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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
25th August 1865.*

No. 612. 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 Camp, Dowlaishweram, 7th August 1865, No. 682 :—

SIR,

* No. 1,809.

† 31st ultimo.

‡ 28th do.

1. With reference to the 2nd paragraph of Government Order,* under date 22nd June, I have the honor to forward two Memorandums† and a letter,‡

received from the Controller of Public Works Accounts.

2. The Order above quoted clearly means that Government authorize or permit the full travelling allowance for office servants being drawn for complete periods of months, and do not limit it to the precise number of days of absence. But having regard to the fact that in many Range Offices the Accountants and Writers are not required to travel at all from one end of the year to the other, Government, I understand, leaves it to the Superintending Engineer to decide the fair amount to be drawn.

3. My instructions to Range Officers in my Division, to which the Controller objects, amount to this : that if office servants travel frequently, say ten days in each month, or a fortnight in two months, or a hundred days in the year, they will be allowed full travelling batta throughout the year, but that when they are very seldom required to be absent from head quarters, and then only for a short period, the batta would be drawn only for the month in which their week or ten days' absence from head quarters fell. This, I consider, a fair and very liberal arrangement, and in accordance with the intentions of Government.

4. I beg to draw attention to the vexatious system of refusing audit to a salary bill, comprising the pay of the Range Officer and all his Subordinates because an additional charge, which the Controller thinks, I was wrong in prohibiting, was not entered : the bill as far as it went should have been passed, and a supplemental bill for the additional charge called for; this sort of thing creates discontent and confusion in the Division.

5. I also request to be informed whether the Controller has the power to cancel instructions (which as in this case have no reference to the system of accounts) issued by a Superintending Engineer in his Division; and further to call for a report to his office that the instructions had been cancelled accordingly.

No. 613. ORDER THEREON, 25th August 1865, No. 2,485.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 78.

No. 2,447A, dated 22nd August 1865.

1. The question raised in paragraphs 1 to 3 has been disposed of in the Orders noted in the margin.

2. Adverting to paragraph 4, the Government consider that a Memorandum explanatory of the circumstances under which the charge for travelling batta had been omitted, should have been appended to the abstract.

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3. With reference to paragraph 5, the Government remark that the Controller of Public Works Accounts is authorized to obtain from Superintending Engineers such explanations as may be necessary for the disposal of the salary bills, submitted to him for audit; but Captain Fischer was neither justified in calling upon the Superintending Engineer of the 1st Division to cancel certain instructions issued by that Officer, nor in requiring him to report, that such had been done.

(True Extract.)

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

Secretary to Government.

To the Controller of Public Works Accounts.

„ Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, with one letter and two Memorandums.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 682.

Superintending Engineer
Office, 1st Division
Camp Doobaiswaram 7th Aug 1865

From

Captain J. G. Dyer R. E.

To

Superintending Eng. 1st Div.

Colonel C. A. Orr R. E.

Secretary to Govt. S. P. W.

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I have the honor to be
Sir Your most Obedt. Servt.

W. J. Lyons Esq. Capt. R.E.
Superintending Eng. & Dr.

No. 2483

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 25th August 1865
Read the following

From the Sup. & Engrs. 1st & 2nd

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a letter received from the Com-
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raising objections to passing
the Travelling allowance Bills
of certain Range Officers in
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thereon

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Mr. John D. Smith
Secy of Good Templars

Jan 4 1865

Friend of the Good Templars
I am sorry to hear
of your illness

The Committee of 1864
is informed that he was
not justified in calling
upon the 1st of Aug 64
the council certain instructions
issued by that officer

No. 612. 613.