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Government of Madras.

Public works DEPARTMENT.

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No. 319. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Bellary, 22nd June 1871, No. 522 :—

I HAVE the honour to forward, for the favourable consideration of Government, the correspondence in connection with a claim made on behalf of T. Doorga-chellum Chetty, at present 2nd Accountant in the Cumbum Range, to reimburse him with the sum of Rupees 14-3-0, being the net amount for cart-hire paid by him from Anantapore to Cumbum.

2. From a perusal of this office letter No. 246, dated 18th ultimo, to the Controller of Public Works Accounts, the actual state of the case will be seen; and it seems to me, from what the Controller urges against the claim, that it would prove exceptionally hard on men with small salaries when, for the interests of Government, they are obliged to be sent from one range to another.

3. In the present case the Accountant's pay was, at the time of his transfer, only Rupees 15 per mensem, and on this, when he was in the Anantapore Range, he was obliged to travel about drawing three-tenths of his salary as batta for the number of days he *actually* travelled. It will thus be seen that it was not possible for the man to have had much to assist him in his expenses to join his appointment at Cumbum, and it is manifest from the claim made that the salary and allowance (Rupees 4-14-0) he drew when *en route* could not have helped him much, apart from other inconveniences attendant on removing from one station to another.

4. In submitting this claim I do not advocate, should Government view the same favourably, that the orders issued should form a precedent; but what I would urge is that when Superintending Engineers have reason to consider, when appealed to by parties concerned, a transfer made purely for the interests of the public service from one range to another situated at a great distance, has told hardly on the usually slender purse of such subordinates, that they may have discretionary powers vested in them to treat such cases as "special," without making a reference to Government absolutely necessary, because the Controller does not seem inclined to stretch a point when a matter like the one in question is fairly laid before him.

5. In conclusion I take the liberty of transmitting,* for the information of Government, the Controller's Circular and Rules on the subject; as to me the great omission appears to be not to have ordered the Accountant to proceed "by any particular conveyance" when he was ordered to proceed to Cumbum.

* To be returned.

No. 320. ORDER THEREON, 19th July 1871, No. 1,902.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 35.

THE rules provide that those servants for whom no special travelling allowances are authorized should, under ordinary circumstances, receive 30 per cent. of their salaries when ordered to travel, and batta at this rate appears to have been passed by the Controller to the 2nd Accountant of the Cumbum Range for the period during which he was marching from Anantapore to Cumbum.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
19th July 1871.*

2. Looking however to the circumstances explained by the Superintending Engineer of the Accountant having made the march of 177 miles in 7 days, and to the fact that the batta (Rupees 1-2-0) which has been allowed is manifestly inadequate to cover the expenses of such a journey, the Controller will be authorized, as a special case, to pass the bill for cart-hire.

3. The Superintending Engineer of the 3rd Division will be informed, with reference to paragraph 4, that claims to travelling allowance must necessarily be disposed of by the Controller in accordance with the rules, cases requiring special treatment being referred for the orders of Government.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, with two Enclosures.
,, Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Copy of a letter from the Superintending Engineer 3rd Division to the Controller Public Works Accounts, dated 18th May 1871 No. 246.

Referring to your Memorandum No. 392 dated 17th March last to Comblum Range, I have the honor to forward herewith duly countersigned the enclosed bill on behalf of T. Doorgachellum Chetty. This man held the appointment of 3rd Accountant in the Amritapoor Range for 3rd Class Range for a salary of Rs 15. The 2nd Accountant of the Comblum Range having died, Doorgachellum was ordered to proceed at once at the public expense and as in proceeding to Comblum the only means available was by bullock cart, I trust he may be considered to have travelled by this particular conveyance which I suppose is also contemplated by the rules. The journey of about 177 miles was, as you will observe, performed in

in a space of seven days.

3. Subjoined is a Statement of pay &c this Accountant is entitled to ordinarily for the period he was on his journey, and from this you will observe that he would be out of pocket by Rs. 9:5:0 if not granted the amount paid for the cart he employed.

7 days' pay in February 1877 } R. A. P.
@ R. 15 } 3:12:0

Travelling allowance including $\frac{3}{10}$ of Rs 15 for 7 days } 1: 2: 0.

4:14:0

Copy of a letter from the Sub. Engineer-in-charge Cumulum Range to the Superintending Engineer 3rd Division dated 23rd March 1877, A. 4.58.

Referring to the accompanying
Memorandum from the Controller--
P.M. Accounts, I beg to state that 2nd
Accountant J. Dargachellam Chetty
did not travel by clerk, therefore I
have considered it best to have the
claim

claim on Section XI of the Travelling^s
Allowance Rules; should you ap-
prove of this course, please forward
the accompanying Bill for audit.
This Bill is supported by a Memo-
randum signed by the 2^d Accountant.

(True Copies)

Bellamy }
22nd June }
1871. }

Am. U.S. Navy Lieut. J. M.
Superintending Engineer
13th Dec^r

No. 522

Superintending Engineer's Office.

3rd Division.

Bellary 22nd June 1871.

From,

The Superintending Engineer

3rd Division.

To,

The Secretary to Government

Public Works Department

Fort Saint George

Sir,

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Enclosures. 3

1871/72.

Enclosed to letter
No. 522 of 22nd June
1871 from the Super-
intending Engineer
3rd Division, to the
Secretary to Govt.
P.W.D. Department.

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3. In the present case the Accountant's pay was, at the time of his transfer, only \$15 per mensem, and on this, when he was in the Santa Fe Range, he was obliged to travel about allowing 50% of his salary as better for the number of days he actually travelled. It will thus be seen that it was not possible for the Govt. to have had much to assist him in his expenses to join his appointment at Councilman, and it is manifest from the claim made that the salary and allowance (Rs. 150) he drew when en route could not have helped him much, apart from other
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Sir,

Your most obedient servant.

A. Murray Lieut. Col. R.V.
(C)
Superintending Engineer,
3rd Division,

P. H. Dept.
No 1902.

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Proceedings of the Minister Government.
Under date the 19th July 1871
Read the following

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The Superintending Engineer.

3rd Division.

To,

The Secretary to Government.

Public Works Department.

Fort Saint George.

No. 522

Dated 23rd June 1871.
Received 23rd June 1871.

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No 1902. 19th July 1871.

Under the 19th July 1871.
The following is the
report of the Controller
of the Public Works
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The Controller has
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To
The Suptg. Engr. 3^d Div. (Bucks).
Cont. J. P. W. D. S.

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PUBLIC WORKS.

The Superintendent Engr
322 (Division)

19 July 1902.

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Bill - The Controller ^{Mr. McKee} ~~Mr. McKee~~
- rised as a special case, to pay
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hire incurred by ^{2^d personant} ~~personant~~ ^{Doornickellum}
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