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Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
10th October 1866.

No. 224. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Bellary, 18th September 1866, No. 1,869 :—

1. With reference to paragraph 5 of the Travelling Allowance Rules attached to G. O., No. 245, dated 23rd August 1865, I have the honor to bring to notice for the consideration of Government, that, in consequence of the great rise in prices during the last few months of grain, straw, &c., the rates granted for travelling allowances are inadequate to meet the necessary expenses.

2. The cost of keeping a horse is about Rupees 45 (and of a pony about Rupees 30) per mensem, this does not allow for bed straw, as, on account of the high price asked for a bundle, all the members of the Department have had to give up the use of it.

3. After inquiry I find that the Overseers cannot hire a bandy and pair of bullocks under Rupees 40 per mensem ; and if they kept their own, the cost of feeding comes to the same amount. In all these calculations of monthly cost, I have taken the average of the amounts different persons have told me what their expenses were, and have compared with what it costs me.

4. For an Overseer to be efficient he must keep up a pony and bandy with two bullocks ; adding these amounts together, and supposing that the Overseer keeps a pony, his monthly expenses will be Rupees 70 (by the rates the Overseer draws only Rupees 45) per mensem of thirty days, thus being out of pocket Rupees 25.

5. These figures, I think, speak for themselves, and show that during these hard times a complete revision of the Travelling Allowance Rules is required, as otherwise the members of the Department get discontented at being obliged to pay so much out of their own pockets. I have entered in the margin* the amount that I would recommend should be given, and this might be subject again to revision when grain, &c , is cheaper. If Government approve of my recommendation, I would beg to suggest that these rates be made retrospective from at least 1st of August, even before that date the Overseers, &c., must have been very much out of pocket.

* Travelling allowance, Overseer Rupees 2½
Do. do. Supervisor „ 3
Do. do Sub-Engineer „ 3½

6. I would also request the consideration of Government to the case of the members of the Engineer establishment, and beg that some allowance may be granted when at head quarters, as they are obliged to keep camp equipage prepared for marching In the Civil Service each Civilian draws a monthly sum† for fixed tentage, agreeably to his position, in order to keep his tents in order, but he is not obliged to keep up any carriage as he only moves about occasionally ; when he does march he gets extra allowance. On the same principle I would beg that all members of the Engineer establishment should get a fixed daily allowance when at head quarters, and a further sum when marching.

† Collectors and Sub-Collector Rupees 87½
Head Assistant and Assistant Collector „ 42

As in the Budget provision is made for full travelling batta for all members of the Department no extra amount would have to be applied for.

7. I beg to submit an original letter* on this subject from Mr Porter, Assistant Engineer in charge of the Military Buildings Range. I have already requested† Government to allow me to re-arrange the Ranges in the Bellary District, with the view of making the Department more efficient, but my suggestions have not met with approval.

* No 174, dated 15th September 1866.

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„ 372, „ 7th June „
„ 920, „ 13th July „
„ 1,106, „ 26th do. „

8. I also beg to submit an original letter, with statement, from one of my Office establishment, who is always in the habit of marching about with me. and I trust that Government will reconsider the decision come to in G. O. No. 887 of 19th March 1866, as the rate of three-tenths of his pay‡ is inadequate to meet his expenses. In G. O. No. 761, of 12th March 1864, on a representation from my predecessor, Government allowed full travelling batta to all Range servants whether at or absent from the head quarters, and I trust that the same privilege may be granted to those of my Office servants who are in the habit of going out with me.

‡ Rupees 50.

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10. In the Budget provision is made for travelling batta of Rupees 39 per mensem for the Office establishment of the Superintending Engineer, and as this sum will not be exceeded, I hope that Government will sanction the full allowance.

No 225 ORDER THEREON, 10th October 1866, No. 3,222.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 20.

The Government are unable to accede to the proposals made in the above letter.

(True Extract)

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

To the Superintending Engineer of the 3rd

Exd. S T Augustin.

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Bellary
Superintending Engineer's Office
18th September 1866

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3rd Division

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A. Abbey Major R.E.
Superintending Engineer 3 Cir.

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Bring to notice again for the consideration of Govt the inadequacy of the rates granted for travelling allowance &c. to meet the necessary expenses

No 224
dated 3rd Octr 1866. Ans. 6th Octr 66.

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Public Works Department

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT

Under date the 10th Octr 66

Read the following

From the Supdg: Engineer
of the 3d Division

(Here enter No. 1869 dated 18th Septr 1866)

The Government are unable to accede to the proposals made in the above letter.

To
The Supdg Engineer
of the 3d Division with two enclosures

Dated 11th October

P. W. 1866. Department.

Pro. of Govt. for October 1866

No 3222

PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNMENT. Madras

Dated 10th October 1866

The Acting Engr of the S. Div informed that his proposals for an increase of Travelling Allowances to the members of the P. W. Department under his Division cannot be acceded to.

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