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No. 323. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Camp, Nellore, 17th December 1865, No. 123:—

1. I have the honor to inform you that in two or three instances the travelling allowance bills of Executive Officers in this Division, in which mileage has been claimed, have been cut down by the Controller of Public Works Accounts, notwithstanding that my certificate to the effect that such journeys have met with my approval has accompanied them, because in Captain Fischer's opinion the journeys have not been of an extraordinary character.

G. O. No. 2,860, dated 27th September 1865.
Do. ,, 3630, ,, 30th November ,,

2. It has been clearly recognized by the Government that the Superintending Engineers, who necessarily know best the peculiar circumstances of each Range Officer, are to be the judges on this matter. In a bill thus returned, Lieutenant Vibart's claim for 24 and 26 miles, journeyed on two days respectively, are reduced to his ordinary daily travelling allowance. On each of these occasions he returned from places down his channels, where works were in progress, to head quarters to proceed with his accounts. Of course, although no works were in progress on the line of route, he might have made these journeys in two days, and the charges would have been reduced from a total of 25 Rupees to 16 Rupees,* but considering the delay that would have occurred in the Range work, and the loss of the Officer's services for two days,† it is evident that (when his pay and allowances are considered) it was economy of both time and money that he should make these journeys.

* Four days at 4 Rupees each day.

† $\frac{2}{3}$ of Rupees 415-12-0 = Rupees 23-12-0.

3. Government have desired that a liberal interpretation be put on the spirit of the Travelling Allowance Rules, and the false economy of repressing the energy of Officers is obvious, and as I have already pointed out to Captain Fischer that he was exceeding his authority in reducing allowances for journeys meeting with my approval, I respectfully request that further instructions may be issued to him on the subject.

In docket No. 99, dated 9th December 1865.

P. S.—Since writing the above, I have received G. O. No. 3,679, dated 5th December 1865. As I am of course unacquainted with the peculiar cases of Major Flint, and the Overseer alluded to by Captain Moberly, and as the question is one materially affecting the well-doing of the Department, I trust I am not wrong in still forwarding my letter, and would very respectfully submit that there is a point of view from which it is desirable to see the case, because it obviously must occur, viz., that with the multitude of bills which come before the Controller, the check must of necessity be *generally* done by his establishment. The question then arises: is it desirable that energetic Officers of high principle and character should feel that their claims may be refused, or that Superintending Engineers should be aware that their certificates may be rendered null and void under such circumstances? Another

case I have just received is that of Colonel Molony, who on receiving an order from me whilst he was in Bander to meet me at Paumurroo, came out, and immediately accompanied me to Cowtarum, making in all a distance of 26 miles. The charge for this is also rejected by the Controller, though the journey was made by my express orders.

No. 324. ORDER THEREON, 12th January 1866, No. 158.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 28

The attention of the Superintending Engineer of the 2nd Division will be requested to the views of Government, as expressed in their Orders under date the 5th instant, No. 37.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Supt Engr's Office 2d Dn
Camp at Tellore
No 123 14th December 1865

From Lieut A.G. T. Winscom R.E.
Supt Engineer 2nd Dn

To Colonel C. A. Orr R.E.
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Dublin Castle

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Sir
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Wm Gregory

Dublin Castle
17th December 1855

No 158

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Thos. N. Redington

The Secretary
to the Lords Commissioners
of Her Majesty's Treasury

No 158

Memorial of Captain Griffin of the 2nd Battalion of the Royal Irish Regiment, to be allowed Mileage for himself and Servant, under the 3rd Section of the Act 9 & 10 Victoria Cap. 37.

Dublin Castle
17th December 1855

Thos. N. Redington

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To His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant General and General Governor of Ireland

The Memorial of Captain Griffin of the 2nd Battalion of the Royal Irish Regiment

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That your Memorialist claims mileage for himself and Servant

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And your Memorialist will ever pray &c

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