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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department.
16th March 1866.

Read the following papers :—

No. 352. From the Depôt Staff Surgeon, Poonamallee, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Poonamallee, 26th December 1865, No. 376.

I have the honor to submit herewith the travelling allowance bill of Second Dresser T. Moonesawmy Chetty, at present serving under my orders, which was previously allowed by Lieutenant-Colonel G. W. Walker, R.E., and paid up to 30th November 1864 out of the estimate of works, but which was subsequently

1 Letter, No. 1,130, }
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refused in the absence of Government authority. As, however, according to his statement, he had incurred consider-

able expense by being obliged to travel on duty frequently to and fro between the Seetamungalum and Burghoor Ghauts, while in charge of a party of public servants, and being at the time in civil employ, was unable to draw the batta allowed even in the Military Department, I respectfully beg that the special sanction of Government be obtained for the passing of this charge, which it would appear is granted to Dressers holding similar employment on the Godavery Anicut and Trimulgherry Ghaut.

Referred to the Superintending Engineer of the 7th Division, who will report on the claim to travelling allowance which is preferred in this letter.

FORT SAINT GEORGE, (Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
8th January 1866. Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

No. 353. From the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, to the Commandant, Poonamallee Depôt, dated Coimbatore, 9th September 1865, No. 99.

1. I have the honor to return the Petition forwarded with your letter, No. 1,074 of 24th June, and referred to in your Nos. 1,277 of 31st July, and 1,549 of 5th September.

2. The plain facts are that the Dresser being placed at the disposal of the Department Public Works in the 7th Division, was from January to June 1864 employed on the Burghoor Ghaut works, where under the impression that he would be moving about and encamped in the jungles, I on my own responsibility allowed him extra batta. But he had not the slightest claim to it; and it was not granted by me, whatever he may say to the contrary, till I received reports of his movements, which on many occasions showed him to be anything but active. The accompanying original record from the Bhowny Range Office, will, I trust, satisfy you that he was about as useless an appendage to the works as could be conceived.

3. Subsequently, in August 1864, I sanctioned his being again employed at the Burghoor works, with a distinct understanding that he was never to be further from them than Andyoor, to prevent his spending his time at his favourite resort, Bhowny, 15 miles further off. Such an order implies that I should be made acquainted with the localities in which he worked, and so long as he drew batta from estimate you may rest assured that I was kept informed. I cannot answer for any irregularities that occurred, with reference to abstracts and reports after November, as I took three months' leave in the following month, and a most slovenly Supervisor of the Department got charge of the Executive Range in which the Dresser was employed, under whom probably the latter did as he liked.

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4. Rather than appear to be hard upon the man, I might have continued him an extra allowance from the estimates, but under new orders of Government, my power to do so ceased; and it is with the Controller of Public Works Accounts that he had to deal, not with me. Certainly I will not put myself out of the way to ask Government to pass him a special allowance, for I do not consider him worthy of my taking so much trouble on his account. And no application on my part to the Military Pay Department, as recommended in the last paragraph of your letter under reply, would meet with the slightest success.

5. You will observe from the date of my endorsement on the Dresser's Petition, that I am not answerable for the chief delay which has occurred in replying to your communication. It is only within the last fortnight that the Supervisor above alluded to has taken the trouble to attend to the matter.

(True Copy.)

No. 274.

Submitted to Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, Madras,
* No. 376, dated 26th December 1865. with reference to his Endorsement dated
8th January 1866 on an original letter*

Enclosures 5.

mallee, (which and its enclosures are herewith returned), and to reminder No. 15
of 3rd February 1866.

COIMBATORE,
28th February 1866.

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Lieut.-Colonel, R. E.,
Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.

No. 354.

ORDER THEREON, 16th March 1866, No. 867.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 35.

Under the circumstances which are brought to notice in the letter above recorded from the Superintending Engineer of the 7th Division to the Officer Commanding Poonamallee, the Government must decline to authorize the grant of travelling batta to Dresser Moonesawmy Chetty for medical aid, which he is alleged to have afforded to the working party employed at the Burghoor Ghaut works and at Seetamungalum from the 1st December 1864 to the 15th February 1865. It is observed that the Dresser's bills for similar allowances so long as they were paid by the Superintending Engineer from the estimates for works, were invariably accompanied by Memoranda of his movements, but no document of that kind is now submitted.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Depot Staff Surgeon, Poonamallee, with four Enclosures.
,, Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.
,, Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

From

J. H. Reade Esq.
Depot Staff Surgeon.
Poonamallee.

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The Secretary to Government
D. P. W.
Fort Saint George.

Sir,

I have the honor to submit herewith the Travelling allowance Bill of second Dresser T. Moonesawmy Chetty at present serving under my orders, which was previously allowed by Lieutenant Colonel G. W. Walker R. E. and paid up to 30th November 1864 out of the Estimate of Works, but which was subsequently refused in the absence of Government Authority; as however according to his statement he had incurred considerable expense by being obliged to travel on duty frequently to and fro between the Seetamungalum and Burghoor Ghauts while in charge of a party of Public Servants; and being at the time in Civil Employ was unable to draw the Batta allowed even in the Military Department, I respectfully beg that the special sanction of Government be obtained for the passing of this Charge which it would appear is granted to Dressers holding similar employment on the Godavery, Annicut & Simulgherry Ghaut.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient servant.
J. H. Reade
Depot Staff Surgeon.

Poonamallee
25th December
1865

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Suprintending Engineer Office
 Coimbatore 9th September 1865.
 No 99
 From Lieut. Colonel G. M. Walker R.E.
 To Major T. M. Stoddard
 Commandant Ponnammallee

Sir, I have the honor to return the Petition forwarded with your letter No 1074 of 24th June and referred to in your No 1277 of 31st July, and 1549 of 5th September.

The plain facts are that the Officer being placed at the disposal of the Department Public Works in the 7th Division was from January to June 1864, employed on the Poryphor Grant Works where under the impression that he would be moving about and encamped in the jungles, I on my own responsibility allowed him extra butter. But he had not the slightest claim to it; and it was not granted by me, whatever he may say to the contrary, till I received reports of his movements, which on many occasions shewed him to be any thing but active. The accompanying original record from the P. Chowany Range Office will, I trust, satisfy you that he was about as useless an appendage to the works as could be conceived.

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Coimbatore 9th September 1865

T. M. Walker R.E.
 (No. 1074 of 24th June and 1549 of 5th September)

From: Major T. M. Stoddard
 Commandant Ponnammallee

Dated 26th 3rd December 1865
 No 396

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For: J. H. George
 8th January 1866

Secretary to Government
 Public Works Dept.

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5 You will observe from the date of my endorsement on the Diaper's Petition that I am not answerable for the chief delay which has occurred in replying to your communication. It is only within the last fortnight that the Supervisor above alluded to has taken the trouble to attend to the matter.

No. 274. Signed M. Walker Lt Col R.E. Superintendent Engineer
True Copy submitted to Secretary to Government D. M. Madras, with reference to his endorsement dated

No. 376 of 26th dated 8th January 1866 on an original Letter from
December 1865. the Depot Staff Surgeon Ponnammallee, (which & its
Enclosures 5 enclosures are herewith returned), and to Reminder
No. 15 of 3rd February 1866.

Coimbatore
28 February 1866

M. Walker Lt Col R.E.
Superintendent Engineer

Public Works Dept.

No 867

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 16th March 1866

Read the following

From the Depot Staff Surgeon

Ponnammallee.

(Here enter 26th December 1866
No 876)

From the Supy Engr of the 7th Div

(Here enter 28th February 1866
No 874)

Under the Circumstances
which are brought to notice in
the letter above recorded from the
Supy Engineer of the 7th Div. to
the Officer Commanding Pon-
namallee, the Government
must decline to authorize the
grant of Travelling batta to
Drooper Maunasingam for medical
aid which he is alleged to have
afforded to the working party
employed at the Burghoor ghah
works & at Sathamangalam from
the 1st Dec 64 to the 15th Feb.

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From J. G. J. for March
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the Superintendent
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Printed 28th March 1866
Revised 3rd March 1866

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Subscribed copy of letter
from the Superintendent to the
Commandant of Ponn-
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regarding the travelling
allowance claimed by
Drooper Maunasingam
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 1 The Depot Staff Surgeon Personnel
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 4 . Controller of P. W. Est. -
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See p. 19th March

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I refer to the account
of Chetty's travelling allowance
bill for medical aid alleged
to have been afforded to the
working party at the Burgon
works &c, from 1st Decr 1864,
to 15th February 1865, —
sanction — declined.

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Sanctioned & paid
19/1/1866

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