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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 2389

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
7th September 1866.*

Read the following letters:—

No. 177. From the Controller of Public Works Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 29th August 1866, No. 1,511.

1. With reference to G. O. of the 24th instant, No. 2,631, I have the honor to request you will be good enough to inform me, if that order is to be considered generally applicable to all members of the Department Public Works, or only to the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

2. The Pay and Audit Regulations, page 424, paragraph 170, require these certificates to be supplied, and, on certain conditions, these have to be furnished by Commanders of vessels, and it would appear by the Notification of the Financial Department, No. 1,467, published at page 210 of the "Fort Saint George Gazette," of the 17th instant, these regulations are applicable to Officers in Civil employ; at all events, the ruling as now laid down appears invidious, and, as the practice of this Office in this matter has been entirely based on the Orders of Government, I must solicit distinct instructions, as to what are to be taken as applicable to all Officers, or for whom exceptions are to be made.

3. With reference to paragraph 6 of Major Shaw Stewart's letter, printed with the G. O. under reply, I must point out, that I cannot consider the ruling of the Accountant General, as quoted by him therein, as at all applicable to this case, for, if the rules regarding ordinary travelling allowances could be applied to passages by sea, why make any special regulations regarding these latter at all? And moreover, by the distinct ruling of the Government of India, as contained in their Circular No. 1, horses should only be permitted to be taken by rail, *in exceptional cases*, and what this can have to do with Officers proceeding on duty by sea, on certain conditions prescribed by the Government, under which they are prepared to bear a portion of the expenses, is, I confess, not quite apparent to me, and, as the rules regarding these expenses are applicable at present to all Officers in the service, I do not suppose any more value should be attached to the certificate of one, than those of all his brother Officers.

No. 178. From the Controller of Public Works Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 3rd September 1866, No. 1,605.

In continuation of my letter of the 29th ultimo, No. 1,511, I have the honor to refer you to G. G. O., Military Department, No. 151, dated 11th February 1862, published at page 412, (Appendix B, Section III.,) of the Bengal Code of Regulations for the Public Works Department, wherein it is stated, to disallow pay and allowances until the necessary certificates therein mentioned have been presented by *all Officers of the Service*.

No. 179. ORDER THEREON, 7th September 1866, No. 2,859.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 18.

1. The Order of the 24th ultimo, No. 2,631, is applicable to all members of the Department of Public Works as well as to the Consulting Engineers for Railways and for the Madras Irrigation and

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Canal Company; but the bills of subordinate officers should bear the counter-signature of the Superintending Engineers, who will, before passing them, satisfy themselves of their correctness.

2. The Notification at page 210 of the "Fort Saint George Gazette" of the 17th August 1866, makes no mention of the necessity for bills for passage money being supported by vouchers, as supposed by the Controller, nor does it make any reference to the Pay and Audit Regulations.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Controller of Public Works Accounts.
,, all Superintending Engineers.

Ed. T. O'Connor.

Office of the Controller,
of P.W. Accounts
Madras 29th Augst/66

N^o 1511

From
The Controller of P.W. Accounts
To The Secretary to Government P.W.D.
Fort St George

Sir

With reference to G.O. of the 24th Instant N^o 2681, I have the honor to request you will be good enough to inform me, if that order is to be considered generally applicable to all Members of the Department P.W. or only to the Consulting Engineers & Railways.

2. The pay and audit regulations page 424 para 170, require these Certificates to be supplied and on certain conditions, these have to be furnished by Commanders of vessels and it would appear by the Notification of the Financial Department N^o 1467 published at page 210 of the Fort St George Gazette of the 17th instant, these regulations are applicable to Officers

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Officers in civil employ; at all events, the ruling as now laid down appears invidious, and, as the practice of this Office in this matter has been entirely based on the Orders of Government, I must solicit distinct instructions as to what are to be taken as applicable to all officers, or for whom exceptions are to be made.

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proceeding on duty by sea, on certain conditions prescribed by the Government under which they are prepared to bear a portion of the expenses, is, I confess, not quite apparent to me, and, as the rules regarding these expenses are applicable at present to all Officers in the service, I do not suppose any more value should be attached to the certificate of one than those of all his Brother Officers.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obedt^l Servant
Captain R.

Controller of M. & C.

To The Secretary to Government-MD
Fort St George
Capt D. M.

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Office of the Controller
of P.W. Accounts
Madras 3rd Sept 1866.
N^o 1605

From
The Controller of P.W. Accounts
To The Secretary to Government
P.W.
Sir.

In continuation of my
letter of the 29th ultimo N^o 1511 I have
the honor to refer you to G.O. Mi-
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February 1862, published at page 412
(Appendix B Section III) of the
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Your most Obedt^l
Captain R.

Controller of P.W. Accounts

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P. H. 1866 Septe
1511 N^o 3599.

From
The Controller of P.W.
Accounts

To the Secy to Govt.

Dated 29th " " P.W.
Dec 3rd 1866

Requesting
instructions with
the passing of
standing charges
of Office & Office
expenses by Secy.

C. M. 1866/6605

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Public Works Department.

N^o 2859

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT

Under date the 7th Sept 1866.
Read the following

From
The Controller of
P.W. accounts. (Here enter No. 1571 dated 29 Aug 1866.)
Do - Do - (- 1605 - 3^d Sept 1866)

The order of the 24 Ultimo
N^o 2681 is applicable to all
members of the Department
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correctness.

2- The Notification at
page 210 of the "Fort St
George

To Mr. M. J. D. D. D.
Do. of Govt. of Madras
N^o 3657

From
The Controller of
P.W. accounts

To Mr. D. D. D. D.
Do. of Govt. of Madras

Do. of Govt. of Madras
N^o 3657

Do. of Govt. of Madras
N^o 3657

Nothing is to be
done by which all Officers
of the Service are re-
quired to furnish a
Certificate of pay, and
allowances

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to the Pay and Audit
Regulations.

P. W. 186 . Department

No.

PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNMENT.

Dated

W. B.

To
The Controller of
P. & W. Accounts

With Supp. Engineer's
with copies of G. O. No. 2687 of 1866
Recd 12 Sept

Sept 28th Sept 1866

No 177

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Pro. of Govt. for Sept
A 2059.
In. of the Marine Cont
D/7. Sept 1886.

The Controller of
Public Works Accounts
furnished with certain
instructions relative to the
passing, viz of Bills for
Passage Money

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