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Public works DEPARTMENT.

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

Read the following letters:—

No. 548. 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 Coonoor, 14th April 1864, No. 379.

SIR,

1. I take the liberty of referring for the orders of Government three abstracts for travelling allowances and contingencies; in returning which unaudited the Controller has placed a construction on previous orders which I cannot but think opposed to their spirit however it may be supported by their letter.

2. The first is for travelling allowances of my Manager, who, happening to take up his appointment when I was on duty on the Neilgherries, had to be called up there to receive his instructions in person. Passing one-half of the Bill, the Controller strikes out the other half on the plea of aggregate amount of that particular head having been exceeded. While our reading of the Government orders is that the amount is payable so long as the aggregate under all heads is not exceeded.

3. The other two Bills are for Railway and Steamer fare of Clerks and Lascars, formerly passed by the Controller, but with reference to which he seems to have altered his views lately. I have paid all these charges myself, as I cannot ask the Clerks and Lascars to pay for themselves when obliged to accompany me by extraordinary modes of travelling. But I cannot think it is intended that such charges should be defrayed by me in addition to the cost of conveying myself my office and personal baggage, and one or two ponies by rail, independently of keeping up a permanent establishment of four carts complete. Still less when it comes to travelling by Steamer, my last trip by which mode of conveyance, from Calicut to Mangalore, lasting just fourteen hours, cost me Rupees 55 passage money, Rupees 10 for carriage of office records, and Rupees 9 for the single Lascar whom I took; altogether with boat hire, &c., more than half a month's consolidated allowance.

4. While on this subject I take the opportunity of asking whether, as the Steam Navigation Company is under contract to Government, I am not entitled to a contract passage by their vessels, when travelling on duty from port to port on the Western Coast. Otherwise their ordinary fares are so high that I shall be entirely precluded from taking advantage of that mode of conveyance in future.

The Controller and Auditor of Public Works Accounts is requested to report whether the unpassed amount of these Bills can be met from savings under the general allotment for contingencies and travelling batta.

Chepauk,
19th April 1864.

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

No. 549. Report from Lieutenant-Colonel C. V. WILKIESON, R. E., Controller and Auditor of Public Works Accounts, dated Madras, 20th April 1864, No. 3,077.

There is sufficient to meet these Bills from savings under the general allotment for contingencies and travelling. Should the Government sanction the payment of these Bills, as a special case, the Controller would suggest that the Bills be sent direct to this Office, to be passed, as otherwise if sent through the Superintending Engineer's Office, they will not come under the charges for the present year.

Enclosures 5.

No. 550. ORDER THEREON, 22nd April 1864, No. 1,162.

1. The Bills submitted with the Superintending Engineer's letter of the 14th April 1864, No. 379, will be forwarded to the Controller and Auditor of Public Works Accounts in view to being passed from the general allotment for contingencies and travelling batta.

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

2. It will be pointed out to Colonel Walker, with reference to paragraph 2 of his letter, that under the Orders of Government dated 21st January 1864, No. 222, the Controller was only authorized to pass contingent and travelling charges to the extent of the aggregate amount provided for *each Officer* (*i. e.*, Superintending Engineer) in Part III of the Budget, and objection was therefore rightly taken by Colonel Wilkieson to the admission of the full amount of the Bills.

3. Paragraph 4 of Colonel Walker's letter will be referred to the Marine Department.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.
„ Controller and Auditor of Public Works Accounts, with three Bills and one letter.
„ Marine Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 3077.

Office of the Controller and Auditor of P.W. Accounts
Madras 20th April 1864.

Report by the Controller & Audr of P.W. Accounts

Savings

There is sufficient to meet these bills from savings under the general allotment for Contingencies and Travelling. Should the Government sanction the payments of these bills, as Special Case, the Controller would suggest that the bills be sent direct to this Office, to be passed; as otherwise if sent through the Superintending Engineer's Office, they will not come under the Charges for the present year.

J. Wilkieson Lieut Colonel
Controller and Auditor of
P.W. Accounts

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

P.C.

No 1162 Public Works Department

Rec'd 19th April 1864

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The Controller and Auditor of P. W. Accounts is requested to report whether the unpassed amount of these Bills can be met from savings under the general allotment for contingencies and travelling Batta.

Chas. W. M. Coll R.E.
Secretary to Govt. P.W.D.

Rec'd 20th April 1864

No 1162 + 22nd April 64

Works and Orders

Statement for the information of Government of the Allotment of Rupees = Lump Allowances = Contingencies —

No 379

Encls 4.

Dated 14th April 1864

Sec'y to the Govt. of India P.W.D.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith a Statement of the Allotment of Rupees = Lump Allowances = Contingencies — for the month of April 1864 for the Presidency of Fort William.

2. I have the honor to request that you will be pleased to move the Government of India to sanction the transfer of the sum of Rupees 1,739 from the Allotment of Rupees = Lump Allowances = Contingencies — for the month of April 1864 to the Allotment of Rupees = Lump Allowances = Contingencies — for the month of March 1864.

3. The reason for this transfer is explained in my letter No 1162 of this date.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant
(Signed) H. Yule Lt Colonel
Secy to Govt

To
The Secy to Govt of India
P.W.D.

Fort William the 14th April 1864

Recd 20th April 1864

No 1739

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No 1162 of the 19th instant, and to inform you that the Governor General in Council has been pleased to sanction the transfer of Rupees 1,739 from the Allotment of Rupees = Lump Allowances = Contingencies — for the month of April 1864 to the Allotment of Rupees = Lump Allowances = Contingencies — for the month of March 1864.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant
(Signed) H. Yule Lt Colonel
Secy to Govt

To
The Secy to Govt of India
P.W.D.

Dated 20th April 1864

Rec'd 21st } April 1864

No 307

Reports on a letter from the Superintending Engineer 4th Div. relative to Travelling allowances and Contingencies to Office Servants and to Railway Fare and Passage money on their Account

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No 549.

No. 1162 Public Works Department

Proceedings of the Madras Government Under date the 22nd April 64

Read the following letters

from the Superintending Engineer 4th Division

Referring for the orders of Govt. abstracts of Travelling allowances and contingencies. } (H.E. 14th April 1864 No 379)

From the Controller and Audr of P.W. Accounts

Reports on a letter from the Superintending Engineer 4th Dn. relative to Travelling allowances and Contingencies to Office Servants & to Railway Fares & Passage money on their account. } (H.E. 20th April 1864 No 3077)

The Bills submitted with the Supg Engineer's letter of the 14 April 64, No. 379, will be forwarded to the Controller & Auditor of P.W. accounts for view to being passed from the general allotments for Contingencies & Travelling Batta.

It will be pointed out to Col: Walker with reference to Para 2 of his letter that under the orders of Govt dy 21st January 1864, No 222. the Controller was only authorized to pass Contingent & travelling charges to the extent of the aggregate amount provided for each Officer i.e. Supg Engr in Part III of the Budget, &

objection was therefore ~~only~~ rightly taken by Col Wilkinson to the admission of the full amount of the Bills.

Para 4 of Col Walker's letter will be referred to the Marine Dept.

WLB.

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To The Lieg Engr ⁊ Dup. thereon
Cont & and of W Acct with Bills & the letter ⁊ Dead 22d Apl
Marine Dept ⁊
⁊ Dead 27th April.

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7th April 1864 Depty
Secy. to Govt. for Mysore

No 1162

Read the Mysore
22d April 64

Bills submitted by the
Superintending Engineer 7th
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