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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
for the month of March 1860.*

No. 72. Read the following letter from Colonel J. H. BELL, Chief Engineer, to the Secretary to Government, dated Sépakkam, 28th February 1860, No. 10,755.

In reference to the Order of Government, No. 385, 21st February 1860, calling on me to report on the claim advanced by Mechanical Engineer Clements for Conveyance Allowance; I have the honor to state that the allowance he claims is the Rupees two and a half per diem Carriage Hire as sanctioned in paragraph 5 of the Order as per margin, to be paid to the Engineers whenever they are ordered on duty to places far beyond their own residence other than either the Fort or the Beach. This is now being drawn by Mr. Flockhart, the Senior Mechanical Engineer, for such days as he is obliged to attend both at the "Island Shed," and at the "Abercrombie Battery," but it is not granted to him for such days as he attends at one place only; and there does not appear any reason why Mr. Clements, or other Mechanical Engineers, should receive it because they are employed at the Island instead of at the Battery, except that the distance will in some cases be much greater for a man to go to and from his own residence. The abovementioned allowance was recommended as the Government is aware, because Horse Allowance was unknown in the Indian Navy to which the Mechanical Engineers belonged; but there is so much difficulty in adjusting the Contingent Allowance to the actual circumstances of the Engineers, that if Government should decide on making any allowance for such a case as Mr. Clements, it would be proper, I am of opinion on more mature consideration, to grant to all the Engineers Horse Allowance of 15 Rupees, which is sufficient for the keep of a Horse, but I am not prepared to recommend this course; for, to entitle the Engineers to their pay, it is to be expected, that they will go to their work wherever it may be. The admission of their claim to Conveyance or Horse Allowance for simply going to their work in the morning, would lead to a similar demand on the part of all Subordinates in the Department Public Works, who now only receive it for travelling a greater distance than they can conveniently do on foot or for being in executive charge of several works.

No. 73. ORDER THEREON, 27th March 1860, No. 634.

The Government agree with the Chief Engineer that a Mechanical Engineer is not entitled, more than other classes of Government servants, to a special allowance for going to his ordinary place of work. The Chief Engineer will communicate this decision to Mr. Clements, and will return to him the Bills received with his letter of the 15th February.

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

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Central Office of P.W.
Singapore

N^o 10755

28 February 1860.

From,

The Chief Engineer

To,

The Secretary to Government

Public.

Public Works Department

Sir,

In reference to the order of Govern-
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claims is the Rupees 2½ per diem Carriage hire
as sanctioned in para 5 of the order as per Margin
to be paid to the Engineers whenever they are ordered
on duty to places far beyond their own residence
other than either the Fort or the Beach. This
is now being drawn by Mr. Flockhart, the Senior
Mechanical Engineer, for such days as he is
obliged to attend both at the "Island Shed" and
at

N^o 1659, 8th July.
1859.

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at the "Muscrombie Battery" but it is not granted to him for such days as he attends at one place only, and there does not appear any reason why Mr. Clements, or other Mechanical Engineers, should receive it because they are employed at the Island instead of at the Battery except that the distance will in some cases be much greater for a Man to go to and from his own residence. The above mentioned allowance was recommended as the Government is aware because Horse Allowance was unknown in the Indian Navy to which the Mechanical Engineers belonged; but there is so much difficulty in adjusting the Contingent allowance to the actual circumstances of the Engineers, that if Government should decide on making any allowance for such a case as Mr. Clements, it would be proper, I am of opinion on more mature consideration, to grant to all the Engineers Horse Allowance of 15 Rupees which is sufficient for the keep of a Horse, but I am not prepared to recommend this course for,

to entitle the Engineers to their Pay it is to be expected that they will go to their work wherever it may be. The admission of their claim to conveyance or Horse Allowance for simply going to their work in the morning would lead to a similar demand on the part of all Subordinates in the D. P. W. who now only receive it for travelling a greater distance than they can conveniently do on foot or for being in executive charge of several works.

Central Office of D. P. W.

Lepakham

28th February 1860.

By Captain.
Asst. to the Chief Eng^r.

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your Most Obedt. Servant.

W. Bell Colonel.
Chief Engineer.

To,
The Secretary to Government
D. P. W. D.

W. Bell

W. Bell

Pub Works Dept
 No 634
 Proceedings of the Madras Government
 Under date the 27th March /88.

Read again letter from
 Mr. George Clements Me-
 -chanical Engineer 3rd Class
 dated 13th February & recorded
 in Proceedings of Govt 21st
 February 1860 No 385.

Read also the fol-
 -lowing letter from the Chief
 Engineer.

Reporting on the claim ad-
 vanced by Mr. Clements Mecha-
 -cal Engineer. (Here enter 28th Feb /88 No 10755)

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 -titled, more than other
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 his ordinary place of work.
 The Chief Engineer
 will

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19th Feb /88 No 12913.
 8th July /89 - - - 12913.

29th Feb 1860 (1st Attachment)
 No of Govt 31st March
 1860 No 349.

From
 The Chief Engineer
 To
 The Secretary to Government
 D. W. L.

(Dated 28th February 1860)
 Received 1st March 1860.

No 10755
 Reporting on the claim
 advanced by Mr. Clements
 Mechanical Engineer and
 advanced to in the Proceedings
 of Government. dated 21st
 February 1860, No 385.

21st March 1860 No 234
 11th 1863 No 273
 11th 1863 No 273

will communicate this
decision to Mr. Clement,
and will return to him
the files received with
his letter of the 15. Feby.

[Signature]

Chief Engineer. Pij. 28

[Signature]

Public Works 1860-29/11/15
George Gustave Haver

Feb 24

Pro: of the Charles Fort
272 Warwick St

Mechanical Engineer
not entitled to a special
allowance for going to his
ordinary place of work.
Chief Engineer to Bureau.
inmate of the decision to
the Clements.

Ms 22473.