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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.

Upon Government —

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

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 expences 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 &c. &c. &c.

Dated No. 21

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It is not known for the purpose of shewing this spirit of petitable animosity on the part of the Chief Engineer towards myself that I again trespass on the attention of Government but to beg leave them the fact that they (the Govt) declared on a former occasion in Extract minutes of Consultation under date the 3rd May 1853 No. 532 that we (the Govt C.E.) were entitled to this allowance in virtue of our Covenant with the Honble 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 Commutation which is in reality but a reimbursement

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I am the honorable
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
H.S. Huddleston C.E.

C. Thomé
9th July 1863 –

O.W.D.

No

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Council

Under date the July 185

Read the fol-

-lowing letter from

W.C. Huddleston, Esq. late

Local Engineer

Cttee. under 9th July/57 p. 21.

1. In the order of

the 3rd May 1855 rd

ferred to by Mr.

Huddleston, the Govt.

do not find that a

mention is made

of his being entitled

to Pontage under his

Public Works 1857 Regd
Dy to Com 28th July.

No 1446

From W. C. Huddleston Esq.
late Local Engineer

Rates 9-8 } July 1857.
Bills 19-5 }

Subject: Pontage at Patamatra

Forwarding a Petition

praying to be taken over the
Ferry which is under the
charge of the Public Works Dept.

Com. Rec'd 4 Aug. 1857.
Ans. 6 Aug. 1857.

Govt. Rec'd 6 Aug. 1857.
Ans. 12 Aug. 1857.

No 1420. 23 July

F. 38.

Recd 21st July

covenant as that
Gentleman states.

2. The order in
question granted to
the Covenanted Civil
Engineers the Sentage
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 represented that Mr. Huddleston was not employed in the field in January or Febr.

February his claim to Sentage cannot be admitted.

4 The Govt. consider that all claims upon their liberality on Mr. Huddleston's part ceased with their Orders of the 22d April/57 ch 749 granting him Passage money to England, and they must decline to pay the Bill he now submits for travelling expenses to Madras.

S.S.

C. No 1428

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Held at Ootacamund the 23d July 1857.

Read the following

Letter from H.B. Huddleston

Esqr. Late Civil Engineer.

(Above entered 9th July 1857 No 217).

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C13 July 18th

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J. F.

Copies to the Chief Secy. &
1 — Accts Genl. &
1 — Civil Auditor. &
1 — H. B. Huddleston Esq.
with 2 Bills. Dispt. 24

Public Works 1857 Dep.t
Dy. to Cons 28th July.

No 1420.

Extract Minute of Cons:
of 23d July 1857.

Sanctioning as a Special Case
Mr. Huddleston's Bills for
Tentage for January & February
1857 amounting to Rupees 236 &
his travelling allowance from
Masulipatam to Madras
amounting to Rupees 300.

No 33 to 34.