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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 1st October 1867.

No. 7. Read the following letter from the Controller of Public Works Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Madras, 21st September 1867, No. 2,450 :—

1. In reply to G. O. No. 2,857, dated the 16th instant, I have the honor to report that, on reference to the original passed Bill for salaries of the Neilgherry Range for March 1867, I observe, that, as stated by Captain Hankin, Captain Law's salary for that month was entered in it at the maximum rate and the bill was at first passed at this rate. The original enfacement on this bill was afterwards cancelled and a fresh one made passing the regulated Staff salary at the increased rate and Regimental allowance of his rank, both which, being put together, caused an excess of Rupees 43-10-0 per mensem (not 50 Rupees as stated by Captain Hankin.)

1 Memorandum.

Assistant Engineer, 2nd Grade.

	Rs.	A.	P.
Staff Salary	250	0	0
Regimental Allowance	293	10	0
	543	10	0
Maximum which should have been drawn	500	0	0
Excess ..	43	10	0

2. The excess thus passed from 27th February 1866 can be reckoned only up to 12th September 1866, when Captain Law was admitted into the Staff Corps. From the latter date, the sum of his Staff salary and his Staff Corps pay is Rupees 124-1-0 in excess of the maximum to be drawn in the Public Works Department; but considering that the Pay Proper of his rank is merged in the Staff Corps pay and that it was drawn separately prior to 12th September in addition to the maximum, it should be added to the latter in computing the excess drawn, which really amounts to only Rupees 2-5-0 per mensem from the 12th September 1866 to 30th June 1867, when Captain Law was promoted to the next step of Executive Engineer, 4th Grade. On this promotion taking place, this Office disallowed the excess above Rupees 600, the latter being the maximum salary of the Rank. To this step there can be but one objection made, in that it was not taken at a sufficiently early period. It ought to have been taken on his transfer to the Staff Corps on the 12th September 1866. At that date this Office should, in my opinion, have disallowed all excess above Rupees 500, informing Captain Law that, with the sanction of Government, there could be no objection to his drawing Rupees 621-12-0, though strictly speaking only Rupees 500 out of that sum should be drawn from the Public Works Department; because the Pay Proper having been previously drawn in the Military Department, any excess above 500 Rupees should have continued to be so drawn, since the Circular of the Government of India, No. 80, dated 23rd August 1865, does not direct that any change is to be made in the sources

Vide this Office No. 1,257, dated 1st August 1867.

Assistant Engineer, 1st Grade.

		Rs.	A.	P.
Staff Salary		250	0	0
Staff Corps pay		374	1	0
		624	1	0
Deduct.				
Maximum which should have been drawn as above	500 0 0			
Military Pay Proper hitherto drawn Military Dept. separately.	121 12 0			
		621	12	1
Excess ..		2	5	0

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whence an Officer's pay is to be drawn on his joining the Staff Corps while still retaining his appointment in the Department Public Works.

3. The error of passing the excess of Rupees 43-10-0 from 27th February 1866, is admitted by one of the Assistants in the Salary branch, who corrected the bill under a misapprehension of the Rules, that the limitation of maximum rate of pay was to be applied to Military Staff Corps Officers and not to Officers, of the line, who, like Engineer Officers, draw Military Pay Proper in addition to Regimental allowance and Staff salary. The mistake once committed under the circumstance above stated was continued accordingly, but the excess has become reduced as already explained to only Rupees 2 5-0, and when the next promotion of Captain Law was made, intimation was given that no more than Rupees 600 (the regulated maximum) was in future to be passed. The total passed in excess to Captain Law is thus Rupees 302-13-1, as explained in the accompanying Memorandum.

4. In the case of Captain Hankin, the retrenchment of the excess drawn was apparently lost sight of, because that Officer was drawing a sum in excess of the maximum scale of his rank at the time the limitation G. O. was issued (September 1865), and this excess was continued to him under the provisions of the above G. O.; but it should have been allowed only until he was promoted to the next step, when the increase of Staff Pay accompanying such promotion should have been withheld. This operation was omitted at the time through an oversight in this Office.

MEMORANDUM.

Captain Law, late of the 14th Regiment, Native Infantry, now of the Staff Corps.

			Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
Prior to maximum order 493-10-0 + 121-12-0 = 615-0-0.	In September 1865 was Assistant Engineer, 2nd Grade—							
		Drawing Staff Salary	200	0	0			
		Regimental Allowance	293	10	0			
		Besides Rupees 121-12-0 in Military Department ..	493	10	0			
Could draw 500 + 121-12-0 = 621-12-0.	Promoted 27th February 1866 to Assistant Engineer, 1st Grade—							
		Drew Staff Salary	250	0	0			
* Besides Rupees 121-12-0 drawn in Military Department as pay proper.		Regimental Allowance	293	10	0			
		Total drawn in Public Works Dept...	*543	10	0			
		Maximum which could be drawn ..	500	0	0			
	Excess drawn from 27th February to 11th September 1866, at per month		43	10	0	291	5	1
G. O. No. 615, dated 20th Sept. 1865.	Admitted into the Staff Corps from 12th September 1866—							
	Under "General conditions" could draw	Rs. 621	A. 12	P. 0 as above.	Drew Staff Salary..	250	0	0
	Actually drew	621	1	0	Staff Corps pay ...	374	1	0
	Excess...	2	5	0	Total drawn...	624	1	0
	Maximum which could have been drawn in Public Works Department... ... ... Rs.		500	0	0			
	Pay proper in Military Department .. ... ,,		121	12	0			
						621	12	0
	Excess drawn from 12th September 1866, to 20th June 1867...					2	5	0
							21	8
							302	13

Captain Hankin, Staff Corps.

In September 1865 was Assistant Engineer, 2nd Grade—				
Drawing Staff Salary	200	0	0	
Staff Corps pay	374	1	0	
	574	1	0	
Promoted 10th July 1866 to Assistant Engineer, 1st Grade—				
Drew Staff Salary....	250	0	0	
Staff Corps pay	374	1	0	
Total drawn...	624	1	0	
Drew previous to 10th July 1866—				
Staff pay as Assistant Engr., 2nd Grade Rs.	200	0	0	
Staff Corps pay ... ... ,,	374	1	0	
	574	1	0	
Excess drawn from 10th July 1866 to 30th June 1867, at per month	50	0	0	
				585 7 8

(Signed) P. P. L. O'CONNELL, Lieut.-Colonel, R. E.,
Controller of Public Works Accounts.

No. 8. ORDER THEREON, 1st October 1867, No. 3,049.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 3.

The rates of salary passed to Captains Law and Hankin having been drawn by those Officers in the belief that they were entitled to them, and after pre-audit of their monthly abstracts, the Governor in Council is of opinion that it would be unfair at this distance of time to subject them to any retrenchment. His Excellency is, however, compelled to remark that the circumstances which the correspondence on this subject discloses evidence a most reprehensible amount of carelessness in the Office of the Controller of Public Works Accounts, which has occasioned a loss to Government of nearly Rupees 900.

(True Extract.)

Major, R. E.,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Controller of Public Works Accounts.
,, Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

Department

No 2450. Office of the Controller of P.W. Accounts.
Madras, 21st September 1867.

From, The Controller of Public Works Accounts.

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

Sir,

In reply to G.O. No. 2857 dated the 16th instant, I have the honor to report, that, on reference to the original passed Bill for Salaries of the Neilgherry Rangir for March 1867, I observe, that, as stated by Captain Hankin, Captain Law's salary for that month was entered in it at the maximum rate and the Bill was at first passed at this rate. The original infacement on this Bill was afterwards cancelled and a fresh one made passing the

Assistant Engineer 2d Grade.	
Staff salary.	Rs. 250-0-0.
Regimental Allowance.	293-10-0.
	543-10-0.
Maximum which should have been drawn	500-0-0.
Excess	43-10-0.

regulated staff salary at the increased rate and Regimental Allowance of his rank, both which, being put together, caused an excess of Rs. 43-10-0 per mensem (not 50 Rs. as stated by Captain Hankin).

2. The excess thus passed from 24th February 1866 can be reckoned only up to 12th September 1866, when Captain Law was admitted into the Staff Corps. From the latter date, the sum of his Staff salary and

Assistant Engineer 1st Grade.	
Staff salary.	250-0-0.
Staff Corps pay.	374-1-0.
	624-1-0.
Deduct.	
Maximum which should have been drawn as above	500-0-0.
Military Pay Proper hitherto drawn in Military Department separately.	121-12-0. 621-12-0.
Excess	2-5-0.

his Staff Corps pay is Rs. 124-1-0 in excess of the maximum to be drawn in the Public Works Department

Department; but considering, that the Pay Proper of his rank is merged in the Staff Corps pay and that it was drawn separately prior to 12th September in addition to the maximum, it should be added to the latter in computing the excess drawn, which really amounts to only Rs. 2-5-0 per measem from the 12th September 1866 to 30th June 1867 when Captain Law was promoted to the next step of Executive Engineer 4th Grade. On this promotion taking place, this Office disallowed the excess above Rs. 600, the latter being the maximum salary of the Rank. To this step there can be but one objection made in that it was not taken at a sufficiently early period. It ought to have been taken on his transfer to the Staff Corps on the 12th September 1866. At that date this Office should, in my opinion, have disallowed all excess above Rs. 500, informing Captain Law that with the sanction of Government there could be no objection to his drawing Rs. 621-12-0; though strictly speaking only Rs. 500 out of that sum should be drawn from the Public Works Department; because the Pay Proper having been previously drawn in the Military Department, any excess above 500 Rs. should have continued to be so drawn, since the Circular of the Government of India No. 815 dated 23d August 1865, does not direct that any change is to be made in the manner as hitherto drawn Officers pay is to be drawn on his joining the Staff Corps while still retaining his appointment in the Department Public Works.

Vide this Office No. 1267 dated 16th August 1867.

3. The error of passing the excess of Rs. 43-10-0 from 2nd February 1866 is admissible by one

one of the Assistants in the Salary Branch, who corrected the Bill under a misapprehension of the Rules, that the limitation of maximum rate of pay was to be applied to Military Staff Corps Officers, and not to Officers of the line, who like Engineer Officers draw Military Pay Proper in addition to Regimental Allowances and Staff salary. The mistake once committed under the circumstances above stated was continued accordingly, but the excess has become reduced as already explained to only Rs. 2-6-0, and when the next promotion of Captain Law was made, intimation was given that no more than Rs. 600 the regulated maximum was in future to be passed. The total passed in excess to Captain Law is thus Rs. 302-13-1, as explained in the accompanying Memo.

4. In the case of Captain Hamilton the retrenchment of the excess drawn was apparently lost sight of, because that Officer was drawing a sum in excess of the maximum scale of his rank at the time the limitation G.O. was issued (September 1865) and this excess was continued to him under the provisions of the above G.O.; but it should have been allowed only until he was promoted to the next step; when the increase of Staff Pay accompanying such promotion should have been withheld. This operation was omitted at the time through an oversight in this Office.

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

J. Yonnell Lt Col R.E.
Controller of Public Works Accounts.

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Captain Law late of the 12th Regiment N.I. now of the Staff Corps.

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In September 1865 was Assistant Engineer 2nd Grade.

Drawing Staff Salary. Rs. 200-0-0.
Regimental Allowance " 293-10-0.
Rs. 493-10-0.

Prior to Promotion under
493-10- + 121.12.0 = 615.6.0

Besides Rs. 121-12-0 drawn in Military Department as Pay Proper.

Promoted 2nd to 1st February 1866 to Assistant Engineer 1st Grade.

Could draw 500 + 121.12.0 = 621.12-

Drew Staff Salary. Rs. 250-0-0.
Regimental Allowance " 293-10-0.
Total drawn in Public Works Department Rs. 543-10-0. x
Maximum which could be drawn. " 500-0-0.

Excess drawn from 2nd February to 11th September 1866 at Rs. 43-11-0. 281-5-1
per month.

Admitted to the Staff Corps from 12th September 1866.

Under "General Conditions" could draw 621.12-0 as also
Actually Drew 624.1-0
Excess 2.5-0

Drew Staff Salary " 250-0-0.
Staff Corps Pay. " 374-1-0.
Total drawn Rs. 624-1-0.

Maximum which could have been drawn in Public Works Department Rs. 500-0-0.

Pay Proper in Military Department. " 121-12-0. " 621-12-0.

Excess drawn from 12th September 1866 to 20th June 1867 Rs. 2-5-0. 21-8-0
302-13-1

Captain Hamilton, Staff Corps.

In September 1866 was Assistant Engineer 2nd Grade.

Drawing Staff Salary Rs. 200-0-0.
Staff Corps Pay " 374-1-0.
Rs. 574-1-0.

Promoted 10th July 1866 to Assistant Engineer 1st Grade.

Drew Staff Salary Rs. 250-0-0.
Staff Corps Pay. " 374-1-0.
Total drawn Rs. 624-1-0.

Drew previous to 10th July 1866.
Staff Pay as Assistant Engineer 2nd Grade. Rs. 200-0-0.
Staff Corps Pay. " 374-1-0 " 574-1-0.

Excess drawn from 10th July 1866 to 30th June 1867 at Rs. Rs. 50-0-0. 585-7-8
per month.

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Controller of Public Works Accounts.

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To Public Works Department
Contractor's Security Deposit
Account.

By Lieutenant Colonel
Government Director
Public Works Department.

Dated 21st Dec: 1865.
Rec: 23rd " 33 do Rs. 1865.
Remit Rs. 24-50.

Entitled upon
Recess over maximum
cadre to be drawn to
Captain Law and
Lieutenant Hamilton
Quarterly Staff Corps
Allowance.

Rs. 2049 - 14 - 0 dated 18th Dec 1867.

Public Works Department.

No. 3049

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 1st Octr 1867.

Read the following

From The Controller of T.F. Accts (Here enter No. 24 dated 21st Sept. 1867)

The rates of salary passed to Captains Law and Hankin having been drawn by those Officers in the belief that they were entitled to them, and after preaudit of their monthly abstracts, the Governor in Council is of opinion that it would be unfair at this distance of time to subject them to any retrenchment. His Excellency is, however, compelled to remark that the circumstances

Which

Enclosure in a letter from the Controller of T.F. Accts. to the Secretary to Govt. Dated 21st Septr. 1867 No. 2450.

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To the Controller
" Superintendent
Accts. 2/10/57

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Pro: of Govt. for October

No. 3014

Pro: of the Madras Govt.

Dt. 1st October 1867

Passing orders on the explanation submitted by the Controller P.W.D. relative to the excess pay which has been paid to Captains Lelly and Hamilton Executive and Asst. Engrs. respectively on the Coimbatore District

No. 7—8