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29th June 1863.**

No. 628. Read the following letter from Major J. C. ANDERSON, R. E., Superintending Engineer 2nd Division, to Colonel W. I. BIRDWOOD, R. E., Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Ojili, Nellore District, 17th June 1863, No. 31 :—

SIR,

1 Copy of Statement of halts and marches made by Lieutenant Smith for September 1862.
1 Copy of passed travelling allowance Bill for do.

1. In compliance with the Order of Government No. 1,228, dated 15th May 1863, I have the honor to submit a report on certain claims for travelling allowance, preferred by Lieutenant Smith, Assistant District Engineer Nellore, together with my opinion regarding them.

2. The travelling allowance claimed by Lieutenant Smith, but disallowed by the Controller and Auditor of Public Works Accounts, is for the 9th, 10th, 11th, 13th and 20th September last. A Statement of Lieutenant Smith's marches and halts during the month is attached, and from it I would draw the following conclusions : that on the 10th September when halted at the distance of four miles from his head quarters (Nellore) he proceeded to the Workshop at Nellore, four miles ; then to a work at the distance of six miles from Nellore ; and finally back to halting place, two miles. If Lieutenant Smith had halted at Nellore, and from thence had proceeded to a distance of six miles and returned the same day, he would have been entitled to travelling allowance, though he might not have carried a tent with him. I therefore think that his claim for the allowance for the date in question is clearly established. On the 11th September Lieutenant Smith when halted at the same place proceeded to inspect works at the distance of eight miles, in the opposite direction to Nellore, and returned the same day. The allowance is claimed on similar though still stronger grounds than those specified in preceding paragraph. For the

* Chief Engineer's Circular No. CXXXVI, dated 30th October 1858.

9th, 13th and 20th travelling allowance may be claimed under Clause* III of the travelling allowance rules, which provides that the usual allowance shall be passed to an Officer halting and obliged to maintain carriage for his tents complete, on condition that when within ten miles of his ordinary residence he does not halt for more than three days. Lieutenant Smith has not claimed travelling allowance for complete halts during the month in question although he might have done so, and he has therefore all the stronger claims for the allowance, on the three days above referred to, on which he made short marches.

3. The rules which render necessary the present reference must obviously be obscure, and it is difficult to understand on what principle Executive Officers are to be guided, when the auditing Officer himself seems to have been guided by no fixed principles. Thus, on reference to the annexed Statement and Bill, it will be observed that travelling allowance for the 4th September is passed, although the distances travelled and the halting place are identical with those of the 11th September, for which the allowance was not passed.

No. 629. ORDER THEREON, 29th June 1863, No. 1,693.

Referred to the Controller and Auditor of Public Works Accounts for early report, with reference to the explanation afforded by the Superintending Engineer 2nd Division.

(Signed) W. I. BIRDWOOD, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

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 In the
 The Chief Engineer
 Division
 To the Secretary of War
 D.H.

Dated 17 June 1863.
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Submitting a full
 report of certain claims
 of travelling allowance
 preferred by Lieut Smith
 of the 1st Regt. of Cavalry
 together with his opinion
 regarding them.

With an order
 No 1093-129 June.

No 1693
 Referred to the Controller and Auditor of Public

Works accounts for early report with reference to the 4th
 allowance offered by the Superintendent Engineer 2nd Regt.

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 To the Controller and Auditor of Public Works
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Chief Engineer
 S. Adams & Co
 29 June 1863

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