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No. 25. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel E. LAWFORD, Officiating Chief Engineer; to the Secretary to Government, dated 14th December 1858, No. 6299.

SIR,

1 Copy of letter dated 10th November 1858, from Mr. Flockhart with one Enclosure.
Do. Do. No. 4866, dated 4th December 1858 from Superintendent of Marine.

I have the honor to forward for submission to Government copy of a letter received from Mr. Flockhart a 1st Class Naval Engineer employed in this Department, soliciting the grant of 12 annas a day for rations to which as a Warrant Officer he considers himself entitled, and the re-consideration of the orders passed on the subject of Horse allowance in Extract Minutes of Consultation No. 2277 dated 28th October 1858.

2. The Superintendent of Marine to whom I referred the matter reports that under para. 17 of the Indian Navy Code, page 26, Engineers whether on shore or on board are entitled to rations and quarters, and that when the same is not provided for them, the compensation for the former is although not mentioned in the Code, believed to be 12 annas a day, while that for quarters, which it is observed has already been passed to Mr. Flockhart is 25 Rupees per month.

Vide Extract Minutes of Consultation No. 1442, dated 24th July 1858.

3. I beg therefore to recommend that orders be issued for the disbursement of the ration allowance to Mr. Flockhart from the 5th April 1858, the date of his arrival at Madras.

4. The Superintendent of Marine in his reply leaves unnoticed that part of the Engineer's letter relating to Horse allowance, and I am accordingly unable to state whether such an allowance has ever been granted to a Naval Engineer in addition to the 4 shillings per day "Working money" referred to by the Civil Auditor. I trust however that in consideration of the activity and willingness evinced by Mr. Flockhart in the execution of the work entrusted to him, and the circumstances set forth in his letter, Government will be pleased to authorize the passing of a contingent bill supported by vouchers for any actual expense he may incur for carriage hire when on duty, if the disbursement of a monthly Horse allowance of 15 Rupees should still be considered objectionable.

Vide Extract Minutes Consultation No. 2277, dated 28th October 1858.

Letter from Mr. J. FLOCKHART, Mechanical Engineer; to Lieutenant-Colonel E. LAWFORD, Officiating Chief Engineer, dated 10th November 1858.

SIR,

Government having declined to grant the Horse allowance which you were pleased to recommend me for, I beg respectfully to bring to your notice that the four Shillings adverted to by the Civil Auditor, forms an integral portion of my salary when employed either on shore or at Sea, and is in no way intended to cover any charge I may incur for conveyance while engaged in the performance of my duty.

Previous to leaving for India, I was employed in several large Engine manufactories, and was as a rule invariably paid my Carriage-hire when going to the work, or from one work yard to another on business, and it may therefore be believed that in signing my Covenant with the Honorable Company, I never for one moment contemplated that the 4 Shillings therein referred to was to cover my travelling expenses.

Since my arrival at Madras in April last, I have had frequent occasion to go to the Arsenal, Mint, Abercrombies battery and the Canal, and some times to all in one day, and although I have not kept any written account of my expenses for carriage hire, I am certain that it has every month amounted to upwards of 20 Rupees, in proof of which I annex for your information a statement prepared from Memory for the month of October.

I trust therefore that you will again kindly place the subject before Government, and that on a re-consideration of the same they will be pleased to order the disbursement to me of Horse allowance, or sanction the payment of my actual expenses for Carriage hire when employed on the Public Service from month to month.

I beg also to solicit that you will favor me by applying to Government for the ration allowance of 12 annas per day, that in common with other warrant Officers of the Indian Navy I am entitled to when on shore under the established regulations, but which for reasons, I am unable to account for, I have not received since landing.

Finally I would take the liberty of observing the Superintendent of Marine is well informed of every particular connected with the allowances of warrant Officers of my Class, and the result of a reference to him on the subject would be, I am certain sufficien t to convince you and the Government that my claims are just, and such as are in Bombay and Calcutta allowed and passed to men placed in situations similar to my own.

Letter from Mr. J. FRANKLIN, Superintendent of Marine; to the Chief Engineer, No. 4866.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward in accordance with your request the rules applicable to Engineers of the Indian Navy which you will find at page 26 of the accompanying Code of Indian Navy Pay and Audit Regulations, and to request that the latter may be returned after such Extracts have been made as are required.

You will notice that under para. 17, Engineers, whether on shore or on board are entitled to rations and quarters, and that under para. 93, an allowance of 25 Rupees a month is sanctioned when quarters are not provided by Government. No mention is made of the amount of compensation when rations are not issued, but para. 98 shews that provision money is admitted. It was at the rate of 12 Annas a day and I believe still remains so.

3. I regret the delay that has occurred in replying to your letter, but the book now sent could not be found having been kept by a Member of the late Marine Board.

No. 26. ORDER THEREON, No. 43; dated 6th January 1859.

Before passing orders on this communication, the Government desire to be informed of the nature of the duties on which Mr. Flockhart has been employed since his arrival in the country, the allowances which he is now in receipt of under different heads, and what other allowances he claims in virtue of his Indenture, in order that a reference may be made once for all to the Home Government for definite instructions.

(Signed) W. H. BAYLEY,
Acting Secretary to Government.

Letter From
Mr J. Flockhart
Mechanical Engineer

To
Lieutenant Colonel E. Lawford
Officiating Chief Engineer
Fort Saint George.

Sir

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I beg to remain &c &c

Madras—
10th November 1838

/Signed/ J. Flockhart
Mechanical Engineer

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No 4866.

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To

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Signed J Franklin
Superintendent of Marine

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Lewis Lieut Colonel
Officiating Chief Engineer

Capt Bray

Central Office of Govt.
Fort Saint George
14th December 1858.

No. 6299

From
The Officiating Chief Engineer
To
The Secretary to Government &c.

Public

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Officiating Chief Engineer requesting that Mr Flockhart's House Allowance may be continued
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Your most Obedient Servt

Fort St George
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Lieut Colonel
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To
The Secretary to Govt G.P.W.

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From Wm. Gyers
6th January/59
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