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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
11th April 1865.*

No. 200. Read the following Despatch from the Right Honorable Sir C. WOOD, Bart., Secretary of State for India (Public Works), to His Excellency the Honorable the Governor in Council, Fort Saint George, dated India Office, London, 23th February 1865, No. 5:—

Sir,
I herewith transmit, for reference to the Commissioners of Income Tax at Madras, copy of a letter which has been received from Mr. Dopping, late a District Engineer in the Public Works Department of your Presidency, in which he complains that income tax was improperly deducted from the year's salary which he received on leaving the service.

— MONASTEREVAN, February 6th, 1865.

My Lord,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your reply to my last letter, and to add, for the information of the Right Honorable the Secretary of State, that at the time that I tendered my resignation I had been ordered home to Europe on sick leave, and that my resignation was tendered on the promise of the Madras Government, contained in an Order of the 6th of April 1864, No. 958 B, that a "sum of Rupees 8,320," being the amount of a full year's salary and a free passage to Southampton, would be "disbursed" to me. Attached to the deed of resignation, which I was given to sign, there was a receipt for the above sum, and before signing the receipt I remarked to Colonel Orr that I did not see the actual cash ready for payment, to which he said "Oh! when you have signed the receipt, an order for the amount will be made out." I then signed the receipt, and in about half an hour afterwards an Order, No. 1,009 A, dated 11th April, authorizing the "disbursement of a sum of Rupees 8,320" to me, was handed to me by Colonel Orr. This order I was told to give to the Auditor of Public Works Accounts, but instead of receiving from him the amount, he gave me an order on the Executive Engineer for it, less income tax, deducted upon the whole. I remonstrated against such a proceeding, and pointed out that a passage to England could not be considered as a part of salary, and that no income tax could be charged on it. He then charged income tax on the amount of salary only, and made out an order accordingly; but I protested also against this, as I considered he had no authority to analyze the amount which had been ordered by Government to be disbursed to me. With my view, viz., that the whole sum was to be looked upon as a *bonus*, and not liable to income tax, the Commissioners of Income Tax at Madras, the Secretary of the Board of Revenue, the Secretary to Government in the Revenue Department, and the Agent of the Oriental Bank, fully and entirely agreed. Nevertheless, the stoppage was made by the Executive Engineer, viz., Rupees 216, but the lateness of the actual payment to me, viz., the day before I left Madras, though I had called at the Office every day for nearly a week, prevented me from taking any active steps about it before I sailed; but I signed the receipt for the actual cash under a protest, and trusted to obtain justice from the Secretary of State, but failed in my endeavour to see him when passing through London. May I now, therefore, beg you will lay this matter before him, and request him to cause the balance, viz., £21-12-0, to be paid to me. In point of fact I believe I am entitled to full pay up to the date of the actual payment of the money to me in Madras, or nearly a week after the date of my receipt.

(Signed) J. H. DOPPING.

No. 201.

ORDER THEREON, 11th April 1865, No. 990.

MISCELLANEOUS, No. 7.

The Controller Public Works Accounts will be requested to furnish an early report, in communication with the Income Tax Commissioners, of the circumstances under which income tax was deducted from the year's salary authorized to be paid to Mr. Dopping on his resignation of appointment in the Public Works Department.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Controller of Public Works Accounts.
" Income Tax Commissioners.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Miscellaneous Public Works Dept.

No 990

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Under date the 11th April 1865

Read the following

~~From~~ The Right Hon^{ble}
The Secretary of State for India.

Transmitting for reference
The Income Tax Commissioners
Copy of a letter from Mr. [unclear] (Dated 25 February 1865)
[unclear] late of the Madras
Dept. complaining that income tax
was improperly deducted from the
gross salary which he received on
leaving the Post Service.

The Inspector Public
Works Accounts will
be requested to furnish
an daily report in
communication with the
Income Tax Commis-
sioners of the circum-
stances under which
Income Tax was
deducted from the
Gross Salary authorized

to be paid to Mr.
Dopping on his res.
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Works Department

W.B.

To the Treasurer of the County
- in full for Tax [unclear]

Dec 12th April.

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requested to furnish
a report of the amount
of money under
which Chrome Day
was donated from
the year 1840
until to the 1st of
Jan. 1841. —

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