. The District Engineer was called upon to

Dated 26th May 1858, No. 11.

state the circumstances which led to the grant of the allowance, and his reply is herewith forwarded, from which the Government will observe that Mr. Taylor drew it upon his own responsibility out of the public funds at his disposal, a proceeding utterly unjustifiable, and which the District Engineer should not for a moment have allowed.

8. It thus appears that according to the rules by which the entire Department of Public Works is governed, the claim of Mr. Taylor is not valid and I would leave it for Government to decide whether there are any circumstances in his case to entitle him to special consideration. Adverting to Extract Minutes of Consultation No. 1095 dated 10th Instant, I would observe that the delay that has occurred is owing to the non-receipt of a reply from the District Engineer Godavery Division, to a reference from this Office, as to the authority under which Mr. Taylor drew office rent from 14th July 1855 to 31st December 1856, the receipt of which that gentleman acknowledges.

Letter from Captain F. H. RUNDALL, District Engineer, Godavery Division; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Camp at Bendamoorlunka, 26th May 1858, No. 11.

SIR,

With reference to your Official memorandum No. 45, dated 19th Instant, I have the honor to state that Mr. G. Taylor drew Office rent from 14th July 1855 to 31st December 1856 on his own responsibility, paying for the same out of the funds from the sanctioned estimate at his disposal, he did not however charge the same monthly in his accounts, but included it all in one item in the month of December. Why he ceased to charge the amount in question I am not aware, but conclude it arose from his having expended all the funds at his disposal as though he did not pay the amount he has nevertheless charged it in the Statement submitted by him to the Government.

2nd. I regret that the wrong dates should have been referred to in my letter, these were erroneously filled in by the clerks in my Office.

Memorandum.

With reference to Captain Rundall's memorandum of the 7th Instant, and its enclosures (received to-day) relative to Mr. Taylor's Travelling allowance for June, the latter begs to observe that in addition to the reasons given by Captain Rundall to Colonel Faber for the payment of it, there are other reasons not less weighty both as regards Mr. Taylor's Travelling allowance for June, and the rate per diem which is awarded to him viz.

1st. Although Mr. Taylor may not have been 5 miles from his Station in June, he had to Travel more than 6 miles each day he was out, before he ceased his work to return home.

2nd. That so far from his ordinary Travelling expenses for that month being reduced, they were increased by from 1½ to 2 Rupees per diem for the hire of palanquin bearers.

3rd. That the portion of the Survey upon which Mr. Taylor was engaged in June is, like many other part of it, unapproachable on horseback, and approachable by paddle boat, only by wasting three-fourths of his time.

4th. That on such portions of the Survey Mr. Taylor has for some time expended more than 60 Rupees per month, *for palanquin bearers alone*, besides his ordinary Travelling expenses.

5th. That such an expenditure, combined with the rent of his Bungalow and his other expenses in the discharge of his duties, render the award to Mr. Taylor of 4 Rupees per diem invidious, anomalous and unjust.

Sooncaravoo in Coringa
10th September 1857.

(Signed) GEORGE TAYLOR,
Civil Engineer.

No. 65. ORDER THEREON, No. 1331; dated 10th July 1858.

Para. 1. In his letters of the 18th March and 12th May 1858, Mr. George Taylor submitted a claim to certain sums which he stated were due to him on account of Travelling expenses and Office rent while he was in the service of this Government.

2. Mr. Taylor's communications were referred to the Central Office for report, and the reply of the Officer in charge gives a fair view of the whole case. It has been satisfactorily established that Mr. Taylor has no valid ground whereon to rest either claim, for Travelling allowance or for Office rent. On the contrary he appears to have improperly drawn and made use of a sum of Rupees 526 from Government funds and charged it in his sundry expenditure account as "Office rent". The Government have given the subject their patient, deliberate and careful consideration, and having arrived at the conclusion that there are no reasons whatever for admitting Mr. Taylor's claims, resolve to reject them, and to intimate to Mr. Taylor that this decision being final no further applications on the same subject will be noticed. The Government will not now insist upon a refund of the sum of Rupees 526 improperly drawn by Mr. Taylor, nor will they allow this conduct to interfere with the promise conveyed to him in Extract Minutes Consultation 8th September 1857, No. 1702 viz., "to grant him in consideration of the circumstances he set-forth regarding his expenses, the sum of 1,500 Rupees as passage money on his making a complete record of that part of the survey on which he has been engaged and on his delivering to the District Engineer all original papers connected with that duty;" but they would wish to be informed what progress has been made by Mr. Taylor in this business to entitle him to the grant.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

the following manner.

No. 1102

Central Office of P.W.D.
Fort Saint George
12th June 1858

From

The Superintending Engineer
Southern Circle in charge of the
Central Office of P.W.D.

To,

The Secretary
to Government P.W.D.

Sir,

With reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation dated 12th April 1858, No. 646, I have the honor to report upon the claim preferred by Mr. G. Taylor, Covenanted Civil Engineer, for Travelling Allowances and Office rent, respectively at the rate of 5 Rupees a day, from 10th April 1855 to 31st August 1857 and 301 Rupees a month from 16th July 1855 to 31st August 1857 together amounting to Rupees 5741 or after deducting the Amount Rupees 3826 acknowledged to have been received, to Rupees 2,115. —

2 Regarding his first claim, viz: Travelling allowance, I do not think it admissible, because Mr. Taylor has drawn all the Travelling allowance to which he was entitled by the Rules. In Extract Minutes of Consultation dated 3rd May 1855 No. 532, the Government were pleased to accord sanction for tentage for all the Covenanted

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the following manner. —

Civil Engineers at the rate proposed by the late Board of Public Works, Viz^t Rupees 3 per diem, as drawn by first Assistant Civil Engineers, and Mr Taylor acknowledges to have received it from 1^st April 1855, the date on which he appears to have been employed on detached duty, to 31^st December 1856 and as in the revised list of the D. P. W. published on the 13^th June 1857, Mr Taylor's name appears as an Assistant Engineer to which Grade Travelling allowance at Rupees 4 per diem was allowed, he was permitted to draw that increased rate up to 31^st May 1857, agreeably to the rules. I beg to remark, that if Mr Taylor considered the allowances to which only he was entitled by the rules not sufficient to reimburse him for his expenses, he should have represented the matter at the time and have it settled, but having drawn the same in common with all other Civil Engineers for so many Months, his claim for a higher rate of allowances now, and after his connexion with the Government has ceased, cannot I think be upheld. —

3 The only Travelling allowances claimed by Mr Taylor, and which he has not received, are for the Months of June, July and August 1857, which were disallowed by the Central Office. I beg to submit his

his Inspection Lists for those Months, from which the Government will see how far the exception taken to them, with reference to the rules, is correct. —

4 Mr Taylor was not considered entitled to Travelling allowance for June 1857, as from his Inspection List for that Month it will be seen he was employed for the greater part of it on indoor duty, and during only 7 days did out door work, Viz^t in surveying for the improvement of the Panjim Harbour, but as the distances travelled by him on these occasions were within four Miles of his fixed Station, and the rules requiring he should travel at least 5 Miles to entitle him to Travelling allowance, he was not considered as having any claim to the same. The District Engineer was, however, called upon to state how he, under the above circumstances, considered Mr Taylor entitled, and in reply he explained that he formed his opinion under the belief that Mr Taylor had maintained an adequate travelling Establishment and that though the distances of the places noted by him in the Inspection List, did not average more than four miles, yet that his Expenses had not thereby been diminished, as his marching establishment had nevertheless been kept up. —

Sir

In the Inspection Lists for July 1857 it is shewn that Mr. Taylor was employed on out door duties during only 6 days, but the distances of the places visited although the same as in the previous month are stated to be 5 Miles and upwards instead of four. This discrepancy between the two Lists was pointed out to the District Engineer, and the Bills and Inspection Lists for the two Months returned with intimation that Mr. Taylor was not entitled to the allowance. The District Engineer thereupon forwarded a Memorandum dated 10th September 1857 from Mr. Taylor, which is herewith submitted, explaining the circumstances under which he considers himself entitled to the allowance, but the District Engineer was informed that the explanation offered did not warrant the Chief Engineer passing the allowance contrary to the rules. —

6. Before receiving the last communication, District Engineer, at the request of Mr. Taylor, reforwarded the Inspection Lists and Travelling allowance Bills for June and July due at the same time forwarded those for August, with a request that the Bills might be passed, under the explanation given in Mr.

Mr. Taylor's Memorandum noticed above. In reply Captain Randall was referred to the last communication from this Office which finally disposed of Mr. Taylor's claim for Travelling allowance. —

7. With regard to his claim for Office rent, it has only to be said that this allowance was but lately conceded to the General Officers of the Dept. in Extract Minutes of Consultation dated 11th November 1857 No. 2091. That order being intended to have no retrospective effect, Mr. Taylor, who left the service of Government two Months previously can have no right to claim any thing. The Government will however remark that he acknowledges to have received Rupees 526 as Office rent from 16th July 1855 to 31st December 1856 and charges it in his sundry Expenditure account. The District Engineer was called upon to state the circumstances which led to the grant of the allowance, and his reply is herewith forwarded from which the Government will observe that Mr. Taylor drew it upon his own responsibility out of the public funds at his disposal, a proceeding utterly unjustifiable, and which the District Engineer should not for a moment have allowed

dated 26th May 1858 No. 11

allowed. —

8. It thus appears that according to the Rules by which the entire Department of Public Works is governed, the claim of Mr. Taylor is not valid and it remains for Government to decide whether there are any circumstances in his case to entitle him to special consideration. Adverting to Extract Minutes of Consultation No. 1095 dated 10th Instant, I would observe that the delay that has occurred is owing to the non receipt of a reply from the District Engineer in every Division to a reference from this Office, as to authority under which Mr. Taylor drew Office rents from 11th July 1855 to 31st December 1856, the receipts of which that Gentleman acknowledges. —

Central Office of P.W.
Fort Saint George
12th June 1858.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant
[illegible]
Lieut. & Engr. & Secy. to the Govt.
in charge of the Central
Office of P.W.

X. D. W.

the following manner.

For Orders

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1. The accompanying letter from the Central Office, D.P.W. would appear to call for the orders of Govt. The letter reports upon a claim preferred by Mr George Taylor, recently employed in the Survey of the Corrinzo Bay, for travelling allowances and office rent.

2. It is necessary to remark that Mr Taylor ~~is~~ was not now in the service of the Belize Company, his resignation having been accepted on the 1st Sept/57, but he seems to be still at Colonada, engaged in plotting on paper the results of this survey which extended over 2 years & some months. In answer to an enquiry of his, the first informed him that he was in their service from April/55, or for 2 years & 9 months, he had made no returns for the various drawings by him during that time, & that therefore he was bound to furnish the results of any survey he had made, notwithstanding that no portion of his former salary could be stopped to him after the date of his resignation.

E. M.C. 21st Jan/58. No 114.

3. On the 18th of March last, Mr. Taylor preferred his claims for balance of travelling allowances and office rent, amounting to £. 2175. 0. 0, which he made out in the following manner.

See E. M.C. 13 April/58. 2. box.

Rd. March 18/58 & Examined
Dft. Survr. No. 1398.

Copy of the Chief Engineer Central Park
to the Secretary
of Government Office
Belize 19th March 1858

Copy in C. to C. to C.
C/52. Feby 1859 No/
Belize 19.

Note to Govt. No. 15 of 1858
Dft. Surveyor No. 1398
dated 19th March 1858

Rate @ 12/ 8 June 1855
Rec'd 14 " Bill 1102
Encl. 2 Receipts
Total £ 38.
Refer to the claim

Endorse by Colly Key Lieut. & Civil Engineer for Pavilion allowances and Office rent. —

C/ No 64.

C. & E. No 1331. 10th Dec. 1858.

C/18 June 825.

Travelling Expenses from 10th April/55 to 31st May/57,
875 days @ 5 Rs a day ——— 4,375. "—"

Office rent from the 14th July/55 to 31st Aug/57,
25 months & 18 days @ 30 Rs per mensem ——— 766. "—"

5,141. "—"

Deduct receipts.

Tentage from 10 April/55 to 31st Dec/56,
632 days @ 3 Rs per diem — 1,896. "—"

Office rent from 14 July/55 to 31st Dec/56, @ 30 Rs per mensem,
(as charged for in Sundry Expenditure Account) — 526. "—"

Travelling allowance from 1st Jan/57 to the 31st May/57, (151 days) @ 4 Rs a day — 604. "—"

3,026. "—"

Balance claimed, Rs 2,115. "—"

4. This balance, which is claimed by Mr. Taylor, it will be seen, is made up of the following items,

1. Difference between 5 Rs a day and 3 Rs a day from 10 April/55 to 31st Dec/56, or
632 days × 2 Rs (the difference) = 1,264.

Difference between 5 Rs a day & 4 Rs a day from 1st Jan/57 to 31st May/57, or
151 days × 1 R (difference) = 157

2. Office rent @ 30 Rs per mensem from 1st Jan/57 to 31st Aug/57, or for 8 months, this amount not having been charged for in his accts — 240

3. Travelling allowance for the months of June, July, & Aug/57, @ 5 Rs a day, disallowed by the Chief Engr, on the ground that Mr. Taylor had not marched 5 miles a day, as required by the rules (92 days @ 5 Rs) — 460

Rs 2,115

5. (1) The difference of travelling allowance claimed by Mr. Taylor, is declared by the Central Office to be wholly inadmissible, because he had received all the travelling allowance he was entitled to draw, for between 10th April/55 and 31st Dec/56, he was only entitled to 3 Rs a day, under G. R. & C. 3rd May/55, No 532, which passed to the Commanded Civil Engineers cent per cent by the Central, the tentage of a 1st Asst Civil Engr, or 3 Rs a day; and from the 1st Jan/57 to the 31st May/57, or after the reorganization of the present P. W. Dept, he was allowed 4 Rs a day as travelling allowance, that being the remuneration he was entitled to under the new* Rules of the P. W. D, as an Assistant Engr, in which grade he was returned in the revised list of the new Dept. 5 Rs a day is the rate allowed to Executive Engineers. (2) The Office rent is disallowed, because it was only tacitly conceded by G. R. C. No 2091, 11th Nov/57, or 2 months after Mr. Taylor's resignation, and because it was not intended that these orders should have retrospective effect. (3). The Chief Engr refuses to pass travelling allowance to Mr. Taylor for the months of June, July, & August, /57, because, during this period he was engaged more in indoor than outdoor work, and when he did travel, which was 7 days in June, 6 in July, and 9 in August, the distances travelled fell short of 5 miles from his fixed station as required by the rules.

* Rules are before the new P. W. Code came into existence.

† Vide Art II of C. & A. Notification No 37 Simla 17th Oct 1871.

‡ The Inspecting Officer travelling 5 miles out & in travelled a distance of 5 + 5 = one mile short of 10 miles.

Sec. T. Notifications above quoted.

Pointed appear that the District Engr considered Mr Taylor entitled to his travelling allowances for three months, and in answer to Lt Baker's call, he explained that he had formed his opinion under the belief that Mr Taylor had maintained an adequate travelling establishment, and that tho' he did not travel more than 4 miles a day, his travelling expenses were not thereby diminished, his establishment having nevertheless been kept up. As to the Office rent, Capt Rundall says that Mr Taylor drew it, or rather paid it, out of funds in his hands on his own responsibility.

Stated by Mr Taylor in his Sundry Expenditure Account

6. Strictly speaking therefore Mr Taylor has no title whatever to any of the three descriptions of claims he has preferred; on the contrary, it would rather appear that he should be called upon to refund the Office rent which he unauthorizedly charged for in his Sundry Expenditure Account, amounting from the 14th July/55 to the 31st Dec/56, @ 30 Rs a month, to 526 Rs. But it may be considered that there are special circumstances in his case, which render him an object for leniency. He has been the author of his own misfortunes, but looking at his career, his misfortunes are to be attributed to his ignorance of the rules of the Service, & a mistaken notion of his position in the Dept as an Executive under Command into the Civil Line.

Para 10 of proceedings appended to Letter dtd 18 March to Govt 13 April 58.

The special circumstances in his case are that altho' he had not much travelling he never the less kept up his menage establishment, and more, according to his statement, he had to incur the extra expense of palanquin and bearers, as the nature of the ground precluded the use of his horse. As to office rent, he says that he had to appropriate one room for a writer, another for a large drawing table, a third room for tools, & part of a fourth room for instruments &c. under lock & key, in addition to a large verandah, a shed, and the best part of a spacious yard for Coolys, Bamboos &c." In his second letter of the 12th May last, he gives a pitiable account of his embarassments. He says that since the 1st Sept/57, he has had to borrow 1400 Rs for his maintenance, that he owes 200 Rs to Lancaster in England, and can't expect any more indulgence of time for repaying it; that he owes two payments of premiums upon two policies of Life Assurance effected 12 years ago by him in England, upon which he has already paid 300£; and that if these two payments are not made in time, the policies will be void, & the advantage of twelve years payments lost to him. Mr Taylor concluded his letter by stating that the only thing that could save his policies, was for the Govt to place 800 Rs to his credit at the Oriental

Bank "by the 20th Instant" (delay).'

7. The Chief Engr was publicated upon on the 12th April to report on Mr. Taylor's claims, and the cause assigned for the delay, is stated by Major Sanford to be the non-receipt of a reply from the District Engr, to a reference made to him as to the authority under which Mr. Taylor drew Office rents from 14 July/55 to 31 Dec/56.

8. As connected with this case, it must be noticed that on an appeal from Mr. Taylor, the Govt in E. Na. C. 8th Sept/57, No 1702, declined to recall their acceptance of his resignation, but in consideration of the circumstances set forth by him regarding his expenses, said that they wd be prepared to give him 500 Rs as passage money, on his making a complete record of that part of the survey on which he had been late engaged, & on his delivering to the District Engr all original papers connected with that duty.

* This is referred to in a report from the Govt in the Public Works Department to Bombay No 1702 dated 8th Sept 1857.

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It appears some impossible to deal with this man — his object evidently is to make a case against Govt. which I think he cannot do — as legal advisers have been consulted on every transaction with him.

I am quite inclining that liberality towards him. but it must be remembered — that he has been most insubordinate & troublesome — that he was sent to survey the Cacanada Bay — which Lt Taylor completed in 2 months — while this Mr G. Taylor — has passed years & half has only his approaches built.

His survey of the harbour may be an elaborate work. but I was informed with utterly useless as he has kept no points or marks. on which found he has surveyed.

has not departed from his terms of Pp on 3 Sept/57
& was sent for by Colonel Pp

It would appear that Mr T. may be entitled to travelling allowance on the

Journal Read to letter
Inspecting Chief Engineer
a Plea to state the Reasons
in the D.P.W. this
account - Reasons for the Delays
Request to Inform me of
the Receipt of the said Letter
Time by Messenger &
6th Sept 57
Write

C 18 June R 25th

Public Works Dept

No. 1331

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

Read again
letters from Mr
George Taylor dated 18th
March & 12th May 1858
and recorded in Diary
to Cons. 13th April & 15th June
1858 respectively Nos. 626 & 1164.

Read also the following
letter.

From The Supg Engineer S.C
in charge of Central Office P.W. Dept. Received 12th June 1858 No. 1164

A.

Dear Sir. In his letter
of the 18th March & 12th
May 1858, Mr. George
Taylor submitted a
claim to certain sums
which he stated were
due to him on account

of travelling expenses and Office rent while he was in the service of the Government.

2. Mr Taylor's communications were referred to the Central Office for report and the reply of the Officer in charge gives a fair view of the whole case. It has been satisfactorily established that Mr Taylor has no valid ground whereon to rest either claim, for travelling allowance or for office rent. On the contrary he appears to have improperly drawn and made use of a sum of Rupees 526 from Government funds and charged it in his Sundry Expenditure account as "Office rent". The Govt have given the subject their patient, deliberate and careful consideration and having arrived at the conclusion that there are no reasons whatever for admitting Mr Taylor's claims, resolve to reject them, and to intimate to Mr Taylor that this decision being final no further applications on the same subject will

will be noticed. The Govt will not now insist upon a refund of the sum of Rupees 526 improperly drawn by Mr. Taylor, nor will they allow this conduct to interfere with the promise conveyed to him in Sy Mind Cons. 8th September 1857 No 1702 viz "to grant him in consideration of the circumstances set forth by regarding his expenses, the sum of 1,500 Rupees as passage money on his making a complete record of that part of the Sewer in which he has been engaged and on his delivering to the District Engineer all original papers connected with that duty; but they would wish to be informed what progress has been made by Mr. Taylor in this business to entitle him to the grant.

W H

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10 Copies to the Offg Chief Engr Dated 12th
1 " " Accountant General "
1 " " Chief Asst "
1 " Mr. G. Taylor

Copy in a G.L. to C.
d/ 8th Feby 1859 No 1
Para 19

Comrs 15 June /54 No 9-10
— 13 April — 21-22
17 Nov /54 — 1-2
8 May — /55 — 12-13.

Public Works 1858 Depart.
Dft to Comrs 18th July

No 1331

Extract Mins of Comrs
Dft 10th July /58

From Wm G Taylor Esq: 27 Nov /58
C No 2875 Recd 11 January /59

See no reason for admitting the claim of Mr George Taylor to Travelling allowances and Assignment stated to be due to him and accordingly resolve to reject his claim and to intimate to Mr Taylor that this decision is final and that no further application on the subject will be noticed

No 64465.