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## Government of Madras.

Public works DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 336 Press Mis.
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Dated 29-1- 1868.

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No. 707. Read the following Memorandum from the Controller of Public Works Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 4th January 1866, No. 2,642 :—

The accompanying travelling allowance bill and Inspection Report of Lieutenant-Colonel Greenaway, together with the correspondence relative thereto, are submitted for the orders of Government, as requested by Captain Oakes in his letter No. 1,627, dated the 22nd December 1865.

Enclosures 6.

From the Superintending Engineer, 6th Division, to the Controller of Public Works Accounts, dated Tanjore, 22nd December 1865, No. 1,627.

I. With reference to your Memorandum No. 140, dated 14th instant, returning Colonel Greenaway's Inspection Report for November for revision, I have the honor to enclose the correspondence which has passed between Colonel Greenaway and myself on the subject, for submission to Government, with any remarks you may think proper to make, as Colonel Greenaway desires that the matter should be referred to Government.

No. 1,600, dated 18th December, to Colonel Greenaway.
„ 1,236, dated 20th do. from do.

2. I need hardly remark that Colonel Greenaway has misapprehended the intention of my queries, which were made with a view of passing the maximum possible amount for him in accordance with the spirit of the travelling allowance rules : as I have stated in my letter, I conceive that, according to the letter of the rules, Colonel Greenaway is entitled to the allowances claimed.

No. 160.

3. I conceive the spirit of the orders to mean that Government wish their Officers to travel about in comparative comfort, and with an establishment such as is suited to their position, and with horses and tents sufficient to enable them to perform their duties satisfactorily and efficiently ; and my opinion is that no Range Officer can become properly acquainted with his range if he does not ride over it. I am aware that Colonel Greenaway keeps no horse, and to this I should have objected had I not been aware that he was holding the range temporarily only, and judging from the certificate at the foot of his Inspection Report, he keeps but one tent ; and under these circumstances, I conceive he his not entitled, under the spirit of the rules, to full travelling allowance for November. Had Colonel Greenaway, after stating his objections to what he has misconceived to be inquisitorial questions on my part, reported what establishment he had actually maintained, and have thus shown that the amount of travelling allowance claimed was but little in excess of his actual expenditure, I should have passed the bill now submitted ; but nothing stated in Colonel Greenaway's letter tends to alter my opinion, that, according to the spirit of the rules, he his not entitled to full allowances for November.

No. 708. ORDER THEREON, 29th January 1866, No. 336.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 61.

1. The Controller of Public Works Accounts submits for orders, at the request of the Superintending Engineer of the 6th Division, the travelling allowance bill and Inspection Report of Lieutenant-Colonel Greenaway for the month of November 1865.

2. From the correspondence which is submitted, it appears that the Superintending Engineer not being satisfied that there was any necessity for carriage for tents being maintained by Colonel Greenaway, and being moreover of opinion

that the amount of travelling allowance claimed had not been fairly earned, requested to be furnished with certain particulars with the view of determining the extent to which the claim was admissible. Colonel Greenaway objects to furnish these particulars, and asserts his opinion that so long as he does not neglect his duties he is not bound to enter into any explanation of his private arrangements.

3. The Government cannot admit Colonel Greenaway's right to refuse to furnish the information called for, and they are of opinion that Captain Oakes was fully warranted in demanding it. The rules require the countersignature of Superintending Engineers to travelling allowance bills, and hence impose upon them the obligation of satisfying themselves of the perfect fairness of the claims which they support.

4. Colonel Greenaway's travelling allowance bill and Inspection Report will accordingly be returned to that Officer by the Superintending Engineer, who will decide on the amount which should be passed on receiving the information called for in his letter of the 18th December 1865, and which Colonel Greenaway will now be required to submit.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 6th Division, with three Enclosures.
,, Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Erd. T. O'Connor.

No. 1600

Supdg. Engineer's Office 6th Division
Tanjur 18th December 1865.

From

Captain R. F. Oakes R.E.
Superintending Engineer 6th Div.

To,

Col: J. Greenaway
Executive Engineer

Sir,

The Controller as I expected has returned your Inspection Report for November & the Travelling Allowance Bill with a view to the latter being revised. Situated as Trichinopoly is in the center of the Range with Bungalows in almost every direction and with marches in and out of Trichinopoly almost every day I cannot as I usually do, on such occasions assert that it is absolutely necessary for you to keep up carriage for your Tents and if you keep up one or two Bandies permanently to take out your Kit and but seldom move about with a tent I conceive that tho' entitled to some allowances you are certainly not entitled to full Travelling allowances from the 1st to the 30th November as you

claim, the more so as I am aware you keep no Horse and your expences therefor in travelling are reduced to a Minimum and it is not intended that Travelling allowances should do more than cover the actual expences of travelling with a tolerable margin for wear and tear of tents.

2 It would appear from your Inspection Report that you were in Teichinopoly for 9 whole days during November, that you arrived there on 7. days and left it on 7 days making in all 23 days during the part or the whole of which you were in Teichinopoly during November and in looking to your Marches I conclude that you but seldom used your tent. I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to inform me on what days you actually took your Tents with you and used them as your dwelling place during November in order that I may determine to what Travelling allowance you are entitled and for which I can make a fair fight. If you informed me also of the actual number of Bandies you kept up during the month I should probably be able to lay the matter more strongly before the Controller.—

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3. I conceive that according to the Letter of the Rules you are entitled to full Travelling allowances but certainly not according to their Spirit and as the Controller is of the same opinion it will probably be necessary to refer the matter to Government, unless we can agree with you on the subject of such claims as you may now put forward. The travelling allowance Bill for November has been passed for your Subordinates only and I beg you will submit a revised Bill for your own allowances prepared according to the Spirit of the Rules and afford information on the points adverted to above to enable me to judge of your claim and to lay it before the Controller or Govt. as the case may be.

(Enclosed) 4. Controller's Mem.m No. 140 dated 14th Instant and the Inspection Report to be returned.—

I have the honor to be &c.

(Sigd) R.F. Oakes. Captain R.E.
Supg Engineer 6th Div.n

True Copy

R.F. Oakes Captain R.E.
Supg Engineer 6th Div.n

No. 140

OFFICE OF THE CONTROLLER, P. W. ACCOUNTS.
Madras, 14th December 1865.

**MEMO.**

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The Controller of Public Works Accounts has the honor to return to the Superintending Engineer 6th Division the Inspection Report of Lieut Colonel Greenaway for the Month of November with a view to its being revised with reference to paras 2 and 3 of G O 30 November 1865 No 3630.

To The Supg Engineer
6th Division

Sd/ J. Fischer Captn R.E
Controller of P.W. Accts

(True Copy)

Captn R.E
Controller, P. W. Accounts.

To The Secy to Govt P.W.D
Fort St George

Office of the Controller of
Public Works Accounts.
Madras 4th January 1866.

No. 2642.

Memo:

The accompanying Travelling Allowance Bill and Inspection Report of Lieutt. Colonel Greenaway, together with the correspondence relative thereto are submitted for the orders of Government as requested by Captain Baker in his letter No. 1629 dated the 22nd December 1865.

Captain R.E.
Controller of Public Works Accts.

To,
The Secretary to Government. P.W.D.
Fort St. George.

Memorandum

The Controller of Public Works Accounts submits for orders, at the request of the Superintending Engineer of the 6th Dvn, the Travelling allowance Bill & Inspection Report of Lt Col. Greenaway for the Month of November 1865.

The rules under which Col. Greenaway bases his claim to Travelling allowance for the entire Month is as follows:-

"The same allowance shall be granted to an Officer halting, & obliged to maintain Carriage for his Tents Comfort, or "to Continue" to pay the hire or Crew of a Boat, "or the hire of a full set (8) of Palkee bearers, provided, that when within 10 miles of his ordinary residence, permanent & temporary, he does not halt more than 3 days. Travelling Allowances are not admissible under this rule to Officers halting when Inspection Houses are provided by Govt, unless specially Sanctioned by the Superg Engineer."

Letter Dated 1st January 1866 from the Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Subject:- Travelling Allowance Bill of Lt Col. Greenaway for the Month of November 1865.

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Examining Officer's Pencil Memorandum:- Travelling Allowance Bill for orders.

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From the Correspondence which Capt^n. Fisher submits it appears that the Surg. Gen^l. of the 6. Div. does not consider Col: Greenaway entitled to Travelling allowance for the entire month according to the spirit of the Rules. Capt^n. Oakes points out that Col: Greenaway halted at Trichinopoly for nine whole days during November, that he arrived there on 7 days & left it on 7 days making in all 23 days; — that looking to the marches which he made it is inferred that a tent was seldom used; — and that Considering the Central position of Trichinopoly with reference to the Range, with Bungalows in every direction, as also the fact that Col: Greenaway kept no horse, he could neither certify that it was absolutely necessary for that Officer to keep up Carriage for tents nor admit his claim to full Travelling allowance.

With a view of ascertaining the amount of Travelling allowance to which Col: Greenaway was fairly entitled, the Surg. Engineer called upon that Officer to state the number of days on which he actually

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took his tents with him & used them as his dwelling place, & the number of Carts that were actually kept up during the month. Col Greenaway, however, objects to give this information, and adverts this opinion that so long as he does not neglect any of the duties entrusted to him, he is not bound to enter into any explanations of his private arrangements, and he states that the journeys to & from his fixed Station were all subservient to inspections of works on or near to the line of road travelled. He adds that there were only two Buildings that could be called Bungalows at the places visited by him, one of which only afforded decent accommodation, & that it was neither economical nor convenient for him to avail himself of either.

The orders of Government are requested as to whether, on the principles enunciated by Col. Greenaway, an Officer, under the circumstances detailed, is entitled to travelling allowance for any days but those on which he

is actually on the move.

Capt St George
7th January 1866

Chas A St. G. Col. AQ
Secretary to Govt Mad

I doubt exercise Col Greenaway entitled to the halting allowance he has claimed. He has only a single tent, and with that alone, cannot be said to be in a state of efficiency for the duties of his Dept - were he called upon for the prospect rather more than the usual travelling abbitation, he might perhaps be justified in taking the high ground he has based his refusal to supply the particulars Col asks. Very respectfully in my opinion, I cannot help thinking that the travelling allowance has been made a money question whatever Col Greenaway may claim by way of remuneration would be a benefit

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Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 29th January 1866
Read the following

From the Controller of P.W.
Accounts

Forwarding Joint
Colonel Greenaway's Travelling Allowance Bill for orders.

Here entered 4th Jany 1866 at 2642

The Controller of P. W. Accounts submits for orders, at the request of the Supdg Engineer of the 2nd Dn. the Travelling allowance Bill & Inspection Report of Lt Col. Greenaway for the month of November 1865.

From the correspondence which is submitted it appears that the Supdg Engr not being satisfied that there was any necessity for carriage for Lt Col. Greenaway being maintained

by Col Greenaway, and being moreover of opinion that the amount of Travelling allowance claimed had not been fairly earned, requested to be furnished with certain particulars with the view of determining the extent to which the claim was admissible. Col: Greenaway objects to furnish these particulars, and asserts his opinion that so long as he does not neglect his duties he is not bound to enter into any explanation of his private arrangements.

The Government Contract admits Col Greenaways right to refuse to furnish the information called for, & they are of opinion that Captn Oakes was fully warranted in demanding in the rules, require the Countersignature of Magistrates to Travelling allowance Bills



of the Officers & subordinates employed on these Services, and hence impose upon them the obligation of satisfying themselves of the perfect fairness of the claims which they support.

Col. Greenaways Travelling allowance Bill & Inspecting Report will accordingly be returned to that Officer by the Surveyor, who will decide on the amount which should be passed on receiving the information called for in his letter of the 18th Dec/55, & which Col Greenaway will now be required to submit.

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