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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
25th August 1864.*

No. 540. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military
Department :—

Communicating letter from the Government of India re-
garding the mode of drawing the Pay proper of Officers } (Here enter 17th August 1864, No. 2,849.)
employed in the Public Works Department.

No. 541. ORDER THEREON, 25th August 1864, No. 2,455.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, Major, R. E.,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers :—

From the Officiating Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, Fort William, 16th July 1864, No. 362 ; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George.

With reference to a letter, No. 1293, dated 4th May last, from the Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, Public Works Department, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, inquiring whether the pay proper of Officers in the Department Public Works should be disbursed in the Civil or the Military Department, I am directed to transmit to you, for the information of His Excellency the Governor in Council, the annexed copy of a communication, No. 926, dated 20th ultimo, from the Secretary to Government of India, Financial Department, explaining the meaning of the Order issued in that Department, No. 821 of the 11th February 1864, and requesting that an expression of the displeasure of Government may be conveyed to the Officers who summarily discontinued the issue of net Military Pay of certain Officers of the Public Works Department without previously making arrangements for its issue in the Public Works Department, in accordance with the directions contained in the Financial Resolution of the 18th December 1862.

Office Memorandum from the Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, Simla, 20th June 1864, No. 926 ; to the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department.

The Secretary to the Government of India, in the Financial Department, is directed to transmit to the Military Department, in original, * a letter and enclosures from

* To be returned. the Secretary to Government in the Public Works Department, No. ^{117A} ₂₃₂₂ dated 31st May 1864, on the subject of a summary discontinuance by some Paymasters of Circles, of the net Military Pay of Officers of the Public Works Department, without any arrangement having been made for issuing it in the Public Works Department.

It does not appear from the correspondence from Madras that the Controller of Military Accounts, Fort Saint George, cited the Financial Resolution of 11th February 1864, as his authority for discontinuing, in the Military Department, the issue of net Military Pay to Engineer Officers in the Public Works Department.

The Accountant General Public Works Department has, however, reported in connection with the above case, that the Financial Order of 11th February 1864, appears to have been misunderstood by the Pay Department generally throughout India.—The Military Finance Department also erred similarly by excluding from the Military Estimates the Pay of various Officers in Civil situations or in *quasi* Civil employ who are in receipt of Staff Pay, not of consolidated salaries.

The Financial Secretary is directed to explain that the Financial Order of 11th February 1864, is strictly limited to Military Officers in receipt of consolidated Civil salaries, and its extension to others by the Officers of the Military Pay or Military Finance Department, was a mistake which should be corrected.

At the same time the Financial Secretary is directed to add that, if any passage is of doubtful import in those parts of the Financial Resolution, dated 11th February 1864, which transferred the charge for certain net Military Pay from the Military to the Civil Department, at least there was no excuse for a violation of the very plain injunction in the 5th paragraph of the Resolution, that "in giving effect to this Resolution the Military Finance Department will be careful not to discontinue the issue of any Military Pay, now being disbursed in that Department, which may be henceforth payable in the Civil Department, without so arranging in communication with the proper Civil Paymaster as to avoid [embarrassment] or inconvenience to the Officer concerned."

These words were inserted in the Resolution with a knowledge of the previous order of the Financial Department, No. 1168A, dated 18th December 1862, and with the express object of ensuring compliance with that Order. But the culpable disregard of such very plain instructions has frustrated the careful efforts of the Government to avoid inconvenience to Officers ; and the Financial Secretary is instructed to request that an expression of the displeasure of Government may be ~~conveyed~~ to the Officers who are in fault.

From the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, Simla, 31st May 1864,
No. ^{117 A.}₂₃₂₂ ; to the Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department.

The Secretary in the Public Works Department has the honor to forward the accompanying correspondence, * in original, with the Government of Madras, regarding the mode of drawing the Pay proper of Officers employed in this Department, and, as the Accountant General, Public Works Department, reports that the Orders of the Financial Department as per margin, † appear to have been misunderstood by the Military Pay Department generally throughout India, to request that the meaning of those Orders may be further explained to that Department, although, it appears to the Secretary in the Public Works Department, they are sufficiently clear already.

The Public Works Secretary, at the instance of the Accountant General Public Works Department, begs to add that the action of the Military Pay Department in thus stopping the issue of the Military Pay proper of Public Works Officers without orders and without any arrangement having been made for issuing it in this Department, is in direct contravention of the very plain orders of the Financial Department upon the subject, ‡ and he would suggest that this inattention to orders may be noticed in such manner as may seem fitting.

† No. 821, dated 11th February 1864.
‡ No. 1168A, dated 18th December 1862.
Copy of letter from the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, 31st May 1864, No. ^{116 A.}₂₃₂₂ ; to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 1293, dated 4th instant, enquiring, with reference to the Proceedings of the Government of India in the Financial Department, dated 11th February last, whether the Pay proper of Officers in the Public Works Department should be disbursed in the Civil or the Military Department, and in reply to state that the Financial Resolution referred to does not raise the question of transferring to the Civil Department charges for Officers present on duty which are now borne by the Military Department; but merely extends to Officers on leave the Rule which deals with the mode of drawing their Pay when on duty. Financial Resolution No. 5914, dated 28th November 1863, of which the Resolution in question is merely an extension, has not been applied to this Department, which is not a Civil Department in the sense in which that term is usually applied, and consequently it is quite clear that the second Resolution has no application to the Public Works Department.

It will be desirable to draw the attention of the Controller of Military Accounts to the Orders of the Finance Department quoted in the margin, that in cases of doubt as to the incidence of charges for Pay, the Department which has heretofore passed them is to continue to do so, pending settlement of such doubt, and to point out that his action in the present instance appears to be a distinct violation of this Rule.

ORDER, No. 2849, 17th August 1864.

Communicated to the Public Works Department and the Controller of Military Accounts.

2. The Controller will report who the Officers are who summarily discontinued the issue of net Military Pay of Officers of the Public Works Department without previously making arrangements for its issue in the Public Works Department, and submit any explanation they may have to offer on the subject.

(True Extract.)

M. M. M. M. M.
Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Public Works Department. *With 200 copies*
.. Controller of Military Accounts.
.. Adjutant General.
.. Military Accountant.
.. Examiner Pay Department.

Ed. T. Stubbs.

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No. ^{117 A.}₂₃₂₂ ; to the Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Dept
The Secretary in the Public Works Department has the honor to for

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Dated 17th
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M. M.
Deputy Secy

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