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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
18th July 1865.*

No. 448. Read the following letter from Captain A. S. MOBERLY, R. E.,
Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E.,
Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Bellary, 4th
July 1865, No. 58 :—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to request the orders of Government as to whether the whole daily working batta of the Sappers and Miners, employed on works under the Public Works Department, is to be charged to the estimates of the works they are constructing, or whether only one portion is to be paid by this Department, and the other by the Military Paymaster.

2. My reason for asking you for orders on this subject is that, a short time ago, it accidentally came to my notice that the men of the Sappers and Miners here were not only receiving working pay from this Department, but were also receiving full working pay from the Military Paymaster : on referring the question to the Officer Commanding the Detachment at Bellary, he furnished me with a Statement as below :—

Class.	Amount of working batta received from the Paymaster per man per diem.			Amount of working batta received from the Public Works Department.			Total per day per man.		
1	2			3			4		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Subadar	0	5	0	0	5	0	0	10	0
Jemadar	0	4	0	0	4	0	0	8	0
Serjeant	0	8	0	0	8	0	1	0	0
Corporal	0	8	0	0	8	0	1	0	0
Havildar, 1st Class...	0	3	0	0	1	6	0	4	6
Najuc, 2nd do....	0	2	3	0	1	6	0	3	9
Privates, 3rd do....	0	1	6	0	1	6	0	3	0
Artificers, Lascars, &c.	0	0	0	0	1	6	0	1	6

3. The Officer Commanding Detachment Sappers and Miners also sent me the accompanying copy of letter from the Officer who formerly commanded this Detachment, to Captain Fischer, and informed me that this letter is the only one on record between Captains Rose and Fischer on the subject of working batta.

4. The amount entered in the 2nd column "amount of working batta received from the Paymaster per man per diem" is the regular daily working batta, and the amount entered as received from the Public Works Department appears to have been a gratuity. I cannot learn that Captain Fischer obtained the sanction of any person to this concession. If the work had been carried out under the orders of the Officer Commanding Sappers and Miners, without having any connection with the Public Works Department, the men would only have received the sums entered in column 2, and the Artificers and Lascars would have got no working batta ; but, as the Artificers are employed in repairing the tools, and the Lascars in carrying stones, &c., to and from the work, they might perhaps be allowed something out of the estimate.

5. In conclusion, I beg to state that Lieutenant Pennefathers' estimates for raising the bund, &c., and constructing the Rifles Butts are prepared on the rates laid down in column 3, and will have to be revised in order to admit of the three classes. I would propose that these estimates should be prepared according to the market rates, and then the amount of saving in doing it by Sapper labour would be easily seen.

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No. 449. ORDER THEREON, 18th July 1865, No. 2,051.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 56.

1. As the Sappers at Bellary are employed on Military works, and draw working pay in the Military Department, they are not entitled to any extra remuneration from the Public Works Department except as a matter of grace, and in granting what is now shown to have been paid to the Sappers and Miners by Captain Fischer, that Officer greatly exceeded his authority. As, however, provisions are stated to be so excessively dear at Bellary the Government will not insist on retrenchment being enforced.

2. If, as stated in paragraph 5 of Captain Moberly's letter, Lieutenant Pennefather's estimates are prepared on the supposition that each Sapper is to be paid at the rate of 1 Anna 6 Pie per diem, the Superintending Engineer will explain why the earthwork of the Rifle Butts is calculated to cost so much as 3 Annas per cubic yard.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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To The Executive Engineer
Bellary

As you mentioned other day that in
consideration of the high price of provisions
you would give the Sappers employed
up in this matter some extra pay out of
your Estimates I have the honor to en-
close a receipt for Rupees 207-0-7 -
being at the rate of 1/2 anna per diem
for each day upon which they were en-
ployed

I beg to observe that they have
no real claim to this money as the regular
working but the has had to work as usual
from the Payment but considering
the amount of work they perform
compared with what a Cooly would do.
I think that the money will be well laid
out

Yours Obedt
Signed W. H. Jones Captain
Commanding Detachd Sappers & Miners
Bellary
9th July 1865
J. A. Moberly
Commanding Detachd Sappers & Miners

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 Supdg. Engrs Office
 4th July 1865.
 From Captain A. S. Moberly R.E.
 Supdg. Engineer 3rd Div.
 To The Secretary to Government
 P. W. D.

Sir, I have the honor to request the orders of Government as to whether the whole daily working Batta of the Sappers and Miners employed in Works under the Public Works Department is to be charged to the Estimates of the works they are constructing, or whether only one ^{portion} is to be paid by this Department and the other by the Military Paymaster.

2. My reason for asking you for orders on this subject is that, a short time ago, it accidentally reached my notice that the men of the Sappers and Miners here were not only receiving working pay from this Department, but were also receiving full working pay from the Military Paymaster. On referring the question to the Officer commanding the Detachment at Bellary he furnished me with a statement as below

Class	Amount of work by the Sappers & Miners from the Department	per man per diem	Do. Do. Public Works Department	Total per day per man.
Subadar	5		5	10
Muradar	4		4	8
Sergeant	8		8	16
Corporal	8		8	16
Headmen - 1 st Cl.	3		16	19
Naigue - 2 nd	23		16	39
Privates - 3 rd	16		16	32
Artificers, Carriers &c.			16	16

3. The Officer Commanding Detachment, Sappers and Miners also sent me the accompanying copy of letter from the Officer who formerly commanded this Detachment to Captain Fischer and informed me that this letter is the only one on record between Captains Role and Fischer on the subject of working batto.

4. The amount entered in the 2 Column "Amount of Working Batto received from the Sappers for money per diem" is the regular daily working batto and the amount entered as received from the S. W. D. appears to have been a gratuity. I cannot learn that Captain Fischer obtained the sanction of any person to this conception. If the work had been carried out under the orders of the Officer Commanding Sappers and Miners without having any connection with the S. W. D. the men would only have received the sum entered in Column 2 and the Artificers and Sappers would have got no working batto; but, as the Artificers are employed in repairing the tools and the Sappers in carrying stones &c. to and from the batto, they might perhaps be allowed something out of the estimate.

5. In conclusion I beg to state that I have perused the estimates for raising the bund &c. and constructing the Rifle Works are prepared on the Rates laid down in Column 3 and will have to be revised in order to admit of the 3 Clauses. I should propose that these estimates should be prepared according to the Market rates and that the amount of saving in doing it by Sapper labor should be readily seen.

Yours faithfully,
H. A. M. C.

W. A. M. C.
Capt. Role
Supd. of Engineer 3 Division.

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