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Government of Madras.

Public Works **DEPARTMENT.**

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
9th August 1866.*

No. 193. Read the following letter from the Controller of Public Works Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Department. Public Works, dated Madras, 31st July 1866, No. 1,226 :—

1. With reference to paragraph 2 of G. O. of the 24th instant, No. 2,334, wherein it is alleged that the travelling allowance rules furnish no warrant for my disallowing travelling allowance on the items of an Account Current, I would beg very respectfully to submit that, after the issue of the several G. O.'s, and particularly paragraph 2 of G. O. of the 3rd February 1866, No. 426, declaring this allowance was not to be passed unless it had been fairly earned, I concluded I was bound to take the whole proceedings of any Range Officer into consideration when deciding his claims to this grant. Now the Account Current of any Range, taken in connection with the claimant's Inspection Report, is as good a guide as anything can be to the manner in which the Range duties are conducted; for, when it is found that any Officer or Agent has been in the habit of drawing funds far in excess of his requirements, and that the greater part of his expenditure is on establishments, whilst for months together he is always at or about his head quarters, unless the necessity for his so remaining can be fairly explained, the result to my mind is that, that Officer has not made himself sufficiently acquainted with his subordinates' work, or their probable progress with them.

2. In the case more particularly under reference, Mr. O'Donaghue's expenditure was but Rupees 1,244, and more than 50 per cent. of this was on establishments; whilst the Superintending Engineer had placed at his disposal no less than Rupees 8,760, and a note having been made of his previous halts at or about his head quarters, I stated I did not feel I was at liberty to pass full travelling allowance to him, leaving it optional with Captain Oakes to pass double horse allowance to him, if he pleased.

3. Upwards of Rupees 78,958 remained as unexpended balance against the 6th Division at the close of the last

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official year; the greater portion of this, it is true, lapsed in one Range, but I venture to say this balance would have been far less, if Range Officers had made themselves better acquainted with their

subordinates' work by frequent inspections, instead of relying on their mere reports. I have no wish to deprive any one in the Department of any portion of his salary or other allowances, and since I have been here, I have often passed what in former times it was usual to disallow; but Mr. O'Donaghue's is not by any means the first case from this Division wherein I could take upon myself to consider he was fairly entitled to this allowance from the Government, and I very respectfully submit that in so doing, I was in no wise transgressing their instructions.

No. 194. ORDER THEREON, 9th August 1866, No. 2,513.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 19.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

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

Exd. T. Cartledge.

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N^o 1226.

Office of the Controller of
P.W. Accounts.
Madras 31st July 1866.

From,

The Controller of P.W. Accounts.

To,

The Secretary to Government. D.P.W.
Fort St. George.

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I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obed^t. Servant.
Wm. F. Lister Captain R.E.,
Controller of P.W. Accounts.

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Local — 45,246 " 15 " 3.
78,957 " 13 " 1.

Compd: R. F. M.

P. M. H. D. O. P. O.
From 800 for 2000 each
for material of 1000.

To Account No 3153
The day of 1000.

St. M. George.

Dated 31st July 1886.
Recd 1000 31st July 1886.
No. 1000.

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