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Government of Madras.

Public Works **DEPARTMENT.**

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
22nd November 1864.*

No. 445. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military
Department:—

Passing orders on the Memorandum from the Adjutant General }
submitting letter from the Commandant of Sappers and } (Here enter 15th November 1864, No. 4,061.)
Miners regarding his allowances, &c.

No. 446. ORDER THEREON, 22nd November 1864, No. 3,347.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

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

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers:—

Memorandum from the Adjutant General, Head Quarters, Ootacamund, 27th October 1864, No 578; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

Forwarded for submission to Government, with the Commander-in-Chief's recommendation that the within application be submitted to the Supreme Government

From the Commandant Sappers and Miners, Bellary, 17th October 1864, No. 486A, to the Adjutant General, Ootacamund.

1. In acknowledging the receipt of the Order of Government, No 3346 of 22nd September, I have the honor respectfully to point out, with reference to the latter paragraph, that instead of having accepted employment in the Public Works Department, I felt so certain that on His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief's recommendation, my claim to full batta would be recognized, that I actually on those very grounds declined the appointment referred to.

2 With reference to the decision come to by the Madras Government, I trust His Excellency will still be so good as to urge on my behalf that the interpretation of the Order, first sanctioning the salary of the Commandant of Sappers, may be referred to the authority from whom such order emanated, viz, to the Supreme Government.

3 It seems by no means impossible that the words quoted in the Madras Government, Order may refer rather to the travelling allowances passed to the Officers of the Public Works Department, than to the full batta question; for instance, during the present year, I shall have travelled a distance of more than 1,000 miles on a tour of Inspection; for this an Executive Engineer would be permitted to draw some 1,200 Rupees, which allowance appears undoubtedly to be denied me by the words made use of by the Supreme Government.

4. All I urge is that the correspondence noted in the margin,* regarding my allowances may be simply placed before His Excellency the Viceroy in Council for final dispose; for apart from the comparison which in my former communications I have drawn between the status of the Commandant of Sappers and his contemporaries in Department Public Works, it cannot, I think, fail to strike His Excellency that, compared with Officers Commanding Native Regiments under the new Bengal arrangements, I am in a still more disadvantageous position.

5. Not only is the strength of the Corps I command exactly twice that of a Native Infantry Regiment, but the trouble and responsibility, consequent on the European element in the Corps, the correspondence with the numerous Detachments and the scientific instruction of both Officers and men,—are increased in a still greater ratio, and yet, whilst the command allowance of a Native Infantry Regiment has lately been considerably augmented, no corresponding advantage has been accorded to the Commandant of Sappers, and I am therefore sanguine that taking all points into consideration, His Excellency the Viceroy in Council will be inclined to view the matter liberally.

* *Proceedings of Madras Government, with Order No 2307 of 16th July 1863*
Proceedings of Madras Government, with Order No 3346 of 22nd September 1864
Proceedings of Madras Government, in which the present reference (with His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief's opinion thereon) may be embodied.

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Paying orders on
the Treas. from the Ad-
jutant Genl submitting
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allowances, &c.

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