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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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**Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
24th August 1866.**

No. 542. Read the following letter from the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Madras, 13th August 1866, No. 336:—

1. I have the honor to request the orders of Government upon the following circumstances.

2. Having during last month occasion to inspect the works upon the Great Southern of India Railway, I proceeded to Negapatam in one of the Coasting Steamers, and the sum* paid by me for my own fare and for that of my servant was

* Rupees 48.

entered in a bill for the month of July, and submitted to the Controller of Public Works Accounts for audit. The bill has been returned to me, with the item in question struck out, and with the following Memorandum:—

“Rupees 48 for Major Stewart’s passage by Steamer, and a servant, is dis-
“allowed in the absence of a voucher in support of the charge, and a certificate
“from the Commander of the Steamer certifying that, during the period occupied
“in the passage, mess was, or was not allowed by the Steamer.—*Vide Circular*
“No. IX., dated 13th July 1866, copy of which is herewith forwarded.”

3. I enclose for the information of Government the Circular† above alluded to. It will be seen from it that the Controller, before auditing any claim of this nature, requires the submission to him of two documents in addition to the actual bill.

† No. IX., to be returned.

1st.—A voucher in support of the claim for passage money.

2nd.—A certificate from the Commander of the vessel, certifying that during the period occupied by the voyage, mess was, or was not allowed by the ship.

4. I submit that this demand made by the Controller is not only unauthorized and unnecessary, but that it places an Officer in a false position, and throws annoying difficulties in the way of his receiving that to which Government have declared him entitled.

5. The necessity for neither voucher nor certificate is alluded to in any of the orders upon the subject. The first could, I suppose, be obtained from the Agents for the Steamer, and the second from the Commander; but I need not name the objections to such a course. I maintain that my own certificate, first, as the payment of the passage money, and second, as to the fact of my having been messed on board, or not, ought to be accepted by the Controller as sufficient vouchers.

6. In a precisely similar case the Controller demanded from me, a short time ago, a voucher signed by the Traffic Manager of the Railway, to support a claim made by me for the carriage of my horses by rail, and the matter having been referred to the Accountant General, Public Works Department, his decision was that “The voucher tendered by the Consulting Engineer in this case, viz., his own certificate, appears to me to have been quite sufficient. No other voucher is required from an Officer whose travelling charges are audited in the Civil Department.”

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
24th August 1866.*

No. 543. ORDER THEREON, 24th August 1866, No. 2,681.

RAILWAY, No. 48.

The Government are of opinion that, as in the case of charges submitted by the Consulting Engineer for Railways for carriage of tents or horses by rail, his own certificate of the payment of passage and table money when proceeding on duty by sea should be considered as sufficient, and that no other vouchers need be demanded from him.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Controller of Public Works Accounts.
„ Consulting Engineer for Railways.

- Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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OFFICE OF THE CONTROLLER OF
PUBLIC WORKS ACCOUNTS,
Madras, 13th July 1866.

No. IX.

CIRCULAR.

In forwarding the annexed Extracts from the Proceedings of the Government of India and the Local Government, for the information and guidance of all Officers and Subordinates employed in the Public Works Department, the Controller of Public Works Accounts is constrained to enforce a rule, when claims are preferred for passage money, a certificate in original from the Commander of the vessel, certifying that during the period occupied in the passage, Mess was or was not allowed by the ship, should accompany the Bill. In the absence of that document the Bill will be returned unaudited.

2. A Voucher in original, in support of the claim for passage money, should as heretofore also accompany the Bill.

(Signed) J. F. FISCHER, Captain, R. E.,
Controller of P. W. Accounts.

FORT SAINT GEORGE, 23RD JANUARY 1866.

The following Extract from Notifications in the Gazette of India is republished.

Financial Department, Fort William, the 15th December 1865.

No. 3,524.

Read Extract, Military Department, No. 814, dated 29th November 1865, forwarding for consideration a letter with enclosures from the Controller General of Military Expenditure regarding a claim to passage money from Karachee to Bombay, preferred by Captain F. T. Ross of the Staff Corps, a Deputy Collector in Scinde.

RESOLUTION.—All Officers in Civil employ, whether Civil or Military, Covenanted or Uncovenanted, will be allowed a free passage when proceeding on duty by sea, on the conditions on which they would draw travelling allowance if proceeding on duty by land. Military Officers in Civil employ will, in addition, be allowed a free passage when, being employed at a station beyond sea, they may be obliged to return to their Presidency in progress to Europe or to a Hill Station on leave on Medical Certificate, and also when they rejoin their station on return from that leave.

The cost of both Cabin and Table accommodation will be borne by Government, who will recover from Officers on salaries exceeding Rupees 600 a month, Rupees 8 per diem (the full rate of table money on Government sea-going vessels), and from those on salaries of Rupees 600 and less, Rupees 4 per diem on account of their table, for the number of days

occupied in the passage on a Government or a Private vessel.— *Gazette*, 23rd January 1866, page 126.

EXTRACT from the Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Marine Department, dated 29th May 1866, No. 132.

From the Examiner of Claims.—

Inquiring whether Government intended that an Uncovenanted Servant, entitled to a Warrant Officer's passage, and who is not messed by the ship, should draw, as a Warrant Officer does, Rupees 3 a day from Government as table money in addition to free passage.

Here enter 5th May 1866, No. 16.

Para. 2. It is observed that, under the operation of the rule contained in the Resolution of the Government of India, Financial Department, No. 3,524, published at page 126 of the *Fort Saint George Gazette* (dated 23rd January 1866), Table money at a fixed rate, is recovered by Government from all Officers in Civil employ, whether Civil or Military, who are allowed a free passage when proceeding on duty by sea.

3. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council is of opinion that this principle applies to the case submitted by the Examiner of Claims, and that Civil Officers entitled to the free passage of a Warrant Officer, are not entitled to any allowance when not messed, and are liable to a recovery of table money, at the fixed rate, if they are messed on board.

Railway Department

Consulting Engineers Office
No 336.

From

Major J. A. M. Shaw Stewart R.E.
Acting Consulting Engineer Railways

To

Colonel to A. Orr R.E.

Secretary to Government D.P.O.
Fort Saint George

Sir,

I have the honor to request the Orders of Government upon the following circumstances—

2 Having during last month, occasion to inspect the works upon the Great Southern of India Railway, I proceeded to Negapalam in one of the coasting Steamers, and the sum paid by me for my own fare and for that of my Servant was entered in a bill for the month of July, and submitted to the Controller of P. Works Accounts for Audit. The bill has been returned to me, with the item in question struck out, and with the following Memo:—

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R^s 48—

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"and a Certificate from the Commander of the Steamer
"Certifying that during the period occupied in the passage,
"meat was, or was not allowed by the Steamer. Vide
Circular No 1X dated 13 July 1866, copy of which is
herewith forwarded."

3. I enclose for the information of Government
the Circular above alluded to. It will be seen from
it that the Controller, before auditing any claim of
this nature, requires the submission to him of two
documents in addition to the actual bill.

1st A voucher, in support of the claim for
Passage money -

2nd A Certificate from the Commander of the
vessel, certifying that during the period occupied by the
voyage, meat was, or was not allowed by the Ship -

4. I submit that this demand made by the
Controller, is not only unauthorized and unnecessary, but
that it places an Officer in a false position, and throws
annoying difficulties in the way of his receiving that to
which Government have declared him entitled -

5. The necessity for neither voucher nor Certificate
is alluded to in any of the Orders upon the subject. The
first could I suppose be obtained from the Agents for the
Steamer, and the second from the Commander; but I
need not name the objections to such a course. I

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No 1X. to be returned

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and the matter having been referred to the Accountant
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"The voucher tendered by the Consulting Engineer in this
case, viz. his own certificate, appears to me to have been
quite sufficient. No other voucher is required
from an Officer whose travelling charges are audited
in the Civil Department."

Madras
13 August
1866

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Yours Most Obedt Servt.

J. Mansel Pleydell Major R.E.
Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways

No. 111 July 1866 No. 336-337

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RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.

From

The Consgr. Engineer for Railways,

To

The Secretary to Government,
P. W. Dept.

Dated 13th Aug 1866.
Received 15th Aug 1866.

No. 336.

Enclosure, No. 1.

Requesting the orders
of Government, relative
to a sum of Rs 48 dis-
allowed by the Controller
of Public Works Account.

No. 542

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Public Works Department
No. 2687

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 24th Aug 1866.

From
The Acting Consulting Engineer
for Railways (H.E. No. 336 of 13th Aug 1866)

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Consulting Engineer for Railways
for carriages of tents or
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sea should be considered
as sufficient and that
no other vouchers need
be demanded from him

The Acting Consulting Engineer
for Railways

Aug. 27th Aug 1866

Copies of this order forwarded to all
Supts of Divisions as enclosed to f. d. No. 2859-78 of 1866
28th Sept 1866

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Of 24th August 1861

Charges of the
Consulting Engineer
for Railways for passage
and table money when
proceeding on Duty by
sea, to be passed on
his own certificate

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17th August 1861