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Government of Madras.

Public works DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
26th June 1865.*

No. 611. - Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel C. H. DICKENS, R. A., Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, Establishment, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Simla, 6th June 1865, No. 1,012 E :—

SIR,

1. I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your letter, No. 956 of the 7th April last, on the subject of travelling allowances, and to state in reply that it was intended in this Office letter No. 290E-749 of the 11th February last, to intimate that the Government of India was unable to sanction any departure from the principle previously prescribed under the sanction of Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India, that travelling allowances cannot be drawn continuously as an addition to salary, but must be in the shape of a daily or mileage allowance while actually absent from head quarters.

2. This being the case, the Madras Government was invited to consider, whether the rules at present in force under the Administrations more directly under the control of the Government of India might not be brought into force in the Madras Presidency. It was not intended to re-open the question of the principle on which the allowances were to be granted, but to arrive at a settlement of the arrangement under which that principle should be worked out in practical rules in the Public Works Department of the Madras Presidency.

3. Under these circumstances, His Excellency the Governor of Madras in Council will perceive that it is impossible for the Government of India now to act upon the decision arrived at by the Madras Committee of 1863, since its conclusions are opposed to those adopted and approved by higher authority. The Rules in use in the Presidency of Bengal are intended to obviate the evil mentioned by the Madras Government, in regard to daily and mileage allowances tending to hold out inducement to needless locomotion, in addition to which it is to be remarked, that the rate of allowance should not be fixed so high as to more than pay the expense of moving.

4. His Excellency the Governor General in Council does not consider it by any means undesirable that the movements of Subordinate officers, on which their travelling allowances depend, should be subjected to some degree of control by their superiors. Like other acts of control it is possible that this may not always be so agreeable to the persons controlled as entire freedom would be. But experience has shown that this control may, by the exercise of proper temper and discretion, be managed without giving rise to ill-feeling or irritation, and without being looked upon in the light of a mistrustful scrutiny.

5. With these remarks I am again to commend the subject to the consideration of the Madras Government, and to beg that the Government of India may be favored with a report of the result arrived at.

No. 612. ORDER THEREON, 26th June 1865, No. 1,770.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 55.

Ordered that the following letter be sent :—

(Here enter No. 1,771, dated 26th June 1865.)

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,

Secretary to Government.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,

FORT SAINT GEORGE,

26th June 1865.

No. 613.

No. 1,771.

From

COLONEL C. A. ORR, R. E.,

Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, P.W.D.,

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, P.W.D.

SIR,

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 56.

1. I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 1,012E, dated 6th June 1865, and in reply to state that His Excellency the Governor in Council is prepared to revert to the system under which a variable travelling or mileage allowance is granted to the Officers and Subordinates of the Public Works Department while actually absent from head quarters.

2. As, however, this Government are not in possession of full information regarding the rules which regulate the grant of such allowances in the Administrations more directly under the Government of India, I am to request that they may be furnished with a complete copy for circulation to the Officers and Subordinates employed in the Madras Presidency.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

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

Erd. S. T. Augustin.

No 1012 E.

From

The Secretary of the Government of India

To

The Secretary of the Government of
Madras, Public Works Department

Establishment.

Public Works Department,

Simla, 6th June 1865.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge
receipt of your letter No 906 of the 7th April
last, on the subject of travelling allowances
and to state in reply that, it was
intended in this Office letter No 2906 of
the 11th February ^{last} to intimate, that the
Government of India was unable to
sanction any departure from the
principle previously prescribed, under
the sanction of Her Majesty's Secretary
of State for India, that travelling
allowances cannot be drawn continuously
as an addition to salary, but must be
in the shape of a daily or mileage allowance
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while actually absent from headquarters.

2. This being the case, the Madras Government was invited to consider, whether the rules at present in force under the Administrations, more directly under the Control of the Government of India, might not be brought into force in the Madras Presidency. It was not intended to re-open the question of the principle on which the allowances were being granted, but to arrive at a settlement of the arrangement under which that principle should be worked out in practical rules in the Public Works Department of the Madras Presidency.

3. Under these circumstances, His Excellency the Governor of Madras in Council will perceive, that it is impossible for the Government of India now to act upon the decision arrived at by the Madras Committee of 1863, since its conclusions are opposed to those adopted and approved by higher Authority. The rules

Rules in use in the Presidency of Bengal are intended to abrogate the evils mentioned by the Madras Government in regard to daily and mileage allowances tending to hold out inducement to needless locomotion, in addition to which it is to be remarked, that the rate of allowance should not be fixed so high as to more than pay the expense of moving.

4. His Excellency the Governor General in Council does not consider it by any means undesirable, that the movements of subordinate officers on which their travelling allowances depend, should be subjected to some degree of Control by their Superiors, like other acts of Control it is possible, that this may not always be so agreeable to the persons controlled as entire freedom would be. But experience has shown that this Control may, by the exercise of proper temper and discretion, be managed.

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and to beg, that the Government of India
may be favored with a report of the
result arrived at.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedt servant.

Wm. Leake Esq. R.A.

Secretary to the Government of India.

P.W. Dept 1865
Pro. of Govt. for Engrs
No 2226

From

The Secretary to the
Govt. of India

P.W.D.

Dated 6 }
Recd 20 } June 65

21771 No 1012 En
26 June 1865
Declining to

sanction any departure
from the principle
that travelling allow-
ance should be
drawn by the Officers
& Subordinates of
the P.W. Dept. in the
shape of a daily or
mileage allowance
while absent from
headquarters.

N. 611

Establishment Public Works Department

21771

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 26th June 1865

Read the following

From the Secretary to the
Govt. of India. P.W.D.

Declining to
sanction any departure
from the principle that
travelling allowance
should be drawn by the
Officers and Subordinates of the
P.W. Dept. in the shape of a daily
or mileage allowance while
absent from head quarters.

More Inter 6th June 1865 No 1012

Ordered that the

following letter be sent.

To

21771

The Secretary to the
Govt. of India P.W.D.

Sir.

I am directed to
acknowledge the receipt
of your letter No 1012
dated 6th June 1865, and
in reply, to state that

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His Excellency the Govern-
or in Council is
prepared to revert to the
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variable travelling or
mileage allowance is
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Fort St. George
26th June 1865

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27th June

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Letter from the Govt of India
declining to sanction any departure
from the principle that travelling
allowance should be drawn by the
officers and subordinates of the Public
Works Dept. in the shape of a
daily or mileage allowance
while absent from head quarters
with orders thereon.

No 611. 612-415