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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 29th September 1864.

No. 612. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department :—

Stating that, for the reasons given, Government is precluded from exempting the Officer Commanding Sappers and Miners from the rule under which all Officers attached to the Corps are entitled to Field rates only in virtue of locality, and granting him full Batta, under all circumstances, as is allowed to Executive Engineers. } (Here enter 22nd September 1864, No. 3,346.)

No. 613. ORDER THEREON, 29th September 1864, No. 2,819.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

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

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers :—

Memorandum from the Adjutant General, Head Quarters, Ootacamund, 27th July 1864, No. 198; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George.

In submitting the accompanying letter,* from the Officer Commanding Sappers and Miners, bringing to notice that if the proposed removal of the Sapper Head Quarters to Bangalore, a half-Batta Station, is carried out, it will reduce his emoluments far below that of a 1st Class Executive Engineer, &c., the Commander-in-Chief has the honor to recommend that full Batta be, under all circumstances, passed to Lieutenant Colonel Hill, as is allowed to all Executive Engineers.

* *No.* 393 *A, dated* 18*th July* 1864.

From Lieutenant Colonel C. E. D. Hill, Royal Engineers, Commandant Sappers and Miners, Cochin, 18th July 1864, No. 393 A; to the Adjutant General, Ootacamund.

Some few months ago, His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief was so good as to give me his support, in referring to Government the question whether my Staff Salary should not be assimilated to that of a Superintending Engineer.

2. On that occasion, the Madras Government ruled that the proposition could not be entertained, in consequence of an order of the Supreme Government, which limited the status (so far as allowances were concerned) of the Commandant of Sappers, to that of an Executive Engineer of the 1st Class.

3. The proposed removal of the Sapper Head Quarters to Bangalore (a half-Batta Station) threatens to reduce my emoluments far below that of a 1st Class Executive Engineer, and it is with a view to preventing this further loss, that I would now again respectfully solicit His Excellency's assistance.

4. One item in the salary of an Officer of the Department of Public Works is derived from his right of drawing full Batta under all circumstances, but (probably from the fact of the Head Quarters of the Corps having always hitherto been at a full Batta Station) this privilege is not actually ruled in the Pay Code as applicable also to the Commandant of Sappers.

5. The spirit of the Order regulating his Pay is, however, sufficiently clear, and as it was framed with a view to equalising it with that of his cotemporaries in the Corps of Engineers, up to a 1st Class Executive, it would appear that this assimilation was intended to apply, no matter whether the item of income be drawn under the head of *Staff allowance*, or is derived from any other advantage such as the right of *full Batta*, at all times and places.

6. I respectfully beg the favor of His Excellency submitting the case for the consideration of the Supreme Government, and trust that in doing so, he will urge on them a liberal interpretation of the Pay Code.

With Report from the Acting Controller of Military Accounts, 22nd August 1864, *I.*

Order, No. 3346, 22*nd September* 1864.

The Governor in Council observes that the Government of India, in granting authority for the Commandant of Sappers being "classified in any grade appropriate to his standing amongst the District and Executive Engineers who draw salaries of Rupees 600 per mensem and under," desired "it to be understood that in the item of Staff Pay only is the connection between the Commandant of Sappers and the Class he may be ranked in in the Department Public Works, to be maintained." He is accordingly precluded from exempting the Officer Commanding the Sappers and Miners from the rule under which all Officers attached to the Corps are entitled to Field rates only in virtue of locality,

Minutes of Consultation, 2nd March 1858, *No.* 802.

and granting him full Batta, under all circumstances, as is allowed to Executive Engineers.

2. It is observed that Lieutenant Colonel Hill, on whose application the above decision is passed, has recently accepted employment in the Public Works Department.

Gazette, 23rd August 1864, page 359.

(True Extract.)

Deputy Secretary to Government.

Adjutant General.
,, Controller of Military Accounts.
,, Public Works Department. With 20 spare Copies
,, Military Accountant.
,, Examiner Pay Department.

Exd. R. Stephenson.

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Stating that, from the reasons given, Lieut is precluded from exemplifying the Office Mem. from the Rules under which all Offrs attached to the Corps are entitled to Field Batta only in virtue of locality, and granting him full Batta, under all circumstances, as is allowed to Executive Engineers

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