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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. <u>1431</u>	Press Mis.
<u>442-443</u>	
Dated <u>25-5</u>	<u>1871</u> .

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No. 442. Read the following letter from the Acting Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Dowlaishweram, 4th May 1871, No. 350 :—

ADVERTING to paragraph 2 of G. O. of the 22nd April 1871, No. 1,141, I have the honour to submit the following explanations for the consideration and orders of Government.

2. Soon after taking charge of this division and inspecting the delta works I was far from being satisfied of their condition, and I called upon Range Officers for very much more active exertion to get on with the works, I was met at once with the reply that for journeys of more than twenty miles a day no mileage was passed to them; knowing full well that the ordinary rate of travelling allowance is insufficient to pay for the maintenance of a marching establishment and the expenses of long journeys, also the importance of getting the delta works into far better working order, I promised to pass mileage to the officers in the delta ranges, and this I respectfully submit is in accordance with the spirit of the orders contained in G. O. of the 24th January 1866, No. 339, which provides for this allowance being granted for special objects or purposes.

3. For nearly two years the Controller has passed these claims on my certificates. In one instance, where I had made a disallowance, the officer's claim was passed over my head on his direct appeal to Madras, the Controller knows very well what I mean. I am at a loss therefore to understand why these frequent objections are now raised. I consider it is absolutely and essentially necessary for the due and constant inspection of works in the delta that mileage should be passed to the Range Officers, and it is a sad discouragement for them to find their claims disallowed in this manner, particularly as during the past two years a good deal of success has resulted by adopting these measures. The irrigation which then was openly alleged to be falling off has increased by some 30,000 acres since, and I am certain this is much more due to the constant and immediate supervision I have insisted upon both of the distribution of the water and the maintenance of the works than to anything else, at the same time that complaints from the ryots have almost ceased.

4. I have not passed mileage to officers in other parts of the division, except in cases such as those contemplated by Government. Last October and November Captain Beckley, when making inspections of roads for emergent repairs, drew some mileage. I ordered Lieutenant Dorward down to meet me at Toonee for the special object of inspecting the trunk road in his charge with him, and then passed mileage to him and I think on one other occasion to him and to Mr. Harris on some emergent works in the rains, otherwise, except in Mr. Hannan's case, which I am about to explain, I have not passed mileage except as contemplated in G. O. of the 29th January 1866, No. 339.

5. Now, as regards Mr. Hannan, on the 8th October, he went to Cocanada with Mr. Sage; stayed there the 9th, Sunday, took charge of Mr. Sage's boat, a first-class Government boat, as he, Mr. Sage, was leaving the district, and brought her back to the workshops in one night's run; in charge of the lascars the boat might have come back in a week or ten days; he then went to Rajahmundry where

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he has charge of the Central Jail and other works, returned to head-quarters to see me in office, and finally he returned to Samulcottah, by canal, his own head-quarters.

6. From the 15th October to 9th November, Mr. Hannan remained at head-quarters, because the rains were so incessant he could not go out; he then went out and had to make lengthy marches to make his inspections and prepare and get in the necessary estimates for emergent repairs wherever required. As Mr. Hannan maintains a boat for the special purpose of enabling him to go from one end of his range to the other without loss of time, he is, I consider, entitled to mileage for the few times he uses her. I enclose a statement showing the expenditure in his range for the last seven years, from which it will be seen he is not so idly employed, as he has had charge for the last two years only.

7. In Captain Hasted's case, having charge of the Eastern and Central Deltas, besides quarries, workshops, etc., how is that officer to get over his inspections unless he travels more than twenty miles a day; mileage, if passed, does not more than cover the ordinary daily expenses, and the additional wear and tear of long marches, etc. Canal travelling for the novelty of the thing is pleasant enough, but to those who know the discomforts of it, such as noisome insects, snakes, wet, close confinement in a boat, etc., it is not so very enticing as it is usually supposed to be after one has had a little experience in the matter. I would therefore solicit the Government to allow me to manage matters as I have hitherto done in the delta. I sincerely believe we are doing the right thing both for the interests of Government and the people, and it would be a great pity to risk the advantages we have gained in establishing a far more contented state of affairs among the ryots just for the sake of showing a saving of a few rupees in the travelling allowance accounts, whilst already we have secured an increase of above a lac of rupees in the water-rate from the improved condition of the works by their more careful and frequent supervision.

Statement showing the expenditure incurred on works in No. 6 or Rajahmundry Range during the last seven years.

Years.	Expenditure.	Remarks.
1864-65		
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1867-68	85,815*	• Includes outlay on the Central Jail.
1868-69	48,703•	
1869-70	55,107•	
1870-71	77,504•	
	17,579	Jail transferred to No. 1 Range.
	71,307•	
	134,711•	

DOWLAISHWERAM,
4th May 1871..

(Signed) J. F. FISCHER, Major, R.E.
Acting Superintending Engineer, 1st Division.

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No. 443.

ORDER THEREON, 25th May 1871, No. 1,431.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 43.

THE Government have laid down that journeys undertaken for the purposes of ordinary inspection or to suit the convenience of an officer rather than the necessities of the service do not entitle him to mileage allowance, which is only properly claimable for journeys undertaken in cases of emergency, or for some such special object, as on the occasion of a breach in an anicut or a channel, or serious damage to other works which require the presence of the officer concerned, and there does not seem to be sufficient ground in the letter above recorded to call for a change in the orders of Government on the subject. The Government consider that Mr. Hannan's duty, when employed on inspection of works and collecting information for estimates for repairs, might have been no less efficiently discharged by making limited marches, and the fact of that gentleman maintaining a boat for visiting his range does not, in the opinion of Government, constitute a claim to mileage, which depends on very different considerations. Neither is it apparent that Captain Hasted, in charge of the Eastern and Central Deltas, must necessarily travel more than twenty miles a day in order to bring all the works in his ranges under inspection within a reasonable time. The Superintending Engineer will be requested to report more fully on this point; and in reference to his remark that mileage does not more than cover the ordinary daily expenses, and the additional wear and tear of long marches, he will report what is the cost of maintaining a complete crew for a boat by the month and the number thereof; also the cost of canal travelling by cooly boatmen hired by the day or by the mile; and he will explain what it is he refers to as the additional wear and tear of long marches.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Acting Superintending Engineer, 1st Division.
" Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

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Colonel Maercker
4th May 71
Most. Fischer Major R.E.
19th May 71 Engineer 1st Div.

also the importance of getting works

No. 350

From

Major J. I. Tucker M.E.
Acting Superintending Engineer

1st Division

To

Colonel C. J. Carr M.E.

Secretary to Government D. P. W.

MADRAS

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Enclosure in a letter
No. 350 dated 4th instant
from the Chief Engineer
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to Govt. D. P. W. Madras

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Have the honor to be
Sir

Yours most Obedt. Servant

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Adj. Genl. Engr. 1st Division

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1871
No. 350 of 14th May
H.E. No. 2113.

The Asst. Supy. Engrs.
The Secretary of Government
P.W. Department
Madras.

Dated 4th May 1871
Recd. 10th May 1871

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Explains the necessity
under which mileage is
allowed to officers of the
Department in the Delta Range
of the Godavery District and
solicits sanction for the
arrangements he has
made for managing the
affairs in the Delta Range.
No. 1431-25 May 1871

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Public Works Department

No. 1431

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date 1st 25 May 1871

Read the following

From The Asst. Supy. Engineer

H.E. No. 350 of 14th May 1871

The style of the letter
seems rather too peremptory.
It might be more proper to
request the decision of
the Government.

The Government
have repeatedly declared that
journeys undertaken for the
purposes of ordinary inspection
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an Officer rather than the
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a channel or serious damage
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on very different considera-
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able time. The Super Engineer
will be requested to report
more fully on this point;
and in reference to his re-
mark that mileage does
not more than cover the
ordinary daily expenses,
and the additional wear
and tear of long marches,
he will report what is the
cost of maintaining a

a complete crew for a boat
by the month and the num-
ber thereof - also the cost
of Canal Travelling by
coolie boatmen hired by the
day or by the mile - and
he will explain what it is
he refers to as the addition-
al wear and tear of long
marches

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the Boats 1950 of 21-11/11

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To the Supt. & 1st Secy
" Controller
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Cost of 1871 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To the Asst. Superintending
Engineer (Division)

Dated

Recd.

Encl.

G. O. 25 May No. 1431.

Nos. 1412 & 1416

Reference is made to the
report of the
Commissioner of
Public Works
dated 1st March 1871
in relation to the
cost of the
works of the
Public Works
Department.

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