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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
7th June 1871.*

No. 103. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 6th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Tanjore, 22nd May 1871, No. 173:—

I HAVE the honour to forward an original letter, No. 150, dated 20th May, and its enclosures, from Captain Montgomerie, Executive Engineer of Tanjore, complaining that his travelling allowance for the 27th April has been disallowed. Had Captain Montgomerie halted at Tanjore on the 25th and gone out to the Vettaur head works on the 26th, there can be no doubt of his being entitled to travelling allowance under Circular No. 880, dated 21st August 1868, of the Accountant-General, Public Works Department, which has never been cancelled; but because the halt of four days is broken by a run out to visit the most important work in the district now in progress, it appears that the order quoted above is regarded as inapplicable. I may add that the Vettaur head is inaccessible to bandies from Tanjore, except in the driest weather, and it is as difficult of approach from any other quarter as from Tanjore.

2. Only in very dry weather can bandies approach it at all, and that by going across country; even a smart shower of rain renders it inaccessible by bandies, and on the last occasion* on which I visited it I had to send out my camp equipage by coolies.

* 17th instant.

3. For ten months out of the twelve it is necessary that the Executive Engineer, after visiting the head of the Vettaur, should return to Tanjore before he can proceed to visit works elsewhere within his charge. On the 28th April Captain Montgomerie proceeded 13 miles east of Tanjore. The Vettaur dam being 7 miles north-west by west of Tanjore he had, therefore, necessarily to pass through Tanjore.

From Captain P. Montgomerie, R. E., Executive Engineer, Tanjore, to the Superintending Engineer, 6th Division, dated Tanjore, 20th May 1871, No. 150.

IN forwarding copy of the Controller's memorandum No. 79, dated 10th instant, from which you will see that he has disallowed my travelling allowance for the 27th April 1871, one of the only three working days on which I halted while travelling within 10 miles of my fixed station between the 19th and 28th idem, I have the honour to request you will be so good as to inform me *definitely* for how many working days travelling allowance will be passed to me while halting under Rule III., and which is as follows:—"The same allowance *shall* be passed to an officer halting and obliged to maintain carriage for his tents, etc., etc., provided that when within 10 miles of his ordinary residence, permanent or temporary, he does not halt more than three days.

2. The most important irrigation works in my range, if not in the whole Presidency, ("the Vettaur Regulator" and other "river works,") are at present being carried out within 10 miles and upwards of 5 miles from my fixed station, and as it is absolutely necessary for the economical as well as the proper execution of these works that they should be frequently and thoroughly inspected by the Executive Officer, and which it is impossible for him to do in a morning's ride from head-quarters, I am obliged to maintain my travelling establishment complete whether travelling or halting, and I respectfully request to represent that, unless I am allowed to avail myself of the provision made in Rule III., it will be impossible for me to maintain my travelling establishment while superintending the works within 10 miles of my fixed station.

3. I enclose an extract from my Inspection Report (Form I.) for the days in question.

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7th June 1871.

No. 104.

ORDER THEREON, 7th June 1871, No. 1,535.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 12.

It appears clear from these papers that it was necessary for Captain Montgomerie to proceed to the Vettur head works on the 25th April and in a contrary direction from Tanjore to Terookalavoor on the 28th, but it is not apparent that having halted for office work at Tanjore on the 22nd and 24th, it was necessary that he should again halt for the same purpose on the 27th after only one day's absence when he made a march of 7 miles. On this point further explanation is requested. The case is somewhat similar to that of Mr. O'Shaughnessy's disposed of in G. O., No. 1,116, dated 20th April 1871, when the Government decided that it was not in accordance with the intention of the rules of the department that an officer should claim travelling allowance for a halt so closely following on another one.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 6th Division.
" Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Extract from Captain Montgomerie's Inspection Report for the month of April 1871.

Day of the month	July	Place Visited	No. of days halted at each place	Distance travelled during the day	Object of journey and name of work inspected.
18 th	Vettur Head works	1	1	1	Marched with Superintending Engineer.
19 th	Poodochetty	9	18	1	Do
20 th	Triviar	10	8	1	Do
21 st	Tanjore (N. Quarter)	8	1	1	Road IV & returned to Head Quarters to despatch monthly accounts.
22 nd	Tanjore	1	1	1	Office work
23 rd	Tanjore	1	1	1	Halted at Tanjore
24 th	Tanjore	1	1	1	Office work and selecting establishment for the several roads of Range.
25 th	Vettur Head works	7	7	1	Laying out work
	(due West of Tanjore)				
26 th	Tanjore	7	1	1	Vettur Head works & returned to N. Quarter
27 th	Tanjore	1	1	1	Office work (a very important work.)
28 th	Terookalavoor	13	13	1	Mangrooddy Dam, on the river.
	(due East of Tanjore)				

By Superintending Engineer
20th May 1871

Montgomerie Captain R.E.
Superintending Engineer

No 1123/1477
 Capt. James M. L. Lins
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 28 May 1871-

No 173

Supreme Office 6th D.

Jaime - 22 May 1871.

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 an original letter No 150, dated 20th May
 and its enclosure from Captain. Miguel.
 former Lieutenant of Jaime
 complaining that his travelling
 allowance for the 27th April has been
 disallowed. Had Captain Miguel
 halted at Jaime on the 25th
 and gone out to the station at 2000
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 his being entitled to the allowance.
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 in this charge. On the 28 April
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 miles west of Tanjore - the Vettam
 distance being 117 miles by road.
 Tanjore he had therefore necessarily
 to pass through Tanjore. I had the honor to
 inform him in a letter dated 30 April 1871
 that I was sorry to hear of his departure
 from Tanjore. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
 Sir, your obedient servant,
 J. A. K. Capt. R. S.
 Super Engineer, 6th Division

Office of the Controller of
 P. W. accounts
 Madras 16th May 1871

No 79
 Memorandum.
 In returning duly debited

Encl 1
 Travelling
 Allowance
 bill for April 1871

the enclosed travelling allowance
 bill of the Tanjore Range for April
 1871 the Controller of P. W. accounts
 has the honor to state that Captain
 Montgomerie's travelling allow-
 -ance for the halt at V. Quarters
 on the 27th has been disallowed
 under G.O. No 482 dated 17 February

*
 Vide G.O. No 116 1871, which was the ruling then
 of 20 April 1871 guided this office when objecting
 to a similar charge made by
 Executive Engineer Mr. O'Shaughnessy
 for the 22 February 1871.

Signed J. Mills
 Dy Controller of P. W. A.

True Copy
 P. W. A. Capt. R. S.
 Executive Engineer

To The Executive Engineer
 in charge of the Tanjore Range

Public Works Department

N^o 1535

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 6th June 1911

Read the following

W.H.E. N^o 173 of 22nd May 1871

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Vettar Head
Works on the
25th April 1871

20th May 1871 -
 Letter No. 150 dated 20th May 1871 -
 in enclosure in a
 letter from Mr. & Mrs.

1871, Sept
 11th 1871 for 1871
 No. 2374.
 From The Sup^r Engineer 6th Divⁿ

To Secy to Govt
 P.W.D.

Dated 22nd May 1871.
 Recd 25th May 1871.

Encl: 3. One enclosure to P.W.D.
 No. 173 21-5
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No. 1535-7th June 71

Forwards for orders Letter
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Public Works Department
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PUBLIC WORKS.

To, The Superintendent Charge
6th Division

Dated

Recd.

G. O. 7 June 1871, No. 1535.

Nos. 1238-1241

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 and the word "Henceforth"
 is written in the margin
 of the page.

630: May 17/71 A. 5th June

~~Jack & Mary~~