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No. 265. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel E. HEMERY, R. E., Superintending Engineer 3rd Division, to Colonel W. I. BIRDWOOD, E. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Cuddapah, 29th June 1863, No. 52 :—

SIR,

1. With reference to a Notification No. 112, dated 26th January 1863, published in the "Fort Saint George Gazette" of the 27th idem, page 142, I have the honor to request you will be so good as to inform me whether the Military passed Candidates\* lately appointed to this Division, as Tálug Overseers, are to draw Military pay on joining the Department.

\* Corporal A. Smith.  
Do. J. Mullins.  
Private F. Barnes.  
Do. R. Skehan.  
Corporal J. Allen.

2. I take this opportunity of respectfully pointing out that the ordinary expenses of an European or East Indian in charge of a Tálug amount in this Division to Rupees 100; a Tálug Overseer will receive less than this amount even should he draw Military pay, and as he must go to a considerable expense at first in the purchase of a tent, pony, saddle and bridle, furniture, &c., he will not only involve himself in debt without the prospect of ever clearing himself, but he will find that his pay and travelling allowance of Rupees 20 will not cover his ordinary monthly expenses.

3. Under these circumstances I venture to submit for the consideration of Government the fact, that the rates of pay and allowances lately sanctioned for Tálug Overseers will not enable Europeans or East Indians to live honestly without irretrievably involving themselves in debt, and I look forward with the greatest apprehension to the effect of the low salaries which men who now join the Department will be paid.

No. 266.

ORDER THEREON, 11th July 1863, No. 1,856.

Referring to paragraph 1 of the foregoing letter, the Government request that the Controller of Public Works Accounts will be so good as to report whether the sum of Rupees 1,23,000, provided for by the Committee appointed to enquire into the subject of the re-organization of the Public Works Department, See Procs. 18th June 1863, No. 1,599. for Military allowances, will suffice to cover the allowances of the Non-Commissioned Officers and men of the British Army, belonging to this Department.

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

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