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No. 310. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel E. HEMERY, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department dated Cuddapah, 5th March 1864, No. 295 :—

SIR,

1. In paragraph 2, Order of Government No. 1,916, dated 16th July 1863, it is stated that no Office servant is entitled to batta except when actually absent from head quarters.

2. The great hardship of this order has been so strongly represented by Range Officers, that I beg earnestly to request a re-consideration of the subject.

3. Office servants are obliged to keep either a pony or a bandy, whether at their fixed Stations or not, and the full rates of travelling allowance would not cover the cost of their ordinary marching expenses in these days of scarcity and famine prices.

4. So great is the discontent caused by the above restriction of travelling batta, that there is not one Office servant who would not leave the Department if he could get any appointment either in the Revenue or Judicial branch of the Service; and in the course of time, no respectable Native will be found willing to enter the Range Offices of this Department; even now, I find the greatest difficulty in filling up vacancies with qualified persons.

5. In the scale sanctioned in Order No. 1,599, dated 18th June 1863, full travelling batta is included for all Range Office servants, so that in now granting the full allowance, no extra expense, unprovided for in the Budget, will be entailed on Government.

No. 311. ORDER THEREON, 12th March 1864, No. 761.

1. In the scheme sanctioned in G. O. No. 1,599, dated 18th June 1863, provision was made for full travelling batta being granted to all Range Office servants; but in G. O. of 16th July 1863, No. 1,916, the Governor in Council decided, with reference to a communication from the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, that no Office servant will be entitled to batta except when actually absent from head quarters. In consideration however of the circumstances now represented by Colonel Hemery, and seeing that no expense beyond that provided for in the Committee's scheme, will be entailed by the arrangement, he directs that full travelling batta be passed to all *Range* servants whether at or absent from their head quarters.

2. These orders will have effect from the 1st instant.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineers.
„ Controller and Auditor of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No 295.

Cuddapah
Supdg: Engrs' Office
5th March 1864.

From

Lieut. Col. C. Hemery R.E.
Supdg: Engineer
3d Division

To

The Secretary to Government
P. W. D.

Sir,

In Para: 2, Order of Government No 1916 dated 16th July 1863, it is stated that no Office Servant is entitled to batta except when actually absent from Head Quarters.

2. The great hardship of this order has been so strongly represented by Range Officers, that I beg earnestly to request a reconsideration of the subject.

3. Office Servants are obliged to keep either a pony or a bandy, whether at their Fixed Stations or not, and the full rates of Travelling Allowance would not cover the cost of their ordinary marching expenses in these days of scarcity and famine prices.

4. So great is the discontent caused by the above restriction of Travelling batta, that there is not one Office Servant who would not leave the Department if he could get any appointment either in the Revenue or Judicial branch of the Service; and in the course of time, no respectable native will be found willing to enter the Range Offices of the Department; even now, find the greatest difficulty in filling up vacancies with qualified persons.

5. In the Scale sanctioned in Order No 1599 dated 18 June 1863, full travelling batta is included for all Range Office Servants, so that in now granting the full allowance, no extra expense, unprovided for in the Budget, will be entailed on Government.

I have &c

C. Hemery
Lt. Col. R.E.

Supdg: Engineer 3d Div

P.W.D.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 12th March 1864.

Read the following letter

From the Superintending Engineer 3d Dn

Requesting a reconsideration on the subject of travelling allowance to writers attached to range offices.

(Here enter 5 March 1864 No. 295)

In the scheme sanctioned in G.O. No 1599 of 18 June 1863 provision was made for full travelling batta being granted to all Range Office Servants; but in G.O. of 16 July 1863 No 1916, the Governor in Council decided, with reference to a communication from the Supg Engr 8 Dn, that no Office Servant will be entitled to batta except when actually absent from Head Quarters - In consideration however of the circumstances now represented by Col Kemp & seeing that no expense beyond that provided for in

No. 761

1. Under the circumstances represented in the foregoing letter and in modification of para 3 of the Order [illegible] G.O. No 1916 dated 16th July 1863, the Governor in Council directs that as no extra expense will be entailed by the measure, full travelling batta be paid to all range Office servants whether at, or absent from, head Quarters -

2. Hereunder will have effect from the 1st Instant

Chepauk 12th March 1864

To the Supg Engineer
" Controller & Auditor
P.W. Accts

No. 761 - 12th March 1864.

Requesting a reconsideration on the subject of travelling allowance to writers attached to range offices.

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The Supg. Engineer 3d Dn

To
The Secy to Government
P.W.D.

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Dated 5 Mar 8th March 1864.

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These orders will have effect from the 1st. Inst

To
The Superintending Engineers
" Controller and Auditor
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Permission
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