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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
21st September 1864.*

No. 485. Read the following letter from Captain F. J. MOBERLY, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madura, 8th September 1864, No. 1,052:—

SIR,

1 Copy of letter.

1. I have the honor to request the instructions of Government as to the institution of a claim against the estate of the late Major Syme due under the following circumstances.

2. After he joined this Division in November last he submitted duplicate abstracts for his pay for August and travelling allowance for July and August 1863, observing that as the originals were so long unpaid he supposed that they must have been lost. I forwarded them to the Controller who duly passed and returned them.

3. As their amount was properly chargeable to the 7th Division, they were sent to Colonel Walker for payment on the 15th and 17th February 1864; the money being meanwhile advanced to Major Syme.

4. In April or May Major Syme received the amount of his pay only, and applied to be informed on what grounds his travelling allowance was withheld. I forwarded this application on the 10th May, and a reminder on the 22nd August to which the enclosed (copy) is a reply.

5. I am not clear that Colonel Walker has authority to mulct any member of the Department of his travelling allowance for reasons not connected with his travelling. Major Syme frequently complained that his expenditure in moving about in Malabar was never covered by the allowance, but as he did not anticipate the reason now given he never, so far as I can remember, mentioned the subject of his accounts.

6. I would however submit that by his own delay, first, in paying the passed abstract, and afterwards in answering my letter (in which last period Major Syme's death occurred), Colonel Walker has caused very considerable inconvenience in the adjustment of my accounts, and prevented any reply by Major Syme who alone could afford it.

No. 486. ORDER THEREON, 21st September 1864, No. 2,757.

1. The Government are not disposed to press their claim against the estate of the late Major Syme.

2. The Controller will accordingly be requested to arrange for the adjustment of the amount advanced by the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division.

3. The attention of the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, will be requested to paragraph 6 of the foregoing letter.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, Major, R. E.,

Deputy Secretary to Government,

To the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division.

Do. do. 7th Division.

Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd, S. T. Augustin.

*F. J. Moberly, Capt. R. E.
Superintending Engineer*

No 97

Supt^d Engrs Office 7th Divⁿ
Coimbatore 31st Aug^t 1864.

From: Lieut^{nt} Colonel G. W. Walker R.E.

Superintending Engineer
7th Division.

To: Captain F. S. Moberly R.E.

Superintending Engineer
8th Division.

Sir, I have the honor to reply to your letters No 98 of 10th May and No 99 of 22nd August that the reason of my refusal to draw certain Travelling Allowances for the late Major Syme (as endorsed on the back of his Abstract sent to the Controller) was that that Officer had neglected to conform to my instructions calling for proper monthly Accounts and Statements of Progress, so that my office was not provided with information necessary to enable me effectually to supervise the work of his Range.

I have &c.

[Signed] G. W. Walker Lieut^{nt} Col. R.E.
Superint^d Engineer 7th Divⁿ

True copy /
F. S. Moberly Captⁿ R.E.
Superint^d Engineer

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2 The Controller will accordingly be requested to arrange for the adjustment of the amount advanced by the Superintendent Engineer Division.

3 The attention of the Superintendent Engineer will be requested to para 6 of the foregoing letter.

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21st Sept 1863
to the Superintendent Engineer
Controller

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Sept 22nd September

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Enclosure in a letter from the Acting Engineer 8th Division dated 8th September 1864 No 1052

To Mr. J. S. B. Esq.
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Sept 27/64

Copy of letter from the Acting Engineer 8th Division stating his reasons why he is unable to draw certain sums being advanced for late Major Syme.

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From No. 1052
The Supg. Engineer
8th Division

To
The Secy. to Government
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