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Government of Madras.

Public works DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
26th February 1866.*

No. 564A. Read the following letter from the Controller of Public Works Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Madras, 16th February 1866, No. 3,176 :—

1. I have the honor to submit, for the consideration and orders of Government, the Inspection Report of Captain Smith, R.E., for the month of October last, and the correspondence relating to it which has passed between the Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division, as
- 3 Letters from the Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division.
1 Inspection Report (to be returned).
Copies of letters to the Superintending Engineer.

Colonel Winscom has thought fit to charge me with making reflections on the performance of his duties by Captain Smith, which I submit are quite unfounded, and though I had explained this to him he persists in his allegations.

2. The facts of the case are briefly these, in passing the travelling allowance to Captain Smith for October as allowed by the Superintending Engineer, I drew that Officer's attention to the number of days Captain Smith had been at his head quarters, being greatly in excess of half the month for which travelling allowance was passed to him, it doubtless was necessary for Captain Smith to stay there for the period he did ; to this I took no exception, but the question was, was he entitled, according to the rules in force, to claim the full allowance for these halts, and this I pointed out at the time of passing his bill.

3. In reply to this, I received Colonel Winscom's Memorandum of the 15th January last, No. 104, and in my reply of the 22nd idem, No. 2,839, I explained to him that his assumption I wished to reflect on Captain Smith's discharge of his duties was gratuitous, and asked him to show by what rules the claim could be maintained. Colonel Winscom's reply is contained in his letter No. 107, dated 27th of January last, which, to say the least of it, is unnecessarily offensive towards me personally, for I have no object in using my ability to cut down in any manner any Officer's allowances ; but as the Superintending Engineer still considered I was reflecting on Captain Smith's performance of his duties, I called for his original Inspection Report, to submit the matter to Government ; this document and the letter which accompanied it are herewith transmitted.

4. So far from wishing to deprive Officers of any allowance for halts at head quarters, I was the first to solicit the Government to make the half batta travelling allowance regulations applicable to these cases ; this request is contained in my letter to your address, printed with G. O. of the 30th November 1865, No. 3,630, and as I had explained to Colonel Winscom I was not in any way imputing neglect of duty to Captain Smith in drawing his own attention to the number of days' halt at head quarters by that Officer, and for which he had passed full allowance, I think my denial of such a charge should have been sufficient to prevent him not only repeating the same, but also declaring very unworthy motives to be the incentives of my conduct in this Office, and which I trust the Government will be pleased to acquit me of.

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No. 564B. ORDER THEREON, 26th February 1866, No. 654A.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 48.

1. In G. O. No. 3,630, dated 30th November 1865, the Government recognized the Superintending Engineers as the primary auditors of travelling allowance bills, but they never contemplated depriving the Controller of Public Works Accounts of all check over charges on account of travelling allowances, or prohibiting him from drawing the attention of a Superintending Engineer to any instance in which the travelling allowance sought to be drawn did not appear to have been fairly claimable under the rules in force.

2. The Controller's Memorandum No. 91 is quite unobjectionable, and the Government are of opinion that Colonel Winscom ought not to have assumed that it conveyed any reflections on the manner in which either he or Captain Smith performed their respective duties.

3. The Government regret to perceive the tone of personal irritation in discussing questions springing out of doubtful travelling allowance claims, which characterizes this correspondence.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Controller of Public Works Accounts, with five Enclosures.
" Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Office of the Controller of
Public Works Accounts.
No. 3176. Madras 16th February 1866.
From, Captain J. P. Fischer, R.E.
To, Controller of P.W. Accounts.
Colonel C. A. Orr, R.E.
Secretary to Government, P.W.

Sir,
I have the honor to submit for the consideration and orders of Government, the Inspection Report of Captain Smith R.E. for the month of October last and the correspondence relating to it which has passed between the Superintending Engineer 2^d Division and Colonel Winscom. I have thought fit to charge me with making reflections on the performance of his duties by Captain Smith which I submit are quite unfounded and though I had explained this to him he persists in his allegations.

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I have the honor to be
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Your most obedt. servant.

Wm. H. Smith, Captain R.E.

Controller of Public Works Accounts.

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Submitting for orders
Captains Smith's inspection
Report for October 1865
and correspondence chief of
the office and Superintendent
Engineers 20 Division.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 26th February 1866
Recd the following

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Accounts.

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and the World

W. H. Smith

To
4 The Controller with 5 Encl.
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Recd. 2nd March

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Pro: of Govt for February
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Of 26 February 66

Captain Smith's Travelling
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orders on certain Correspondences
submitted by the Controller, in
connection with -

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