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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
14th December 1864.*

No. 271. Read the following letter from Captain J. F. FISCHER, R. E., Controller of Public Works Accounts, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 26th November 1864, No. 1,779 :—

SIR,

I have the honor to submit for the consideration and orders of Government the accompanying travelling allowance bill of the Officer lately in charge of the Cannanore Range, 7th

2 Bills.

Division with an endorsement thereon by the Superintending Engineer, made subsequent to its audit by this Office.

2. Captain Vertue, R. E., claimed on the 3rd instant his full travelling allowance for the month of October 1864, and in the first instance the bill was countersigned by the Superintending Engineer and transmitted to this Office when it was checked and passed on the 12th instant and entered in the books. To-day it has been returned to me with the endorsement disallowing eleven days' travelling allowance to that Officer for the reasons therein stated.

3. How far Colonel Walker is correct in the course he has adopted I must leave the Government to decide as there are no orders bearing on this instance, but I cannot allow the books of this Office to be altered without sufficient authority, and I have therefore been compelled to trouble them with this reference.

4. The Government Order of the 22nd June 1864, No. 1,809, does not, I consider, apply to this case which is one implying that Superintending Engineers have the power to set aside the audit of this Office without the sanction of the Government, if such a ruling could be maintained the working of this Office becomes at once not only useless but ridiculous.

5. I beg to observe the last clause of paragraph 1 of the G. O. of the 22nd June 1864, No. 1,809 directs Superintending Engineers to bring to the notice of Government cases in which any indulgence as regards travelling allowance has been abused, the Superintending Engineer does not appear to have done so, and as I am of opinion that under the ruling of the G. O. above quoted (paragraph 1) Captain Vertue is fully entitled to his travelling allowance for October

he having delivered over charge of his Range on the 4th instant, I await the instructions of Government to dispose of the bill. I must

however point out that the Office and all the Subordinates of the Cannanore Range are kept apparently without their allowances in the meanwhile.

No. 272.

ORDER THEREON, 14th December 1864, No. 3,568.

14th October 1864, No. 2,954
24th November " " 3,372.
28th do. " " 3,401.

In the Orders noted in the margin the Government found it necessary to comment in severe terms on Captain Vertue's inattention to his duties and on his failure to inspect the

works within his charge. His was a case in which the interference of the Superintending Engineer to check the abuse of the privilege liberally conceded by Government to the Members of the Department of Public Works of drawing a fixed travelling allowance has been very properly exercised; but as Captain Vertue's state of health was such as to prevent his leaving his headquarters, while, it is presumed, his travelling equipage was kept up, and as his travelling allowance bill has been passed and it cannot now be corrected without causing inconvenient alterations to be made in the books of the Controller, the Government will not insist on the retrenchment being enforced.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.

„ Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

Office of the Controller of
Public Works. Accounts
Madras 26th November 1864

N^o 1779

From
Captain J. J. Fischer R. S.
Controller of P. W. Accounts

To
Colonel C. A. Orr R. S.
Secretary to Government M. D.

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Office of the Controller
of P. & W. Accounts
Madras 26th Nov^r 1864

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your Most Obedient Servant
Captain R. E.
Controller of P. & W. Accounts

Colonel C. A. Orr R. E.
Secretary to Government P. & W. D.

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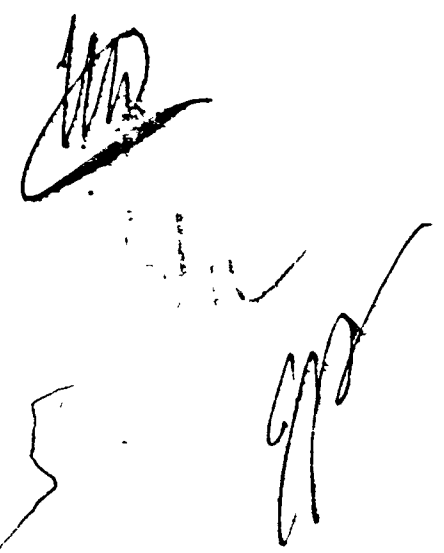
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 From the Controller of P.W. Accounts

Submit for the orders
 of Govt the travelling allowance
 Bill of Capt. Vertue with ob-
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Here enter 26th Nov 64 No. 1779

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20th Dec 1864
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From
 The Controller of P.W.
 Accounts

To
 The Secy. to Govt. P.W.

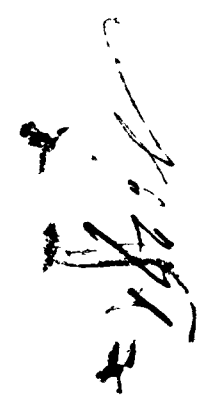
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Very respectfully,
Yours,
A. B.

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To
The Secy. Secy 7 Dec
Cont. of 14 Accts. With 2 Enclos.
Dec 15th 1860

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Letter from the
Controller of M. A.
regarding the travelling
allowance passed
to Capt. Vertue R. E.
for the Month of
October 1864. with
orders thereon.

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