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Government of Madras.

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No. 415. Read the following letter from the Acting Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Dowlaishweram, 26th June 1871, No. 1,013:—

1 Copy of letter from Captain Hasted, No. 121, dated 17th February 1871.
2 Progress Reports, by book-post.

ADVERTING to the latter part of G. O., No. 1,431, dated 25th May last, I have the honour, in forwarding herewith copy of Captain Hasted's letter on the subject of mileage claimed by him, and which the Controller of Public Works Accounts has thought proper on more than one occasion to disallow, to offer the following observations.

2. Captain Hasted as well as Mr. Walch, it will be seen from the accompanying Progress Reports (to be returned), have a great number of agricultural repair works in hand, independent of the extraordinary works in vigorous progress. To inspect these works, and to send in completion certificates to the Controller, who is exceedingly particular in calling upon Range Officers to submit these, it matters not whether the works have been correctly measured or not, it is requisite that Delta Officers should frequently travel more than 20 miles a day. In fact it has become a necessity for them to do so, whether mileage is or is not passed to them.

3. Another reason why a Delta Officer must necessarily travel more than 20 miles a day is that, for the clearing out of channels, deepening, widening, etc., we have but four months in the year, and as during this time all the work requiring to be done must be completed, a Delta Officer has to give his whole attention to such works, which he cannot do satisfactorily without making long marches.

4. In the above G. O. I am called upon to report the cost of maintaining a complete crew for a boat, etc. This information I give in the margin, and beg to add that this cost is only for boat expenses daily without allowing anything for extra coolies for carrying kit, etc., repair of tents, sails of boat, salary of bearers, eight of whom should be kept up to enable an officer to visit works not on main canals.

	Rs.	A.	P.	
Boat rent	24	0	0	
Lascars 2 crew at 7 Rupees each ...	14	0	0	
Per mensem...	38	0	0	
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Four Cooly Boat men per diem, at	2	8	0	
	3	12	0	Daily cost out of Rupees 5 allowed for all purposes.

5. With regard to the additional wear and tear of long marches alluded to by me, I beg to observe the meaning is quite plain to any one experienced in undertaking constant and long marches, that everything belonging to one is knocked to pieces, and a great deal lost which has to be replaced constantly.

6. I beg further to explain Mr. Hannan made the long marches, for which I passed the mileage to him for the express purpose allowed by Government, to prepare estimates, etc., and execute emergent repairs after a very heavy fall of rain.

7. The irrigating season in this district lasts from middle of June to beginning of December, the crop is then cut and harvested by the end of January; we have thus only four months actually available, namely, February, March, April, and May, to do the numberless repairs, etc., required for the canals and masonry works in the delta. I have already explained how very necessary it is to keep the distribution of the water under constant and careful supervision, to secure the extension of the irrigation, and the increase of the water rate, and no officers can be more zealous in the performance of their duty than Captain Hasted and Mr. Walch.

8. I have thus explained, as far as I am able, the peculiar circumstances under which I have considered it most advisable for the interests of the Government, and fair to the officers concerned, to exercise the discretionary power given to me by the Government to pass mileage to the Delta Officers, and as the responsibility rests with me to see the works of the district are fully kept up, and the interests of the people carefully attended to, I beg very respectfully to solicit this authority be not curtailed. The saving would be very trifling, nothing in fact in comparison with the revenue dependent on our works, and as nothing more is passed to the officers than what the rules provide for, no good can be obtained by disallowing their claims in such a district as the Godavery.

From Captain J. O. HASTED, R.E., Executive Engineer, No. 1 Range, Godavery, to the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, dated 17th June 1871, No. 121.

With reference to your memorandum No. 811, dated 12th instant, accompanying G. O., No. 1,431, dated 25th ultimo, I have the honour to make the following remarks with reference to my claims to mileage

1*st*.—My range, consisting of the Eastern and Central Deltas, is so extensive that, unless I make very long marches, I cannot visit the important works as often as I ought; in fact I am obliged, as it is, to leave more to my subordinates than I am satisfied to do. I cannot explain the necessity further.

2*nd*.—The ordinary travelling allowance granted does not cover the expenses of frequent long marches.

2. I have, in a former letter, stated the establishment I keep up for marching. I have only now to say that I have never grudged the expenses I have been put to in travelling; that I have marched long distances to do my duty, and not to make money out of the allowance granted; and that I have considered myself entitled to mileage both according to the letter and the spirit of the travelling allowance rules.

3. It is excessively humiliating to feel, as I must, that I am suspected of bringing forward dishonest claims. A sense of my own perfect honesty of intention and the fact that I have claimed only in accordance with the rules in force have led me to continue my claims hitherto. Rather than enter into further explanations I will make no further claims, and I would respectfully suggest to Government that much annoyance and humiliation will be spared to officers if the inspection reports are submitted with distance travelled only entered, the travelling allowance to be granted being filled in by the Controller. I have the honour to request permission to adopt this plan in future.

No. 416.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 59.

Order thereon, 25th July 1871, No. 1,959.

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Total...	153

4. If an officer was required by the rules of the department to maintain all this marching establishment, the figures would go to show that the authorized daily allowance of Rupees 5 is insufficient, but the Government are not prepared to authoritatively sanction so extravagant an equipment, and in declining to allow the officers of the Godavery District the uncontrolled discretion which the Acting Superintending Engineer seeks in regard to travelling allowances, they do not in any way doubt Captain Hasted's honesty of purpose or call in question his zeal in the discharge of his duty; but a large department of the administration must be governed on fixed and general principles, and if there is anything exceptional in the Godavery District it is in favour of the officers who have facilities for moving about their ranges greater than in other districts where the ranges are quite as large. Moreover, the Government cannot think that the important works in the Godavery District would not be more efficiently superintended by a more leisurely inspection than is possible in journeys of about 30 miles a day, and Major Fischer will be informed that the Government view with displeasure his disregard of the instructions laid down in G. O., No. 482, 17th February 1871, and repeated in No. 1,141, 22nd April 1871. The Government look to the Superintending Engineers of Divisions to maintain the proper observance of orders that are issued for departmental guidance, and they trust they will not again have occasion to notice want of proper attention thereto on Major Fischer's part.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. CARPENDALE, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Acting Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, with two Progress Reports.
,, Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

Sup.g Engineer's Office 1st Dn
No 1013. Dowlaiswaram 26th June 1871

From Major J. D'Fischer R.E
Acting Sup.g Engineer
1st Division

To, Colonel J. Carpendale R.E
Secretary to Government
P.W.D.

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Sir,
Your most Obt. Servant
Mr. Fischer Major Rl
A.G. Supt. Engineer 1st Dy

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Memo No 1871 Ref No 3136.

(12) The Chief Engineer
1st Division

To

The Secretary to Govt
P.W.D.
Madras

Dated 21st June
Rec'd 3rd July } 1871
No 1013

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Forwards Copy of letter from Captain Frosted R.E. Engineer in Charge of No 1 Range Godavery on the subject of Mileage claimed by him and disallowed by the Controller & explains the necessity of allowing the same to Delta Officers.

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No 121

No 1 Range Office
17th June 1871

From

The Executive Engineer
No 1 Range Godavery

To

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(sd) J. O. Wasted Capt. R.E.
Executive Engineer No 1 Range

(True Copy)

Wm. Fletcher Major R.E.
Ag. Supt. Engineer 1st Div.

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P. W. 3136/71
Dated 25th July/71 Rs. 415.
Enclosure in a letter
No 1013 dated 26th Instant
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1st Division to the
Secretary to Government
PD Works Department

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Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 25th July/71.

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So/ She Asstt Engr. 1st Div. with the Returns
Contractor, P.W. Accts. /

Despd 26/7/71.

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To Executive Superintending Engr
1st Division

Dated

Rcvd. Mar. 8

G. O. 25th July 1871, No. 1950.

Nos. 4154 & 4116

Travelling Allowance Bills

Orders on the letter from
the Chief Engr & Secy to Govt
forwarding Capt Hackett's
Claims to Travelling Allowance

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