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14th August 1867.

No. 360. Read the following letter from the Acting Deputy Controller of Public Works Accounts, in charge, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Madras, 3rd August 1867, No. 1,292 :—

1. I have the honor to submit, for the orders of Government, an Inspection List and Travelling Allowance Bill for the month of May 1867 of Lieutenant Shepherd, Assistant Engineer, under Captain Kennedy, the Special Executive Engineer, Wynaad.

Six Enclosures.

2. This report shows that Lieutenant Shepherd was at his fixed station, or permanent head-quarters, and at another station in his Range, which may be noted as his temporary head-quarters, for twenty-seven days in the month, viz. :—

At his head-quarters (Vythery)	from 3rd to 8th...	6	days.
At his temporary head-quarters (Sultan's Battery).	And on the 24th and 25th	2	,,
	On the 1st and 2nd... ...	2	,,
	from 10th to 21st	12	,,
	from the 27th to 31st ...	5	,,
		27	days.

deducting from these the days of his arrival at the above places, there are twenty-two clear days' halts, seven at his head-quarters and sixteen at his temporary head-quarters (Sultan's Battery). It is true that on some of these days excursions or visits to works were made, but the Report shows that Lieutenant Shepherd went back, or slept at the same station all the days of halt.

3. The Government have already decided, in several cases, that halts for *more* than three days within ten miles of the permanent head-quarters entail a forfeiture of allowances for all the days of halt, but in cases of halts beyond ten miles at any particular station, no decided rule is extant. Where there is a protracted halt at any such station it has been held in the light of temporary head-quarters, and in such case halts for more than three days within ten miles of such temporary head-quarters would likewise result in forfeiture of the allowance for all the days of halt.

4. Captain Kennedy, to whom the Report in question was referred for an explanation of the authority under which the allowance is passed for the days of halt, merely recites the journies and halts on certain days, and states that he is satisfied of the necessity of Lieutenant Shepherd having spent so much of his time at Sultan's Battery and in its neighbourhood. Captain Kennedy has, however, now cut down the full daily allowance for the halts from 11th to 18th, by giving the full rate for four days including a Sunday, and half rate for the remaining four days.

5. For those in the Malabar and Canara Districts and the Neilgherries, Government have exempted the keeping up of tents, and sanctioned full rate of travelling allowance for three days' halt of a longer halt at head-quarters. As respects halts beyond ten miles of the head-quarters, no such limitation is given.

G. O. 29th November 1865, No. 3,601, paragraph 5.
G.O. 3rd August 1866, No. 2,439, paragraph 5.

Lieut. Shepherd with part of staff at Vythery

Range

to full travelling allowance

6. The rule under which half allowance is admissible is where no carriage for tents is maintained during halts beyond ten miles from head-quarters, and this rule also does not limit the number of days for which the half allowance can be thus passed. It is not clear how the half allowance can be claimed for Officers in the Wynaad under this rule, where neither tents nor carriage for the same are required to be maintained.

G. O. 16th October 1865, No. 3,073, with Government of India's Resolution, 31st July 1865, No. 1,287, paragraph 3.

7. In requesting the orders of Government on the above case, I beg also that instructions on the following points may be furnished :—

1.—Whether it would not be best to dispose of the Travelling Allowance Bills for all the Officers and Subordinates in the Neilgherries, Malabar, and South Canara, under G. O. 9th September 1865, No. 2,647, viz., by full allowances whenever entitled to it under the rules, and half allowances for all the days they remain stationary.

2.—Whether, where an Officer makes a protracted halt at any particular station, and these halts are repeated every month at the same station, it should not be held as his temporary head-quarters, and the allowance regulated accordingly.

3.—Whether, in dealing with halts beyond ten miles from head-quarters, any limitation is to be observed as to the number of days for which allowances for such halts are to be given, or whether the Superintending Engineer is to be held responsible for the same.

4.—And whether, as a general rule, where an Officer claims half allowance for the whole of his halts at a station beyond ten miles from his head-quarters, or for the days in excess of the first three days' halt, it is to be passed on a special certificate that *no* carriage for tents was maintained. The present form of certificate may be modified to suit the new rule, as this form was taken from that in use in the Bengal Presidency before the issue of the G. O. granting the half allowance. A slight modification in it will probably be sufficient. The original with a modified form of certificate are submitted for approval of the latter prior to circulation.

No. 361. ORDER THEREON, 14th August 1867, No. 2,490.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 46.

1. With this letter the Controller of Public Works Accounts submits for the orders of Government the Inspection Report and Travelling Allowance Bill of Lieutenant Shepherd, of the Royal Engineers, Assistant Engineer in the Wynaad, for the month of May 1867, and raises certain questions in connection with the operations of the Travelling Allowance Rules.

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14th August 1867.

2. On a careful examination of Lieutenant Shepherd's Inspection Report, the Government are of opinion that that Officer is entitled to full travelling allowance for the 4th, 5th, 6th and 25th May under the Orders noted in the margin. No allowance is admissible for the 7th and 8th, on which days Lieutenant Shepherd continued to remain at his head-quarters. There is no doubt as to Lieutenant Shepherd's claims to travelling allowance for the 1st and 3rd, and for the 9th, 10th, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 26th and 27th May. On the 2nd, and from the 11th to the 21st, and from the 28th to the 31st May, Lieutenant Shepherd remained at Sultan's Battery, (which is 26 miles from his head-quarters) occasionally visiting works at short distances therefrom. Captain Kennedy states that he is fully satisfied of the necessity for Lieutenant Shepherd devoting so much of his time to the works at Sultan's Battery and in its neighbourhood, and the Government, unable to support the Controller's view that as Lieutenant Shepherd spent the greater portion of the month of May at Sultan's Battery, that station should be regarded as his "temporary head-quarters," must leave it to Captain Kennedy, as the Officer in charge of Public Works operations in the Wynaad, to regulate Lieutenant Shepherd's allowances for the days in question, in accordance with paragraph 10 of the Order of the 27th September 1865, No. 2,860.

No. 2,458, 23rd August 1865.
,, 2,439, 3rd do. 1866.

3. Under this ruling, the Government cannot entertain the first two of the proposals referred to in paragraph 7 of the Controller's letter. It will, however, be the duty of that Officer, after communicating with the Superintending Engineer concerned, to bring to the notice of Government any case in which an Officer may habitually make protracted halts at a station other than the sanctioned head-quarters of his Range.

4. Adverting to the question raised in Clause 3 of paragraph 7, it is observed that the Travelling Allowance Rules fix no limitation on the duration of halts beyond ten miles from head-quarters, and that the Government have consequently, in their Order of the 27th September 1865, already quoted, left it to the Superintending Engineers to determine the necessity for such halts.

5. The modified form of Travelling Allowance Certificate submitted by the Controller is approved.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, Major, R. E.,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Controller of Public Works Accounts, with six Enclosures.
,, Superintending Engineers.
To Captain Kennedy.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Lieut. H. Shepherd with leave to sign all the
same
to full travelling allowance

No. 1292. Office of the Controller of P.W. Accounts.
Madras, 3d August 1867.

From,

The Controller of P.W. Accounts,

To,

The Secretary to Government P.W.
Fort St. George.

Sir,

6 Enclosures.

I have the honor to submit for the orders of Government an Inspection Sick and Travelling Allowance Bill for the month of May 1867 of Lieut. Shepherd, Assistant Engineer under Captain Kennedy, the Special Executive Engineer Wynaad.

2. This Report shews that Lieut. Shepherd was at his fixed Station or permanent Head Quarters, and at another Station in his Range which may be noted as his Temporary Head Quarters for 27 days in the month, viz:—

At his Head Quarters (Vythery)	from 3d to 8th	6	Days.
	and on the 24th and 25th	2	"
At his Temporary Head Quarters (Sultan's Battery)	on the 1st and 2d	2	"
	from 10th to 21st	12	"
	from the 27th to 31st	5	"
		27	Days.

Deducting from these the days of his arrival at the above places, there are 22 clear days halts, 7 at his Head Quarters and 15 at his temporary Head Quarters (Sultan's Battery). It is true that on some of these days excursions or visits to works were made, but the Report shews that Lieut. Shepherd went back or slept at the same

to get travelling allowance

same Station all the days of halt.

3. The Government have already decided in several cases, that halts for more than 3 days within 10 miles of the permanent Head Quarters entail a forfeiture of Allowances for all the days of halt, but in cases of halts beyond 10 miles at any particular Station, no decided rule is extant. Where there is a protracted halt at any such Station, it has been held in the light of temporary Head Quarters, and in such case halts for more than 3 days within 10 miles of such temporary Head Quarters, would likewise result in forfeiture of the Allowances for all the days of halt.

4. Captain Kennedy to whom the Report in question was referred for an explanation of the authority under which the Allowances is passed for the days of halt, merely recites the journies and halts on certain days, and states, that he is satisfied of the necessity of Lieut. Shepherd having spent so much of his time at Sultan's Battery, and in its neighbourhood. Captain Kennedy has however now cut down the full daily Allowance for the halts from 11th to 18th by giving the full rate for 4 days including a Sunday, and half rate for the remaining 4 days.

5. For those in the Malabar and Canara Districts and the Neilgherries, Government have exempted the keeping up of Tents, and sanctioned full rate of Travelling Allowance, for 3 days halt or longer halt at Head Quarters. As respects to halts beyond 10 miles of the Head Quarters no such limitation is given.

G.O. 29th November 1865 No. 3601, para: 6.

G.O. 3d August 1866 No. 2439 para: 6.

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G.C. 16th October 1865 No. 3078, with Government of India's Resolution, 31st July 1865 No. 1287 paras: 3.

6. The rule under which half Allowances is admissible is, where no carriage for Tents is maintained during halts beyond 10 miles from Head Quarters, and this rule also does not limit the number of days for which the half Allowances can be thus passed. It is not clear how the half Allowances can be claimed for Officers in the Wynaad under this rule, where neither Tents nor carriage for the same are required to be maintained.

7. In requesting the orders of Government on the above case, I beg also that instructions on the following points may be furnished:-

1. Whether it would not be best to dispose of the travelling Allowances Bills for all the Officers and Subordinates in the Neilgherries, Malabar, and South Canara, under G.O. 9th September 1865 No. 2647, viz. by full Allowances whenever entitled to it under the rules, and half Allowances for all the days they remain Stationary.

2. Whether where an Officer makes a protracted halt at any particular Station, and these halts are repeated every month at the same Station, it should not be held as his temporary Head Quarters, and the Allowances regulated accordingly.

3 Whether in dealing with halts beyond 10 miles from Head Quarters any limitation is to be observed as to the number of days for such.

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to your Travelling Allowance

Allowances for such halts are to be given, or whether the Superintending Engineer is to be held responsible for the same.

4th And whether or no General rule where an Officer claims half Allowances for the whole of his halts at or Station beyond 10 miles from his Head Quarters or for the days in excess of the first three days halts it is to be required as a special Certificate that no carriage for Tents was maintained. The present form of Certificate may be modified to suit the new rule, as this form vary little from that in use in the Bengal Presidency before the issue of the G.O. granting the half Allowance. A slight modification in it will probably be sufficient. The original with this modified form of Certificates are submitted for approval of the latter prior to circulation.—

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obdt. Servant.

W a Stark
Ag. Dy Controller of P.W. Accounts
in charge.

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No. 2490 dated 14th August 1867

Public Works Department.

No. 2490

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 14th August 1867

Read the following

From The Controller of P. W. Accts

(Here enter No. 1292 dated 3d August 1867)

With this letter the Controller of P. W. Accounts submits for the orders of Government the Inspection Report and Travelling Allowance bill of Lieutenant Shepherd, of the Royal Engineers, Assistant Engineer in the Nilgiris, for the month of May 1867, and raises certain questions in connection with the operations of the Travelling Allowance Rules.

On a careful examination of Lieutenant Shepherd's Inspection Report the Board are of opinion that that Officer is entitled to full travelling allowance

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Dated 8th August 1867

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Submits for orders Lieut. Shepherd's claim to Travelling Allowances for May 1867, as well as on certain points arising therefrom.—

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No. 360

dated 8th August 1867 Rec'd 12th "

To, The Secretary to Government P. W.

From The Controller of Public Works Accounts.

for the 1st 5th 6th and 25th May under the orders noted in the margin - No allowance is admissible for the 7th and 8th, on which days Lieutenant Shepherd continued to remain at his head quarters - There is no doubt as to Lieut Shepherd's claims to travelling allowance for the 1st and 3rd and for the 9th 10th 22nd 23rd 24th 26th and 27th May - On the 2nd and from the 11th to the 21st, and from the 28th to the 31st May, Lieutenant Shepherd remained at Sultan's Battery (which is 26 miles from his head quarters) occasionally visiting works at short distances therefrom - Captain Kennedy states that he is fully satisfied of the necessity for Lieutenant Shepherd devoting so much of his time to works at Sultan's Battery and in its —

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3 Under this ruling, the Govt cannot entertain the first two of the proposals referred to in para 7 of the Controller's letter. It will, however, be the duty of that Officer, after communicating with the Superintending Engineer concerned, to bring to the notice of Govt any

case in which an Officer may habitually make protracted halts at a station other than the sanctioned head quarters of his Range.

4 Adverting to the question raised in Clause 3 of para 7, it is observed that the travelling allowance rules fix no limitation on the duration of halts beyond 10 miles from head quarters, and that the Government have consequently, in their Order of the 27th September 1865, already quoted, left it to the Superintending Engineers to determine the necessity for such halts.

5 The modified form of Travelling allowance Certificate submitted by the Controller is approved.

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To The Controller with Encls six
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Capt Kennedy

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of 14th August 1867

Passing orders on the travelling allowance Bill of Lieut. Shephard R.E. Asst. Engineer Nynaad for May last.

Issuing certain instructions to the Supt. Engr. on the subject of making "Rolls" under the Travelling Allowance Rules.

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