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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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By

11th September 1865.

No. 218. 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, 31st August 1865, No. 572 :—

Sir,

1. With reference to my letter No. 682, dated 7th instant, I have the honor to forward the accompanying bills for travelling allowance, which the Controller of Public Works Accounts has returned unaudited, on the grounds that

batta for the Establishment should be included.

2. The Controller differs from me in the interpretation of the Orders of Government regarding travelling batta to Office Establishments; my view being that Government intended the batta to

be *as much* a fixed allowance as the travelling allowance of Officers, but not more so. The Controller's view being that the batta must be drawn for every month of the year, even if the Office Establishment is kept at head quarters stationary for ten months out of the twelve; and for every individual, even if a malingerer avoids a march by putting himself on the sick list.

3. And the Controller enforces his view or attempts to enforce it by stopping the travelling allowance of every Officer and Subordinate in the Division until I accept his view.

4. The disputed point having no connection with Accounts, is one on which the Controller is not *ex-officio* an authority: on the other hand, it has a direct bearing on the discipline of the Establishment of the Division of which I have charge. The Controller should, therefore, pending a reference to Government, have accepted my view as correct.

5. In any case, I trust that Government will not approve of the mode of enforcing compliance adopted by the Controller, who says because batta is not drawn for A and B, whose claim is doubtful, therefore I will not pass travelling allowance for Y and Z, about whose claim there is not a shadow of doubt: audit has on this principle been refused to the travelling allowances for June of one Executive

Engineer and two Overseers, and for July of two Executive Engineers, two Supervisors, and four Overseers.*

* Probably audit has been refused in several other instances not yet brought to my notice.

6. I have of course directed the travelling allowances of the above Officers and Subordinates to be issued to them in anticipation of audit.

No. 219. ORDER THEREON, 11th September 1865, No. 2,653.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 31.

1. The Bills submitted with the foregoing letter will be forwarded to the Controller of Public Works Accounts, with reference to the Orders of Government Nos. 2,477A and 2,485, dated 22nd and 25th August 1865, respectively.

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11th September 1865.

2. Adverting to paragraph 5, the Government remark that when objection is taken by the Controller to any particular item or items of a salary or travelling allowance bill, it seems unnecessary to defer audit to the whole.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Controller of Public Works Accounts, with three Bills.
Superintending Engineer, 1st Division.

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From

Captain J. G. Ryner R.E.

Superintending Engineer, 1st Div.

To

Colonel C. A. Orr R.E.

Secretary to Govt., R.E.W.

Sir,

Madras.

With reference to my letter No 682 dated 7th instant, I have the honor to forward the accompanying bills for Travelling allowance which the Controller of P.W. accounts has returned unau-
dited on the grounds that batta for the establishment should be included.

2. The Controller differs from me in the interpretation of the orders of Government regarding travelling batta to Office Establishments; my view be-
ing that Government intended the batta to be as much a fixed allow-
ance as the Travelling allowance of officers, but not more so. The Controller's

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view being that the butter must be drawn for every month of the year, even if the Office Establishment is kept at head quarters stationary for few months out of the twelve; and for every individual even if a malingerer avoids a march by putting himself on the sick list.

3. And the Controller enforces his view or attempts to enforce it by stopping the travelling allowance of every officer & subordinate in the Division until I accept his view?

4. The disputed point having no connection with accounts is one on which the Controller is not ex officio an authority: on the other hand it has a direct bearing on the discipline of the Establishment of the Division of which I have charge. The Controller should therefore, pending a reference to Government, have accepted my view as correct.

5. In any case, I trust that Government

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Government will not approve of the mode of enforcing compliance adopted by the Controller; who says because butter is not drawn for A & B. whose claim is doubtful, therefore I will not pass Travelling Allowance for Y & Z. about whose claim there is not a shadow of doubt: audit has on this principle been refused to the same of one & half two overseers and for travelling allowances for July of two Executive Engineers, two Supervisors and four Overseers.

Initially audit has been refused in account which is stated not yet brought up which

6. I have of course directed the travelling allowances of the above officers & subordinates to be issued to them in anticipation of audit.

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your most obedt. Servt.

H. J. [Signature]
Sup. Engineer 2nd Division

Public Works Department
No. 2653
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Under date the 14th Sept/65.
Read the following

From the Sup. Insp. = 1st Div^{no} Ch. 3030

Submit to for orders of Govt.
the accompanying bills for
travelling allowances which the
Cont. of P.W. accounts has returned
unaudited on the grounds that
bills for the establishments
should be included

J. E. 31st August 1865
No. 572 =

The Bills submitted
with the foregoing letter
will be forwarded to the
Controller of P.W. accounts,
with reference to the orders
of Government Nos. 2477A
and 2485 dated 22nd and
25th August 1865 respectively.

Adverting to para 5,
the Government remark
that whenever objection is
taken by the Controller to
any particular item or
items of a Bill, it
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The travelling allow-
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Eng^r T^h J^r forwarded to
the Controller P. W. Acquist.