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Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
24th July 1865.*

No. 610. Read the following letter from Captain J. G. RYVES, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Waltair, 13th July 1865, No. 516 :—

SIR,

* With reference to G. O. No. 1,996 of 22nd July 1863, and Rule 250 of the Uncovenanted Servants' Vade Mecum.

1. The Controller having* refused to pass the Bill for Supervisor O'Neill's salary for May 1865 on the grounds that (1) a Notification had not appeared in

the Gazette that leave was granted him for a certain short period of absence from duty in that month, and that (2) a report on the Supervisor's application for leave had not previously been obtained from the Controller; I have the honor to refer the subject for the consideration of Government, with a view to a revision of the existing orders bearing on it, if they mean what the Controller understands them to mean.

2. On the 21st of May 1865, Supervisor O'Neill got his foot jammed between two boats, and put himself into the doctor's hands, hoping to be fit for duty in a few days, but he continued unfit for duty longer than was expected, and his absence at length exceeded what could be covered by the Casual Leave Rule, and it was

* From 21st May to 12th June.

ultimately necessary to grant him retrospective leave of absence* on a regular Medical Certificate.

3. The question, I beg to submit, is whether in such cases of unavoidable absence for short periods from their Ranges for the sake of medical treatment, the regular course of obtaining a report from the Controller is necessary; or whether it is not sufficient simply to notice the fact of absence on the face of the pay abstract (from which of course the proper deduction of pay is made), with the Superintending Engineer's acknowledgment of the sufficiency of the cause of absence.

4. Had there been a medical man at the Supervisor's station, it is probable that no leave at all would have been required, and the Supervisor would not have lost pay; as it is he was put to the expense of seeking a doctor, loses part of his pay, and has to wait several weeks for the balance: for the Controller refuses audit to the *whole* abstract not only to the moiety drawn for the period of absence.

No. 611. ORDER THEREON, 24th July 1865, No. 2,133.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 76.

See also G. O. No. 2,241, dated 8th August 1863.

1. All applications for leave to Members of the Public Works Department should be referred for report to the Controller, and the Government see no reason for modifying the rule on this point contained in G. O. No. 1,996, dated 22nd July 1863.

2. In the case of Mr. O'Neill the Superintending Engineer, on that Subordinate's return to duty, should have forwarded the prescribed Medical Certificate to the Controller, and on the receipt of his report have notified in the usual manner the extent of retrospective leave which had been granted.

3. The Controller is now authorized to pass Mr. O'Neill's salary bills for May and June last, subject to the deduction of a moiety of salary for the period during which he was absent from duty under medical treatment.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Controller of Public Works Accounts.
" Superintending Engineer, 1st Division.
To all other Superintending Engineers.
Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 516.

Superintending Engineer's
Office, 1st Dⁿ Dattair,
13th July 1865.

From

Captain J. G. Dynes R.E.
Superintending Engineer 1st Dⁿ

To

Colonel C. A. Orr R.E.
Secretary to Govt. D. P. D.

Sir,

Madras.

The Controller having refused to
pass the bill for Supervisor O'Neill's sa-
lary for May 1865 on the grounds that
(1) a notification had not appeared
in the Gazette that leave was granted
him for a certain short period of absence
from duty in that month & that (2) a
report on the Supervisor's application for
leave had not previously been obtained
from the Controller. I have the honor to
refer the subject for the consideration
of Government with a view to a revision
of the existing orders bearing on it if
they mean what the Controller under-
stands them to mean.

* With reference to G.O.
No. 1996 of 22nd July 1865
and Rule 250 of the
unamended Regulations
Vademecum.

2. On the 21st of May 1855 Supervisor
O'Neill got his foot jammed between
two boats and put himself into the
doctor's hands, hoping to be fit for
duty in a few days: but he continued
unfit for duty longer than was expected
and his absence at length exceeded
what could be covered by the casual
Leave Rule and it was ultimately ne-
cessary to grant him retrospective leave
of absence on a regular medical certificate.

* From 21 May
to 12 June.

3. The question I beg to submit is
whether in such cases of unavoidable ab-
sence for short periods from their Ranges
for the sake of medical treatment, the
regular course of obtaining a report from
the Controller is necessary or whether it
is not sufficient simply to notice the
fact of absence on the face of the pay
abstract (from which of course the
proper deduction of pay is made) with
the Supg. Engineer's acknowledgement
of the sufficiency of the cause of absence.

4. Had there been a medical
man at the supervisor's station, it is
probable that no leave at all would

have been required and the supervisor
would not have lost pay: as it is he was
put to the expense of seeking a doctor,
loses part of his pay and has to wait
several weeks for the balance: for
the Controller refuses. audit to the whole
abstract not only to the moiety drawn
for the period of absence.

I have the honor to be
Yours most obed^{ly} Serv^t.

H. J. Jones. Capt. R. B.
Superintending Engr. 1st Div.

[Signature]

Public Works Dept

No 2133

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 21st July 1865

Recd the following

From the Supg Engineer of the
1st Div

Referring for the consideration of Govt the subject of the Controller of P. W. Accts refusing to pass the ^{salary} Bill for Supervisor O'Neill's salary for May 1865 on certain grounds.

(Here enter 13th July 1865
No 516)

All applications for leave to members of the Public Works Department should be referred for report to the Controller, and the Government see no reason for modifying the rule on this point contained in G. O. No 1996 dated 22nd July 1863.

In the case of Mr O'Neill the Superintendent

See also G. O.
No 2241 of 10th Aug 1863.

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Office
of the
Supg Engineer
1st Div
The Supg Engineer of the
1st Div

To the Secretary to Govt

O. J. M.

Madras

Dated 13th

July 1865

Retired 21st

No 516

No 2133 - 21st July 1865

Referring for the

consideration of Govt

the subject of Mr O'Neill's

controlling Mr O'Neill's

refusing to pass the

Bill for Supervisor

O'Neill's salary for

May 1865 on certain

grounds.

22nd July 1865. O. J. M.

Inquirer, as that Subordinates
return to duty, should be
forwarded the prescribed
Medical Certificate to the
Inspector, and on the
receipt of his report be
noted in the usual manner the extent of retro-
spective leave which has
been granted -

The Inspector is now
authorized to pay Mr
McNeill's salary bills for
May and June last,
subject to the deduction
of a moiety of salary for
the period during which
he was absent from duty
under Medical treatment

W.B.

To The Inspector of Prisons
" Supd. Eng. & Fire
All other Dept. Inquiries
Dated 24th July

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The Controller of P
to Account authorized to
pay the bills for the salary
of Int. O'Neill Supervisor
Sodasery District for May &
June last deducting a moiety
of salary for the period during
which he was absent from
duty under medical treat-
ment.

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