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29th November 1864.*

No. 570. Read the following Official Memorandum from the Superintending Engineer, 5th Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Porto Novo, 13th November 1864, No. 1,419 .—

Read the following letter from W. S. HARRINGTON, Esq., Executive Engineer in charge of No. 1 Range, South Arcot, to Lieutenant-Colonel C. V. WILKIESON, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 5th Division, dated Cuddalore, 8th November 1864, No. 128.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Official Memorandum, No. 1,351, dated 27th ultimo, attached to Government Order dated 22nd idem, No. 3,041.

* Captain T. Beckley, R. E.

2. I observe that the Officer* who was Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts when my request for deputation allowance from 1st to 24th August last was referred to the Controller by Government, remarks that by Rules 222, 223 and 224 of the Uncovenanted Service Vade Mecum I cannot claim deputation allowance unless I have been, either when holding the extra appointment, or subsequent thereto, gazetted to it; and, moreover, that I am not entitled to the said allowance as I did not officiate for a longer period than one month.

3. Though aware that, according to the strict letter of the Rules, I cannot *claim* deputation allowance for the period during which I performed the duties appertaining to the Superintending Engineer, I respectfully submit that if the Government think proper to gazette me as having performed them, the objection urged by the Officiating Controller ceases to exist, and the allowance can be drawn by me. Further, although Colonel Hill took charge of the Division on the 24th, I performed the duties of Superintending Engineer till the evening of the 26th of August, when I received that Officer's telegram to the effect that he had taken charge of the Office at Salem. I thus officiated as Superintending Engineer for a period of 26 days, or more than a working month, though I only prefer a request for the allowance for 24 days.

4. I observe from the Gazette of the 30th September last, that Captain Beckley, who holds a precisely similar appointment† in the Department with myself, was appointed to conduct the duties of Controller of Public Works Accounts pending the arrival of the permanent incumbent, Captain Fischer. I presume, therefore, that he drew deputation allowance, though I believe I am correct in supposing that he acted in the higher appointment for even a shorter time than I did.

5. Under the circumstances thus represented, I beg that you will do me the favor to lay before Government my respectful request that they will be pleased to re-consider their recent ruling, and order a notice to be inserted in the Gazette to the effect that I am to be considered as having performed the duties of Superintending Engineer from 1st to 24th August inclusive. I would further beg that if you think proper, you will be good enough to add the weight of your recommendation to this request which, if complied with, will entail no additional expense on the Government.

† In original (to be returned)

Forwarded‡ to Government, with a recommendation that as Mr. Harrington acted for the 24 days with the full responsibility of a Superintending Engineer that he be gazetted as officiating, as this seems to be the only hinderance to his drawing these allowances.

(Signed) C. V. WILKIESON, Lieut.-Colonel, R. E.,
Superintending Engineer, 5th Division.

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No. 571. ORDER THEREON, 29th November 1864, No. 3,411.

Mr. Harrington having performed the duties of the Superintending Engineer, 5th Division, for a shorter period than one month, the Government are precluded, under the Rules,* from authorizing the disbursement to him of the deputation allowance applied for in the foregoing letter.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 5th Division.
„ Controller of Public Works Accounts.

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Decr. 30th November

To the Superintending Engineer, 5th Division, with the letter from the Controller of Public Works Accounts (29th Nov 1864)

W. H. C.

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The Superintg. Engineers
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To The Secretary to Govern-
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Dated 13th
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C. I. No 1419.

Submitting again per
Hainington's application
for Deputation allowance
while performing the duties
of Supg. Engr. from 1st
to 24th August last.
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With an Order.

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