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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
24th June 1867.*

No. 504. Read the following letter from the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Establishment,) to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Simla, 31st May 1867, No. 800 E:—

With reference to entries Nos. 1 to 6 in the Proceedings (Establishment) of the Madras Government for the month of February 1867, I am directed to inquire whether Captain Magnay now draws his Staff Corps pay in the Military Department; and to point out that Public Works Department Circular No. 87 of 1864, does not authorize any special allowances being passed to Officers employed under its provisions.

No. 505. ORDER THEREON, 24th June 1867, No. 1,879.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 49.

Ordered that the following letter
be sent:—

(Here enter No. 1,880, dated 24th June 1867.)

(True Extract.)

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

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
FORT SAINT GEORGE,
24th June 1867.

No. 1,880.

No 506
To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 50.

1. In reply to your letter of the 31st May 1867, No. 800 E, I am directed to state that Captain Magnay's Staff Corps pay continues to be drawn in the Military Department, and that a special allowance of Rupees 200 per mensem, in addition, is passed to him from the Budget provision for temporary establishments in the Department of Public Works.

2. In explanation of the circumstances under which this special allowance was granted, I am to state that the services of an Officer of experience having been found to be absolutely necessary for the direction and supervision of the extensive works connected with the Madras Water Supply project, and no Officer being available for the duty from the regular permanent Public Works Establishment, this Government had no alternative but to look elsewhere for the executive aid that was so pressingly required. At this juncture, Captain Magnay, who had then recently returned from Europe, applied for re-employment in the Department; and as he had had nearly fourteen years' irrigational experience in the Godavery and Kistna Districts, and was otherwise well fitted for the charge of the Madras Water Works, his services were readily accepted. There was, however, at that time no vacancy in the permanent strength of the Public Works Department, and, even had a vacancy existed, it would have been of little or no advantage to an Officer of Captain Magnay's Military rank to have entered the Department in its lower grades, since, under the operation of the rules limiting the salary to be drawn in each grade as a maximum to a very inadequate amount, he would have been little of a gainer in return for the valuable services required of him. Looking to these circumstances, Captain Magnay was entertained under the provisions of the Circular of the Government of India No. 87 of 1864; and as it was not reasonable to impose a charge of such importance and magnitude upon an Officer of his standing without according to him some, although by no means a commensurate remuneration, this Government authorized the disbursement to him in the first instance of Rupees 100 per mensem, in the Order you refer to, and have since thought it only right to increase that to Rupees 200.

3. Although the Circular of the Government of India just quoted gave permission for the employment of an Officer who was willing to serve in the Department in a good climate without extra remuneration beyond his Military pay and allowances, it does not prohibit the grant of a special allowance, under special circumstances; and it is not to be expected that an Officer who, having had considerable experience, must necessarily be of some standing, and therefore probably entitled to extra allowances if serving with his Regiment, would be content to undertake such an arduous and responsible duty as that on which Captain Magnay is engaged without some pecuniary inducement.

4. I am to take this opportunity of representing how prejudicially the orders of the Government of India of the 23rd August 1865, fixing maximum salaries for the several grades of the Engineer Establishment, affect this Department, since, by the operation of those orders, which make it not worth the while of any Staff Corps Officer above the rank of a Subaltern to enter the Department, it now rarely occurs that any Officer of the Staff Corps either attempts to qualify, or seeks admission into it. So long as such prohibitory rules as are in force in the Department Public Works are not applied to other Departments, it is certain that employment in those other Departments will be preferred, wherein, with less onerous, less responsible, and less trying duties to perform, the salaries attached to each grade are fixed without reference to any arbitrary limitations, such as the maximum rules prescribe in the Department Public Works. While those rules continue in operation, this Department cannot look to have any vacancies that may occur in it filled from the ranks of the Staff Corps, although there may be many qualified Officers in that Corps available, and I am now to request that the abolition of the rules in question may be taken into consideration.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

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

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Government of India
Public Works Department
Establishment

To
The Secy to the Gov. of Madras
Public Works Department

Dated 31st May 1867.

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W. Dickson, Col. R. E.,
Secy to the Gov. of India

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Dt 24th June 1867

Padding orders on a
letter from the Govt. of India,
relative to the special allowance
passed to Captain Magnay,
Executive Engineer in charge
of the Madras Water Works
Projects.

Addressing the
Govt. of India on the above
subject, and requesting
sanction to the abolition of the
rules fixing maximum
salaries for the several Engineer
grades.

No. 504-505-506.