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No. 575. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel C. V. WILKIESON, R. E., Controller of Public Works Accounts, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 22nd September 1864, No. 1,178 :—

SIR,

1. With reference to paragraph 8 of G. O. 16th September 1864, No. 2,697, in which Government request that it may be distinctly understood that claims such as those noticed in the Proceedings should not be submitted by the Controller except at the special request of the Officers concerned, I have the honor to request information if this order is intended to cancel the standing orders by which I am guided in auditing the salaries of the Officers of the Department of Public Works.

2. These rules are contained in Chapter I of the Civil Auditor's Manual, and as the Controller of Public Works Accounts I am the Civil Auditor of that Department. Rule II seems to me very clear that in my position it is just as much my duty to inform Officers when they are not drawing sufficient pay as I have to disallow a claim when in excess. The rule is as follows:— "He is required to examine into and certify the validity of all pecuniary claims against Govern- "ment for services rendered or articles purchased; to disallow what may be claimed in excess "and to *intimate to the claimant when the amount claimed may be below what is due to him under* "*regulation.*". I am aware that formerly the illiberal habit of never informing Officers, when they claimed a sum less than fairly due to them by the State, ruled in the Offices of Audit, but since I have been in charge, I have, under the ruling at the end of paragraph above quoted, always informed Officers when they have not drawn sufficient, by no means an uncommon case.

3. In the present case, I considered that, under the ruling of Government 29th August 1864, No. 2,478, Captain Wood* and Lieutenant Pennycuick were fairly entitled to the extra Rupees 50 monthly, so I asked Government for sanction to pay the sums prior to intimating to the Officers that the amount of pay claimed by them was below what was due to them, a course which I am sorry does not seem to have met with approval of Government.

* The only case of the kind that has not been submitted to me by Government for report prior to a decision.

No. 576. ORDER THEREON, 27th September 1864, No. 2,801.

No. 2,478, dated 29th August 1864.

1. The Proceedings of Government marginally noted were communicated to Lieutenant Pennycuick, through the Superintending Engineer, 5th Division, and as an opportunity was thus afforded to that Officer to submit his claim to any additional amount which he considered himself entitled to, under those orders, the Government are of opinion that an application originating with the Controller was uncalled for.

2. The rules alluded to in paragraph 2, and which are still binding upon the Controller, refer to sums due to Officers "*under regulation*," and not to claims, such as those shown in G. O. No. 2,697, dated 16th September 1864, to be untenable.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, Major, R. E.,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd, S. T. Augustin.

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Office of the Controller of P. W. Accounts
Madras 22d. September 1864.

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From,

Lieut.t Colonel C. V. Wilkieson R. E.
Controller of Public Works Accounts.

To,

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

Sir,

With reference to Para. 8 of G. O. 16th. September 1864 No. 2697 in which Government request that it may be distinctly understood that claims such as those noticed in the Proceedings should not be submitted by the Controller except at the special request of the Officers concerned, I have the honor to request information if this order is intended to cancel the standing orders by which I am guided in auditing the salaries of the Officers of the Department of Public Works.

2. These rules are contained in Chapter I of the Civil Auditor's Manual and as the Controller of Public Works Accounts I am the Civil Auditor of that department, Rule II seems to me very clear that in my position it is just as much my duty to inform Officers when they are not drawing sufficient

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3. In the present case, I considered that, under the ruling of Government 29th Augt 1864 No 2478, Captain Wood and Lieutenant Pennycuick were fairly entitled to the extra Rupees 50 monthly, so I asked Government for sanction to pay these sums prior to intimating to the Officers that the amount of pay claimed by them was below what was due to them, a course which I am sorry does not seem to have met with approval of Government.

⊗ The only case of the kind that has not been submitted to me by Government for report prior to a decision.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant,

Office of the Controller of P. W. Accounts
Madras 22 Septr 1864.

Lt Colr R. E.
Controller of P. W. Accounts.

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From
The Controller of P.W.
Accounts

To The Secy to Govt
Dated 22d
Rec'd 23d } September 1864
No 11178

Requesting information if G.O. 16th Sept. No 2697 para 8 is intended to Cancel the Standing orders contained in Chapter I of the Civil Auditors Manual Rule 2.-

ev. 2801. 27th Septr/64.

William Forde

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2 The rules alluded to in para 2, and which are still binding upon the Controller, refer to sums due to Officers "under regulation" and not to claims, such as those shown in Govt. No. 2697 of 16th Septr/64, to be undertaken

Chatham 27th Septr/64
To the Controller
Recd 28th September