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Government of Madras.

Public Works **DEPARTMENT.**

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
12th September 1867.*

No. 275. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Camp at Dooggeralla, 24th August 1867, No. 75:—

1. I have the honor, at the request of Lieutenant Vibart, Executive Engineer, to forward a copy of a letter* from him on the subject of his travelling allowances.

* No. 379, dated 21st August 1867.

† G. O. No. 1,549, dated 22nd May 1867.

„ „ 2,236, „ 25th July „

2. According to the late ruling† he is undoubtedly not entitled to them on the 6th, 7th, and 8th June, and this answer I should at once have returned to him, instead of troubling Government again on the matter, if I did not conceive it my duty to lay before Government my opinion of the injurious effect that order is likely to exercise. I make bold to say that the pay given in the department in these times of increased prices and taxes is not such that Officers can afford to remain keeping up their tent equipage within the forbidden ten miles radius, to look after works in progress. The effect will be that such structures will be either altogether neglected, or superficially cared for. Moreover, the ruling is calculated, I most respectfully beg to submit, to make Officers feel they are suffering from an interpretation of a word, which was not intended, and is not accepted by the Supreme Government. The word “halt,” in Rule III, would evidently appear to mean to *cease from marching and moving camp equipage*, and not to travel about with expense and labor to the Officer concerned, even though it be within the ten miles. It would appear that this was the very view taken by the Madras Government in the case quoted by Lieutenant Vibart in 1863, and I understand it is the view taken by the Bengal and Bombay Governments at the present time.

3. I respectfully trust, that, in the interests of the somewhat overworked Officers of the Public Works Department, the late ruling may be kindly re-considered, and that the same benefits may be granted in this as in the other Presidencies.

From the Executive Engineer, Kistna District, to the Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division, dated Camp at Dooggeralla, 21st August 1867, No. 397.

1. You will observe from the enclosed Memorandum, that the Controller has disallowed my travelling allowance for the 6th, 7th, 8th, and 11th June last, because, according to his view, there was a prolonged halt within ten miles of my fixed station.

2. The facts are as follow:—

On the 6th I went to Jagurlamoody, (eight miles,) to inspect the road there, I had actually and necessarily to keep up carriage for my tent. Having made a march of eight miles, I can hardly be held to have halted on that day. Again, on the 7th, I travelled a distance of six miles to Pedaravur, and was obliged to keep up carriage for my tent, as I required it at Vadaiswerum. On the 8th I returned to Dooggeralla, and was obliged to keep up carriage for my camp equipage.

3. On none of these three days can I be said to have “halted” within ten miles of my station, and I, therefore, consider I am entitled to travelling allowance for those days.

4. The Controller has also disallowed half travelling allowance on the 12th June, as I was on that day at Bezwadah, (thirteen miles from my fixed station,) I am, I consider, entitled to the allowance under the rules.

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5. When in Tinnevely District, in charge of the Ambasamoodram talook, I happened on one occasion to travel within the ten miles radius for six days, without returning to the fixed station (Ambasamoodram), and the Controller refused to pass my travelling allowance for those days, the matter was referred to Government, and the point settled in my favor.

6. I do not remember the date of the Government Order, but I think it must have been in April 1863.

7. I have the honor to request you will lay my case before Government at your earliest convenience.

No. 276. ORDER THEREON, 12th September 1867, No. 2,812.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 37.

A reference will be made to the Government of India on the subject of this letter:—

(Here enter No. 2,813, dated 12th September 1867.)

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division,
" Controller of Public Works Accounts,
To all other Superintending Engineers,
To Captain Kennedy,

With copy of letter to Government of India.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
FORT ST. GEORGE,
12th September 1867.

No. 2,813.

No. 277.

To

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

SIR,

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 38.

1. I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to request the decision of the Government

of India on the following questions arising out of the operation of the Travelling Allowance Rules:—

(1.) Is an Officer who remains at his head-quarters for more than three days entitled to travelling allowance for the first three days of halt, or does he, under clause III, paragraph 1 of the Rules, forfeit his claim to travelling allowance for the entire period?

(2.) An Officer remains at his fixed station for three days—on each of the following three days he makes short visits to works situated within ten miles of his head-quarters and returns to his fixed station on the fourth day. Do marches of this character constitute such travelling as is contemplated by the Rules, and is travelling allowance admissible for the three days on which camp is moved, and for the halts at head-quarters made before and after?

2. It is to be understood that, in the cases now put forward, the movements of the Officer concerned have the entire approval of the Superintending Engineer, and that tents and carriage for them are duly maintained.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

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

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No 397.

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Lanph. Droggeralla.
21st August 1847.

From. ~~Lieut~~ N. H. Deland Esq
Assistant Engineer ~~at~~ Kildara

To. ~~Lieut~~ Colonel G. E. Winnean Esq
Superintending Engineer ~~at~~ D.

Sir, You will observe from the enclosed means that the Landraller has disallowed my travelling Allowance for the 6th, 7th, 8th and 11th of June last because according to his view there was a prolonged halt within 10 miles of my fixed station.

2. The facts are as follows—

On the 6th I went to Fayurlannoody (8 miles) to inspect the road there; I had actually and necessarily to keep up Carriage for my tent. Having made a march of 8 miles I can hardly be held to have halted on that day. Again on the 7th I traversed a distance of 6 miles to Pidara and was obliged to keep up Carriage for my tent as I required it at Vadavimuram. On the 8th I returned to Droggeralla and was obliged to keep up Carriage for my Camp equipment.

3. On none of these 3 days can I be said to have "halted" within 10 miles of my Station and I

I therefore consider I am entitled to travelling
allowance for those days -

4. The Controller has also disallowed half
travelling allowance for the 24 June; as I was
on that day at Putnam (13 miles from my
fixed station) I am I consider entitled to the
allowance under the rules -

5. When in temporarily District in charge
of the Amblesham drain Talay I happened
on one occasion to travel within the 10 miles
radius for 5 days without returning to the
fixed station (Amblesham) and the
Controller refused to pay my travelling allowance
for those days. the matter was referred to Audit
and the point settled in my favor -

6. I do not remember the date of the Govt
Order but I think it must have been in April
1863 -

7. I have the honor to request you will lay
my case before Government at your earliest
convenience -

I have &c &c
W. H. M. Dickson Esq
Specular Engineer H. B.

True Copy/
Geo. T. H. M. Esq
Supt. Engineer H. B.

W. H. M.

No 75.

Supg Eng^r in Office & Gen
Camp Dufferin
24th August 1867

From Lieut Col G. V. Wincom M.P.
Supg Eng^r & Gen
To The Secretary
to Government & Gen
Madras

Sir,
I have the honor, at the
request of Lieut Vibart Executive
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of his Travelling Allowances.

According to the late ruling
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* No 379 of 21
Aug 6/67

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22nd May 1867
G.O. 2236 of 24th
July, 1867

Enclosure in letter
No 75 of 24 August 1867
from the District Engineer
22nd Aug 67
to the Secretary to
Govt. Madras
Madras

No 3299/67

Copy of letter
with letter in
the subject of
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Such structures will be either altogether neglected or superficially cared for - Moreover the ruling is calculated, I most respectfully beg to submit, to make Officers feel they are suffering from an interpretation of a word, which was not intended & is not accepted by the Supreme Government. The word "halt" in Rule III would evidently appear to mean to cease from marching & moving camp & baggage, & not to travel about with expense & labor to the Officers concerned, even though it be within the 10 miles. It would appear that this was the very view taken by the Madras Government in the case quoted by Lieut Vibart in 1863, & I understand it is the view taken by the Bengal & Bombay Governments at the present time.

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Sir
Your most Obedt Servt

Geo. F. Truicom. *Geo. F. Truicom*
Supy Engineer S.D.

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H.C.

Public Works Dept
No 2872

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date 1st 12th September 1867
Read the following

From the Supy Engineer of the
2nd Div (Here enter 24th Aug 1867 N^o 1)

Preference will be
made to the Government
of India on the subject
of this letter.

To S. Eng. 2nd Div
Controller
All other S. Eng.
Capt Kennedy
with copy of
letter to Govt of
India.

Sept 13/67

No 2873.
To The Secretary to the
Govt of India
Sir.

I am directed by
the Right Honorable
the Governor in Council
to request the decision
of the Government
of India on the
following questions

P. to 1867 & 1868
The Govt of India
The Supy Engineer
2nd Div
to the Secretary to
Govt of India
Madras

Recd 24th Aug 1867
No 30th - 8.

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Forward copy of
letter to Govt of India
on the subject of
his statement at
Madras & request
that the Govt of India
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the same manner as
in the other
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Gart St George
12th Sept 1867

[Signature]

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Pro of the Madras Govt.

D. 12th September 1867

Passing orders on a letter
from the Supy Engrs of the
1st Division relative to the
operation of Travelling
Allowance Rules and the
Claims of Sicut Vibart
Executive Engrs in the Krishna
District to allowances for
certain days in June last.

Addressing the Govt.
of India on certain points
connected with the above
subject.

No. 275-276 (277)

2. 7th Sept 1867 R. 7th