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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
5th February 1866.*

No. 129. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Camp, Amuncherla, 27th January 1866, No. 140:—

1. I have the honor to request information as to whether Government orders dated 5th December 1865, No. 3,679, and 5th January 1866, No. 37, apply to Superintending Engineers as well as to Executive Officers.

2. The 2nd Division has an area of about 17,140 square miles, the expenditure for the current year will be Rs. 4,90,881, and the estimate sanctioned amount to Rupees 22,76,434; estimates amounting to probably three lacs are in preparation for submission to Government, and various important projects are under consideration.

3. It is, I think, manifest that if the Superintending Engineer is to exercise efficient control over them, and at the same time carry on his heavy Office work, no possible amount of travelling he can undertake will suffice, the most he can do is to do his best, and be as active as possible. For his work, the maxim that "time is money" is especially applicable, but under the above Government orders if they are to apply to him (which I do not think can be the meaning of Government, though the Controller has a different opinion) a serious obstacle to his due efficiency is established.

4. As an example of this, I may mention that I find it highly important to be back in the Kistna Delta at the commencement of March, when the canals close, clearance estimates are prepared, and all the masonry works begin. To enable me to be so, and to proceed to the Palnaud before that time, I took several dâwk journeys in this District, and by so doing secured time to examine with care an estimate of Rupees 97,780 prepared some time ago under G. O. No. 1,927, dated 17th July 1863, for the Dorenal road prior to submitting it to Government. I found the whole framed in an unnecessarily extravagant manner by the Supervisor then in charge of the Western Range, and the rates were exorbitant; gravelling for many miles of the road, though procurable at its sides, being charged 12½ Annas per cubic yard and other items equally dear. I was enabled to reduce the estimate by between 25,000 and 30,000 Rupees. Another estimate for the Nellore and Somaisweram road, amounting to Rupees 1,16,000, I have been able to reduce likewise by 25 per cent. But this I could not have accomplished had I not by celerity of movement made time for the work. For these dâwk journeys, under the view taken by the Controller, I shall receive the same as if I had not made them.

5. Considering the many inferior subordinates we have, possessing but poor judgment or knowledge of good work (but some of whom are in charge of Ranges), and the great temptations that are afforded for bad work or worse things, when works are seldom inspected, I believe that every Rupee spent in travelling allowance to a really efficient Officer, returns in the course of a year a hundred-fold into the coffers of the State.

No. 130. ORDER THEREON, 5th February 1866, No. 437.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 6.

Recorded, with reference to G. O. No. 339, dated 29th January 1866.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer of the 2nd Division.

„ Controller of Public Works Accounts.

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Superior Office D.D.
Camp Amunche-la
27th January 1866.

From

Col. G. W. Wincom D.E.
Super Engineer D.D.

To

Colonel C. F. O. D.E.

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