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## Government of Madras.

Public works DEPARTMENT.

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Dated 23. 6 18 .

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No. 366. Read the following Endorsement of the Acting Chief Engineer for Irrigation, dated Fort St. George, 21st September 1871, No. 77 :—

From the Agent and Manager of the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company, to the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, dated Madras, 7th September 1871, No. 380.

I HAVE the honour to request the favour of your attention to a new reading of the Company's Rules for Travelling Allowances which, if carried out, will inflict considerable hardship on a certain class of the Company's employés.

2. It is *sometimes*, but not often, necessary to move *Clerks* and other employés whose normal duties are *sedentary* from one station to another.

3. Whenever such cases have arisen they have been allowed to draw (under Rules 61, 62, pages 14 and 15) a mileage allowance of 3 *Annas a mile*, or 2 *Annas* a mile for *the whole distance travelled*, it having been held that the "15*th mile*" restriction was intended to apply *only* to Surveyors and such employés as already draw a *fixed travelling allowance*, and common sense will at once expose the injustice of making a *Clerk*, who is engaged for the special purpose of sitting still and working at a desk, *travel* 15 *miles* whenever it may suit his employer to move him *at his own* expense.

4. The Company's accounts will show that, up to the present time, no objection has been taken to this fair mode of dealing.

I may mention a few recent instances,—

In May last, Abdool Rhaman was moved from Cuddapah to Dhoor, 30 miles, and drew Rupees 3-12-0 mileage, at the rate of 2 Annas a mile, for the whole distance.

In the same month, R. May, Draughtsman, received Rupees 16 for travelling from Cuddapah to Jupaad, 128 miles.

In July, Mr. Goulden, an Overseer, received Rupees 6-12-0 for travelling 54 miles, and Cassim Sahib, an Accountant, received Rupees 11-4-0 for travelling 90 miles. All these charges were, as usual, *passed* without question by the Government Examiner; but I am informed that one or two bills *just* received drawn up according to the same rule have been objected to, and as such a severe construction of the rule will entail upon individuals whose pay is very small a very serious hardship, I have the honour to request that the old reading of the rule may be adhered to, and that no employé of a *sedentary* class, and who are *unprovided with a fixed travelling* allowance, should be compelled to travel *any distance* at *his own expense.* I myself if called upon to travel 15 *miles* should do it at the Company's expense, and not at my own.

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From the Acting Government Examiner for Irrigation and Canal Company's Accounts, to the Officiating Chief Engineer for Irrigation, dated Madras, 13th September 1871, No. 34.

I HAVE the honour to report, in reply to your No. 149, dated 8th instant, that I think it perfectly clear from the general travelling allowance rules of the Irrigation Company, paragraphs 61, 63, and 64, that the mileage allowance is admissible only for each mile travelled

Letter from Agent, No. 380, dated 7th September 1871, is herewith returned.

*in excess* of 15 miles; the wording of the rules appears to me to render any other interpretation impossible.

2. The particular cases objected to are as follow:—

1*st*.—Mr. Dawson, salary Rupees 100 per mensem, for proceeding from Ayalore to Koilkoontla and back, 42 miles, in two days, claims Rupees 7-14-0 mileage in addition to Rupees 4, the amount of fixed allowance to which he is entitled at Rupees 2 per diem under paragraph 61 of the rules; total of claims Rupees 11-14-0. I have struck out 30 miles, 15 for each day, and passed Rupees 2-4-0 mileage and Rupees 4 fixed allowance; total Rupees 6-4-0.

2*nd*.—Ramsing, writer on Rupees 50 per mensem, for proceeding from Adimapully to Dhoor and back, 40 miles, with an intervening halt of three days, claims Rupees 5 mileage for the 40 miles, at 2 Annas per mile, in addition to Rupees 3-12-0, his fixed allowance for five days at Annas 12 per diem; total Rupees 8-12-0. I have cut out 30 miles, and passed Rupees 1-4-0 mileage *plus* Rupees 3-12-0; total Rupees 5.

3*rd*.—Chinnasawmy, Draughtsman on Rupees 25 per mensem, for proceeding from Nundial to Kurnool, distance 49 miles, claims Rupees 4-9-6 mileage at Annas 1-6 per mile, and three days' fixed allowance at 6 Annas per day amounting to Rupees 1-2-0; total Rupees 5-11-6. I think, as he took three days to march this distance, that 45 miles should be deducted, and that he is therefore only entitled to mileage for 4 miles, or Annas 6, which added to Rupees 1-2-0 will make the total amount passed Rupees 1-8-0.

3. With reference to Mr. Henslowe's remarks in his No. 380, dated 7th September 1871, which accompanied your letter under reply, I cannot see that there is any particular hardship in my ruling; the travelling allowances, exclusive of mileage for the different grades, are very liberal, as will be seen by comparing the amount that the three individuals above referred to would draw supposing they had travelled for a whole month of thirty days, marching less than 15 miles each day, with the amount that would be drawn by Accountants in the Department Public Works on similar salaries and under similar circumstances as follows, namely,—

| | Rs. | | Rs. | | Rs. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Monthly rate for Accountant on .. | 100 | Irrigation Company... | 60 | Public Works Dept.... | 30 |
| Do. do. ... | 50 | Do. do. ... | 22½ | Do. do. .... | 15 |
| Do. do. ... | 25 | Do. do. ... | 11¼ | Do. do. ... | 7½ |

but this is really beside the question, which is simply as to what is the plain meaning of the rule; if my reading is correct, the only way to avoid the hardship complained of will be to alter the rule.

4. It is quite true that I have not objected to charges of this nature before, because they were not brought to my notice. My Accountant states that the question was raised before and ruled by the Examiner in favour of the full mileage being drawn, and he did not therefore bring these bills to my notice; another item in one of the bills being objected to caused me to examine the whole bill, when I found what I consider an overcharge according to the rules, so I then gave directions that all such cases should, in future, be objected to.

SUBMITTED to Government.

It seems to me that the Government Examiner had no alternative but to object to the claims referred to in the above correspondence, as the sense of rules



61, 63, and 64 is clearly opposed to them. Nevertheless, as it would entail some hardship on the lower classes of the Company's servants, who receive no fixed travelling and equipment allowance to limit them when required to travel to the bare personal allowance mentioned in those rules until they had travelled more than 15 miles, and then to allow them only mileage for the distance travelled over 15 miles, I should recommend the relaxation of the rules asked for by the Agent on the understanding that none of those servants of the Company who do receive fixed allowances are to benefit thereby.

(Signed) A. deC. SCOTT, Captain, R.E.,
For *Acting Chief Engineer for Irrigation.*

No. 367. ORDER THEREON, 23rd October 1871, No. 2,689.

IRRIGATION, No. 17.

THE portions of the travelling allowance rules of the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company which form the subject of the above reference appear to the Government sufficiently explicit and to leave no room for doubt as to what the intention is, namely, that certain classes of persons in the Company's service shall be entitled to a daily allowance varying from Rupees 2 to Annas 6 whenever they travel on duty, provided in the case of Engineers and Surveyors who have fixed field allowances that the journey made shall be beyond the limits of the division in which they are employed, and that whenever they are required to march more than 15 miles in one day they shall, in addition to the daily allowance according to class, draw mileage for each mile in excess of 15.

2. It also appears to the Government that the daily travelling allowance of

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|---|---|---|---|
| 6 Annas to a man whose salary is less than Rs. 30 a month | | | |
| 12 Annas ... ... ... | from | Rs. 30 | to Rs. 60 |
| 1 Rupee ... ... ... | ,, | 60 | to ,, 100 |
| 2 Rupees ... ... ... | ,, | 100 | to ,, 200 |

is sufficiently liberal, being much in excess of what is given in the Government service, and they cannot concur with the Agent in considering that the Company's servants are compelled to travel any distance at their own expense when they are granted the above daily allowances irrespective of distance.

3. The Government consider that the rules in their obvious and plain meaning should be adhered to, and that it is not necessary to alter them.

(True Extract.)

Captain, R.E.,
*Offg. Joint Secretary to Government.*

To the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
,, Agent and Manager of the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company.

Exd. E. C. Shunker,

No 34.

From Lieut & A. N. Walker R.E.
D.S. Govt Examiner of Irrigation Accounts.

To The Offg Chief Engineer for Irrigation
and Joint Secretary to Government.

Sir,

I have the honor to report in reply to your
No 149 dated 9th instant, that I think it perfectly
clear from the General Travelling Allowance Rules of
the Irrigation Company, paras 61. 63. 64. that the
mileage allowance is admissible only for each
mile travelled in excess of 15 miles. the wording
of the rules appears to me to render any other
interpretation impossible.

2. The particular cases objected to are as follows
1st Mr Dawson (salary Rs 100 per mensem) for
proceeding from Ayalur to Kalkuritta and back
40 miles in two days. claims Rs 7-14- mileage
in addition to Rs 4 the amount of fixed allowance
to which he is entitled at Rs 2 per diem under
para 61 of the rules. total of claim Rs 11-14-
I have struck out 30 miles 15 for each day
and passed Rs 2-4- mileage and Rs 4- fixed
allowance. total Rs 6-4-

2nd Manning (entitled on Rs 250 per mensem) for
proceeding from Adimoolly to Chowa and back
40 miles with an intervening halt of 3 days
claims Rs 5- mileage for the 40 miles at 2 annas
per mile in addition to Rs 3-12- his fixed
allowance

I have noted that the 15 miles

1 Enclosure
Letter from Dy Asst
to 338 Nos 8/6/71
is herewith returned

Allowance for 5 days at Annas 12 per diem total
Rs 3-12-0 Shaw Cadell 30 miles and for addl
Rs 21-4-0 bhitrage plus Rs 3-12-0 total Rs 5-0-0

3d Chinnaswamy (draughtsman on Rs 25 per mensem)
for proceeding from Trivadi to Harur distance
49 miles claims Rs 4-9-6 bhitrage at 2 per
mile and three days fixed Allowance at 6 Annas
per day amounting to Rs 1-2-0 total Rs 5-11-6.
I think we better look three days to march this
distance that 45 miles should be deducted and
that he is therefore only entitled to bhitrage for
4 miles or Annas 6 which added to Rs 1-2-0
will make the total amount passed Rs 1-8-0

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in his No 350 dated 7th September 1871 which accom-
panied your letter under reply, I cannot see that
there is any particular hardship in my ruling
the travelling Allowances exclusive of bhitrage for
the different Grades are very liberal as will be
seen by comparing the Amount that the three
Inspectors above referred to would draw supposing
they had travelled for a whole month of 30 days
marching less than 15 bhitrance days with the
amount that would be drawn by Accountants in
the Rly Dept on similar Salaries and under similar
Circumstances as follows

viz Inspector Salary Rs 100 Allce Rs 60 Total Rs 160
" " " 50 " " Rs 25/2 " Rs 75
" " " 25 " " Rs 11/4 " Rs 36 1/2

And this is really beside the question which is simply

as to what is the plain meaning of the rule, if my reading is correct the only way to avoid the hardship complained of will be to alter the rule.

4. It is quite true that Shaw not objected to charges of this nature before, because they were not brought to my notice, my Accountant states that the question was raised before and ruled by the Examiner in favour of the full Bhitrage being drawn, and he did not therefore bring these bills to my notice, another item in one of the bills being objected to caused me to examine the whole bill, when I found what I considered an overcharge, according to the Rules, so I then gave directions that all such cases should in future be objected to.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient Servant

Madras
13th September 1871

G. Walker Lieut. R.E.

Offg. Genl Superintg Irrign Accounts.

No 380.

Madras Civil Audit Office
Audit Note for Septr 1871

Subject
The Legal Allowance to Messengers

Ref.
The Chief Engineer for Irrigation
dated

Rules to keep to Calculate
Allowance.

Sir,
I have the honor to request
that you will be pleased to cause
the Allowance to Messengers
now drawing Pay in the Office of the Chief Engineer for Irrigation
to be calculated according to the Rules
laid down in Fort St George Circular No 47
dated 15th May 1871 and that you will
furnish this Office with a Statement
showing the Name, Designation, Pay
and Allowance of each Messenger
entertained in your Office.

I have &c
Sd/ [illegible]
Chief Auditor

Copy forwarded to the Chief Engineer for Irrigation
for information and necessary action.

Sd/ [illegible]
Secretary to Government

Copy forwarded to the Accountant General
for information and necessary action.

Sd/ [illegible]
Secretary to Government

Public Works Department
Fort St George 15th September 1871

Sir,
I am directed to forward herewith
a Statement showing the Name, Designation, Pay
and Allowance of each Messenger
entertained in the Office of the Chief Engineer for Irrigation
and to request that you will be pleased to
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Chief Auditor

To
The Chief Engineer for Irrigation

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I have &c
Sd/ [illegible]
Chief Auditor

No 354 Cost Fort 1871
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To
The Chief Engineer
for Irrigation
Madras

Sir
I am directed to forward
herewith a Statement
showing the Name, Designation, Pay
and Allowance of each Messenger
entertained in the Office of the Chief Engineer for Irrigation
and to request that you will be pleased to
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and Allowance of each Messenger
entertained in your Office.

I have &c
Sd/ [illegible]
Chief Auditor

Enclosure 1

C. W. 4515/71

Reference to the reference to the 149
of 12th September 1871 returning
Papers No 350 regarding the
Carrying out of the Col Rules
for travelling allowances to
Clerks &c

restriction was intended to apply only
to Surveyors and such Supplys Clerks
ready drawn a fixed travelling allowance
and Common Peons will at once suppose
the intention of making a Clerk who
is charged for the special purpose of
pitching Tents and marking also to be
travel 15 Miles (whenever it may suit
his Employer) or to move Peons at his own
Expence.

The Company Accounts will
shew that upto the present time no
objection has been taken to this fair
mode of dealing.

I may mention a few personal in-
stances.

In May last Abdool Rhaman was
moved from Cuddapah to
Oliver 30 miles and drew
Rupees 3-12 Mileage at the
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man received Rupees 16 for
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I therefore humbly request that the
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Sir
Your most Obed Servant
H. Hartwell Blackburn
Asst and Surveyor

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No 77.

From Agent and Manager. - 7th September 1871. No 380
From Government Examiner. - 13th September 1871. No 34

Submitted to Government.

It seems to me that the Government Examiner had no alternative but to reject the claims referred to in the above Correspondence as the terms of rules 61, 63, and 64 is clearly forced to them - Nevertheless as it would entail some hardship on the lower classes of the Company's servants, who receive no fixed travelling and equipment allowance to limit them when required to travel to the bare personal allowance mentioned in those rules until they had travelled more than 15 miles, and then to allow them only mileage for the distance travelled over 15 miles - I should recommend the relaxation of the rules asked for by the Agent on the understanding that none of those servants of the Company who do receive fixed allowances are to benefit thereby.

Robt. Scott. Capt. R. E.
for Actg. Ch. Engr. for Irrign
Joint Secy. to Govt.

Office of the Chief Engr. for Irrign
& Joint Secretary to Govt.
Fort St. George 21th Sept 1871

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The Secretary to Government. P.W.D.

No 380

From The Agent Southern Division
To The Secretary to Government P.W.D.
Dated Ootacamund 7th September 1871

Sir,

Referring to the Correspondence ending with your Endorsement No 1015 dated 15th July 1871 on the subject of the claims preferred by Mr. Chas. Alexander Superintendent of Police Nilgiris for travelling allowance, I have the honor to request that you will be pleased to submit the case to Government for orders.

I have &c.
(Signed) Chas. Alexander
Superintendent of Police
Nilgiris

Enclosures as per margin.

Enclosures

Letter from Mr. Chas. Alexander Superintendent of Police Nilgiris dated 5th August 1871.

Letter from the Secretary to Government P.W.D. No 1015 dated 15th July 1871.

Request that the Commissioner may be referred to the Civil Auditor for Establishment.

P. R. 4/9/71

No. 2689.

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is sufficiently liberal, being much in excess of what is given in the Government Service and they cannot concur with the Agent in considering that the Company's servants are compelled to travel any distance at their own expense when they are granted the above daily allowances irrespective of distance.

The Government consider that the rules in

their obvious and plain meaning should be adhered to, and that it is not necessary to alter them.

J. Oct. 6th

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Ch. Cuyler Jongkees
agent & Mgr. M. I. & Co.

Albany 26 Sept. 11

C. No. 4575.

Govt. of [1871] Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To The Chief Engr for Irrigation

Dated

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G. O. 23 Oct 1871, No. 2689.

Nos. 3664-367

Enclosing allowance Rules of the Cauvery Irrigation & Canal Company.

Requesting Chief Engineer to forward his observations on the Rules in the case of the Canal Officers of the Company's servants recommended by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation and Canal Commissioners.