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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
4th March 1862.*

No. 49. Read the following letter from Colonel W. I. BIRDWOOD, Officiating Commandant of Engineers, to Colonel H. MARSHALL, Military Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Chepauk, 19th February 1862, No. 44:—

SIR,

* Dated 19th February 1862.

1. I have the honor to forward the accompanying letter* from Captain Winscom of the Engineers, and to request that you will bring to the notice of Government the serious loss of allowances that that Officer sustains in being removed by the desire of Sir Arthur Cotton, late Commandant of Engineers, from his substantive appointment of District Engineer of Tinnevely, to officiate as Commandant of Sappers and Miners.

2. Captain Winscom being transferred to the Military Department, half of the allowances of District Engineer of Tinnevely, lapses to Government, and according to the Military Regulations, he is not permitted to draw any Command allowance until he joins the Head Quarters at Dowlaiswaram, so that at this moment by no fault of his own, he is a loser of Rupees 300 per mensem.

3. The appointment to the Command of the Sappers and Miners was not made at his request, but accepted by him at the desire of the Commandant of Engineers. Under these circumstances, I feel assured that Government will take his case into their kind consideration, as it really is a hard one, and I would beg to suggest that he should be considered on the same footing as if he had been ordered by Government while in the Department Public Works from one District to another, viz., that he should draw his full Civil salary of Rupees 600 with the usual travelling allowance of half Rupee per mile until he joins the Head Quarters at Dowlaiswaram.

No. 50. ORDER THEREON, 4th March 1862, No. 357.

As the object for which Captain Winscom left the Public Works Department was to take up the Command of the Sappers and Miners (a purely Military appointment), the Government consider that it would be unfair to debit that Department with more than half the Civil salary (to which he is entitled) during the time taken up in joining his appointment. It will, however, be considered in the Military Department whether compensation might not be granted to Captain Winscom for the loss sustained by that Officer.

(Signed) W. H. HORSLEY, Lieut.-Colonel,
Secretary to Government.

Commandt of Eng's Office
N^o 44
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John H. ... Colonel
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