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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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Read the following letters:—

No. 261. From the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Bellary, 13th November 1871, No. 1,529:—

I HAVE the honour to forward, for the sanction of Government, the accompanying contingent bill with vouchers submitted by me to the Controller, but of which the Controller has declined to pass a portion for reasons given in the accompanying memorandum.*

* No. 20, dated 1st November 1871.

2. As already reported in my letter No. 1,346 of 20th ultimo, I considered it necessary to go down suddenly to the Pullumpett Range. As the Railway do not carry goods from or to Bellary, I was obliged to despatch my tents and camp equipage by carts to Veerapoor, which is the nearest station to Bellary at which the Railway Company receives goods, on the day before I myself started, so that we might go down together. I made no charge for this journey of fifteen miles, for which, I think, some provision should be made in the rules, as I knew the Controller would object and say that I was not entitled as I did not myself travel on that day.

3. You will observe that the Controller only consents to pass the bill for tents, thus taking the rule in a literal sense; but I think that the Government of India can never have intended the word "tents" to mean strictly the canvas, etc., to make up the tent itself, but meant that "camp equipage" should also be allowed, for what is the use of a tent without tables, chairs, etc. My personal baggage, such as my clothes, went with me. The Controller states that mileage by Railway (3 Annas per mile) was passed on 22nd and 23rd September; but this, I would observe, does not more than cover the cost of a first class ticket for myself and third class tickets for the servants and lascars it is necessary to take.

4. The expenses incurred by me are clearly shown in the certificates furnished by the Railway authorities, and as I cannot think that Government intend their officers to be losers when *bona fide* employed on public service, I submit the papers for their decision.

5. I take this opportunity of asking for a ruling of Government as to mileage for fractions of a mile. The distance from Ghooty Railway station to the Bellary Railway station is given by the Railway authorities as $47\frac{3}{4}$ miles, but they, ignoring fractions, charge for 48 miles; this the Controller won't admit, and will only allow for $47\frac{3}{4}$ miles. The sum deducted is but small, but I would urge on Government the trouble and annoyance given by the Controller by making such petty objections.

No. 262. From the Controller of Public Works Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Fort St. George, 24th November 1871, No. 2,167.

WITH reference to your Official Memorandum No. 149, dated 21st November 1871, I have the honour to state that under Clause VII. of paragraph 1 of the Travelling Allowance Rules, this office has always admitted claims for *bona fide* expenses incurred in the conveyance of tents by Railway from one station to

1 Original letter No. 1,529, dated 13th November 1871, from Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, with four accompaniments.

another, within an officer's charge. In the case of luggage, such claims are inadmissible under paragraph 4 of the Travelling Allowance Rules, and this view has, on several occasions, been adopted by Government. Upon this subject attention is invited to paragraph 3 of Proceedings, No. 2,299, dated 20th July 1868, and paragraph 4 of G. O., No. 3,936, dated 16th December following. With respect to *office* furniture, the Government have specially declared, in paragraph 11 of Proceedings No. 2,458, dated 23rd August 1865, that claims for special allowances for carriage "will not be admitted except under very exceptional circumstances."

N. 263. ORDER THEREON, 15th December 1871, No. 3,158.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 11.

THE Government regret they cannot sanction the contingent bills received with Colonel Moberly's letter, No. 1,529, of the 13th ultimo, as the course followed by the Controller is quite in accordance with the Travelling Allowance Rules.

2. With reference to paragraph 5 of Colonel Moberly's letter, His Excellency the Governor in Council directs that the practice of passing travelling allowance for portions of a mile shall be discontinued, and that in future mileage by rail shall be passed for the same distance as the Railway Company charges fares.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Controller of Public Works Accounts.
" Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division.

Rd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 1529 Superintending Engineer's Office.
3rd Division.
Bellary 13th November 1871.

From.

The Superintending Engineer
3rd Division.

To,

The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department
Fort Saint George

Enclosures.
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Sir,

I have the honor to forward for the sanction of Government the accompanying Contingent Bill with vouchers submitted by me to the Controller but which the Controller has declined to pass a portion for reasons given in the accompanying Memorandum.

2. As already reported in my letter No. 1346 of 20th ultimo, I considered it necessary to go down suddenly to the Ballumpett Range. As the Railway do not carry goods from or to Bellary I was obliged to despatch my tents and camp equipage by carts to Veerapoor, which is the nearest station to Bellary at which the Railway Company receives goods, on the day before I myself started so that we might go down together. I made no charge for this journey of 15 miles, for which I thus

+ 22 to 24th Nov. 1871.

same

...ance should be made on the return of those who should report themselves ...

3. If on settlement that the Contractor ... to pay the Railway Company any ... shall have been overpaid by the Government ... Company have intended the most liberal ... actually the case, made up the last bill, and ... Government shall cause Enquiry should be ... for which the Company should pay. ... My personal charges, and as my clerks must ... me. The Contractor states, that if charge ... 3 annas per mile have been paid on 25 of 30 ... but this I should show does not make them ... the cost of a 1st class ticket for myself, and 2nd class ticket for the servants, and Lascars at a reasonable rate.

4. The expenses incurred by me are chiefly shown ... certificates furnished by the Railway ... Surveyor and Examining Officers and Government ... Other Officers to be borne when travelling on ... duty as in the Surveyor's ... decision

5. I take this opportunity of asking for a ruling of ... Government as to mileage for fractions of a mile. The ... distance from Gooty Railway Station to the Railway ... Railway Station, as given by the Railway authorities ... is 17¾ Miles but they ignoring fractions charge for ... 18 Miles,— this, the Controller would admit ... will only allow for 17¾ miles. The sum deducted is ... but small, but I would urge on Government the ... liable and annoyance given by the Controller by ... making such petty objections.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obt Servant
[illegible] Lieut. R.E.
Superintending Engineer S. Dist.

No 2167

From,

The Superintending Engineer

3rd Division.

To,

The Secretary to Government.

Public Works Department.

Fort Saint George.

No. 5453.

Dated 18th December 1871.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith, for the information of Government, Contingent Bills for Establishments and Contingencies which the Commissioner of Public Accounts has objected to for the month of November 1871.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient humble servant,

Superintending Engineer.

Madras Presidency.

Dated 18th December 1871.

Received 19th December 1871.

Recorded.

Returned to the Secretary of Government Contingent Bills for Establishments and Contingencies which the Commissioner of Public Accounts objected to for the month of November 1871.

No. Pr. 5630/71.

No. 3158-15 Dated 19/12/71.

Per 2nd Despatch 19/12/1871

No 261

19/12/71

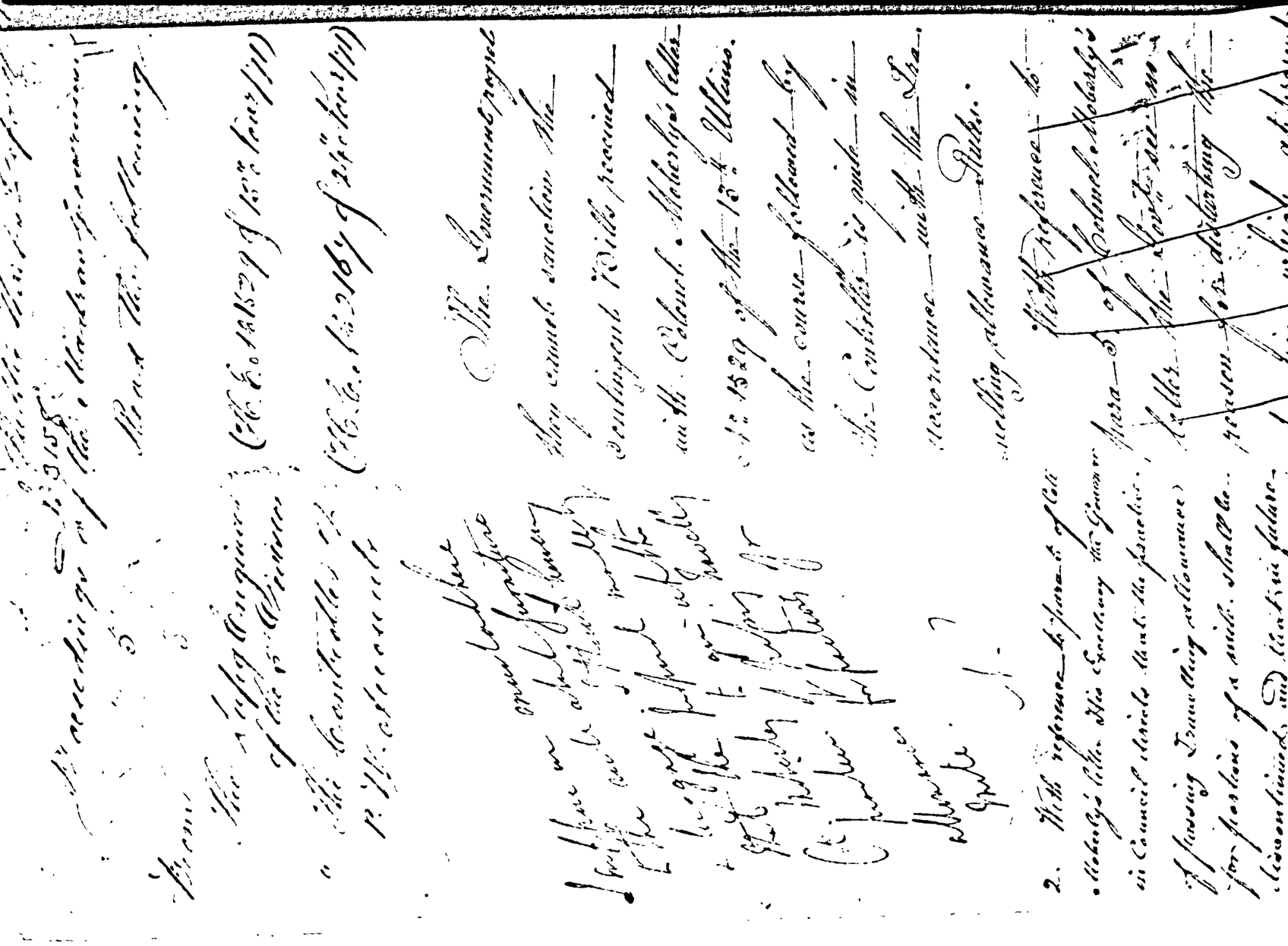
Officers charge. On this case of baggage, such claims are inadmissible under Paragraph of the Travelling Allowances Rule, dated 15th March 1865, and para 4 of G.O. No. 336, dated 15th December 1865 following. Withdrawn & to Office furnished, Colonial Government being specially declined, vide para 11 Proceedings No. 2458, dated 23rd August 1865, that claims for special allowances for carriage

"will not be admitted except in particular circumstances"

Lieut. Col. Commanding
Station.

Lieut. & Adjt. Cape Mounted Rifles.

Company Charges paid.



No 262

Claims of Parsing Tra
velling allowance of 3
fractions of a mile.

4 Dft.

Lord Allotten d. Lieut.
" Major Kennedy
" Capt. Jordan
" Lt. Lieut. for duty

Decr. 22/12/71

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To The Controller
of Works

Engr to Wm. Watts from
Decr 16/12/71 London

A/cs. 5253 & 5039

Govt. of {1871} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To The Controller of Public Works Accounts

Dated

Rect. Encl. /

G. O. 15th Dec. 1871. No. 3158.

Nos. 261 (2) 263

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