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15th December 1865.*

No. 288. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Cannanore, 4th December 1865, No. 195 :—

Enclosure 1.

1. As shown by my endorsement thereon, the accompanying application for carriage or horse allowance made by Captain Hankin, and supported by Major Farewell, was returned by me under the impression that the case was provided for by G. O. No. 2,647 of 9th September. A contrary decision was however laid down in G. O. No. 3,026 of 12th October 1865, and I therefore accede to Major Farewell's request that the orders of Government be solicited on this special case. But I cannot support Captain Hankin's demand for the full amount of consolidated travelling allowance formerly given to Assistant Engineers. It would not be fair towards Range Officers of the same departmental rank, who work in the plains and are constantly separated from their families, and exposed to the discomforts of marching, that they should often draw less travelling allowance than an Assistant Range Officer, who has never occasion to sleep out of his own house, and benefits by the finest climate in India.

2. It is also a maxim of mine that the keep of horses is not an expense to be debited against travelling allowance, but against Staff or Civil salary of Departmental Officers (not of Subordinates). But this is a point on which I find that most people differ from me, and I shall be glad to have it definitely settled by Government when passing orders on this particular case. But for the precedent of carriage allowance to Presidency Officers, I am of opinion that the existing rules would preclude Captain Hankin from drawing any travelling allowance; and even with such precedent the double horse allowance granted to Subordinates performing certain duties seems as much as can be passed under the rules.

From the Assistant Engineer in charge of Lawrence Asylum Works, to the Executive Engineer, Neilgherry Range, dated Ootacamund, 2nd September 1865.

1. As I imagine that the nature of my duties will preclude my drawing travelling allowance under any of the rules now by G. O. No. 2,458, dated 23rd August 1865, ordered to be adopted, I have the honor to request that you will forward this my application for some allowance in lieu of the travelling allowance, viz., Rupees 80, I now receive being passed to me. Paragraph 3 of the Order above referred to provides for an allowance being granted to members of the Upper Subordinate Establishment not in charge of Ranges, and Taluq Overseers employed in Cantonments, as well as to the Engineers at the Presidency and Bangalore, and I would request that some fixed allowance be similarly passed to me. As I believe that my case is a solitary one, and that I shall be the only member of the Department Public Works Establishment who will not, under the rules as they now stand, be able to draw anything in the shape of travelling allowance.

2. The house I occupy in Ooty is as near to the works as any. Yet the distance to my works is at least 2½ miles by the shortest cuts across the hills, and by the regular road 6 miles, the Jail which I daily visit is certainly another mile distant, and what with going and returning from Ooty to my works and about them all day, I am sure you will bear me out in saying that I never can have to ride less than 10 miles a day, and when visiting the roads from the Asylum to Ootacamund, &c. &c., considerably in excess of this distance, and I am obliged, as you know, to keep two horses to do my work.

Travelling Allowance, but against Staff

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3. The carriage allowance passed to Engineer Officers at the Presidency is, I believe, the amount that is ordinarily charged for the hire of carriage (Sundays excepted) for a month, here the Livery Stable keeper informs me that he could not supply me daily (Sundays excepted) with a horse under Rupees 80 a month, and as the wages of horse-keepers, &c., including warm clothing, &c., for them, and all other stable expenditure is nearly double what it is at the Presidency, I do not think the charge I have mentioned above can be considered at all excessive.

No. 123.

Forwarded to the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, with a request that Captain Hankin's appeal, which appears to be a very fair one, be forwarded for the favorable consideration of Government.

OOTACAMUND,
2nd September 1865.

(Signed) W. FAREWELL, Major,
Executive Engineer.

A letter to Government forwarding this paper was ready for the post when G. O. No. 2,647 of 9th September came to hand, under which Captain Hankin will be entitled to draw half the travelling allowance of his rank in the Department.

15th September 1865.

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Lieut.-Colonel, R. E.,
Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.

To Neilgherry Range.

No. 289.

ORDER THEREON, 15th December 1865, No. 3,774.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 21.

The Government see no reason to
modify their Order of the 12th October
1865, No. 3,026.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

*Superintending Engineer's office 7th Div.
OOTACAMUND 15th December 1865.*
No. 195 From: Lieut. Col. G. W. Walker M.B.
Super. Engineer 7th Div.
OOTACAMUND.

To: Lieut. Col. A. Orr M.B.
Secy to Government P. W.
OOTACAMUND.

Sir,
As shown by my endorsement thereon, the accompanying application for Carriage or Horse Allowance made by Captain Hankin and supported by Major Farwell, was returned by me under the impression that the case was provided for by G. O. No. 2,647 of 9th September. A contrary decision was however laid down in G. O. No. 3026 of 12th Oct. 1865, and I therefore accede to Major Farwell's request that the order of Government be solicited on this special case. But I cannot support Captain Hankin's demand for the full amount of Consolidated Travelling Allowance formerly given to A. S. Engineers. It would not be fair towards Range Officers of the same Departmental rank, who work in the plains and are constantly separated from their families and exposed to the discomforts of marching, that they should draw less Travelling Allowance than an A. S. Range Officer who has no occasion to sleep out of his own house, and benefits by the finest climate in India.
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I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant.

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