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No. 257. Read the following letter from Colonel W. I. BIRDWOOD, Deputy Chief Engineer, Southern Circle, to Lieutenant-Colonel W. H. HORSLEY, Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Chepauk, 20th February 1862, No. 10,782.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to submit for the orders of Government correspondence as per margin, relative to a refusal on the part of the Civil Paymaster to pass for payment the full salary of 1st Assistant District Engineer to Mr. Lawford, from the 6th July to 21st August 1861.

1 Letter from Civil Paymaster, No. 299, dated 18th November 1861, with four enclosures.
1 Letter from District Engineer Coimbatore, No. 442, dated 13th December 1861, with three enclosures.
1 Letter from Civil Paymaster, dated 9th January 1862, No. 5.

2. It will be remembered that in February* 1860, Mr. Lawford's services were placed at the disposal of the Supreme Government for temporary employment in the Hyderabad Territories, as Assistant to the Chief Engineer. In May 1861, Mr. Lawford, with the sanction of the Resident, resigned his appointment, and left Hyderabad for Coimbatore, with a view to resuming charge of his duties in the latter District, as an Executive Officer on the Madras Establishment, the Officer for whom he was acting at Hyderabad having returned from furlough to Europe.

* Proceedings of Government, No. 341, dated 14th February 1860.

3. Mr. Lawford arrived at Bowany on the 28th of June, and reached Coimbatore on the 4th July following, or within one day of the period, which the Civil Paymaster reports he was entitled to, under the rules, to join.

4. In consequence, however, of not receiving any instructions regarding the disposal of Mr. Lawford, the District Engineer of Coimbatore at first declined to allow him to take charge of a Range, but after a few days he permitted him to proceed to Polachy, that being the Range it was ultimately intended to entrust to him.

5. Mr. Lawford arrived at Polachy on the 8th July, and from that date to the 21st of the following month he was engaged, in company with Mr. Konig the Officer in charge of the Range, inspecting and measuring up works, prior to the transfer being made.

6. On the 22nd July Mr. Lawford addressed the District Engineer, declining to take charge of the Polachy Range, until provided with furniture necessary to enable him to discharge his duties efficiently. This letter Captain Goddard forwarded* to the Central Office, and immediately on its receipt the supply of the furniture applied for was authorized; but on the 2nd September 1861, the District Engineer reported that Mr. Lawford relieved Mr. Konig from the executive duties of the Polachy Range on the 22nd August, or forty-nine days after his arrival at head quarters. Of this period the Civil Paymaster is of opinion Mr. Lawford must be considered as absent forty-six days beyond the time allowed for joining his appointment, and has accordingly deducted from his Pay Abstract for August and September 1861, Rupees 758-1-0.

* On the 7th August.

7. Although Mr. Lawford was not in charge of the Range, yet he was employed on duties in connexion therewith for the greater portion of the period which elapsed between the date of his arrival at Coimbatore, and that of his assuming final charge of it; and the objection raised by him on account of furniture arose solely from his desire to secure the Office records.

8. According to the accompanying Memorandum from the Civil Paymaster, Mr. Konig drew in addition to the full salary of his substantive appointment, a deputation allowance, aggregating Rupees 151-9-9, at the rate of Rupees 100 per month, from the 6th July to 21st August 1861, leaving a balance of Rupees 606-7-3, I have the honor, therefore, to solicit the sanction of Government for Mr. Lawford being permitted to draw the balance of Rupees 606-7-3, at the rate of Rupees 500 per month, after deducting the deputation allowance of Rupees 151-9-9, as drawn by Mr. Konig.

Rs. 758-1-0 Mr. Lawford's salary.
„ 151-9-9, drawn by Mr. Konig.
Balance Rs 606-7-3,

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
17th March 1862.

No. 258. ORDER THEREON, 17th March 1862, No. 458.

The recommendation of the Deputy Chief Engineer, Southern Circle, contained in paragraph 8 of his letter is sanctioned, as it involves no additional expense on the State.

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

Deputy Chief Engineer's Office &c
Chepauk &c
20th February 1862.

No. 10782

From

Colonel F. I. Birdwood
Deputy Chief Engineer &c

To

Lieutenant Colonel W. H. Horsley
Secy: to Govt Pubh
Fort Saint George

Sir

Public

I have the honor to submit for the orders of Government correspondence as per margin relative to a refusal on the part of the Civil Paymaster to pass for payment the full salary of 1st Assistant District Engineer Mr Lawford from the 6th July to 21st August 1861.

2 It will be remembered that in February 1860,* Mr Lawford's services were placed at the disposal of the Supreme Government for temporary employment in the Hyderabad Territories, as Assistant to the Chief

1 Letter from Assistant Engineer Coimbatore No 442 dated 13th December 1861 with 3 Inclosures

1 Letter from Civil Paymaster dated 1st January 1862 No

Encloses

Letter from Civil Paymaster Coimbatore No 1 dated 1st January 1862 with 4 Inclosures

* Proceedings of Govt No 341, dated 14th February 1860

Mr Lawford relieved Mr Konig from the Executive duties of the Palacky Range on the 22nd August or 49 days after his arrival at Head Quarters. Of this period the Civil Paymaster is of opinion Mr Lawford must be considered as absent 46 days, beyond the time allowed for joining his appointment, and has accordingly deducted from his Pay Abstract for August and September 1861, Rs 758-1-..

7 Although Mr Lawford was not in charge of the Range, yet he was employed on duties in connexion therewith, for the greater portion of the period, which elapsed, between the date of his arrival at Coimbatore, and that of his assuming final charge of it, and the objection raised by him on account of furniture, arose solely from his desire to secure the Office records.

According

8 According to the accompanying Memo from the Civil Paymaster, Mr Konig drew in addition to the full salary of his substantive appointment, a Deputation allowance aggregating Rupees 151-9-9 at the rate of Rupees 100 per month, from the 6th July to 21st August 1861, leaving a balance of Rupees 606-7-3. I have the honor therefore to solicit the sanction of Government for Mr Lawford, being permitted to draw the balance of Rupees 606-7-3, at the rate of Rupees 500 per month, after deducting the Deputation allowance of Rupees 151-9-9 as drawn by Mr Konig.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obt Servant
Colonel
Deputy Chief Engineer &c
Lieutenant Colonel W H Horsley
Secy: to Govt PWD
Fort Saint George

Dy Chief Engrs Office &c
Chepauk
20th February 1862

Rs 151.1.0

4th July 62 No 23-24

Public Works 1862 Letter
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From No 572
Colonel W I Bird Commg
Dn Chas Engrs &c
To
Lieut Colonel W G Moseley
Dep Adjt Genl &c
Fort Saint George

Dated 26 Feby
Rec'd 24th February 1862

No 1982

Encl 10.

Submits Correspondence
Connected with the
retrenchment made by
the Civil Paymasters
in Mr Lawford's Salary
from the 6th July to 21st
August 1861

No 458 - 17 March
with an Order

No 458.

The recommendation of the Deputy Chief Engineer Southern Circle contained in para 8 of his letter is sanctioned as it involves no additional expense on the State.

Fort St. George
17th March 1862

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Civil Paymasters

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26th July 17th March