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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public works **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 2998-99 Press Mis.

482-85

Dated 28. 11 1871.

Not to be folded or roughly handled

Read the following papers :—

No. 482. Endorsement of the Controller of Public Works Accounts, dated Madras, 11th October 1871, No. 1,821.

From H. LYON, Esq., Assistant Engineer in charge of 2nd or Dindigul Range, Madura District, to the Controller of Public Works Accounts, dated Madura, 7th October 1871, No. 202.

I HAVE this day received the memorandum No. 262, dated 2nd instant, from your office, bearing the signature of the Deputy Controller of Public Works Accounts, which accompanied my *supplemental* travelling allowance bill for August 1871, I have the honour respectfully to submit the following protest against the existing rules that prevent an officer like myself being reimbursed reasonable and unavoidable expenses incurred in travelling from one district to another for the benefit of the *public service*, and especially when the G. O. directing his transfer* intimates that it is *at the public expense*.

* See *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 13th June 1871, page 926.

2. It was *absolutely necessary* for me to have at least two horses and my tent with me on my arrival at Dindigul (such necessity being amply proved by the fact that I was directed to proceed, and did proceed, almost immediately on my arrival here to a distant part of the district on special duty), and if I had come without horses or tents I need scarcely have come at all, for neither could be procured here nor at Madura, and they were as indispensable to the proper carrying out of the public service as I myself was.

3. Moreover, I could not dispose of them at Nellore without a ruinous sacrifice, and even if I could have done so I must have procured others at Madras and brought them with me* here, so that it amounts to the same thing, for I have only charged the railway carriage for them from Madras to Caroor.

* For the reasons given above.

4. Besides my horses and tent I was obliged to have at least two servants with me, and I also brought a dog-cart, but I do not apply for reimbursement for the expenses incurred on account of *them*; but it appears to me most unjust, and it is undoubtedly hard on me that I should lose at least half a month's pay (at its present amount) for the benefit of the public service, and certainly not for my own convenience.

5. If *twice* the amount I have charged were re-paid me, I should still be a sufferer by the transfer, for I came to no higher appointment. The inevitable sale of furniture and other household property at a place like Nellore entailed on me a great loss, and the cost of purchasing other furniture at so distant a place from Madras as this is becomes exceedingly heavy.

6. I believe that members of the Revenue Survey and Police Departments *are* allowed *bona fide* carriage expenses of two horses and tents, while we of the Public Works Department are denied it, though on what ground such distinction is made I fail to see. In common with them we are required to travel perpetually,

indeed it becomes more indispensable in our case than in theirs, and yet because it never has been the rule to grant allowances (not benefits) of this kind to our department it never can be the rule.

7. I trust the time has arrived when invidious distinctions of this kind shall no longer be tolerated, and that when officers are ordered on public duty *at the public expense* they may find that it *is* at the public expense that they execute that duty, and not have to suffer the serious loss and disappointment of paying out of their own pockets.

8. In Rule VII., page 88 of M. E., No. 2,458, Public Works Department, dated 23rd August 1865, are these words, "Officers travelling on duty by rail when obliged to carry their tents with them are permitted to charge the actual cost of carriage of such tents in a contingent bill supported by proper vouchers, in addition to the 3 Annas a mile allowed* to cover personal expenses;" and Rule VIII. of the same G. O. says, "As an exceptional arrangement officers when travelling on duty and taking their horses with them, the necessity for so doing being fully explained and admitted by the Chief Engineer† on each occasion, may recover the actual railway charge incurred on this account, etc."

* Under another rule.

† The necessity in my case is fully shown in paragraph 2 of this letter, and the Chief Engineer showed his approval by countersigning the bill.

9. These rules say nothing about *transfers*; they distinctly say on *duty*, and I presume it will be allowed that *I was on duty*. Nothing is said about being in the same district, or being on the way to another district; I, therefore, would beg to say that it appears to me these rules are not nullified in cases of transfer, or at least there is nothing to show that they are; and I would, therefore, urge these rules as my plea for reimbursement of the necessary carriage of two horses and tents.*

* Amounting to Rupees 74-10-0.

10. Should this plea fail I urge one of justice to members of the Public Works Department in common with those of the Revenue Survey and Police Departments.

11. I respectfully request that this application may be forwarded to Government if necessary, as I feel sure the conservative spirit that animates it is not sufficiently strong to allow such a rule as the present (to the effect that no reimbursements such as those under notice can be made to us, and which is a very unjust and partial one) to remain any longer to cause loss and dissatisfaction amongst their servants.

SUBMITTED for the consideration of Government.

2. The action of this office in disallowing to Mr. Lyon more than mileage by rail on the occasion of his transfer from the Nellore to the Madura District is supported by the enclosed ruling of the Accountant-General of the Public Works Department, No. 963, dated 14th August 1869, as well as by the last sentence of Clause VI. and by Clause IX. of

1 Copy of printed memorandum No. 510, dated 26th August 1869.
1 Copy of memorandum No. 262, dated 2nd October 1871.

paragraph 1 of Section III., Chapter IV. of the Government of India Code, circulated with Proceedings of this Government, No. 1,224, dated 14th April 1869.

2. A reference to my letter, printed with that from the Accountant-General above quoted, will show that the hardship of the present rule, which denies to Public Works Officers the railway fare for horses, etc., on occasions of transfer, was duly urged, although without avail.

(Signed) S. BROCK,
Controller of Public Works Accounts.

No. 483. From the Controller of Public Works Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 6th November 1871, No. 2,027.

WITH reference to your official memorandum, No. 159, dated 23rd October 1871, I have the honour to furnish the following particulars of the distance travelled each day by Mr. Assistant Engineer Lyon while in transit from Nellore to Dindigul in August last, and of the claims preferred by him to mileage, travelling allowance, etc.

Month and date.	Stations.	Distance travelled in miles. By road.	By rail.	Amount claimed in accounts of. Mileage.	Carriage of tents and tent equipage.	Total.	Amount passed. Mileage.	Tentage.	Total.
				Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
9th August ...	Nellore to Gudur	23	.....	11 8 0	.....	11 8 0	11 8 0	.....	11 8 0
10th ,, ...	Gudur to Naidapully	22	.....	11 0 0	.....	11 0 0	11 0 0	.....	11 0 0
11th ,, ...	Naidapully to Tada	*20	.....	10 0 0	.....	10 0 0	.....	4 0 0	4 0 0
12th ,, ...	Tada to Budwail	21	.....	10 8 0	.....	10 8 0	10 8 0	.....	10 8 0
13th ,, ...	Budwail to Madras	21	.....	10 8 0	.....	10 8 0	10 8 0	.....	10 8 0
14th to 17th Aug.	At Madras	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
18th August ...	Madras to Erode	.....	243	45 9 0	†74 10 0	45 9 0 74 10 0	45 9 0	.....	45 9 0
19th ,, ...	Erode to Caroor	.....	41	7 11 0		7 11 0	7 11 0	.....	7 11 0
20th ,, ...	Caroor to	23	.....	11 8 0	.....	11 8 0	11 8 0	.....	11 8 0
21st ,, ...	To Dindigul	22	.....	11 0 0	.....	11 0 0	11 0 0	.....	11 0 0
	Total...	152	284	129 4 0	74 10 0	203 14 0	119 4 0	4 0 0	123 4 0

* Not *in excess* of 20 miles.

† Not allowed by the rules on occasions of transfer.

2. The rules of 1865 quoted by Mr. Lyon were superseded by those circulated with G. O., No. 1,224, dated 14th April 1869.

(Signed) S. BROCK,
Controller of Public Works Accounts

No. 484. ORDER THEREON, 28th November 1871, No. 2,998.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 49.

THE claims preferred by Mr. Lyon which the Controller has disallowed are,—

Rupees 6 on account of mileage on the 11th August.
" 74-10-0 on account of the carriage of tents and tent equipage on the 18th and 19th August.

2. As Mr. Lyon did not travel more than 20 miles on the 11th August, the objection of the Controller to pass the mileage rate is in accordance with rule and must be upheld. The admission of the second claim is, the Government regret, barred by paragraph 1, Clause VI., of the Travelling Allowance Rules, and the interpretation placed on it by the Accountant-General of the Public Works Department in the letter quoted by the Controller; but the question will be referred to the Government of India for consideration.

(Here enter No. 2,999, dated 28th November 1871.)

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division.
" Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. E. C. Skunker,

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
FORT ST. GEORGE, 28*th November* 1871.

No. 485.

No. 2,999.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 50.

SIR,—I am directed by the Right Honourable the Governor in Council to forward, for the consideration of the Government of India, the accompanying correspondence relating to a claim submitted by Mr. Assistant Engineer Lyon to a reimbursement of expenses incurred by him in the carriage of his tents and tent equipage on the occasion of his transfer from Nellore to the Madura District in August last.

2. The Government of India will observe that under paragraph 1, Clause VI., of the Travelling Allowance Rules, which provides that "in cases of *transfer* the mileage rate or daily rate only will be admissible," and under the interpretation of that rule as contained in a letter from the Accountant-General of the Public Works Department to the Controller in this Presidency dated 14th August 1869, No. 963, this Government had no alternative but to negative Mr. Lyon's claim; but I am to point out the very great hardship of the regulation. Officers "*travelling on duty*" within their range or circle by rail are allowed by the rules to recover the cost of the carriage of their tents and horses, and yet in cases of *transfer* from one range or district to another the concession is withheld. The transfer of an officer may become necessary not only on promotion but for the benefit of the public service, and the journey made in consequence cannot, in the opinion of His Excellency the Governor in Council, be regarded otherwise as on duty. Seeing, moreover, that the transfer subjects the officer to much personal inconvenience and considerable pecuniary loss, this Government consider it only fair that in dealing with claims to a reimbursement of *bona fide* expenses on account of the carriage of horses, tents, and tent equipage, the distinction which the rules contemplate between travelling "on duty" and "on transfer" should be annulled, and they trust that the Government of India will, on a consideration of the matter, see fit to issue orders accordingly.

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

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

OFFICE OF THE CONTROLLER OF
PUBLIC WORKS ACCOUNTS,

No. 833.

From

THE CONTROLLER OF PUBLIC WORKS ACCOUNTS,

Madras,

To

THE ACCOUNTANT GENERAL,
OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Chepauk, Madras, 22nd July 1869.

SIR,

Under the Financial Resolutions of the Government of India of the 28th January 1865, and 22nd February 1866, Nos. 463 and 704, respectively, Officers of the Police and Revenue Survey Departments in this Presidency, when transferred from one District to another for the benefit of the Public Service, are permitted to take their horses with them when necessarily travelling by rail or sea, and to recover the expenses actually incurred on this account in addition to their authorized travelling allowance.

2. Similar claims have, for sometime past, been made by Officers of the Public Works Department, but as the orders relating to the provision of passages to Officers travelling on duty by sea make no mention of horses, and as, moreover, Clause VI and IX, Section III, Chapter IV of the Code of the Government of India, appear to restrict Public Works Officers transferred from one District to another, and joining their new appointments by road or railway, to the mileage or daily travelling allowance of their rank, charges for railway fare and freight for the conveyance of horses have been disallowed. As an exceptional arrangement, these charges are admitted (under Clause VIII) to Officers travelling on duty *within* their Ranges or Divisions.

3. There is no doubt that it would greatly add to the efficiency of the Officers of this Department if, when necessarily travelling by sea or railway on occasions of transfer, they were permitted to take their horse or horses with them at the public expense; and looking to the practice in this respect which obtains in the Police and Revenue Survey Departments, I have the honor to request the favor of your opinion as to whether, placing a liberal interpretation on Clause VIII of Para. 1 of the Travelling Allowance Rules, this Office would be authorized in passing claims to re-imbursement of *bonâ fide* expenses.

4. I have also to request that I may be informed whether similar claims may be passed in the cases of Officers of the Royal Engineers, Passed Students of the Civil Engineering College appointed to the Engineer Establishment, and Civil Engineers under covenant with the Secretary of State, joining their first appointments in the Public Works Department either by sea or railway.

(Signed) S. BROCK,

Controller of Public Works Accounts.

No. 903.

From

THE ACCOUNTANT GENERAL,
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

To

THE CONTROLLER OF PUBLIC WORKS ACCOUNTS,
Madras,

Dated Simla, 11th August 1869.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. 833, dated 22nd July 1869, on the subject of travelling allowances, and in reply to state as follows:—

2. In the case of the *transfer* of an Officer of the Engineer Establishment, his travelling allowance will be the mileage rate, or the daily rate authorized for Officer of his rank, according as the daily journeys exceed, or are less than 20 miles, and in no cases are separate charges for the conveyance of horses to be admitted, *vide* Public Works Code (Government of India) Chapter IV, Section III, Para. 1, Clauses VI and IX.

3. As an exceptional arrangement Officers travelling in the regular course of duty may recover the actual railway charge incurred by taking their horses with them, provided the number does not exceed two; *vide* Chapter IV, Section III, Para. 1 Clause VIII.

4. Officers of the Royal Engineers, Passed Students of the Civil Engineering Colleges appointed to the Engineer Establishment, and Civil Engineers under covenant with the Secretary of State, can draw travelling allowance at the mileage rate, or daily rate, only, for joining their first appointments in the Public Works Department, the latter class of Officers being also re-imbursed all reasonable expenses incurred on their way to India, Clause X. In these cases, therefore, charges for the conveyance of horses are inadmissible.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) GEORGE CHESNEY,
Accountant General.

(True Copies.)

S. BROCK,
Controller of Public Works Accounts.

MEMORANDUM. N° 810

Forwarded for the information and guidance of the Officer in charge of Range District.

OFFICE OF THE CONTROLLER OF PUBLIC WORKS ACCOUNTS,
Madras, 26th August 1869.

Office of the Controller of
Public Works Accounts
Madras 2nd October 1871.

№ 2662.

Memorandum.

In returning duly audited the enclosed supplemental travelling allowance bill of Mr. Assistant Engineer Lyon for August 1871, the Controller of Public Works Accounts has the honor to point out that as Mr. Lyon did not on the 11th Idem travel to a greater distance than 20 Miles, he is entitled only to the ordinary travelling allowance of his rank, for that day, which has accordingly been passed to him in lieu of the mileage claimed.

Vide clause IX of para: 1 of the rules circulated with G.O. № 1224 dated 16th April 1869

2. As regards the claim to carriage for tents and horses by rail, Mr. Lyon's attention is requested to clause VI of the rules quoted in the margin of the preceding para:, and to the printed Memo: from this office № 510, dated 26th August 1869, from which he will observe that, in cases of transfer, an Officer is not entitled to any other

allowance than the mileage or daily rate of travelling allowance of his rank, according as his journeys are more than or do not exceed the limit of 20 miles per diem.

Signed J. Mills
Deputy Controller of
P.W. Accounts

To
H. Lyon Esqr.
Executive Engineer in charge of the
Cudegul Range
Madura District

True Copy/

S. Thos
Controller of P.W. Accounts

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Enclosure in a
Endorsement to
the Secretary to
Government No 821 dated 11th
October 1871.

P. M. 4850/71

No 202.

Assistant Engineer's Office
2nd or Dindigul Charge
Madura District
7th October 1871.

From

The Assistant Engineer
in charge 2nd or Dindigul Charge
Madura District.

To,

The Controller of
Public Works Accounts
Madras.

Sir,

I have this day received the
Memo No 262 dated 2nd instant from
your Office bearing the signature of the
Deputy Controller of P. W. accounts, which
accompanied my Supplemental travelling
allowance Bills for August 1871, &
have the honor respectfully to submit
the following protest against the
existing rules that prevent an Officer
like myself being reimbursed reasonable
and unavoidable expenses incurred
in travelling from one District to
another for the benefit of the public
Service, and especially when directed
directing his transfer intimates that it

* See Fort
Saint George
Gazette dated
13th June 1871
page 921.

it is at the public expense.

2. It was absolutely necessary for me to have at least two horses and my tent with me on my arrival at Dindigul (tent necessary being amply proved by the case that I was directed to proceed, and did proceed almost immediately on my arrival here to a distant part of the district on special duty) and if I had come, without horses or tents I need scarcely have come at all for neither could be procured here or at Madura and they were as indispensible to the proper carrying out of the public service as I myself was.

3. Moreover I could not dispose of them at Vellore without a ruinous sacrifice, and even if I could have done so I must have procured others at Madras and brought them with me here so that it amounts to the same thing. For I have only charged the Railing Carriage for them from Madras to Karoor.

4. Besides my horses and tents I was obliged to have at least two servants with me and I also brought

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7. I trust the time has arrived when invidious distinctions of this kind shall no longer be tolerated and that when officers are ordered on public duty at the public expense they may find that it is not the public expense that they incur that duty and not have to suffer the serious loss and disappointment of paying out of their own pockets.

8. On rule XIII page 88 of A.C. Cr. 2458 G.H.Q. dated 23rd August 1865 are these words, "officers travelling on duty by rail, under obliged to carry their tents with them are permitted to charge the actual cost of carriage of such tents in a contingent bill supported by proper vouchers in addition to the 3 annas a mile allowed to cover personal expenses" and rule

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a the necessity in my case is fully shown in para 2 of this letter and the Chief Engineer shewed his approval by countersigning my account

9. These rules say nothing about transfers, they distinctly say on duty and I presume it will be allowed that I was on duty, nothing is said about being in the same district or being on the way to another district, I therefore would beg to say that it appears to me these rules are not nullified in cases of transfer or at least there is nothing to shew that they are; and I would therefore urge these rules as my plea for reimbursement of the necessary carriage of two horses and tents.

amounting to Rs 74-10-0

10. Should this plea fail I urge one of justice to Members of the G.H.D. in common with those of the Revenue

Revenue Survey and Police Departments.

11. I respectfully request that this application may be forwarded to Government if necessary, as I feel sure the conservative spirit that animates it is not sufficiently strong to allow such a rule as that prevents to the effect that no reimbursements such as those under notice can be made to us, and which is a very unjust and partial one to remain any longer to cause ~~cause~~ and dissatisfaction amongst the servants.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedt Servant

H. Lyon

Assistant Engineer

incharge 2d Punjab Division

Circulated

No. 1821

Submitted, for the considera-
tion of Government.—

2. The action of this Office
in disallowing to Mr. Lyon
more than mileage by rail on
the occasion of his transfer
from the Nellore to the Ma-
dura District is supported
by the enclosed ruling of
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the Public Works Depart-
ment No. 963, dated 14th Au-
gust 1869, as well as by the
last sentence of Clause VI
and by Clause IX of para
1, of Section III, Chapter IV of
the Government of India Code,
circulated..

Copy of printed
letter No. 1570
dated 20th August
1869.
1 Encl. - 1 Memo.
No. 2621 dated
28 October 1871

From
C. Brodie Esq.
Secy. to Govt.
Public Works Dept.
To
The Accountant
Genl.

Dated Fort St. George
the 11 October 71

Received 14/10/71

Secretary to Govt.
Genl.
P.W.D. 4850/71

Pointing out certain
Rules regulating the
Claims for Mileage
= nelling allowance
disallowed herein.

Sd/-

circulated with Proceedings of this Government No. 1224, dated 11th April 1869.-

2. A reference to my letter printed with that from the Accountant General, above quoted will shew that the hardship of the present rule, which denies to Public Works Officers the railway fare for horses, viz., on occasions of transfer, was duly urged, although without avail.-

Office of the Controller of Public Works Accounts
Madras, 11th October 1871.

S. Hodd
Controller of P.W. Accounts.

To,

The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department,
Fort Saint George

With 2 Enclosures.

Encl. H.

From Accountant
Public Works Accounts

Madras 6th November 1871

No. 2027.

From
The Accountant to Public Works Accounts
To
The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department
Fort Saint George.

Sir,

With reference to your
Official Memo No 159, dated 23rd October
1871, I have the honor to furnish the
following particulars of the distance
travelled each day by Mr. Assistant
Engineer Ryan while in transit-

From Nellore to Dindigul in
August last, and of the claims
preferred by him to mileage travelling
allowance &c.

Rs-204-Stamps 65-M 355-358
Act April 1869 — 355-358

Public Works 1871 Department
Pro. No. 1821 dated 8th October

From
The Accountant General,
To
The Secretary to Government
(Public Works Department),
Fort Saint George.

Dated 11th October 1871

Read 12th October 1871

No. 1821
Enclos: 3.

Submitting a letter from the Asstt. Engr. of the 2nd Pariah Madura District regarding his travelling allowance disallowed and quoting the authority under which it was done.

No 159

No 1482

Accountant General's Office
No 1498 dated 28th October 1871

Month and Date	Stations	Distances travelled in miles. By road	By rail	Amount claimed in Accounts of Mileage	Carriage of tents and tentequipage	Total	Amount passed Mileage	Tentage	Total
August 9th	Nellore to Gudur	23	"	11 8 "	" " "	11 8 "	11 8 "	" " "	11 8 "
10th	Gudur to Naidapully	22	"	11 " "	" " "	11 " "	11 " "	" " "	11 " "
11th	Naidapully to Tada	X 20	"	10 " "	" " "	10 " "	" " "	4 " "	4 " "
12th	Tada to Budwail	21	"	10 8 "	" " "	10 8 "	10 8 "	" " "	10 8 "
13th	Budwail to Madras	21	"	10 8 "	" " "	10 8 "	10 8 "	" " "	10 8 "
14th to 17th	at Madras	"	"	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "
18th	Madras to Erode	"	243	45 9 "	74 10 "	45 9 "	45 9 "	" " "	45 9 "
19th	Erode to Coroor	"	41	7 11 "		74 10 "	7 11 "	" " "	7 11 "
20th	Coroor to	23	"	11 8 "	" " "	11 8 "	11 8 "	" " "	11 8 "
21st	to Dindigul	22	"	11 " "	" " "	11 " "	11 " "	" " "	11 " "
	Total	152	284	129 4 "	74 10 "	203 14 "	119 4 "	4 " "	123 4 "

X not in excess of 20 miles.

B not allowed by the rules on occasions of transfer.

2. The rules of 1865 quoted by the Agent were superseded by those circulated with G.O. No. 1224 dated 14th April 1869.

I have the honour to be
Your most obedient servant

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Controller Public Works Accounts

Abstract of Proceedings of the Madras Govt.

Read the following

From

The Accountant General

To

The Secretary to Government

Public Works Department

Fort Saint George

Dated 6th November 1871

Rec'd 7 No. 2024

Submitting the particulars of the distance travelled each day by Mr. Assistant Engineer Lyon and of the claims preferred by him to mileage, travelling allowance, and intimating that the rules quoted by him were superseded by G.O. No. 1224 dated 14th April 1869

No. 2998 - 25 Nov/71

Re 25th Aug. 1866 Nos 555-556
" 14th April 1869 — 355-356
" 25th Oct. 1871 — 539 this

No 483

No. 5313.

From

The Accountant General P.W. Accounts

To

The Secretary to Government

Public Works Department

Fort Saint George

Dated 6th November 1871

Rec'd 7 No. 2024

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Rs. 6 on account of mileage on the 11th August.

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of the second claim is, the Govt. regret, barred by Para 1 Clause VI of the Travelling Allowance Rules and the interpretation placed on it by the Accountant General of the P.W. Department in the letter quoted by the Controller, but the question will be referred to the Govt. of India for consideration.

To The Secretary to Govt of India
Controller
Dept 29/11/71.

No. 2999.

The Secretary to the
Govt of India.

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble the Governor in Council to forward for the consideration of the Govt of India the accompanying correspondence relating to a claim submitted by Mr Apt Engr Lyon, for a reimbursement of expenses incurred by him in the carriage of his tents and tent equipage on the occasion of his transfer from Nellore to the Madura District in August last.

The Govt of India will observe that under Para 1, Clause VI of the Travelling Allowance rules, which provides that, in cases of transfer the mileage rate or daily rate only will be admissible, and under the interpretation of that rule as contained in a letter from the Accountant General of the P.W. Dept to

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Nov. 13th

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C. No. 5313.

Govt. of Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To The Superintending Engr. & the Chief Secy and To the Secretary to the Govt of India

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Travelling allowances &c.

Letter forwarding for consideration the case relating to a claim preferred by Her Hon Empress for a reimbursement of bazaar expenses on account of the carriage of Her Hon Empress's luggage on the occasion of Her Majesty's late visit to Madras & requesting to be informed whether the rules [illegible] travelling allowances [illegible] Despatch noted on this letter from the Comptroller of P.W. accounts submitting the particulars of the distance travelled each day by Her Hon Empress on each of the claims preferred for bazaar travelling allowance and intimating that the rules quoted by him [illegible]