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Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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Read the following papers:—

No. 467. From the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Camp Coonoor, 26th September 1866, No. 128.

Enclosures 10.

1. I have the honor to submit the undermentioned papers for the orders of Government, with special reference to paragraph 5 of their Order No. 2,439, of 3rd August 1866, viz.:—

1. Inspection List of Lieutenant Coningham, R. E., for the month of August, with Controller's Memorandum, No. 66 of 8th September, appended.
2. Travelling Allowance Bill of do. do. partly audited.
3. Inspection List, and travelling allowance bill of Lieutenant-Colonel Walker, R. E., for August, returned unaudited.
4. Inspection Lists and Travelling allowance bill of three Officers of the Neilgherry Range, not yet submitted to Controller.

2. The original amount of Lieutenant Coningham's bill, Rupees 209-0-6, having been passed by me, it was reduced by me to Rupees 122-2-10 in accordance, as I supposed, with the Controller's Memorandum appended; but it has again been returned without audit, so far as relates to that Officer's own allowances.

3. My own bill is an extract of the original, in which the claims of my establishment were alone disposed of, and no portion of my own allowed; on what grounds I am quite as unable to make out, as in Lieutenant Coningham's case. The Controller's Memorandum, No. 42 of 6th September 1866, herewith attached, does not explain to me the motives of his entire refusal of audit, and total ignoring of the G. O. quoted in the commencement of his letter.

4. The Neilgherry Range Officers' Inspection Lists and Bill have been passed by me precisely as their papers for July were passed, which were approved of in the Audit Office. I have marked on Major Farewell's and Captain Hankin's Inspection Lists, claims for six days and three days respectively, which appear to me as doubtful as Lieutenant Coningham's claims, thrown out on my revision of his Bill. But it does not appear to me to be of the slightest use to forward them to the Controller, except through the Government Office, as it is evidently his intention to over-rule the G. O. on which I have altered my former method of interpreting the Travelling Allowance Rules.

Referred to the Controller of Public Works Accounts for report.

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

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
5th October 1866.

No. 468. From the Controller of Public Works Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras 6th October 1866, No. 2,129.

Enclosures 12.

1. With reference to your Memorandum of the 5th instant, on the letter of the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, herewith returned, I have the honor to forward, for submission to the Government, copy of this Office letter, No. 1,786,

dated 14th September last, addressed to that Officer, and which he does not appear to have received, or he would not have stated he was not aware on what grounds the disallowance on his account had been made. My authority for this proceeding, is paragraph 2 of G. O. of the 9th August 1866, No. 2,518.

2. I am prepared to admit Lieutenant Coningham's claims, as, I have since learnt, that Officer is obliged by circumstances to be very much at or about his head quarters; these circumstances appear to be so very exceptional, I would beg to recommend a fixed allowance for this Range.

3. The claims of the other Officers mentioned by Colonel Walker not having been submitted to this Office in the usual manner, I am unable to dispose of their cases.

From the Controller of Public Works Accounts, to the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, dated Madras, 14th September 1866, No. 1,786.

1. With reference to your letter of the 11th instant, No. 24, I regret to say I am unable to submit the papers to Government for orders, paragraph 6 of G. O. of the 23rd March 1866, No. 944, distinctly lays down, that this duty is to be left with the Superintending Engineers.

2. This Office Memorandum of the 8th instant, No. 66, explained why the disallowance had been made on Lieutenant Coningham's account, his claim, as now modified, cannot be passed until it is explained why he was obliged to remain at or about his head quarters for nearly the whole month.

3. I am unable to see that G. O. of the 3rd August, No. 2,439, entitles you to this allowance. Since March last up to the end of August, out of 184 days marches were only made on 31; on 48 days halts were made away from Coonoo.; and on 105 days, the halts were at that place, excluding the days of returning to it. Under these circumstances, I do not think I should be complying with the spirit of the Travelling Allowance Rules in passing your Bill.

No. 469. ORDER THEREON, 19th October 1866, No. 3,344.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 40.

1. With the first of these letters the Superintending Engineer of the 7th Division submits for the orders of Government his own and Lieutenant Coningham's travelling allowance bills for August 1866, which have been disallowed by the Controllor of Public Works Accounts, together with those of three Officers of the Neilgherry Range which have not yet been forwarded for audit.

2. Colonel Walker states that he is not aware of the grounds on which the travelling allowance bills submitted by himself and Lieutenant Coningham have been returned to him unaudited, and that, as regards those for the Neilgherry Range Officers, it seems useless to forward them to the Controller as the claims preferred therein are as doubtful as those made by Lieutenant Coningham.

3. The letter from the Superintending Engineer having been referred to the Controller for report, Captain Fischer explains that the ground on which he declined to pass Colonel Walker's bill was that, as between the 1st March* and the 31st August 1866, that Officer had halted for no less than 153 days, of which 105 had been spent at Coonoor, exclusive of the days on which, from time to time, he returned to that station, his claim to travelling allowance was inadmissible under the spirit of the rules as defined in G. O. No. 2,518

* 184 days.

dated the 9th August 1866. As regards Lieutenant Coningham, Captain Fischer states that having satisfied himself that that Officer is obliged to be very much at or about his head quarters, he is now prepared to pass his bill, but he recommends that a fixed allowance should in future be granted to Lieutenant Coningham while in charge of the South Wynaad Range.

4. As, in the Orders quoted by the Controller, the Government took an unfavorable view of a Superintending Engineer's claim for travelling allowance, on the ground of his having spent his time almost exclusively between two places within easy reach of each other, the Controller has acted properly in declining to pass Colonel Walker's travelling allowance bill for the period of his stay at Coonoor, which may be said to be his head quarters, and the Government think that, on re-consideration, Colonel Walker will see that under the spirit of the rules, he is not entitled to the allowance *except for those days on which he actually moved.* The same principle should guide him in scrutinizing the travelling allowance bills of his subordinate Officers.

5. The grant of fixed travelling allowance, as recommended by the Controller for Lieutenant Coningham, having been prohibited by the Government of India, Lieutenant Coningham will be allowed, as a special case, to draw the daily allowance during halts (not exceeding three days each) within ten miles of his fixed station, such halts being irrespective of, and in addition to, those at his head quarters.

6. With these remarks, the travelling allowance bills of Colonel Walker and Lieutenant Coningham, as well as those of the Officers of the Neilgherry Range which have not yet been submitted for audit, will be forwarded to the Controller of Public Works Accounts for disposal.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Controller of Public Works Accounts, with ten Enclosures.
,, Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.

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No. 1786

To

The Superintending Engineer
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I have the honor &c
(Sd) J. F. Fischer Captn RE
Controller of Pr Works

Office of the Controller of Pr Works
14 Septr 1866

/True copy/

Captn RE

Controller of Pr Works

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Enclosures a letter from
the Controller of P.D. Accts
to Secretary to Govt. P.W.D.
dated 5. Oct. 66 No. 2129

P.D. 4137/66.

No 128

Superintending Engineer's Office 7th Div.
Camp Comoor 26th September 1866.
Despatched 1st October 1866.

From

Lieutt Colonel G. W. Walker R.E.
Superintending Engineer 7th Div.

To,

Colonel C. A. Orr R.E.
Secretary to Government. P.W.D.

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant

C. Walker Lieut Col. R.E.
Supt Engineer 4th Division

Office of the Controller of P.W. Accounts
Madras 6 Octr 1866

No 2129.-

From
The Controller of P.W. Accounts

To
The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department

Sir,

With reference to your Memo. of the 5th Instant on the letter of the Superintending Engineer 4th Division, herewith returned, I have the honor to forward for submission to the Government, Copy of this Office letter No 1786 dated 14th September last addressed to that Officer and which he does not appear to have received or he would not have stated, he was not aware on what grounds, the disallowance on his account had been made - my authority for this proceeding, is, para 2 of G.O. of the 9th August 1866 No 2578.-

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Enclosure 13.

Received from the Controller of P.W. Accounts Madras the 6th Octr 1866 No 2129 with letter dated 5th Octr 1866 No 1786 and enclosures returned herewith.

Signed Lt. Col. R.E.
Executive Engineer
4th Division

Recd 10 Octr 1866
Submitted Superintendent and Executive Engineer 4th Division for Report
Signed
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Recd 11 Octr 1866
Returned
Signed
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Captain R.E.
Controller of P.W. Accts

E.M

Public Works Department.

No 3344

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 19th Octr 1866.

From the Superintending Engineer of the 7th Division

Read the following

Here enter No 128 dated 26th Sept 1866.

From the Controller of Pl. Accounts

(Here enter No. 2129 dated 6. October 1866.)

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Rec'd 4th Oct 1866 at 2 P.M.

Pl. No 1864 Dated 4th Oct 1866

From

The Controller of Pl. Accounts

No 4137

To

The Secy to Govt

Fort St George

Dated 6 Oct 1866

Rec'd 8th "

Section 12 No 2129

Stating that

Bill No 2129 Drawn by Lieut Cuninghame Travelling allowance for August 1866 is disallowed for the following reasons viz

1st Because no Travelling allowance is admissible to Officers residing at Stations

2nd Because no allowance can be made in Lieuts Cuninghame's case.

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To Controller with Enclosures
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Papers orders on
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Recd 12th Octr 1866 R. 15th