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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 12th April 1859.

No. 85. Read the following letter from J. L. LUSHINGTON, Esq., Acting Civil Auditor; to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, dated 31st March 1859, No. 153.

SIR,

I have the honor to request that you will submit the following circumstances for the orders of Government.

2. Major Birdwood, the District Engineer of Tanjore, was relieved of his Officiating appointment as Superintending Engineer by Colonel Cotton on the 1st of October last, from which date Major Birdwood reverted to his substantive appointment and drew the salary thereof.

3. The time allowed Major Birdwood for joining his station at Tanjore was 19 days; but on the 12th October last, before resuming his duties he was ordered to act as Superintending Engineer, vice Colonel Cotton on leave, and on the 9th day assumed charge.

4. For the 8 days intervening between Major Birdwood being relieved by Colonel Cotton in the first instance, and his re-appointment at the Presidency; Major Birdwood is entitled to the salary of his substantive office as District Engineer of Tanjore; the whole of his allowances were therefore absorbed.

5. Major Boileau was in charge of Major Birdwood's Division in Tanjore, and drew salary equal to that of his own appointment, as 1st Class District Engineer.

6. Captain A. S. Moberly, 2nd Class District Engineer, who obtained promotion upon the transfer of Major Boileau to Tanjore was drawing a moiety of his own salary, and a moiety of a 1st Class Engineer as Deputation Allowance, and this salary was inadvertently passed to him for the 8 days after Major Birdwood was relieved by Colonel Cotton; as Captain Moberly continued in charge of the Chingleput District, in which he was acting.

7. In like manner the Officers of the Department who were promoted by Captain Moberly's advancement, continued to perform the duties of their respective charges, and drew the Deputation Allowance for the above mentioned period of eight days. A Statement of the sums inadvertently overpaid is hereto appended.

8. It is now found that no funds were available, to remunerate Captain Moberly and the other Officers, and that it is necessary to retrench the Acting Allowances passed to those Officers for the eight days, which elapsed between Major Birdwood being relieved by, and being re-appointed to act for Colonel Cotton.

9. Previous to issuing retrenchments I am induced to submit for the decision of Government, whether in consideration of the peculiar circumstances of the case, the Acting Allowances for the eight days, are to be recovered from the above mentioned Officers, who actually performed the duties for which they were remunerated, or whether the extra charge may be borne by the State.

10. As cases of a similar nature are likely to occur, I beg to suggest that some clear general rule may be passed, to enable me to dispose of the cases as they arise.

No. 86. ORDER THEREON, No. 857; dated 12th April 1859.

The Acting Civil Auditor will deal with this case under the ordinary rules.

2. It was pointed out in the order of the 25th March 1859 No. 706, that the Audit Office had been in error in allowing Acting Allowances to Executive Officers Officiating in a higher class of that grade.

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

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No. 153.

From.

I. L. Lushington, Esqr.
Acting Civil Auditor.

To.

The Secretary to Government
Fort Saint George.

Sir.

I have the honor to request that you will submit the following Circumstances for the Orders of Government.

2 Major Birdwood the District Engineer of Tanjore was relieved of his Officiating appointment as Superintending Engineer by Colo. Colleon on the 1st. of October last: from which date Major Birdwood reverted to his Substantive appointment and drew the Salary thereof.

3 The time allowed Major Birdwood for joining his Station at Tanjore was 19 days; but on the 12th October last, before resuming his duties he was ordered to act as Superintending Engineer, Vice Colo. Colleon on leave, and on the 9th day assumed charge.

4 For the 8 days intervening between Major Birdwood being relieved by Colo. Colleon the first instance, and his reappointment at the Presidency; Major Birdwood is entitled to the Salary of his Substantive Office as District Engineer of Tanjore; the whole of his allowances were therefore absorbed.

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7. In like manner the Officers of the Department who were promoted by Captain Moberly's advancement, continued to perform the duties of their respective Charges and drew the deputation allowance for the above mentioned period of eight days. A Statement of the sums inadvertently overpaid is hereto appended.

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10. As cases of a similar nature are likely to occur, I beg to suggest that some clear general rule may be passed, to enable me to dispose of the cases as they arise.

Civil Auditor's Office,
Fort Saint George,
31st March 1859.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Most Obedt Servt,
J Edmondstone
Acting Civil Auditor.

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Memorandum of the difference of increased Salary or deputation allowance passed to the Undermentioned Officers.

Captain Moberly from 1st to 8th October being the difference between his own Salary and Acting allowance a 50 Rs per mensem ——— 12-14-6

Lieutenant Vertue from 2d to 2d being 2d to 2d at 100 Rs per d. ——— 25-12-11

Capt. Palmer from 2d to 2d being 2d to 2d at 50 Rs 2d ——— 12-14-5

Mr. Ricketts from 2d to 2d being 2d to 2d at 100 Rs 2d ——— 25-12-11

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J Edmondstone
Acting Civil Auditor.

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To

The Secretary to Govt
Fort St. George

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Write

Fort St. George
12th April 59

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