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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,  
12th October 1865.*

No. 266. Read the following Endorsement of the Controller of Public Works Accounts, dated Madras, 2nd October 1865, No. 1,422 :—

Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel G. W. WALKER, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, to Captain J. F. FISCHER, R. E., Controller of Public Works Accounts, dated Camp, Calicut, 28th September 1865, No. 41 :—

SIR,  
*Your Circular No. XXV of 30th August.*

1. I have the honor to state my opinion that the form of Inspection List should be supplemented either by the addition of a column showing the rule and paragraph under which each day's travelling allowance is claimed, or by a foot note to the same effect for the aggregate number of days under each separate head. Some such practice prevailed, if I mistake not, in the Bombay Department Public Works, when I worked in it for three months in 1862.

2. I cannot approve of the certificates forwarded with your Circular. They appear to me to bear too severely on Subordinates, and too lightly on Officers; whereas my experience leads me to an opposite policy. Officers are too apt to forget that the extra expenses to which they are put for horses are provided for by their staff salary, and not by their travelling allowances. This can hardly be said of Subordinates in charge of Ranges, with as much average travelling as Officers; and certainly not of Taluq Overseers. The travelling allowances of these ranks I hold to be meant to defray their extra expenses for horses, as well as the cost of moving their kit from place to place. But so long as a man is content to draw the ordinary daily travelling allowance of his rank (whether Officer or Subordinate), I care not whether he carries a tent or not, and would be satisfied with the usual certificate that his marches have been made in the discharge of public duty. But when mileage claims and claims for halts are made, I am inclined to insist on stringent certificates.

3. With the above remarks, in elucidation of my views as to the drawing of travelling allowances in general, I submit my opinion that to back claims made under Rule No. II., paragraph 1, nothing but the certificate above alluded to (from the party claiming) is required. And I think the same rule should apply to Subordinates in charge of Ranges instead of Rule VI., paragraph 2, which requires provision of tents (unnecessarily, to my mind).

4. Claims under Rule III. and V. of paragraph 1, to be backed by certificate of the Range Officer, that he actually carried about a tent adequate for the accommodation of himself and office people.

5. Claims under Rule IV., paragraph 1, and Rule VIII., paragraph 2, to be supported by the Superintending Engineer's certificate of the "absolute necessity" of the journey, and by the Range Officer's Memorandum that it was performed by day, by night, on horse-back, or in a coach, as the case may be. Railway journeys excepted.

Overseers never to draw mileage except for Railway journeys. And to be allowed single, double, or treble horse allowances at the option of the Superintending Engineer, partly guided by the Endorsement of the Range Officer on the Inspection Report. These latter, however, seldom take the trouble to give an opinion about their Overseer's work.

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6. Government Order No. 2,647 of 9th September is presumed to apply to Captains Kennedy, Hankin, and Law.

7. Foot notes to Inspection Lists, to show names of office servants taken on circuit and dates of their absence from head quarters.

Submitted to Government for information—Orders are requested on the remarks of the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, as contained in paragraph 6 of this letter.

(Signed.) J. F. FISCHER, Captain, R. E.,  
Controller of Public Works Accounts.

No. 267. ORDER THEREON, 12th October 1865, No. 3,026.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 22.

The Government regret that they are unable to extend the provisions of G. O. No. 2,647, dated 9th September 1865, to Captains Hankin, Law, and Kennedy. These Officers will, however, be entitled to the regulated travelling allowance of their grades when required to travel in the discharge of their public duties, and to maintain tents and marching establishments.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Controller of Public Works Accounts.  
,, Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

*No. 111*  
*Superintending Engineer*  
*Camp Calicut 28th September 1865*  
*From*  
*The Superintending Engineer*  
*7th Division*  
*To*  
*The Controller of Public Works Accounts*  
*Madras*

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7 Footnotes to Inspection Lists, to shew names of Office servants taken on circuit and dates of their absence from Head Quarters.

I remain, Sir,

Your most obedient servant

Wm. Lintbold  
Superintending Engineer &c

No. 1122

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Wm. Hemkin Captain R.E.

Officer of the Controller  
of P.W. Accounts  
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