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3rd December 1868.*

No. 70. Read the following letter from the Officer in charge of No. 1 or
Golgonda Range, Vizagapatam District, to the Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department, dated Nursipatam, 11th November, 1868.

Enclosures Nos. 1 and 2.

Since Superintending Engineer
refuses to lay certain grievances of mine
for the consideration of Government, I am forced to take the liberty of addressing
you direct, and submit copies of correspondence on the subject of my complaints
for the favourable consideration of Government.

No. 71. ORDER THEREON, 3rd December 1868, No. 3,770.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 10.

The Government see no reason for
interfering with the proceedings of the
Superintending Engineer in the matters
referred to by Mr. Supervisor Laskey.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer of the 1st Division.

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No. 101

From

No. 1 or Gollonda Range
Office, Narsipatnam
30th September 1868.

The Officer in Charge of
No. 1 or Gollonda Range
Nizagapatnam District

To

The Superintending Engineer
1st Division

Sir,

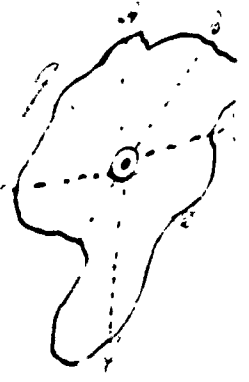
In forwarding my inspection Report for the month of July, which was returned by the Controller, I beg to remark that, I consider your striking off my travelling allowance entirely for this month a great hardship. You remark that I was 14 days out of 31 in my fixed station, this apparently arises from your simply counting up the number of times Narsipatnam appears in the column "Places Visited", viz. 3; if you will kindly look over it again, you will see that 1st, 6th, 13th, 18th, 22nd, and 31st, are days that I returned from places 14 or 16 miles out of my fixed station; so these days cannot fairly be taken as halts at Narsipatnam, for on some of these dates I have returned in the evening after inspecting some works, see 18th and 31st.

2. You remark that I should have visited
works, and places in more distant parts of the Range.

This certainly places me in a very awkward position and
indifficultly to know how I am to do this; here is a taluk
642 square miles in area, situated in a valley, the station
tam is the centre, and 40 works of irrigation in the taluk
are scattered over this area, I may say, dotted all
round my fixed station within a radius of 15 miles;
all these works are under my immediate superintendence.

I have no Overseer for this taluk, say, I go to tank or
from fixed station, Varsipatnam. It must be necessary
come back to it to go to D or S, this circumstance con-

sequently keeps me continually in and out of the taluk
tam. My Office you will allow from the fact of having
as much as 150 odd works in the year gives a good deal
of office work for a Range Officer, and further gives
having to do all the drawing and estimating work of
my Office myself, I have enough, I may say, to give
work, to keep me at times more than a fortnight at
Head Quarters in a month, again the works in the
immediate vicinity of Varsipatnam, or say within 5 or
5 miles of it must also be attended to: this again
is a cause to keep me in Varsipatnam, if you will
take all these circumstances into consideration, you



will undoubtedly see that I have lost my travelling
allowance by some misrepresentation or misview of
my case.

3. I now beg leave respectfully to submit the
accompanying bill, and trust to meet with your
favorable consideration. I have to maintain a
pony, pair of bullocks and extra servants for travelling,
and during the 6 months in the rainy season, I am
obliged to travel in a palanquin, the loss of
travelling allowance consequently must be viewed
as a great inconvenience and hardship to me.

I beg to be
Signed, J. W. Laskey, Sup^y
In Charge of Golconda Range

P. No. 26

Official Memo.

The Acting Superintending Engineer refuses to,
in any way, revoke the Superintending Engineer's
decision that Mr. Laskey is not to draw full travel-
ling allowance for the month of July.

Signed, P. Buckley, Captain R.E.
Acting Superintending Engineer S.E.

Superintending Engineer -
Office, En Circuit Camp Chittohore
5th October 1868

The Supervisor in Charge
of the Golconda Range

No. 110

From

The Officer in Charge of
No. 1 or Golconda Range
Narasipatnam District

At

The Superintendent Engineer
Narasipatnam Division

Sir,

With reference to your letter of 26.
I beg to acknowledge the receipt of the same
of your laying the matter regarding the settlement
of my travelling allowance for the month of July
for the consideration and orders of Government.

No. 1 or Golconda Range
Office, Narasipatnam
12th October 1868

The Superintendent Engineer
Narasipatnam Division

Inspection Report of Mr. J. W. Tasker, Supervisor in Charge of No. 1
or Golconda Range Narasipatnam District for the month of July 1868.
Fixed Station Narasipatnam

Date of the month	Place	Place visited	No. of days halted at each place	Distance travelled during each day	Distance of halting place from fixed station	No. of days for which travelling allowance is claimed	No. of miles for which mileage allowance is claimed	Object of journey and names of works inspected
1 st	Golconda	Narasipatnam	1	12	.	1	.	Returned to Head Quarters and engaged in office duties.
2 nd	Do.	Do.	1	.	.	1	.	Engaged in office duties.
3 rd	Do.	Kottacota	1	12	10	1	.	Inspected Komarolu Awa.
4 th	Do.	Kottacota	1	11	10	1	.	Inspected irrigation works in progress in Kottacota and in its neighbourhood.
5 th	Do.	Do.	1	.	.	1	.	Sunday
6 th	Do.	Narasipatnam	1	10	.	1	.	Returned to Head Quarters and engaged in office duties.
7 th	Do.	Do.	1	.	.	1	.	Inspected Building in Narasipatnam
8 th	Do.	Golconda Road	1	15	.	1	.	Inspected work in progress and returned
9 th	Do.	Kondasantha Road	1	9	.	1	.	Inspected repairs in progress and returned
10 th	Do.	Kannuripollem	1	14	14	1	.	Inspected work in progress on Challapollem Road between the 7 th and 8 th miles
11 th	Do.	Do.	1	10	14	1	.	Inspected work in progress beyond Kannuripollem

Date of the month	Place visited	No. of days called at each place	Distance travelled during each day	Distance of halting place from first place	No. of days for which travelling allowance is claimed	Object of journey and names of works inspected
12 th	Golgonda Kammuripollem	1	.	1	.	Sunday
13 th	Do Narisipatam	1	14	.	1	Returned to Head Quarters
14 th	Do Do	1	.	.	1	Engaged in Office duties
15 th	Do Pamulavahad	1	10	10	1	Inspected irrigation works in progress
16 th	Do Do	1	11	10	1	Inspected irrigation works in progress about filled upudi and Mallubhupatapam and returned
17 th	Do Coratla	1	10	10	1	Inspected repairs in progress as far as the 13 th mile on Telaram road and returned to Coratla
18 th	Do Narisipatam	1	11	10	1	Inspected repairs of Sunthar big tank sluices and returned to Head Quarters
19 th	Do Do	1	.	.	1	Sunday
20 th	Do Do	1	5	.	1	Inspected repairs to Somamayadit tank at Poddar Boddepilli
21 st	Do Vedullavahad	1	10	10	1	Inspected repairs to Poddar tank

Date of the month	Place visited	No. of days called at each place	Distance travelled during each day	Distance of halting place from first place	No. of days for which travelling allowance is claimed	Object of journey and names of works inspected
22 nd	Golgonda Narisipatam	1	10	.	1	Returned to Head Quarters
23 rd	Do Do	1	.	.	1	Engaged in Office duties
24 th	Do Golgonda Road	1	15	.	1	Inspected work in progress and returned
25 th	Do Narisipatam	1	.	.	1	Engaged in Office duties
26 th	Do Do	1	.	.	1	Sunday
27 th	Do Kondasantha Road	1	9	.	1	Inspected repairs in progress & returned
28 th	Do Makharapollem	1	8	8	1	Engaged in Office duties during the early part of the day and proceeded in the evening to Makharapollem inspecting repairs in progress
29 th	Do Kammuripollem	1	8	14	1	Inspected work in progress on Thallapollem Road
30 th	Do Do	1	10	14	1	
31 st	Do Narisipatam	1	16	.	1	Inspected repairs to Big tank at Carrageda and returned to Head Quarters

I do hereby certify that no charges have been made for journeys not taking one beyond five miles from my ordinary place of residence (permanent or temporary), and I also certify that the journeys have been made in discharge of public duty, and that carriage for a tent has necessarily been kept up on the day, for which full travelling allowance has been drawn.

No 1 or Golgonda Range Office
Narisipatam, 7th August 1868.

D. J. M. Lacey Supervisor
Subcharge of Golgonda Range

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Mr. Lashy was at his fixed station 11 days out of the 31 and on the 11th only moved to a greater distance than 10 miles from his fixed station. The Superintending Engineer being of opinion that Mr. Lashy should have his works and plates in the more distant parts of the Range during the month declines to pass his bill for 31 days full travelling allowance.

Superintending Engineer's Office,
1st Division, Dowlaiswaram
10th August 1868

Signed J. G. Rogers Captain
Superintending Engineer

W. P. W. J.
Secretary

In Charge of G. S. Range
Nizagapatam District

1868/11/10

No. 6

No. 1 of G. S. Range
Office, Nizagapatam
27th April 1868

From

The Officer in Charge of
No. 1 of G. S. Range
Nizagapatam District
To
The Superintending Engineer
1st Division

Sir,

1. Observing that my stay in Nizagapatam, for the purpose of obtaining Medical treatment and while there conducting my official duties, has been treated as absence on sick leave, this I conceive to be an hardship, for this description of leave subjects me to the loss of half pay, while I have been engaged in the discharge of my duties and have not enjoyed the peace and quietness of such leave. The loss of one's travelling allowance for not travelling is of itself, I may say, a heavy inconvenience, for surely one has to maintain his establishment during such occurrences.

2. My Office, you must be aware owing to constant sickness among its members, had a good deal of arrears of work to bring up before the end of the year: this you will allow could have been only

2. effected by hard work, my Range is considered small,
but I attach a high importance to it in consequence of
the large number of works combined to circumstances
where labor does not exceed the agricultural pursuits of
the country and where five months in the year are against
operation of works owing to the severity of the season.
I rode over these difficulties and it grieves me consequently
to see that I should meet with a want of liberality.

3 The results of repeated bad attacks of fever
effected my kidneys and although not prostrated
by the complaint my case was nevertheless a most serious
one. I consequently ran in for Medical advice, the Doctor
told me that I must put myself under a proper
course of treatment. I accordingly sent in a Medical
certificate and stated that my stay for a few weeks under
treatment in Vizagapatam will in no way interfere
with the discharge of the duties of the Range. Your sanction
- ing such a proceeding would not have been without
a precedent for Mr. Bevan in January 1864, remained
in Vizagapatam similarly owing to sickness with
his office and met with no hindrance to pay or
(travelling allowance which was fixed at that
time); the Medical sick leave certificate I submitted
afterwards was in obedience to your order, my grievance
consequently is that I am subjected to the result

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of a leave which I have not enjoyed. You will
further notice an inconsistency in this matter i.e.
that I as the head of my Office fall on half pay
for doing my duties in Vizagapatam while
the other members draw theirs full.

4. I have therefore respectfully to solicit
that you represent my case for the favourable
consideration of Government and obtain their
authority for changing my sick leave to retros-
- pective permission for holding my office in
Vizagapatam from 29th February to 14th April
1868.

I beg to.
J. W. Caskey Supervisor
In Charge of Golconda Range

G. No. 125

Memo

Letter dated 27th April, from Mr. Caskey
applying for full pay during his absence from his
Range from the 29th February to the 14th April 1868.

2. Mr. Caskey left his Range not only without
permission but without reporting to the Superintending
Engineer.

Off Engineer.

the 3. He might therefore have been treated as a person
who without leave and have been allowed no pay during
his absence.

the 4. He has been liberally treated in being
allowed half pay on Medical certificate during
that period.

the 5. Had Mr. Caster's late conduct in his
effect Range been more deserving of approbation, special
by the permission to spend a few weeks in Vizagapatam
and on full pay, might have been obtained for him
from Government.

Superintending Engineer
Office, Camp Walahid
14th May 1868

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J. J. C. Ryves Captain R.E.
Superintending Engineer

The Supervisor in Charge
Galgonda Range

No 21

No. 1 at Galgonda
Range Office, Vizagapatam
28th May 1868

From The Officer in Charge of
No 1 at Galgonda Range
Vizagapatam District

To The Superintending Engineer
1st Division

Sir,

With reference to your Memo No 125, I
beg leave respectfully to state that, had I sometime
previous to my departure to Vizagapatam for Medi-
cal aid, contemplated doing so, it would have been
due that I communicated my intention and sol-
-cited your permission; but from the circumstance of
possessing some slight domestic knowledge of disease
and their treatment, I felt no occasion until symp-
-toms of my complaint, changed suddenly and
rendered the necessity for competent advice being at
once sought. On learning the Doctor's opinion regard-
-ing my complaint, I had no other alternative, but
to take the course I adopted; i. e. in calling in my Office
to Vizagapatam and reporting the matter to you; had
I not done so, I should have had both my Office and
Range duties completely neglected. The first Medi-
-cal certificate, I sent in, was only to shew that I
was necessarily under Medical treatment in Viz-
-agapatam, and I hold you in my letter that my stay
there would not in any way interfere with my duties,
but when you telegraphed that I must send in a

2. certificate for leave of absence proposed to my super-
3. I had no choice, but to ask the Director to grant me one
which leave, you are aware I was not at all engaged for
4. I was engaged in the performance of my duties during
the whole time.

all 2. You remark that, had my late conduct in
the Range been more worthy of approbation, you
5. might have allowed me the privilege of remaining
out of my Range for a few weeks without loss of pay.
In this reference to my late conduct, forces me to explain
on what I forbore from, namely that you must have been
6. fully convinced that I sincerely felt a victim to your
displeasure, and that the censure with which I was
7. visited was quite undue to my conduct.

3. You say that, I had "no authority for
stopping the construction of the two Custom Houses,
pending sanction of the revised plan and estimate.
The permission was for building additional rooms,
and, consequently the work could have gone on
without delay; now the addition of rooms to a
completed building with a pent roof would
have been easy enough, but in the case of these
buildings, you must remember, the roof is a

pavilion, and in carrying out this addition, a
third part of the roof would have to be dismant-
led; a want of forethought in this matter
would have undoubtedly left my conduct
open both to censure and ridicule. The balance
that remained unexpended out of the Original
Estimate in December was only Rs 28, so it
is plain to notice that it was only the
completion of the roof work that remained in abeyance
at the time.

4. Regarding the Ma La Lagedda Dam, I beg to
observe that you will find from correspondence in your
office that in consequence of the Acting Superintending
Engineer informing me in reply to my letter 16.22
dated 17th May 1867, that he would design a plan
for the Dam himself. I was led to think that, I was
acting right and fair, in not proceeding with a work,
that I had condemned in my correspondence, for several
reasons; 1st its insufficient length, 2nd its unnecessary
massiveness, 3rd and lastly its utter uselessness for
the purpose assigned to it. The revenue said to be
dependent on this work for the last fifteen years,
has not been in the slightest degree effected
for the want of this Dam.

5 On your remarks regarding the smallness of my
expenditure on Agricultural repairs up to December,
I have first respectfully to call to your mind that,
these works were last year given over to the Collector
and received again only in June, so by this transfer
and retransfer a good working season was lost,
consequently in June and July little was done,
and as for the months of August, September, October
and November, the country is under water. My irri-
gation works, especially in the Turvasiddi taluq, are
scattered over a vast area of wet cultivation, so that
it is quite impracticable to do any thing during these
wet months. Why? Captain Beatty came so late as the
28th of November to inspect ^{the} Malalagedda and was
in consequence of the country being so much under water
and cultivation, obliged to defer his inspection until
January. December is the paddy harvesting month,
and as I have mentioned in a former correspondence
that when labour is demanded in the fields our
works are brought to a stand still. The only months
I had for pushing forward my works were January,
February and March; hence I could not spend
more than Rs. 13,342; and this sum, you will
admit, is the largest ever spent in a year in this

Range, to say that I did not use efforts enough to
carry out the wishes of Government in spending
a much larger sum while the emergency for
as large a grant as Rs. 41,000, was shown to be
pressingly necessary in this Range, is certainly
by a circumstance that gives an opening for
reflection; but if you will go a little into
details you will find that matters stand
now quite changed. Mr. Boswell represented
that 232 works were in need of repair and
estimated that for Rs. 24,690 he would
put them in thorough good order. I will
therefore respectfully ask why was Rs. 41,000 then
set as the requirement in this Range; this
sum, consequently when contrasted with my
expenditure shows an unpleasant result.

6 Out of the 232 works, entered in Mr. Boswell's
list, there were only 68, that demanded the attention
of this Department; ^{the} other works, from requiring very
slight and trivial repairs, were left to be attended to by
the villagers themselves; the expenditure on these 68 works
amounts to Rs. 7,333, the difference of this sum from
the amount of my expenditure Rs. 13,342, was therefore,

5 I must say, an outlay on works that were only damaged
exp by last year's rains!

7. The Minor New Works of irrigation being delayed
the id was for the same reasons as given regarding repairs
an Agricultural. I could do nothing until the country
an was dry and passable for cars. I have now how-
ever the satisfaction to say that I completed these
works within the year.

8. In laying the above explanation, I simply
appeal to your humanity for justice.

I beg, &c.
Signed J. H. Dastey Esq.
In Charge of Gulgonda Range

No I or Gulgonda Range
Office, Narsipatnam
29th September 1868
No. 99

From

The Officer in Charge of
No I or Gulgonda Range
Vizagapatnam District

To
The Superintending Engineer
1st Division

Sir,

Nos. 6, 21 and 84

1. I beg leave most respectfully to call your
attention to my letters noted in the margin.
2. The first of these was on the subject, com-
plaining that my stay in Vizagapatnam from the
29th February to 11th April 1868, under Medical
treatment, and while there conducting my duties
without any interruption to my work being treated
as absence on sick leave and thereby subjecting me to
the loss of Rs. 153, half pay, while I have not in
reality enjoyed such leave.
3. This seems to me to be very hard. You
say that I should have obtained leave for going
out of my Range, in my case such a proceeding
was quite out of my power. I explained what my
complaint was in these letters under reference, and
I will now respectfully refer you to any Medical
man to know if when the symptoms resulting
from affections of the kidneys such as the following:
weariness in the loins, nausea, drowsiness, nervous irritability is

was a time for a patient to delay 8 or 10 days awaiting a reply, or to go in at once for medical aid, he will tell you that, had I waited for a reply, comatact would have set in and I would have died in a few days; knowing my case to be so bad, I ran in at once. I was relieved, and the Doctor considered that I should remain under treatment for sometime longer, & accordingly called in my Office, and reported the circumstance to you sending a Medical certificate, to show that I was necessarily under treatment, but when you insisted that I should send in a sick certificate I had no alternative but to obey your order, feeling that I was hardly dealt this matter, I appealed to you, to lay the case for the favorable consideration of Government.

4. The second letter No. 84, was one regarding my grievance in the Department, I felt myself lost without friends to help me, and in despair I rushed to the fountain head for redress and the only support I looked to you for was that, you would at least show no hesitation in laying a simple representation of mine for the favorable consideration of Government. I now appeal

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to you to do me justice, in forwarding these letters to Government; if there is any thing unsatisfactory, to be said of my character for efficiency or energy I trust you will favor me with information on what I may have erred.

5. This letter also, I solicit, will be laid before Government. Trusting to receive your favorable reply.

I beg to.

Signed J. H. Raskin, Sup^r
In Charge of G. G. R. R.

Superintending Engineer
Office, 1st Division
Dowlaiswaram

21st October 1868

No. 854.

Memorandum

With reference to his letters Nos. 99 and 101 of 29th and 30th ultimo, respectively on the subject of his pay and travelling allowances, the Supervisor of the G. G. R. R. is informed that the undersigned declines to propose the matter which was fully considered before his

decision was given on the subject.

Signed J. G. Pynes Capt. R.E.
Superintending Engineer 1st Division

No

The Supervisor in Charge
of Golconda Range
Nizagapatam District

Mr. A. V. G.
Supervisor D. C. H.
In Charge of Golconda Range
Nizagapatam District

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Public Works Department
No 3770

Proceedings of the Madras Government
dated the 3^d Dec 1868

To the Golconda Range
Office, Nizagapatam
11th November 1868

No 129

The Officer in Charge of
No. 1 or Golconda Range
Nizagapatam District

The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department
Madras Super.

Enclosures 2.
The Superintendent Engineer refuses
to lay certain grievances of mine for the consideration
of Government, & is forced to take the liberty of addressing
you directly, & to submit copies of correspondence on
the subject of my complaints for the favourable
consideration of Government.

I beg to remain
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant

Mr. A. V. G. Supervisor
In Charge of Golconda Range

The Supy. of the 1st Div.
Dec 24/68

decision was given on the subject.

Signed J. G. Pyne Capt. R.E.
Superintending Engineer 1st Division

From the Officer in Charge
of the N.I. or G. Range
Tiruchirappalli District
The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department
Madras

Dated 11th
Received 18th November 1868.

No. 129

Enclosure (2)

Enclosure contains complaint
that he was forced to quit leave while
he was on the actual discharge of his duties
and thereby suffered the loss of wages,
and regarding the unfairness by which
his travelling allowance for the month
of July was disallowed by the
Superintending Engineer.

No 3770-3rd Dec 1868

No 40

20th Nov 1868-27th

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Public Works Department
No 3770

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 3rd Dec 1868
Read the following

From The Officer in charge of
N.I. or G. Range
Tiruchirappalli District
H.E. No 129 dated 11th November/68

The Government are
reason for interfering with
the proceedings of the Super-
intending Engineer in the
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The Supy. of the 1st Div.
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To the *Superintendent*
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G. O., 3^d Dec 1868, No. 770

Nos. 70-71

Laskey - Mr. Supervisor the pro-
-ceedings of the Sub Eng. in con-
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of pay and allowance of Mr.
Sup. Laskey of the Vizagapat.
-tance &c, declined to be in-
-terfered with.