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No. 108. Read the following letter from the Under-Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Establishment—General,) to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Simla, 4th August 1871, No. 913-E. G. :—

I AM directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 1,771, of the 4th ultimo, requesting instructions regarding acting promotions amongst Upper Subordinates of the department, and recommending the grant of travelling allowance at the rate of 3 Rupees per diem to Overseers when placed in charge of ranges.

2. As regards the first point, I am directed to state that the Government of Madras is correct in supposing that acting appointments amongst Upper Subordinates are prohibited.

3. As regards the second point, I am directed to observe that travelling allowances are not intended to be a source of profit, and the Governor-General in Council considers the grant of such allowances objectionable, when it is understood that they are not intended to cover actual travelling expenses, but to be a payment for additional work, as appears to be the intention in this case.

4. I am to add that the Government of India have been awaiting for many months the result of the report of the Committee on the re-organization of the Public Works Department in Madras, and to express a hope that the report may now shortly be expected.

No. 109. ORDER THEREON, 7th September 1871, No. 2,280.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 17.

ORDERED that the following letter be sent:—

(Here enter No. 2,281, dated 7th September 1871.)

(True Extract.)

(Signed) A. deC. SCOTT, Captain, R.E.,
Under Secretary to Government.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

Govt. of {1871} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

Dated September, 7th.

Recd. *Encl.*

G. O., 7th September 1871. No. 2,281.

SEPTEMBER

Nos. 108-109

Acting promotions.—Passing orders on the letter from the Government of India issuing instructions regarding acting promotions amongst the Upper Subordinates of the department and declining to sanction the grant of an increased rate of travelling allowance to Overseers when in charge of ranges.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,

FORT ST. GEORGE, *7th September* 1871.

No. 110.

No. 2,281.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 17.

SIR,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of the letter from the Government of India under date the 4th August 1871, No. 913-E. G., in which they negative the recommendation of this Government to grant Overseers when in charge of ranges travelling allowance at the rate of Rupees 3 a day. The decision of the Government of India is based on the supposition that the grant of an enhanced rate of travelling allowance was designed to be a source of profit to the recipient, I am, however, to remark that the application of this Government has apparently been misapprehended. The object was to point out that when circumstances necessitated the appointment of an Overseer to the charge of a range it was clearly unreasonable to expect that he would be in a position to efficiently administer a charge so much more extensive than that of a talook without some pecuniary compensation, and the additional allowance recommended to be granted so far from being intended to be lucrative is considered to be no more than sufficient to cover actual expenses of locomotion, and a concession in this shape His Excellency the Governor in Council believes would afford Overseers the opportunity of displaying what their real qualifications are, and the Government the means of determining what subordinates of that class are deserving of preferment. Seeing that the rules do not provide for the grant of any allowance in cases of the kind under notice, His Excellency the Governor in Council trusts the Right Honourable the Governor-General in Council will be pleased to re-consider his decision and accede to the recommendation of this Government.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Captain, R.E.,
Under-Secretary to Government.

Fyd. E. C. Shunker.

All communications should be addressed to the Secretary.

No. 913 E. G.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

ESTABLISHMENT.

General.

To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras
Public Works Department.

Simla 4th August 1871.

Sir

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No 1771 of the 4th Ultimo requesting instructions regarding acting promotions amongst Upper Subordinates of the Department, and recommending the grant of Travelling allowance at the rate of 3 Rupees per diem to Overseers when placed in charge of Ranges.

2. As regards the first point, I am directed to state that the Govt of Madras is correct in supposing that acting appointments amongst Upper Subordinates are prohibited.

3. As regards the second point, I am directed to observe that Travelling allowances are not intended to be a source

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of profit and the Governor General in Council considers the grant of such allowances objectionable when it is understood that they are not intended to cover actual travelling expenses, but to be a payment for additional work, as appears to be the intention in this case.

4. I am to add that the Govt of India has been awaiting for many months the result of the report of the Committee on the reorganization of the Public Works Department in Madras and to express a hope that the report may now shortly be expected.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant

A H Sampson
Under Secretary to the Govt of India.

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P.W. 1871 Sept.
Pro. of Govt. for September
No. 3860.

From.

The Government of India.

Dated 4th
Recd. 15th } August 1871.

No. 913. E. G.

Decision instructions regarding acting promotions amongst Supervisors subordinate to the Dept. to be declining to sanction the grant of travelling allowance at the rate of 3 Rupees per diem to Overseers when placed in charge of Ranges.

No. 2280-2281-7 Sept.

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No. 2280.

Ordered that the following letter be sent:-

No. 2281.

To the Secretary to the Govt. of India.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of the letter from the Govt. of India under date the 4th Aug 1871. No. 913 E. G., in which they negative the recommendation of this Govt. to grant Overseers when in charge of Ranges travelling allowance at the rate of Rs. 3 a day. The decision

To the Supt. Engr.
" Controller of B.R.A.
" Major A. B. Kennedy
Dep. 8/10/71.

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of the Govt. of India is based on the supposition that the grant of an enhanced rate of travelling allowance was designed to be a source of profit to the recipient. I am however to remark that the application of this Govt. has apparently been misapprehended. The Object was to point out that when circumstances necessitated the appointment of an Overseer to the charge of a Range it was clearly unreasonable to expect that he would be in a position to efficiently administer a charge so much more extensive than that of a Taluq without some pecuniary Compensation, and

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General in Council will be pleased to reconsider this decision and accede to the recommendation of this Government.

Aug: 24th

Despd 8/9/71

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no change in Regulations was made.

No 3800

Govt of India Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To The Secretary to the Govt of India

Dated

Rec'd. No.

G. O., 7 Sept. No 2280-22 ST.

Order

Nos. 108-109 & 110

Acting promotions. Posting.

Orders on letters from the Govt of India giving instructions regarding acting promotions amongst the Upper Subordinates of the Dept. & declining Sanction to the granting an increased rate of Travelling allowance to Overseers when in charge of Ranges.

Letter explaining the circumstances under which the recommendation for an increased rate of travelling allowance to Overseers when