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Government of Madras.

Public works **DEPARTMENT.**

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
23rd November 1870.*

No. 413. Read the following letter from the Controller of Public Works Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 9th November 1870, No. 1,676 :—

I HAVE the honour to submit, for the consideration of Government, the enclosed

1 Travelling Allowance Bill for October 1870. 1 Inspection Report for the month of October 1870. 5 Inspection Reports for the months from May to September 1870.	Inspection Report and Travelling Allowance Bill of the Acting Superintending Engineer of the 8th Division for the month of October 1870.
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2. Major Payne assumed charge of his present appointment on the 9th April 1870, and on the 27th of the following month went to Palamcottah, where he remained, so far as this office is aware, up to the 31st October 1870, with the exception of eight days in June, three days in July, and twelve days in September.

3. Taking Madura as the sanctioned head-quarter station of the Superintending Engineer of the 8th Division, the travelling allowance actually passed by this office to, or claimed by, Major Payne since his arrival at Palamcottah is as follows :—

	RS.
For 61 days' halt at Palamcottah, at 6 Rupees	366
„ 73 „ „ „ at 3 „ ...	219
„ 23 „ on which marches were made, at 6 „ ...	138
Total...	723

4. I request the orders of Government as to whether, under the circumstances, Palamcottah is not to be regarded as Major Payne's temporary head-quarters during the past month, as, if

* *Vide* clause 1 of paragraph 1 of the Rules. so, he will not* be entitled to the half travelling allowance claimed under clause 4, of paragraph 1 of the Rules.

No. 414. ORDER THEREON, 23rd November 1870, No. 2,812.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 41.

It appears from this letter that Major Payne, who assumed charge of the office of the Superintending Engineer of the 8th Division, at its head-quarters at Madura, on the 9th April 1870, proceeded thence to Palamcottah, and, arriving there on the 27th of the following month, established his residence at that place, and, with the exception of eight days in June, three days in July, and twelve days in September, there remained, drawing travelling allowance at the full rate of Rupees 6 per diem for sixty-one days, at Rupees 3 per diem for forty-two days, and claiming it at the latter rate for thirty-one other days.

2. These allowances would seem to have been passed by the Controller up to the 30th September under a misapprehension of the Travelling Allowance Rules which provide for an officer drawing the prescribed allowance if he does not make a halt of more than three days any where within ten miles of his ordinary residence permanent or *temporary*. It is clear that Palamcottah was under the circumstances Major Payne's temporary residence, and the Controller will be informed accordingly.

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3. The Government regret to observe that, whilst so many works require the personal attention of the Superintending Engineer throughout his charge, Major Payne has contented himself with the few inspections which his short absences from Palamcottah during a period of five months can have enabled him to make, and that, residing as he has been almost continuously at that station, he should have considered himself entitled to take advantage of the liberality of the Government to claim for himself an allowance which it is evident he had not earned either under the spirit or even the literal interpretation of the rules.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Acting Superintending Engineer, 8th Division.
,, Controller of Public Works Accounts, with seven original enclosures.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Office of the Controller of
Public Works Accounts
Madras 9th November 1870.

No. 1676

From,
The Controller of P. W. Accounts,
To,
The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Fort Saint George.
Sir,

I have the honor to
submit, for the consideration
of Government, the enclosed
Inspection Report and Travelling Allowance bill of the
Acting Superintending Engineer of the 8th Division for
the month of October 1870.

2.

Major Payne assumed
charge

travelling allowance claimed
under Clause IV of para I
of the Rules.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant.

S. Hooley

Controller of P.W. Accounts.

at Secy to Govt of India

General Deptt. Secy to Govt

of India

Calcutta

21st Dec 1901

Dear Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th inst.

and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

No 2812 P. W. S.
 Proceedings of the Madras Govt.
 From. Read the following.
 The Controller of P. W. Accounts (H. E. No. 1676 of 9th Nov 70)

Off 1870 Recd
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 The Controller of P. W. Accounts
 To
 The Secretary to Government,
 Public Works Department,
 Fort Saint George.

Dated 9th } November 1870
 Recd. 10 }
 No. 1676
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Forwarding for con-
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W. H. C. N.
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The Supd. Mag. 8.00.

" Controller P.D. Arch.
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Recd. 25/10/20.

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Govt. of (1870) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To The Acting Inspecting Eng^r
8th Division

[Signature]

For

Recd.

23 Aug 1870

Nos 412 & 414

Travelling Allowance Bill Paper
orders in the letter from the
Controller of P.W. Accts sub-
mitting for orders the Inspector's
Report & Travelling Allowance
Bill of the Inspecting Eng^r the
same for October 1870.