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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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

Mo. 21. Read the following letter from Mr. GEORGE TAYLOR, Covenanted Engineer; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, Madras, dated Sooncaracoo near Coringa, 18th March 1858.

SIR,

I have the honor to request you to oblige me by submitting the enclosed document to the early consideration of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council.

The Honorable East India Company... Dr.

To GEORGE TAYLOR, Covenanted Engineer.

	Rs.	A.	P.
To Travelling expenses incurred from the 10th of April 1855, to the 31st of August 1857, inclusive being 875 days at 5 Rupees per diem...	4,375	0	0
To Office rent paid from the 14th of July 1855 to the 31st of August 1857, being 25 months and 18 days, at 30 Rupees per mensem...	766	0	0
	5,141	0	0

Less Receipts in part payment of the above, viz.

	Rs.	A.	P.
For "Tentage" from the 10th of April 1855, to the 31st of December 1856 inclusive being 632 days, at 3 Rupees per diem...	1,896	0	0
For Office rent from the 14th of July 1855, to the 31st of December 1856, (charged in my sundry expenditure account of the latter date) at 30 Rupees per mensem.....	526	0	0
For "Travelling allowance" from the 1st January 1857, to the 31st of May 1857, inclusive, being 151 days, at 4 Rupees per diem...	604	0	0
For Travelling expenses from the 1st of June to the 31st of August 1857...	0	0	0
	3,026	0	0
Balance...	2,115	0	0

The undersigned most respectfully submits to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council that the above Balance of 2,115 Rupees is justly due to him for Travelling expenses and for office rent up to the 1st of September 1857, for the following reasons, viz.,

1st. That a clause in his Covenant with the Honorable East India Company dated the 20th of January 1855, stipulates for an "adequate" allowance to him for all expenses incurred in the discharge of his duties.

2nd. That 5 Rupees per diem is not more than adequate, because it is not more than the undersigned has expended.

3rd. That 5 Rupees per diem is the rate paid by the Government to "Executive Engineers."

4th. That the undersigned entered into the service of the Honorable East India Company in no lower grade or capacity than that of a "Civil Engineer."

5th. That in the Honorable Company's service a "Civil Engineer" and an "Executive Engineer" are Synonymous Officers, as shewn in many official documents, and also in a Government order dated Fort Saint George, 11th September 1857, whereby a young Gentleman was appointed an Executive Engineer "vice Taylor resigned."

6th. That the undersigned did not and would not enter into the Honorable Company's service either as a "probationary Assistant Engineer" a "Supernumerary Assistant Engineer" or an "Assistant Executive Engineer" and that his having been classed with such persons is simply a breach of his Covenant in no wise prejudicing his claim for the expenses incurred in the performance of his duties.

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7th. That the undersigned in such performance of his duties has, as he firmly believes, been more from his home or "fixed station" than any other Engineer in the presidency, that his expenses consequently have not been less than any other Engineer, and that the extent of his labors has not been exceeded by any one of them.

8th. That the following facts, among many others of a similar character that be easily quoted, render the payment of the above claim only an act of common justice, viz. Two young Gentlemen fresh from their studies at Chatham, arrived in Madras in the same month as the undersigned (March 1855.) Both of them were necessarily without any previous experience as Civil Engineers while the undersigned had been in active practice for more than 20 years, as sufficiently shewn in testimonials given to the Honorable Company before he entered into their service. Both of these young Gentlemen have received 5 Rupees per diem for their Travelling expenses, and one of them is already promoted to the highly responsible and lucrative office of a District Engineer.

9th. That the refusal by the Chief Engineer of the travelling expenses incurred by the undersigned in June, July and August 1857, was only a wanton act of petty official tyranny. Not only did the undersigned "travel" above 5 miles from his "fixed station" each day he was out during these months, but on every one of those days his *ordinary travelling expenses were increased* by the unavoidable necessity of his having to hire palanquin bearers. Neither is it any plea for withholding these expenses to urge that the undersigned was only absent from his "fixed station" for a limited number of days, that fact being simply the result of his obedience to the definite commands of the Government which confined his labors during that period to a particular spot. In that spot the progress of the undersigned was wholly dependent upon the work done by his Lascars and Coolies, and during the time that his labors were so confined, he left his "fixed station" every day that the slightest progress could be made. Had he indulged his own earnest desire to fill up the remainder of his time in other equally important directions he would have exposed himself to the grave charge of a breach of his Covenant by a direct disobedience to the orders of the Government.

10th. That the item of 30 Rupees a month for office rent is as unavoidable a part of the expenses incurred by the undersigned as any other item that can be named. The work could not have proceeded without it. On *ordinary* works the necessity for offices has been sufficiently enforced by an order of the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council, but much more amply are they required on a work of the extent and character of that upon which the undersigned has been solely employed. One room for a writer, another room for a large drawing table, a third room for tools, and part of a fourth room for instruments, &c. under lock and key, have been set a part to the work, in addition to a large Verandah, a shed, and the best part of a spacious yard for Buys, Bamboos &c. &c., and no where within the limits of this work could such offices have been obtained at a lower rent than that paid by the undersigned.

In closing these remarks the undersigned begs leave to add that the non-receipt of the above claim, coupled with the refusal of the Government of his salary for the last 7 months, has placed him in a most injurious and humiliating position. Notwithstanding this the undersigned has been constantly employed on the protraction of his survey since the arrival of the indispensable Mounted Drawing paper, and he will continue that labor unceasingly until the whole is thoroughly completed.

Sooncaravoo near Coringa,
18th March 1858.

(Signed) GEORGE TAYLOR, C. E.,

No. 22.

ORDER THEREON, No. 616; dated 12th April 1858.

Ordered that the account received with the above address be forwarded to the Chief Engineer for report.

(Signed) H. FORBES,

Acting Secretary to Government.

*Sooncaravoo near Coringa
18th March 1858*

to

*Require
Secretary to the Government
Fort St. George - Madras*

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Right Honorable the Governor in Council -*

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*Sir
Your most obedient servant
George Taylor C.E.*

Original - (a Duplicate herewith having been enclosed to the
District Engineer -)

The Honorable East India Company
To George Taylor & Co.

Travelling Expenses incurred from the 10th of April 1855 to the 31st of August 1857 inclusive - Rs. a. p.
being 875 days at 5 Rupees per diem - 4375. 0. 0
Office Rent paid from the 14th of July 1855 to the 31st of August 1857 - being 25 Months and 18 days at 30 Rupees per Mensem - 766. 0. 0
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Less Receipts in part payment of the above - viz

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"Travelling Allowance" from the 1st of January 1857 to the 31st of May 1857 inclusive - being 151 days at 4 Rupees per diem - 604. 0. 0

Travelling Expenses from the 1st of June to the 31st of August 1857 - 0. 0. 0 3026. 0. 0
Balance 2115. 0. 0

The undersigned must respectfully submit, to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council that the above Balance of 2115 Rupees is justly due to him for Travelling Expenses and for Office Rent up to the 1st of September 1857 - for the following reasons - viz

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George Taylor G. C.

Looneaunoo near Orono
18th March 1858

Bonds: 20th Aug/58 to 24th 1858
— 10th Nov/57 to 5.

C. P. M. 1858 29th Jan 1858
D. L. 1858 10th Nov 1857

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Physic in G. L. to E.
d/3rd Feb 1858 & 1859
D. 1858

Thomas M. George 1858

dated 1858 } March 1858
Nov 23rd }

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From D. 1858 to 1858
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Understand that the
account received with the
above address be forwarded

to the Chief Engineer for
reprint. — 1858

Short M. 1858
12th Nov 1858

9 Copies to the Chief Eng. 1858

Submitting an account
in original showing a balance
due to him of \$115. for arrears
of his salary and for other out-
goings to the 1st of January 1858, and
observing that the same would be
the same as the Government of his
salary for the last 12 months, has
pleased him in a most injur-
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and withstanding that he has
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the production of his salary,
since the arrival of the Indian
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No 646. 12th Nov 1858.
W. H. C. C. C.

No 218-22

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