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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
14th November 1865.*

No. 256. Read the following Endorsement of the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, dated Madras, 3rd November 1865, No. 2,567 :—

Read the following letter from R. F. CHISHOLM, Esq., Executive Engineer, to the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, dated Madras, 1st November 1865, No. 36.

1. I have the honor to state that my office allowance for the month of September was disallowed by the Central Office of Accounts for want of a certificate, to the effect that I was not occupying public quarters. Captain Goddard on my application objected to supply me with such a certificate, as I was occupying a room on the top of a house rented by Government.

2. I explained to Captain Goddard, that by your favor I was permitted to draw in the room alluded to, and which would otherwise be unoccupied, and that office accommodation was not officially granted to me. I requested should he still see any objection to furnish me with a certificate, that the matter might be submitted to higher authority; and I further requested, in the meantime, to be permitted to remove the tables and chairs to my private residence. Captain Goddard furnished me with a certificate, and stated that you yourself would give orders regarding the tables and chairs.

3. The Central Office still objected to pass the bill, because it did not contain the words "for his office" after "public quarters." The omitted words seemed to be so full of import, that I had some hesitation in applying for a revised certificate, and awaited your return. The privilege of drawing this allowance was specially granted me by the Madras Government (see Proceedings No. 282, Establishment, No. 39), and perhaps it would be as well to submit the matter for their consideration.

4. I beg to be permitted to remove the furniture alluded to above, to my private residence.

1. Submitted to Government for favorable consideration.

2. It is true that Mr. Chisholm carries on his office duties in a part of the room occupied as an office by the Superintending Engineer, but it can hardly be considered in the light of a special public office assigned to him. It is indeed in a measure only a *passage*, as every one wishing to see the Superintending Engineer, and every messenger carrying papers, is obliged to pass through the place where Mr. Chisholm works.

3. If the house rent cannot be continued to Mr. Chisholm, while occupying part of Superintending Engineer's Office room as above, permission is requested for that Officer to remove the requisite office furniture to his own house, and that he be allowed to draw house rent, which appeared to be granted *absolutely* in paragraph 2 of G. O. No. 1,968, 12th July 1865.

(Signed) A. J. M. BOILEAU, Colonel, R. E.,
Superintending Engineer, 4th Division.

No. 257. ORDER THEREON, 14th November 1865, No. 3,407.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 23.

As Mr. Chisholm has not been called upon to provide himself with accommodation for his office, he is clearly not entitled to the allowance which he claims.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division.

„ Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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From

C. F. Fisher.

Executive Engineer

To

Col. A. J. M. Boileau R.E.

Sup^r Engineer W. B. S.

Madras. 1 November 1885.

Sir

I have the honor to state that my office allowance for the month of Sept. was disallowed by the Central Office of Accounts, for want of a Certificate, to the effect that I was not occupying Public Quarters. Capt. Goldard on my application, objected to supply me with such a Certificate, as I was occupying a room on the top of a house rented by Government.

I explained to Capt. Goldard, that by your favor I was permitted to draw in the room alluded to, which would otherwise be unoccupied, and that

Office accommodation was not officially granted to me. I requested should he still see any objection to furnish me with a Certificate, that the matter might be submitted to higher authority; and I further requested in the meantime to be permitted to remove the tables and chairs to my private residence. Capt. Goddard furnished me with a Certificate and stated that you yourself would give orders regarding the Tables and Chairs.

The Central Office still objected to pass the bill because it did not contain the words "for his Office" after "Public Quarters". The omitted words seemed to be so full of import, that I had some hesitation in applying for a revised Certificate, and awaited your return. The privilege of drawing this allowance was specially granted me by the Madras Government (see proceedings No 282 Establishment No 39) and perhaps it would be as well to submit the matter for their consideration.

The summer I was off duty and
was permitted to remove the
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I have the honor to be
Yours truly
Chisholm.

No 2567.

Submitted to Government for
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