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## OFFICE MEMORANDUM TO FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

FORT WILLIAM, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, THE 26TH OCTOBER 1858.

*General Establishments.*

From Government of Madras, No. 2088, dated 8th October 1858, and 2 enclosures.
Consultation 3rd July 1857, Nos. 52-3.
" 16th May 1856, " 34-7.
Madras Proceedings of 16th December 1856.
Ditto 4th August 1857.

To be returned.

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 Department of Public Works at Madras.

2. The rule now laid down in respect to the point under discussion, for the Department of Public Works, 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 a 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 be passed by the Chief Engineer.

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 Department, 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.

R. STRACHEY,
*Officiating Secretary to the Government of India.*

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FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT, FORT WILLIAM, THE 31ST DECEMBER 1858.

THE Hon'ble 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.

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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.

By order of the Hon'ble the President in Council,

Signed H. H. Lushington
*Secretary to the Government of India.*

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No. 531

Copy of the foregoing forwarded to the Government of Fort Saint George in reply to its communication No. 2088 dated 9th October last.

By order of the Right Honble the Governor General in Council.

Fort William,
Public Works Department,
The 29th January 1859.

Allen Taylor Capt.
Offg Under Secy to the Govt of India

Cons: 12 October /58 ✓ 57
" 16 Dec^r /58 — 6-7
" 4 Aug^t /57 — 33 & 35.

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From the Act^g Civil Auditor 2/18 Jan^y /59 Cons 1/4 Feb^y /59 Ct^d 659
from Chief Engr 14^th April /59 Cons 5^th May /59 Ct^d 919.

Transmitting an Office Memo: & the order thereon on the irregularities in the disbursement of the Travelling allowances of the Superior officers of the Department of P.W. in this Presidency.

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Ordered to be communicated to the Chief Engineer and Civil Auditor

2. The memo stated in Para 3 of the Memo: with the addition given in the order of the Govt of India thereon, will be strictly attended to in the audit of travelling allowance to Office Establishments in the Dep^t of Public Works.

3. The Chief Engr will submit without delay for the sanction of Govt a Memo: shewing respectively the classes of Office Servants who under this order will and will not respectively be entitled to travelling allowance, with the circumstances which in each case entitle them to it.

Sent to Chief Engr & Civil Auditor 12^th Feb^y /59