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Government of Madras.

Public works DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
9th September 1865.*

No. 206. Read the following letter from Captain J. F. FISCHER, R. E.,
Controller of Public Works Accounts, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E.,
Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Madras, 25th
August 1865, No. 1,046 :—

SIR,

1. With reference to G. O. of the 23rd instant, No. 2,458, I beg to observe no
provision has been made therein, or in the Rules accompanying, for the travelling
allowance to be passed to Executive Engineers employed on *special* duties; the under-
mentioned Officers are in receipt of Rupees 100 a month for these duties :—

Captain Tulloch.

„ Rogers.

Mr. Frazer, C. E.

And by G. O. of the 2nd May 1865, No. 1,175, the allowance was continued to
Captain Tulloch, without reference to his employment on other duty at Bangalore ;
I request, therefore, you will be good enough to inform me if the old rates granted
to these Officers are still to be passed to them by this Office, or if they are to submit
Inspection Reports, &c., as other Officers, after the 1st proximo.

No. 207. ORDER THEREON, 9th September 1865, No. 2,647.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 29.

adopted in this Presidency from the 1st September 1865, No. 2,647.
drawn by the Special Executive Engineer, under instructions from the Govern-
required occasionally to move from her India, have been ordered to be
from the peculiar nature of their duties, o, will affect the allowances hitherto
that some provision should be made to compensate this class of Officers and Subor-
dinates for the expenses to which they necessarily put, His Excellency the
Governor in Council considers that, under the spirit of the Resolution of the Govern-
ment of India, No. 1,287E, dated 31st July 1865, a copy of which will now be fur-
nished to the Controller, they should be allowed while stationary one-half of the
ordinary marching allowance prescribed for their respective grades, full travelling
allowance being passed to them whenever they are entitled to it under the Rules.

(True Extract.)

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

Secretary to Government.

To the Controller of Public Works Accounts, }
„ Special Executive Engineers, } with one Enclosure.
„ Superintending Engineers, }

„ Consulting Engineer Railways.

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No. 1,287E.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE RIGHT HON'BLE THE GOVERNOR GENERAL OF INDIA
IN COUNCIL.

Establishment.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT;
Simla, the 31st July 1865.

Travelling Allowances.

Read the following papers:—

Secretary to the Government, North-Western Provinces, in the Public Works Department, No. 1,379, dated 9th March 1865, and one enclosure.

Secretary to the Government of Punjab, Public Works Department, No. 7,878, dated 13th April 1865, and one enclosure.

Public Works Proceedings (General), 25th July 1862, Nos. 60—64.

Public Works Proceedings (Establishment), November 1864, Nos. 4—8.

Joint Secretary to the Government of Bengal in the Public Works Department, Railway Branch, No. 479G., dated 10th April 1865, and two enclosures.

Under-Secretary to the Government, North-Western Provinces, Public Works Department, Railway Branch, No. 24N., dated 26th May 1865.

Public Works Department [Railway Proceedings] January 1865, Table A., No. 52.
Secretary to the Government of Punjab, Public Works Department, No. 516C., dated 8th July 1865, and enclosure.

RESOLUTION.—The above documents refer to cases that have lately come up before the Government of India in this Department, bearing upon some alleged deficiencies in the Travelling Allowance Rules. They seem all to refer to the point that the present rules in the Public Works Department, give no allowance for an Officer halting at a distance from his head quarters, unless he keeps up carriage for a tent.

2. In the first instance, a complaint is urged by the Controller of Accounts, North-Western Provinces, that he and his subordinates when on tour are put to extra expense during the days they may have to halt. As they do not maintain any carriage for a tent, they are consequently debarred from drawing any allowance during the days they may be employed inspecting the Office of any division, although necessarily incurring expense on such occasions.

3. In the second case, an Assistant Engineer, stationed at Subathoo, marched to Simla and halted there several days whilst inspecting work. He charged for the days he was halting; but not being able to certify to having kept up carriage for a tent or boat (carriage for baggage was maintained), the charge was not passed. The result was that he was put to some expense, no portion of which was reimbursed to him.

4. In the third case, the Consulting Engineer to the Government, North-Western Provinces, in the Railway Department, proceeded by order to Calcutta, and remained there six days. The Controller, North-Western Provinces, refused to pass any allowance for those six days, on the grounds that no carriage for boat or tent had been kept up. Here again expense accrued to the Officer halting whilst in the discharge of his official duties.

5. The fourth case is a more general one of the inadequacy of the scale of allowances to Deputy Consulting Engineers whilst travelling. The Government of Bengal propose to remedy this by allowing *bona fide* hotel expenses to the Officers concerned, this proposed remedy in fact bringing it under the same category as the other cases.

6. His Excellency in Council observes that grants of hotel expenses, so far as they include food and drink, cannot properly be allowed. But there is some claim for lodging and conveyance at a distant station, in cases like the above. And in all of these cases, the present Travelling Allowance Rules applying to halts bear hardly on the members of the Department. Some allowance appears necessary for Officers whose duties compel them to halt, but which do not necessitate the maintenance of any camp equipage.

7. The Government of India, in this Department, consider that a sum of one-half of the ordinary marching allowances, might be granted to all Officers of the Department as above situated. This will meet these cases as far as it is desirable to provide for them, that is, by an allowance for such expenses as must be incurred, on the most economical scale. The allowance to each Officer would be as follows:—

	Per diem.
Superintending Engineer, Controller, and Consulting Engineer. Rs.	3
Executive Engineer, Deputy Controller, and Deputy Consulting Engineer	2½
Assistant Engineer	2

for members of the Upper Subordinate and Accounts Establishments the allowances would be—

Sub-Engineers, and Accountants, 1st and 2nd Grades	Rs. 1½
Supervisors, and Accountants, 3rd and 4th Grades	1
Overseers....	¾

8. The grant of this half halting allowance should be guarded by the same rules, to prevent abuse, as obtain in the case of the full halting allowance.

9. The entire cost of the Public Works Establishments, according to the Accountant General, Department Public Works' Report on the Budget for 1865-66, is £873,435, of this about 1-10th is absorbed in travelling allowances, or £87,343. If to this be added the travelling allowances of the Railway Officers, a total of about £100,000 would be attained.

10. It is not likely that the increased cost of the proposed half allowances, would be more than 5 per cent. on the above sum. That is to say, the additional expense for all India would not exceed £5,000.

11. Such a charge annually is no doubt a matter of importance. But it would supply a want that has long been felt in this Department, in which the rules regulating marching allowances are believed to be more stringent than in other Departments in regard to daily allowance while halting. In this Department also inspections are more likely to result in direct saving of expenditure to Government, than in any other service. It is therefore especially worth while to encourage them, and the extra charge so incurred would, it is believed, be money well laid out.

No 1046

Office of the Controller of
M. Accounts.
Madras 25th August 1865.
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From

Captain J. F. Frischer. R.E.

To Controller of M. Accounts.

Colonel L. A. Orr. R.E.

Secretary to Government. D.M.

Sir,

With reference to G.O. of the 23rd instant no: 2458, they to observe no provision has been made therein or in the Rules accompanying for the travelling allowance to be passed to Executive Engineers employed on Special duties - the undermentioned Officers are in receipt of Rupees 100 a month for these duties—

Captain Inloch.

" Rogers.

Mr. Frazer C. E.

and by G.O. of the 2nd May 1865 no: 1175 the allowance was continued to Captain Inloch without reference to his employment on other duty at Bangalore; I request therefore you will be good enough to inform me if the old rates granted to these Officers are still to be passed to them by this Office, or if they are

To

to submit inspection reports to you as other
Officers, after the 1st Proviso.

Please the honor be

Sir,

Your most obedient servant.

Captain R.E.

Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Very
Respectfully

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Public Works Department

no 2647

Proceedings of the Madras Government

(Under date the 9th Sept 1865)

Read the following
From the Controller of P.M. Accounts

Requesting to be in-
formed if the old rates granted here under 25th August 1865 No. 10.
to the Officers on Special
duty, are still to be passed
to them.

As the new travelling
allowance rules, which
under instructions from
the Government of India
have been ordered to be
adopted in this Presidency
from the 1st proximo, will
affect the allowances hi-
therto drawn by the Spe-
cial Executive Engineers
and Upper Subordinates,
who, altho required occa-
sionally to move from
Head Quarters, are more

Why should men have
half marching allowance
when they don't march
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To the Controller of P.M. Accounts
The Secretary to
Government.

Dated 25th Sept 1865
No. 1046.

Requesting to be
informed if the old
rates granted to the
Officers on special duty,
are still to be passed
to them.

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frequently compelled, from the peculiar nature of their duties, to remain stationary, and as it is necessary that some provision should be made to compensate this class of Officers and Subordinates for their expenses to which they are necessarily put, His Excellency the Governor in Council consider that, under the spirit of the ^{Resolution} of the Government of India No 1287 & dated 3/8/ July 1865, an order of which will now be

furnished to the Controller, they should be allowed while stationary one half of the ordinary marching allowance prescribed for their respective grades, full travelling allowance being passed to them whenever they are entitled to it under the rules.

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To
The Controller of
Accounts
Special Bursar
Supy Engrs
Consulting Engineer for Railways

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Special Ex. Engineers &
Upper Subordinate authorized to
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of the ordinary allowance prescri-
bed for their respective grades
and full travelling allowance
when they are entitled to
it under the Rules.

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