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5th November 1864.*

No. 119. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel G. W. WALKER, R. E.,
Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary
to Government, Department Public Works, dated Tellicherry, 24th October 1864,
No. 148:—

SIR,

As a most exceptional case, in which a Range Officer and Tálug Overseer are called on
from time to time to visit a locality quite distinct from their Range and Tálug, I strongly
support the plea made in the accompanying letter* from
• No. 153 of 18th October 1864. Mr. Supervisor Smither on behalf of himself and Mr. Over-
seer Austin, the energy and activity shown by whom could not be maintained if constantly
productive of serious pecuniary loss. I hope therefore that the actual extra expenses of their
trips to Cochin and back may be allowed them.

From Mr. T. SMITHER, Supervisor, 7th Division, in charge of Palghaut Range, to Lieutenant-
Colonel G. W. WALKER, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, dated
Palghaut, 18th October 1864, No. 153.

SIR,

1. In submitting the accompanying contingent bill for expense incurred on account of
boat hire for myself and Mr. Overseer J. Austin for last month, I would beg to state that
Mr. Austin must of necessity visit Cochin, at least once a month, to inspect and pay for work
executed at that station.

2. As the coast road is nothing but a bed of sand from Ponany to Cochin, it would be both
tedious and difficult to go by that route. A boat has therefore to be hired, the charge for which
is 10 Rupees per trip exclusive of batta while at Cochin, and as Mr. Austin keeps at Ponany
(and sometimes hires) a cart, the keep of which absorbs his whole travelling allowance, it is
plain that the cost of proceeding by boat to Cochin monthly must come out of Mr. Austin's real
pay which, I would most respectfully submit, is scarcely an incentive to energetic action.
Mr. Austin, however, has never complained, which I think tells much in his favour.

3. As regards myself I would beg to state, that I have been (to prepare estimates) and
shall be obliged to visit Cochin frequently, as the works there will in future be of a kind that
must be watched (not to mention Aryengo and Tangashary, 114 and 96 miles south of Cochin),
and the expense incurred in each trip came from my salary. The cost of maintaining my
ordinary equipage, &c., being fully up to the amount of travelling allowance due to my rank.

4. I would here beg to remark, that a man's efficiency in our Department must greatly
depend upon the alacrity with which he can move about, as it is impossible for any one connected
with a work to inspect it too often, and, this will, if possible, become more so as the contract
system is developed.

5. Such being the case I respectfully solicit you to be so good (should you deem fit)
to forward the enclosed bill, with a recommendation that it be passed for the reasons
above given.

No. 120. ORDER THEREON, 5th November 1864, No. 3,189.

Under the exceptional circumstances of the case, the Government authorize the Controller
of Public Works Accounts to pass to Supervisor Smither and Tálug Overseer Austin, on the
countersignature of the Superintending Engineer, the *bond fide* expenses of their journeys to and
from Cochin.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.

„ Controller of Public Works Accounts,

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Austin on the counter signature of the
Supergr, the bona fide expenses of
their journey to and from Cochin.

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5th Nov 1864 }

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To The Supg Engr. 7th Nov 1864 Letter ✓
" Contr. of P.W. Accts. ✓ Recd. 7th November

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From J. 4669
The Supr Engineer
4th Division

To, The Secretary to Govt
D. P. M. Madras

3 No 148

Dated 24th October 1864
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Recommends that the
actual extra expense
incurred by the Super
visor in charge of
Palghat canal and
the Ponnay Breweer
on account of their
trip to Pochni & back
being allowed to them
No 3189 - 5th Nov 1864.
W. H. O. O. O.

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