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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public works **DEPARTMENT.**

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
17th November 1866.*

No. 372. Read the following Endorsement of the Controller of Public Works Accounts, dated Madras, 1st November 1866, No. 2,526.

Read the following letter from the Deputy Controller of Public Works Accounts, to the Controller of Public Works Accounts, dated Madras, 1st November 1866.

1. With reference to the letter from the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, dated Simla, 27th September 1866, No. 1,284 E., I have the honor to point out what appears to be a misapprehension of the intention of the Madras Government, with reference to the request preferred by me in my letter to you of the 13th August 1866. In the Order of the Madras Government, No. 2,646 of the 22nd August, on my request, it is stated that the matter had been referred to the Government of India for "*favorable consideration*." This would tend to show that the Government of Madras had no objection to sanction the Presidency allowance, if approved of by the Government of India.

2. This apparently is not the view that has been taken of the intention of the Madras Government by His Excellency the Governor-General-in-Council, as by the spirit of the above letter from the Secretary to Government of India, it is evident that the Government of India have no objection to the grant of the allowance, but that they simply do not sanction it, as "this measure has not been deemed desirable by the Madras Government." Now, had the Madras Government not deemed the measure desirable, it is scarcely likely that they would have forwarded the matter for "*favorable consideration*." That this mistake, regarding the wishes of the Madras Government, is the sole reason for not sanctioning the Presidency allowance is clear, from the proposal of the alternative measure of granting me carriage allowance.

3. This latter allowance has also been withheld by this Government, on the ground that I have not to maintain *extra* carriage for the inspection of works. I would merely remark on this point, that the allowance has been already passed to two Officers, Mr. Chisholm* and Mr. Moncrieff,† whose duties do not require more locomotion than mine do. In fact, the former Officer has precisely the same distance to go for his daily inspection, that I have, to office, and not more. However, I do not consider my claim to this latter allowance as nearly so strong as to that of being put on a footing of equality with my brother Officers in Bengal and Bombay, who have, I believe, been in the receipt of the Presidency allowance, now applied for by me, for the *last three years*.

4. Circular No. 13, of the Standing Orders of 1865, was, I believe, forwarded to this Government as a guide in the re-organization of our department, so it is, I presume, in assimilation to the Bengal scale that the different grades have been fixed as at present. I remark that the above Circular fixes the salary of an Assistant Engineer first grade, at 250 Rupees, instead of 300 Rupees as it was formerly. This shows that reductions have been made, when required, for the more perfect assimilation of the two departments, and I am sure that the increases also will be

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sanctioned with the same view if only put in a proper light, as I do not believe Government would intentionally adopt the measures of retrenchment without being prepared to sanction those of increment, especially when these are so trifling as in the present instance.*

• Viz., Deputy Controller...	RS.
Ex. Engineer, Southern Range 100—50.	100 50
Total per month...	150

5. This very Circular No. 13, which in paragraph 7 reduces the salary of Assistant Engineer first grade, grants (in paragraph 16) to Officers of the Engineer Establishment below the grade of Executive Engineer first grade, the permission, when serving at the Presidency, to draw the salary of the grade next above that in which they are regularly classified. Should it still be objected that carriage allowance interferes with the grant of Presidency allowance, I am sure that the Executive Engineers would gladly forego the one on the condition of getting the other, and thus the anomaly would be avoided of Officers in the Madras Presidency, holding the same appointments as those in Bengal and Bombay, being on an inferior footing to their equals in those Presidencies.

6. For the reasons above stated, I venture to hope that Government, on re-consideration, will still take a liberal view of my request to be put on a footing of equality with my brother Officers in the sister Presidencies. I consequently request that you will be so good as to forward it for their favorable consideration.

Submitted for the favorable consideration of Government, as it appears from G. O. No. 2,646, dated 22nd August 1866, their views do not appear to have been correctly represented to the Government of India.

(Signed) J. F. FISCHER, Captain, R. E.,
Controller of Public Works Accounts.

No. 373.

ORDER THEREON, 17th November 1866, No. 3,667.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 36.

The Government see no reason for re-submitting this question to the Government of India.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Office of the Controller of Public Works Accounts,
Madras 1st November 1866

From
Lieut. D. H. Trail R.E.
Dy. Controller of P.W. Accounts.
To
Captain J. F. Fischer R.E.
Controller of P.W. Accounts

Sir,
With reference to the letter from the Secretary to the Government of India (W.D. dated Simla 27 September 1866 N^o 1284 E., I have the honor to point out what appears to be a misapprehension of the intention of the Madras Government with reference to the request preferred by me in my letter to you of the 13 August 1866. In the order of the Madras Government N^o 2646 of the 22^d August, on my request, it is stated, that the matter had been referred to the Government of India for "favorable consideration". This would tend to show that the Government of Madras had no objection to sanction the Presidency allowance, if approved of by the Government of India.

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V. D. G. Controller
of Madras
Range 100-503
Total per month

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For the reasons above stated, I venture to hope, that Government on reconsideration

reconsideration will still take a liberal view of my request to be put on a footing of equality with my brother Officers in the sister Presidencies. I consequently request, that you will be so good as to forward it for their favorable consideration.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obedt^l Servt^t
J. H. Trail
Controller of M^o Accounts.

No. 2526.

Submitted for the favorable consideration of Government, as it appears from G. O. N^o 2646 dated 22nd August 1866 their views do not appear to have been correctly represented to the Government of India.

Office of the Controller
of M^o Accounts
Madras 1st Novr. 1866

To the Secy to Govt
of India

W. L. Lupton P.R.
Controller of M^o Accounts.

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Public Works Department.

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT
under date the 1st Novr/66
Read the following

From the Controller P.W. Accts

(Here enter No. 2526 dated 1st Novr/66)

The Government
see no reason for re-
submitting this question
to the Government of
India.

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W.D.

The Controller

Dec 19 - 1866

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From
The Controller of P.W.
Accounts

To the Secy to Govt.

Date 1st

Dec 19

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W.D.

Consideration of
claim to the Govt.
in a proceeding with the
British Officer in
charge of the land

ev. 3667-17th Novr 1866

P. W. 186 C. Department.

Proc. of Govt for No. 3667

No. 3667

PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNMENT

of Madras

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Dated

17th August 1900

*The Cont. informed that
no reason can be seen for re-
submitting the question relative
to Allowances of the Deputy Cont.
of P.W. Accounts to the Govt of
India.*

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