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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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No. 1. Read the following letter from J. L. LUSHINGTON, Esq., Acting Civil Auditor ; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, dated 15th February 1859, No. 83.

SIR,

I have the honor to inform you that with reference to the Resolution of the Supreme Government, No. 7972, dated the 31st December 1858, copy herewith annexed, I addressed the Chief Engineer in the D. P. W., in No. 58 of the 1st Instant, on the subject of his undertaking the Check and audit of Bills hitherto submitted to this office for House Rent, Horse, Tentage, Mileage, and Travelling Allowances drawn by the Officers and Establishments appertaining to that branch of the service.

2. From his reply No. 7734, dated the 9th Instant, which I herewith enclose, you will observe that he is willing to assume the audit of those charges provided the sanction of the Local Government is obtained to the measure, and on condition that the portion of the Establishment engaged upon their audits in my Office be transferred to him.

3. With reference to the wishes of the Chief Engineer I beg to inform you, that an additional sum of Rupees 242, was sanctioned for my Office Establishment in September 1856, for

		Rs.
* 1 Assistant Auditor		40
1 Deputy Do.		20
2 Assistants at 10 Rupees each		20
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the audit of the charges in the D. P. W., out of which I am willing to transfer the hands and the salaries indicated opposite the Officers noted in the margin* to the Central Office, the total amount of which is one-third of the sanction above alluded to.

No. 5297.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM TO FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

FORT WILLIAM, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,

THE 26TH OCTOBER 1858.

General Establishments.

In transmitting these papers for consideration and orders in the Financial Department, the undersigned has the honor to remark that it would seem that many irregularities have taken place in the disbursement of these Allowances, as there is some reason to suppose has also been the case in regard to the Travelling Allowances of the Superior Officers of the D. P. W. at Madras.

From Government of Madras, No. 2088, dated 8th October 1858, and 2 enclosures.
Consultation 3rd July 1857, Nos. 52-13.
" 16th May 1856, " 34-17.
Madras Proceedings of the 16th December 1856.
Do. 4th August 1857.
To be returned.

2. The rule now laid down in respect to the point under discussion for the D. P. W., under the direct orders of the Government of India, will be found in the Public Works Code, page 181, para. 10, and if properly restricted it is probably sufficiently precise for the purpose. Under this rule persons not specially entertained for field duty without exception are allowed Batta, but only when their Travelling has been sanctioned and specially for each journey by the Superintending Engineer, for instance : an Executive Engineer applies for permission to take such and such of his Office Establishment with him on tour of Inspection, and on that permission being accorded, the Travelling Allowance is drawn by the Executive Engineer in his monthly Bill for Travelling Allowances and would pass by the Chief Engineer.

Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 15th March 1859.

3. The restriction that seems necessary to the undersigned is that this sort of Allowance should not be passed to Subordinate Establishments employed for strictly local duties, the ordinary performance of which involves a certain amount of locomotion. It may be proper to grant Travelling Allowance to Subordinate Establishments whose regular functions are commonly performed at a fixed station; but it would probably be presumed that the salaries of individuals of this class whose regular duties necessarily require their moving about within a small circle, would be fixed in relation to those duties and that no extra allowances would be called for in their case. Thus though the Clerks of an Executive Engineer going on a tour with the Head of the Office might be fairly entitled to Batta, it seems questionable how far the Writer of an Overseer who goes a few miles to muster work-people would have any claim to the indulgence.

4. The undersigned is not exactly aware of the rules under which such Allowances are passed by the Civil Auditor to Subordinates in the Civil Departments; but some analogy may probably be established between the Subordinates of the Chief Civil Officers and those of the Chief Public Works Officers, and between the local District Revenue and Police Subordinates and the lower classes of officials, under the Public Works Subordinates, detached on merely local duties.

5. It seems essential that the audit of all these Allowances at Madras should take place as it does under the Government of India, on the approval of the Superintending Engineer, by the Chief Engineer, and that the Civil Auditor should be relieved of the duty.

(Signed) R. STRACHEY,
Offg. Secy. to Govt. of India.

No. 7972.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT FORT WILLIAM,

The 31st December 1858.

The Honorable the President in Council, agreeing in the views expressed by the Secretary in the Department of Public Works, desires that those views be communicated to the Government of Madras, with the addition that the Allowances in question will in no case be granted to any Officers or Servants not on the Regular Establishment and that they will be calculated, in the cases in which, under the views expressed by the Secretary in the Department of Public Works, they are to be given, on the number of days during which the parties concerned may be absent from their stations in camp, without reference to halts.

Ordered that a copy of the above Order be forwarded to the Public Works Department for information and for the issue of the necessary orders.

Ordered also that a copy be sent to the Civil Auditor, Fort Saint George, for information.

By Order of the Honorable the President in Council.

(Signed) C. H. LUSHINGTON,
Secretary to the Government of India.

From Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to the Civil Auditor, dated 9th February 1859,
No. 7734.

SIR,

In reply to your letter of the 1st Instant, No. 58, I have the honor to acquaint you that I am prepared to undertake the Audit of the Charges on account of Travelling Batta and Horse Allowance, if the Government sanction the transfer of this duty to the Central Office, and an apportionment is made to this Department of the Establishment now employed on the Audit in question.

Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 15th March 1859.

No. 2. ORDER THEREON, No. 528; dated 10th March 1859.

The Governor in Council resolves to call on both the Civil Auditor and Chief Engineer to describe particularly the Audit or scrutiny to which Travelling Allowances for all grades and Classes in the Public Works Department are subjected in their Officers respectively, before being passed, and on what points satisfaction is required before passing such Charges.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secretary to Government.

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N^o 83

From

J. L. Lushington Esq^r
Acting Civil Auditor.

To

J. Pycroft Esq^r

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Chief Secretary to
Government.

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with reference to the Resolution of the Supreme
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hitherto submitted to this Office for House Rent, Mess,
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3. With reference to the wishes of the Chief Engineer (See) to inform you that an additional sum of Rs 252 was sanctioned for my Office establishment in September 1856 for the audit of the charges in the D.P.W. out of which I am willing to transfer the hands and the salaries indicated opposite the Officers noted in the Margin to the Central Office the total amount of which is one third of the sanction above alluded to.

Assistant Auditor 16-11-56
 Deputy Secy 21-11-56
 Secy at 10/11/56
 1856-57

Fort Saint George,
 Civil Auditors Office,
 15th February 1857

I have the honor to be,
 Sir,
 Your most obed^t servant,
 J. H. M. S. H. J. H.
 Acting Civil Auditor

N^o 5297
 Office Memorandum to Finance Department
 Fort William Public Works Department
 The 26th October 1858
 General Establishments.

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/ Signed/ R. Strachey
Offg. Secy to Govt of India

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Financial Department - Fort William
The 31st December 1858

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By order of the Honorable the President in Council

/ Signed/ C. H. Jushington
Secy to the Govt of India

Copied by C. H. Jushington

Central Office of P.W.
Fort Saint George
9th February 1859.

N^o 7734.

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To The Civil Auditor

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Central Office: and an apportionment is made
to this Department of the establishment now
employed on the audit in question.

Yours V. &c.

/ Signed C. E. Faber Colonel
Chief Engineer

/ True Copies. /

J. A. S. H. S.
Acting Civil Auditor

C. E. Faber

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