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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 20th April 1858.

No. 87. Read the following letter from Major E. LAWFORD, Superintending Engineer, Southern Circle in charge of Central Office of Public Works; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 26th March 1858, No. 8528.

SIR,

I have the honor to submit in original, the accompanying letter* from Captain Hemery on the subject of his Staff Allowances, a moiety of which he claims, but to which he states, the Civil Auditor considers he is not entitled.

* Dated 6th March 1858, No, 15252.

2. Captain Hemery was until very lately the District Engineer of Cuddapah. In November last his services were placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief for employment as a Field Engineer with the Division under Brigadier General Whitlock, and in the Gazette of the 25th November last, he was appointed an Assistant Field Engineer under the same General Officer.

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3. Captain Hemery claims, or rather considers himself entitled to the moiety of his Staff Allowances, under the order of the Governor General of the 26th June 1857, No. 2897 (not 2894 as erroneously stated by him) furnished in Extract Minutes Consultation, dated the 7th August last, No. 1537, in which it is decided, that Officers of the Public Works Department shall receive half their Staff Salaries when on Field or on Foreign Service.

4. The above decision was made upon a reference of the Bombay Government, relative to the allowances of Officers of the Public Works Department, when temporarily withdrawn from their appointments for Military duty in the Field or on Foreign Service; and the grounds upon which the Civil Auditor considers Captain Hemery not entitled to any portion of his Staff Salary is, that he is of opinion, Captain Hemery was permanently and not temporarily transferred to his Corps.

5. The question now for the decision of Government is, whether Captain Hemery's appointment under General Whitlock is to be considered temporary or permanent. If I may be allowed to express an opinion, I would scarcely suppose it can be the latter, considering that the Division under General Whitlock is itself a temporary one, raised on account of the present exigency of the times, and will not in all probability continue long. Besides which Lieutenant J. H. M. S. Stewart having been appointed only to *act* as the District Engineer of Cuddapah, confirms my opinion, that his, Captain Hemery's removal from the District was temporary. I have to request however the orders of Government on the subject for the satisfaction of the Civil Auditor.

Fort Saint George Gazette, dated 1st December 1857, page 888,

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Letter from Captain E. HEMERY, Field Engineer Saugor and Nerbudda Force; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Camp Dumoh, 6th March 1858.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to solicit your kind consideration to the following circumstance.

2. The Civil Auditor, being of opinion that I have been permanently, and not temporarily, transferred to my Corps, has decided that I am not entitled to any portion of my Staff Allowances whilst on Field Service under Major General Whitlock.

3. I have not the *Fort Saint George Gazette* of the 24th November 1857, at hand to refer to, but as Lieutenant Stewart was appointed to act for me during my absence from Cuddapah, I believe I am right in concluding that my removal from the Department of Public Works is a temporary measure and that according to the decision of the Government of India, conveyed in Extract No, 2894 from the Proceedings of the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council under date the 26th June 1857, I am entitled to a moiety of my Staff Allowances whilst on Field Service. I shall therefore feel greatly obliged by your referring the subject to Government at an early date.

Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 20th April 1858.

No. 88. ORDER THEREON, No. 713; dated 17th April 1858.

The Governor in Council agrees with Major Lawford that the employment of Lieutenant Hemery as a Field Engineer in Brigadier General Whitlock's Column must be viewed as a temporary arrangement to meet a sudden emergency. It is observed that Lieutenant J. F. Fisher was appointed from the 2nd class to act as District Engineer of the 1st class during the employment of Lieutenant Hemery on Field service. Lieutenant Hemery is therefore entitled to a moiety of the staff allowances of his permanent office of District Engineer of Cuddapah.

(Signed) H. FORBES,
Acting Secretary to Government.

Central Office of P.W.
Fort Saint George
26th March 1858

No. 828

From

The Superintg Engineer
Southern Circle
in charge Central Office

To,

The Secretary
to Government P.W.D.

Sir,

Exd. I have the honor to submit in original,

Exd. 26th March 1858 No. 15252 the accompanying letter from Captain Hemery on the subject of his Staff allowances, a moiety of which he claims, but to which he states, the Civil Auditor considers he is not entitled. —

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3. Captain Stemery claims, or rather considers himself entitled to the moiety of his Staff allowances, under the order of the Governor General of the 26th June 1857 No. 2894 (not 2894 as erroneously stated by him) furnished in Extract Minutes Consultation dated the 4th August last No. 1537, in which it is decided, that Officers of the Public Works Department shall receive half their Staff Salaries when on Field or on Foreign Service. —

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5. The question now for the decision of Government is, whether Captain Stemeryś appointment under General Whitlock is to be considered temporary or permanent. If I may be allowed to express an opinion, I would scarcely suppose it can be the latter, considering that the Division under General Whitlock is itself a temporary one, raised on account of the present exigency of the times, and will not in all probability continue long. Besides which Lieut. J. H. M. S. Stewart having been appointed only to act as the District Engineer of Cuddapah, confirms my opinion, that his, Captain Stemeryś removal from that District was temporary. I have to request however the orders of Government on the subject for the satisfaction of the Civil Auditor.

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
Seaward

Superintending Engineer
in charge Central Offices

Central Office of P.W.
Fort Saint George
26 March 1858.

C. to S.

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No 913.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 17th April 1858.

Read the following letter
from the Chief Engineer -

(Received 26th March/58 11:8528)

The Governor in
Council agrees with Major
Sandford, that the employ-
ment of Lieutenant Henry
as a Field Engineer in Bri-
gadier General Whitlocks
Column must be viewed
as a temporary arrangement
to meet a sudden emergency
It is observed, that Lieut.
J. F. Fisher, was appointed
from the 2nd Class to act as
District Engineer of the 1st
Class

Ordered that the Chief Engineer
be informed accordingly.

Certified

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Secretary
to Government

Chief Engineers Office
Quebec 26th March 1858

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit herewith
for the information of His Excellency the Governor
in Council, a letter from Major Sandford
dated Toronto 24th Inst. with its enclosure
from Lieut. Henry, and to request that
the necessary steps may be taken to
obtain the sanction of His Excellency the Governor
in Council to employ Lieut. Henry
as a Field Engineer under Brigadier General
Whitlock.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant
[illegible]

Chief Engineer

Eglinton 13th

1857

P.S. Lieut. Henry's letter of the 10th Inst. is returned herewith.

Lieut. Colonel Pratt
Provincial Secretary
&c &c &c

days during the employment
of Lieutenant Henry on
Field service. Lieutenant
Henry is therefore entitled
to a moiety of the Staff al-
lowances of his permanent
office of District Engineer of
Cuddapah

[signature]

A Copy to the Chief Engr.
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1 — Asst Clerk
1 — Civil Audr

Public Works 1858 Dept.
Dy. to Com. 2nd Dept.

No. 713
Extract Minutes of Coms.
Dated 17th Feb. 58.

Authorizing Lieut. Emery to draw a moiety of the Staff allowances of his permanent Office of District Engineer of Candelaria.

No. 874-88