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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
20th April 1871.*

No. 278. Read the following letter from the Acting Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Camp at Vizianagrum, 14th March 1871, No. D. D. :—

ADVERTING to G. O. of the 17th February 1871, No. 482, I have the honour to observe that I do not quite see what emergency the Government orders refer to, or in what manner the Controller can be a better judge of the necessity of

officers travelling more than 20 miles a day than the officers entrusted by Government with the working of districts; he has had no professional education, and no experience even as a subordinate in the department, and can therefore have no knowledge whatever as to the manner in which range duties should be conducted.

2. Besides, the Controller does not hesitate to report any Range Officers for not sending in their accounts by the 20th of a month: are these officers to be allowed mileage to return from any parts of the district to despatch their accounts in time, and does this constitute an emergency?

3. I beg to add that, being on circuit at present, I am unable to go as fully into this matter as I could wish; I have passed mileage to officers and subordinates only because I am convinced that with the large expenditure we have in hand time must be economized as much as possible. On my return to head-quarters I will explain more fully the circumstances connected with Mr. Hannan's case; in the meantime I beg to forward a letter from Captain Hasted, R.E., explaining his own case, and to add that I fully agree with him in all he states; in fact, it is only money thrown away in fixed salaries to have officers marching daily 10 or 12 miles on canals or roads, when there are works requiring their immediate attention 20 or 30 miles off, which can be got at in a night's journey.

4. I am not writing in any disparagement of the Controller I beg very respectfully to say, but if he is allowed to insist on the duties connected with his office being punctually performed, Superintending Engineers, who have far greater responsibilities devolving upon them, are at least entitled to as much consideration in dealing with their Range Officers. As matters now stand, I find everything connected with the progress of works in the districts postponed to getting the accounts off in time; but whether these represent the best possible manner of benefiting a district or carrying on the works is a matter of very secondary consideration in the ranges.

From Captain J. O. HASTED, R.E., Executive Engineer in charge No. 1 Range, Godavery, to the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, dated Camp at Thasipoody, 7th March 1871, No. 550.

In forwarding the travelling allowance bills of this range, I have the honour, with reference to the Controller's Circular No. 2,580, dated 21st February 1870, to bring to your notice that being in charge of both Eastern and Central Deltas, with only one Assistant Engineer under me, it is absolutely necessary for me to march very frequently upwards of 20 miles a day.

2. In the Central Delta especially the distances to be travelled are very considerable; and as, to enable me to do my work, I keep up a boat with a crew, a mancheel, set of bearers, a horse, and a set of tents, I consider myself entitled to mileage under the travelling allowance rules in force.

3. The long marches made by Mr. Supervisor Ellis, most of them when accompanying me through the delta, were, I consider, unavoidable, and I think he is entitled to the mileage claimed.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
20th April 1871.*

No. 279.

ORDER THEREON, 20th April 1871, No. 1,109.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 25.

* No. 482, dated 17th February 1871.

submitting claims to mileage, to explain satisfactorily the exceptional circumstances under which forced marches are made to entitle officers to the special rate.

2. The Government do not see the necessity for a Range Officer always returning to his fixed station for the despatch of his "Monthly Accounts." The rules provide for Range Officers taking with them, on their tours of inspection, portions of their office establishments, and there seems no sufficient reason why the monthly accounts should not be compiled and despatched while those officers are away from head-quarters. There may be exceptional cases requiring reference to papers at the head-quarter office before the monthly accounts can be completed, and in all such cases the Controller of Public Works Accounts is authorized to pass travelling allowance during a Range Officer's stay at fixed station, provided such stay does not too closely follow on the previous halt at head-quarters.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Acting Superintending Engineer, 1st Division.

- „ All other Superintending Engineers.
- „ Controller of Public Works Accounts.
- „ Major R. B. Kennedy.

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No. 550.

Camp Thasipoor dy.

7 March 1871

From

Captain J. O. Hasted Pole

Executive Engineer, In Charge

No. 1, Bury Goswamy

To

The Superintending Engineer
1st Division

Sir,

In forwarding the travelling allowance bills of this Range, I have the honor with reference to the Controller's Circular No. 2580 dated 21st February 1870 to bring to your notice, that being in charge of both eastern and central delta, with only one Assistant Engineer under me, it is absolutely necessary for me to march very frequently upwards of 20 miles a day.

In the central delta especially the distances to be travelled are very considerable, and as to enable me to do my work, I keep up a boat with a crew, a marchel, set of bearings, a horse and a set of tents, I consider myself entitled to my mileage under the travelling allowance rules in force.

The long marches made by Mr. Soparman Pillai, most of them when accompanying me

through the Delta were I consider unanswerable
and I think he is entitled to the mileage
claimed.

I have the honor &c &c

Genl J. A. Hackett Capt. D.C.

Executive Engineer Government

(True Copy)

Wm. T. Tucker Major D.C.

As Superintending Engineer D.C.

C. A. M.

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Major J. H. Tucker M.B.

As Superintending Engineer
1st Division

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Colonel C. A. Orr M.B.

Secretary to Government M.B.
Madras.

Sir,

According to G.O. of the 17th Inst. No. 1182, I have the honor to observe that I do not quite see what emergency the Government orders refer to in what manner the Controller can be a better judge of the necessity of officers travelling more than 20 miles a day than the officers entrusted by Government with the working of Districts, he has had no professional education and no experience even as a subordinate in the Department, and can therefore have no knowledge whatever as to the manner in which range duties should be

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conducted.

2. Besides the Controller does not hesitate to report any ranger officer for not crediting in their accounts by the 20th of a month, are these officers to be allowed mileage to return from any parts of the District, to despatch their accounts in time and does this constitute an emergency?

3. I beg to add that being on circuit at present I am unable to go as fully into this matter as I could wish, I have passed mileage to officers and subordinates only because I am convinced that with the large expenditure we have in hand there must be economized as much as possible; on my return to Head Quarters I will explain more fully the circumstances connected with Mr. Saurin's case in the mean time I beg to forward a letter from Captain Stisted R.E. explaining his own case, and to add that I fully agree with him in all he states - in fact it is only money thrown away in fixed salaries to have officers marching daily 10 or 12 miles on canals or roads where there are works requiring their immediate attention

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4. I am not writing in any disparagement of the Controller. I beg very respectfully to say, that if he is allowed to insist on the duties connected with his office being punctually performed, by Superintending Engineers who have ~~few~~ ^{few} greater responsibilities devolving upon them are at least entitled to as much consideration in dealing with their ranger officers, as matters now stand I find everything connected with the progress of works in the Districts is postponed to getting the accounts off in time, ^{but} whether these represent the best possible manner of benefiting a District or carrying on the works is a matter of every secondary consideration in the ranges.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Yours most obedt. Servt.

W. T. Fisher Major R.E.

By Superintd Engineer Division

No 1169.

Under date the 20th April

Read the following

From The Secy Engineer
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From the Secy of Engineer } (H.E. No. RD~~552~~ 714 ^H - Memo 1871)
1st Div.

7 No. 482 of 17th Feb 1911

The orders contained in the Proceedings of Government referred to by the Super Engineer of the 1st Division are clear and precise, and Major Fischer will be required, in submitting claims to mileage, to explain satisfactorily the exceptional circumstances under which forced marches are made to entitle officers to the special rate.

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John D. Dwyer
1st Dec.

To the Secretary

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Ad. J. H. C.
Nov 27th 1897.

Warrants to report
on the adjournment made
by the Committee for
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The Government do not see the necessity for a Range officer always re-turning to his Fixed Station for the despatch of his "Monthly Accounts".

The rules provide for Range officers taking with them, on their tours of inspection, portions of their office Establishments, and there seems no sufficient reason why the Monthly Accounts should not be compiled and despatched while those officers are away from Head Quarters.

There may be exceptional cases requiring reference to papers at the Head Quarter office before the Monthly Accounts can be

be completed, and in all such cases, the Controller of Public Works Accounts is authorized to pass travelling allowance during a Range officer's stay at Fixed Station provided such stay does not too closely follow on the previous halt at Head Quarters.

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The Supr. Engrs. 1st. Div.
all other Engrs.
Controller P.W. Accts.
William Kennedy.

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Bill of 1871 30 adms.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To the City Superintending Engineer
1st Division

20th April 1879.

Nov. 27th 1879

Urban Almoner. To the
Mayor in the letter from the
Highway Board regarding
the claims referred by
your Report to the
Urban Almoner.