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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. 293. Read the following Endorsement of the Controller of Public Works Accounts, dated Madras, 27th March 1871, No. 2,949:—

From the Superintending Engineer, 6th Division, to the Controller of Public Works Accounts dated Kadambady, 24th March 1871, No. 1,169.

I HAVE the honour to inform you that Mr. O'Shaughnessy has forwarded memorandum No. 533, dated 15th instant, from your office to me, and from it I

1 Inspection Report. observe that you do not feel justified in passing travelling allowance for the halt at head-quarters on the 23rd ultimo "so shortly following that of three days terminating on the 20th."

2. I would call attention to the fact that on the 17th Mr. O'Shaughnessy was at Kabistalem, 10 miles from his head-quarters, and proceeded by night to Combaconum, marching 25 miles on the 17th, for which no extra or special allowance is

* Marched ten miles visiting works. claimed; that he halted at Combaconum from the 18th to 20th, * or for three days, including Sunday, and proceeded to the Lower Anicut, marching 15 miles on the 21st; that he returned to Combaconum

† Marched seven miles. on the 22nd, visiting† works in the neighbourhood on the 23rd. Now, had Mr. O'Shaughnessy halted at Combaconum on the 21st, to visit the Veerasholen head, instead of doing so on the 23rd, after his return from the Lower Anicut, no exception could have been taken to his doing so, and no travelling allowance could have been stopped, as an officer is entitled to halt for four days consecutively inclusive of Sunday and to draw his full travelling allowance; to proceed from the Lower Anicut to Nachiar Covil it would have been necessary to pass through Combaconum, as the one is north-east and the other south by south-west of Combaconum; hence, because Mr. O'Shaughnessy broke his halt by proceeding to the Lower Anicut on the 21st instead of on the 22nd, and his marches were—

	Miles.
17th, Kabistalem	25
18th, to 20th, * Combaconum	10
21st, Lower Anicut	15
22nd, Combaconum	15
23rd, Do.	7
24th Nachiar Covil	12
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instead of—

17th, Kabistalem	25
18th to 21st, Combaconum	10
22nd, Lower Anicut,	10 and 7 on 20th and 21st
23rd, Combaconum,	
24th, Nachiar Covil,	

you state you do not feel justified in passing Mr. O'Shaughnessy's travelling allowance. Under the circumstances I must beg to differ from you, and to request that you will either pass Mr. O'Shaughnessy's travelling allowance for the 23rd, or to refer the matter to Government.

3. I admit that the duty of checking the travelling allowance bills, and endeavouring to do so by interpreting their spirit, is neither an easy or an invidi-

Approved

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our duty, as, when a day's allowance is retrenched an implication is involved that a claim has been made which is inadmissible; but, in the case in point, the implication goes further, and what is implied is that the journey to the Lower Anicut on the 21st was unnecessary and was merely undertaken to enable Mr. O'Shaughnessy to draw his allowance, and this, as I have shown above, could not have been the case, as Mr. O'Shaughnessy might have halted at Combaconum on the 21st instead of on the 23rd and have claimed his full allowances while halting, according to a distinct and clear rule, regarding which there can be no misunderstanding, and hence I cannot but regard the implication in this instance as utterly unjustifiable.

SUBMITTED for the consideration of Government.

2. Mr. O'Shaughnessy returned to fixed station on the 17th, and halted there till the 20th February 1871 inclusive. On the following day he visited a work 15 miles distant from head-quarters, to which he returned on the 22nd idem. Mr. O'Shaughnessy again halted at fixed station on the 23rd, and this office having objected to the claim to travelling allowance made for that day, the Superintending Engineer of the 6th Division has made the present representation, which is submitted for orders with reference to Proceedings No. 482, dated 17th February 1871.

1 Copy of Memorandum.
1 Inspection Report.

3. Enclosed is a copy of the memorandum from this Office on Mr. O'Shaughnessy's claims to travelling allowance for the 23rd February 1871.

No. 583, dated 15th March 1871.

A perusal of this document will, I trust, satisfy Government that there are no grounds whatever for the remarks contained in the concluding paragraph of Captain Oakes' letter.

(Signed) S. BROCK,
Controller of Public Works Accounts.

No. 294.

ORDER THEREON, 20th April 1871, No. 1,116.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 27.

THE Government consider the objection raised by the Controller of Public Works Accounts to the admission of Mr. O'Shaughnessy's claim to travelling allowance for the halt at head-quarters on the 23rd February 1871 to be quite in accordance with the intentions of the rules, and His Excellency the Governor in Council sees nothing in the memorandum in which that objection was taken to warrant the tone of Captain Oakes' remarks in his letter of the 24th March 1871, No. 1,109.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 6th Division.

.. Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Office of the Controller of
P.W. Accounts
Madras 16th March 1871

N. 583

Memo

Having in view the orders of Government N. 482, of the 17th February 1871, the Controller of P.W. Accounts regrets that he does not feel himself justified in passing to Mr. Executive Engineer O'Shaughnessy travelling allowance for the halt at Head Quarters on the 23rd February 1871, so shortly following that of 23 days terminating on the 20th Idem, and since February 1871, immediately after an absence of only one day from fixed station, to which Mr. O'Shaughnessy returned on the 22nd.

(Signed) J. Mills
Controller of P.W. Accounts

(True Copy)
S. Brock

Controller of P.W. Accounts

Robert

No 1109.

Supg Engg office 6th Division
Rangoon 24th March 76.

From,

The Supg Engineer.

To,

6th Division

The Controller of

Public Works Accounts

Madras.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that Mr O'Shaughnessy has forwarded Memo No 583, dated 15th Instant from your office to me, and from it I observe that you do not feel justified in passing Travelling allowance for the halt at Head Quarters on the 20th & return "so shortly following that of 3 days terminating on the 20th."

I would call attention to the fact that on the 17th Mr O'Shaughnessy was at Kibitalem 10 miles from his Head Quarters and proceeded by night to Combarum, making 20 miles on the 17th, for which no extra or special allowance is claimed; that he halted at Combarum from the 18th to 20th or for 3 days including Sunday & proceeded to

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the Lorn Ancient marching 18 miles on the 21st that he returned to Cambacum on the 22nd visiting work in the neighbourhood on the 23rd. Now had Mr O'Shaughnessy really halted at Cambacum on the 21st to visit the Venusholen Headmaster of doing so on the 23rd after his return from the Lorn Ancient, no exception could have been taken to his doing so and no travelling allowance could have been stopped as an officer is entitled to halt for 4 days consecutively inclusive of Sunday & to draw his full travelling allowance; to proceed from the Lorn Ancient to Tachian Coril it would have been necessary to pass through Cambacum as the one is N.E. & the other S.W. of Cambacum hence, because Mr O'Shaughnessy broke his halt day proceeding to the Lorn Ancient on the 21st instead of on the 23rd & his marches were

Miles

17 Kabitaleum	25
18 to 20 Cambacum	10
21 Lorn Ancient	15
22 Cambacum	15
23	7
24 Tachian Coril	12
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instead of

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18 to 21 Cambacum	10
22 Lorn Ancient	1047 on 20 th & 21 st
23 Cambacum	
24 Tachian Coril	

You state you do not feel justified in passing Mr O'Shaughnessy's Travelling allowance. — Under the circumstances I must beg to differ from you and to request that you will either pass Mr O'Shaughnessy's Travelling allowance for the 23rd or to refer the matter to Government.

I admit that the duty of checking the Travelling allowance Bills and in endeavouring to do so by interpreting their spirit is onerous and easy on an invidious duty, as when a day's allowance is retrenched an implication is involved that a claim has been made which is inadmissible; but, in the case in point the implication goes further and what is implied is that the journey to the Lorn Ancient on the 21st was unnecessary & was merely undertaken to enable Mr O'Shaughnessy to draw his allowance and this as I have shown above could not have been the case as Mr O'Shaughnessy might have halted at Cambacum on the 21st instead of on the 23rd and have claimed his full allowance while halting, according to a distinct and clear rule regarding which there can be no misunderstanding and hence I cannot but regard the implication in

in this instance are utterly unjustifiable.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant

Wm. V. A. C. E. R.

Supg Engineer R.E.S.

No 2949

Submitted for the

consideration of Government

Mr. O'Shaughnessy returned

to Hyderabad on the 17th and

halted there till the 20th February

1877 inclusive. On the following

day he visited a work 15 miles

distant from Head Quarters, to

which he returned on the 22nd

idem. Mr. O'Shaughnessy

again halted at Hyderabad

on the 23rd, and this Office having

objected to the claim to

travelling allowance made for

that day, the Superintendent

Engineer of the B.R. Division has

made the present representation

which is submitted for orders,

with reference to Proceedings

No 452, dated 17th February 1877.

Enclosed is a copy of the

Memorandum from this Office on

Mr. O'Shaughnessy's claim to

travelling allowance for the 23rd

February 1877. A perusal of this

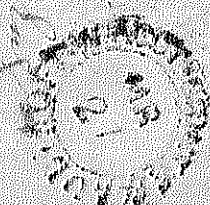
document will, I trust, satisfy

Forwarded Disputes
Report of Mr. O'Shaughnessy
17th Feb & Recommendations
that, under the circumstances
of the case, the claim should be
allowed by him for the
23rd June may be kept.

Recd 24th
2nd Nov

The Engineer
to S.E.

From
The Supt. Engr.
C.E.S.



Government that there are no
grounds whatever for the remarks
contained in the concluding
para of Captain Baker's letter.

Office of the Controller of
P.W. Accounts

March 27th 1871

S. Hoell

Controller of Public Works Accounts

To
The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department
With copy of Memo. No. 533, dated 15th March
1871 and
copy of Mr O. Haughness's Inspection Report
for February 1871

On 17 February 1871

Chas. J. P.

Chas. J. P.

Attest

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From the Controller of
P.W. Accounts
Madras

To the Secretary to
Government
P.W. &
North B. George

Dated 27th
Rec 2283 March
1871

Enclosure

No. 2949
Submitting for
the consideration of
Government
P.W. Accounts
Committee
allowance for the
23rd February 1871
received from the
Controller of P.W. Accounts

Public Works Department

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Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 20th April 1871

Read the following

From the Controller of P.W. Accounts
Madras.

H.E. No. 2949 of 27th March 1871

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Capt. Bates' remarks
in his letter of the 24th
March 1871 No. 1109.

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To

The Sup^r Genl. to the Secy

Controller P. M. Ackerly
in Enclosure

Dec^r 2/4/71

Wm. A. R. 1125

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PUBLIC WORKS.

*The Superintendent Engineer
of the Public Works*

Date

Recd

20th April 1871

No. 293 1871

*Received of the
Honble Mr. Secretary
to the Government
the sum of Rs. 1000/-
for the Public Works
Department.*

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