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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
10th August 1870.*

No. 155. Read the following letter from R. SMITH, Esq., Executive Engineer, on special duty, Madura District, to the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, Ootacamund, dated Madura, 12th July 1870, No. 49 :—

I HAVE the honour to submit, for your consideration, copy of a letter received from Lieutenant Christie regarding double travelling allowance while employed on special duty.

From Lieutenant C. H. P. CHRISTIE, R.E., Assistant Engineer, on special duty, to the Executive Engineer, on special duty, dated Camp at Peranai, 9th July 1870.

I BELIEVE you are aware that, from the commencement of the investigations of the Perryaur project until April last, the officers engaged on the project have always drawn double travelling allowance, whether employed on the hill tracts or in the plains; and that the late Superintending Engineer having some doubts as to the reading of the G. O. under which the extra allowance was claimed, referred the matter to the Controller of Public Works Accounts, who decided that the double travelling allowance was to be drawn in the plains as well as in the hill tracts; and, in accordance with that decision, the double travelling allowance has been drawn ever since.

2. In May last the present Superintending Engineer having expressed doubts as to the reading of the G. O., I asked you upon what scale the travelling allowance should, in your opinion, be drawn, and according to your direction I drew my travelling bill for May on the single travelling allowance scale.

3. I then thought that the Controller, to whom the matter had on a previous occasion been referred, and whose decision I have already alluded to, might, on receipt of the bill, ask for instructions on this point. I therefore deferred making a formal application for the continuance of the double travelling allowance.

4. As the Controller has made no alteration in the bills submitted, I have now the honour to request that you will be so good as to forward this my application for permission to draw (prospectively and retrospectively) the same allowances as have hitherto been drawn by all the officers employed upon the investigations of the Perryaur project.

5. In making this application I am, to a great extent, influenced by the consideration that, should I refrain from doing so, I may be thought to admit having hitherto drawn allowances to which I have had no claim; but I ground my application chiefly on the fact that the ordinary travelling allowance is inadequate, and, in support of this statement, I beg to submit the following considerations :—

1st.—A Range Officer, when travelling in his range, has his establishment of lascars always available for pitching his tents, carrying service letters, etc.; on the other hand, my lascars being always engaged on survey work at the time when I require to move my camp, I am obliged to maintain a separate establishment of tent lascars, and I generally have to send service letters by private lascars, as I am allowed no letter peon.

2nd.—An officer who is almost continually in camp requires a greater amount of carriage than one who is frequently running in and out from head-quarters.

3rd.—From the Peranai Anicut to Meylur there is scarcely (with the exception of the trunk road, which is of no use to me) a single road in a state fit for wheeled traffic; in fact my bandies, as often as not, have to go altogether across country, and breakages are in consequence very frequent.

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10th August 1870.

No. 156. ORDER THEREON, 10th August 1870, No. 1,905.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 18.

* G. O., dated 20th November 1868, No. 3,636,
paragraph 5.

tracts, and the personal allowance of Rupees 150 per mensem was added on

G. O., dated 4th January 1869, No. 1.

and the difficulty of travelling, on the Perryaur Hills. The Government consider that when the officers engaged upon these investigations are in the plains of Madura, it is not only unnecessary that they should be placed on a different footing from other officers of the department in that district, but it would be unfair to make a difference. The Cumbum valley has hitherto been considered to be within the hill tracts, and Periacolum, at the mouth of that valley, should be considered the boundary in that direction of the "Hill Tracts."

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To Mr. R. Smith.

To the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division.

„ Controller of Public Works Accounts.

„ Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Camp. Peranai

Saturday 9th July 1870.

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From,

S. M. Christie Esq.
Assistant Engineer on Special duty

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To,

R. Smith Esquire
Executive Engineer, on Special duty

Sir, I believe you are aware that, from the commencement of the investigations of the Periar Project, until April last, the Officers engaged on the Project have always drawn double travelling allowances, whether employed on the hill tracts or in the plains; and that the late Superintending Engineer, having some doubts as to the reading of the G.O. under which the extra allowance was claimed, referred the matter to the Controller of P.W. Accounts, who decided that the double travelling

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As the Controller has made no alteration in the bill submitted I have now the honour to request that you will be so good as to forward this my application for permission to draw (prospectively and retrospectively) the same allowance as has hitherto been drawn by all the Officers employed upon the investigations of the Periar Project.

In making this application I am, to a great extent, influenced by the consideration that, should I refrain from doing so, I may be thought to admit having hitherto drawn allowances to which I have had no claim; but I ground my application chiefly on the fact

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I have &c.
Signed / C. E. P. Christie ^{Salt}
Assistant Engineer R.E.

(True Copy)

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Executive Engineer, On Special duty
Madura District

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Special Executive Engineer's Office.
Madura 12th July 1890.

N. Smith Esquire
Executive Engineer on special duty
Madura District

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Dc.

Major J. Mullins M.C.,
Chief Engineer for Irrigation
Colacamund.

Sir,

I have the honor to
submit for your consideration, Copy of
a letter, received from Lieutenant
Christie, regarding double Travelling
allowance, while employed on special
duty. — I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your Most Obedient Servant
Amita

Executive Engineer on special
duty, Madura District.

Enclosure. • No. 1 in
a letter from the Executive
Engineer on special duty
Madura District, dated
12th July 1890. No. 49.

By
The Chief Eng.
for Irrigation
Colacamund.

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Copy of Lieutenant
Christie's letter regarding
double Travelling allowance

R.D.
 1905
 Proceeding to Madras Govt.
 Under date the 10-Sept/88.
 Read the following:

From the R.D. In Special Duty,
 Madras - (R.D. 249 of 12 July 1888)

P.O. 20th Nov/68.
 No 3636 para 5.

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P.O. 4th Janry 1869
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The double travelling allowance granted to the Officers employed on the Tiriyaur project was given to meet the additional expenses to which they were necessarily put when within the Hill Tracts, and the personal allowance of Rs 150 per mensem was added on Colonel Anderson's recommendation to provide for the heavy expense of

The following are the names of the persons who have been employed on the project.

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My. 16/7/70



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To
 Mr. R. Smith ✓
 6 .. S. Engrs. 8th Div ✓
 5 .. Comd'r ✓
 3 .. Chief Engrs. ✓

Recd 11/8/70

16/10/77
Govt. of Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Mr. R. Smith

G. O. No. 10, 1905

No. 155 & 156

Double Travelling Allowance

Paying orders on the letter from
the Secy. in special duty
Madras, submitting appli-
cation from Lieut. Christie
for double travelling al-
lowance.

Retired from Civil Service 2nd August 1890.