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Government of Madras.

Public works **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 17th February 1871.

No 377. Read the following Endorsement of the Controller of Public Works Accounts, dated Madras, 31st January 1871, No 2,356.—

From the Acting Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, to the Controller of Public Works Accounts, dated Dowlaishweram, 25th January 1871, No. 3,615.

ADVERTING to your letter of the 19th instant, No 490, I have the honour to observe that you have not taken into due consideration the reasons urged by me in the memorandum noted in the margin, in regard to the existing necessity for Mr. Hannan's stay at his head-quarters for a longer period than that for which, under the rules, he will be entitled to any travelling allowance.

No 3,366, dated 3rd January 1871.

2. As already stated, to properly supervise the work now on hand, Mr Hannan must remain for more than three days at Samulcottah, and as, during this time, he will have to keep up the means for travelling, I am of opinion that travelling allowance for such days should be passed to him

3. Under the circumstances now stated, I enclose the bill returned by you, and request that it may be passed, or otherwise that the matter may be referred for the decision of Government.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

2. In his bill for November 1870, Mr. Assistant Engineer Hannan claimed travelling allowance for twenty-one days, of which he was either at, or returning to, head-quarters in nine days, and as he had, moreover, remained at fixed station from the 14th October to the 9th November 1870, although drawing no travelling allowance, this office considered that he was not entitled to tentage for a halt of four days at the end of November, almost immediately after one commencing on the 22nd and terminating on the 24th idem. On the 25th, Mr. Hannan visited Gopaulpore, 12 miles distant, and returned to head-quarters the following day.

1 Supplemental Bill.
1 Copy of Memorandum from Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, No 3,366, dated 3rd January 1871.
1 Inspection Report for October 1870
1 Do for November ,,

From 27th to 30th.

3. The Superintending Engineer, however, is of opinion that travelling allowance for the period disallowed should be passed to him for the reasons explained in the memorandum herein enclosed, but as I still think that, although there may have been good reasons for Mr Hannan returning to fixed station on the 26th November, the claim to *travelling allowance* for the second halt is untenable, I submit the matter, at the Superintending Engineer's request, for the decision of Government.

No 3,366, dated 3rd January 1871.

4. Mr. Hannan's Inspection Reports for October and November 1870 are herewith sent.

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

J. Brock
Controller of P.W. Accounts

No. 378. ORDER THEREON, 17th February 1871, No. 482.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 29.

CONCURRING with the Controller of Public Works Accounts, the Government observe that, even if the presence of Mr Hannan at head-quarters for the last four days in November, after a halt at that station from the 22nd to the 24th idem, were necessary, no claim to travelling allowance for these days was established. His Excellency the Governor in Council moreover cannot think that prolonged halts such as Mr. Hannan appears to have made can be compatible with a proper supervision of the works in his range.

2 The Controller has in a separate order been instructed to obtain the views of the Accountant-General of the Public Works Department on cases similar to that under notice

3. The Government observe from the two Inspection Reports which form the enclosures to the Controller's letter that, in the month of October last, Mr. Hannan, having spent seven days at his head-quarters, proceeded on the 8th to Cocanada (which is believed to be out of his range) and, spending the 9th, which happened to be Sunday, there, made a journey (probably by boat) to Rajahmundry, a distance of 38 miles, spent three days there, never going more than four miles away, then going out to Dowlaishweram, (also out of his range,) finally returned to Samulcottah on the 14th, a distance of 30 miles. Mr. Hannan claimed travelling allowance for the five days he was stationary after leaving Samulcottah, and mileage allowance for the two journeys of 38 and 30 miles respectively.

4 From the 15th October to the 9th November Mr. Hannan remained at head-quarters, on the 10th he proceeded *via* Juggumpett and Yebishweram to Annaveram, marching on the three days 10, 14, and 7 miles. From Annaveram he appears on the 13th to have travelled out and in a distance of 12 miles each way, making up the 24 miles for which he claimed mileage allowance. From Annaveram he made his way by regular but rather lengthy marches to Rajahnagram, and from thence, running into Rajahmundry, a distance of 24 miles on the 18th, went out to Dowlaishweram for the 19th and 20th, and then travelled (again probably by boat) to Samulcottah, 32 miles. By this arrangement of his movements Mr Hannan appears to consider, and in this he is supported by the Superintending Engineer, that he has entitled himself to mileage for all the journeys exceeding 20 miles that he has made; but the Government, looking to the nature of the duties on which Mr Hannan seems to have been engaged, are not disposed to think that the exigencies of the service, or the efficient performance of his duties required of Mr. Hannan to make the rapid journeys above described, and which he seems in the habit of performing. Such journeys cannot possibly be necessary for a Range Officer, and they must of necessity prevent his paying the close attention to the examination of the details of the works under his charge which is essential.

5 As this, in the opinion of the Government, is the most important part of the duty of every officer in charge of a Range, His Excellency the Governor in Council resolves to call the attention of the Superintending Engineer of the 1st Division, and that of all other Superintending Engineers, who are the primary

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auditors of the Travelling Allowance Bills of their Executive Officers, to the order quoted in the margin, in paragraph 3 of which the disadvantage of Range Officers making forced marches except in cases of extreme urgency is distinctly pointed out, and the grounds on which alone such journeys can be undertaken and mileage drawn for them, explained. Superintending Engineers will be held responsible for any infraction of the principle on which such marches may be made to the detriment of the efficient supervision of works and with the effect of needlessly enhancing the outlay of the department on travelling charges, and the Controller will not fail to bring to the notice of Government any case where he may have reason to believe that mileage allowance is claimed by a member of the department for a forced march made otherwise than under exceptional circumstances, or under the most urgent necessity.

G O, No 944, dated 23rd March 1866

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E,

Secretary to Government.

To the Acting Superintending Engineer, 1st Division
To all other Superintending Engineers
To Major R. B Kennedy.
To the Controller of Public Works Accounts, with 3 Enclosures.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

J. Thorp
Controller of P.W. Accounts

Supg. Engineer's Office 1st Division
Dowlaishwaram 3rd January 1871.

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№ 3366.

Memorandum.

With reference to para 1 of his Memo. № 439 dated 21st December 1870, the Controller of P.W. Accounts is informed that at present Mr. Haman must be a great deal at his Head Quarters, as most of his roads commence from that Station and diverge into the interior, consequently his travelling allowance is passed to him.

With reference to the observations in para 2 of the above Memo:, the undersigned has the honor to state that it is only in the Godavery Distt. mileage is usually allowed, and with so heavy an expenditure as is being incurred here now, and no proper allotment of Asstt. Engineers, Range officers must travel long distances rapidly to keep up a proper supervision of the work.

/ Signed / Jas. F. Fischer Major R.E.
Actg Supg. Engr. 1st Div.

To
The Controller of
P.W. Accounts

/ True copy /
S. Hoole
Controller of P.W. Accounts

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Superintending Engineer's Office, 1st Division
Doulaishwaram 5th January 1871.

No. 3675.

From

The Superintending Engineer
1st Division

To

The Controller of Civil Accounts
Public Works Department
Madras.

Sir

Adverting to your letter of the 19th Instant No. 490, I have the honor to observe that you have not taken into consideration the reasons urged by me in the Memo noted in the margin, in regard to the existing necessity for the Executive Engineer's stay at his Head Quarters, for a longer period, than that for which, under the

No. 3386, dated 3rd January 1871.

Endorsement Letter from the Controller of Civil Accounts to the Superintending Engineer, dated 3rd January 1871 No. 3758

Inspecting Officer

1 Supplemental C.C.
1 Col. of Intelligence
1 Insp. Genl. of Fortifications
1 Asst. Adjt. Genl. Division
1 Col. Commy. Genl.
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1 Asst. Engr.
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No 235

Respectfully submitted for the orders of the Secretary of War.

2. In his bill for November 1870, Mr. Assistant Engineer McCannon claimed travelling allowances for 21 days, of which he was absent on 9 days, and during the remaining 12 days he had moreover remained at Fixed Station from the 2nd to the 9th November 1870, although drawing no travelling

there rules, he will be entitled to any Travelling allowances.

2. As already stated to properly supervise the work now on hand, Mr. McCannon must remain for more than three days at Samulcotta, and as during this time, he will have to keep up the means for travelling, I am of opinion that Travelling allowance for such days, should be passed to him.—

3. Under the circumstances now stated, I enclose the Bill returned by you, and request that it may be passed, or otherwise that the matter may be referred for the decision of

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From 27th. to 30th.

3. The Superintending Engineer, however, is of opinion that travelling allowance for the period disallowed should be passed to him.

for

No. 3366 dated 30th January 1871.

for the reasons explained in the Memo. herein enclosed, but as I still think that, although there may have been good reasons for Mr. Hannan returning to Fixed Station on the 26th. November, the Claim to Travelling allowance for the second halt is untenable, I submit the matter, at the Superintending Engineer's request, for the decision of Government.—

4. Mr. Hannan's Inspection Reports for October and November 1870 are herewith sent.—

Office of the Controller of Public Works Accounts Madras 31st January 1871.

L. Rodd
Controller of P.W. Accounts.

To. The Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Fort St. George

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Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 17th Feby 1871

From the Controller of
P.W. Accts —

Read the following

(P.W. & No 2356 d/ 31st January 1871)

Concurring with the Controller of Publics Works to account the Govt. observed that during the period of Mr Hannah at Headquarters for the last four days in November, after a halt at that station, from the 22nd to the 26th idem, were necessary, no claim to travelling allowance for these days was established. His Excellency the Governor in Council

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The Controller has in a separate order been instructed to obtain the views of the Accountant General of the Public Works Department on cases similar to that under notice.

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As this, in the opinion of the Govt, is the most important part of the duty of every officer in charge of a Range, His Excellency the Governor in Council resolves to call the attention of the Supt Engineer of the 1st Division, and that of all other Supt Engineers who are the primary auditors of the Travelling allowance Bills of their Executive officers, to the order quoted in the margin, in paragraph 3 of which the disadvantage of range officers marching forced marches except in cases of extreme urgency

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" P. Rec. 944 of 23rd March/66

is distinctly pointed out, &
the grounds on which
alone such journeys can
be undertaken and
mileage drawn for
them, explained —
Sup[t] Engineers will
be held responsible
for any infraction of the
principle on which such
marches may be made
to the detriment of the
efficient supervision of
works and with the
effect of needlessly en-
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the Department on
travelling charges, and
the Controller will
not fail to bring to the
notice of Govt: any case
where he may have reason

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to believe that mileage
allowance is claimed
by a Member of the
Department for a forced
march made otherwise
than under exceptional
circumstances or under
the most urgent
necessity.

G.H.

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Sir,

The Sup[t] Engr[s] 1st Div[n] ✓
30 all other Sup[t] Engr[s] ✓
4 Major R. B. Kennedy ✓
13 Controller of P. W. Accts ✓
with Enclosures.

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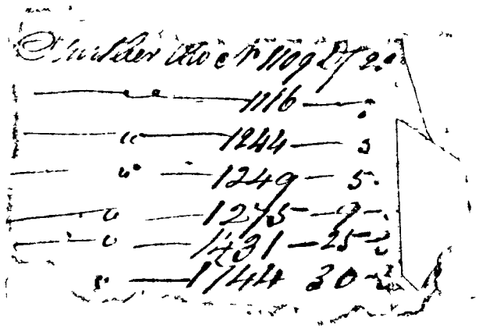

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To The Ag. Superintending Engr.
1st Division

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Nos. 377 & 378

Travelling Allowance. Sepins
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Submitting, &c. &c. with
remarks, the claim of
Travelling Allowance of
Capt. Hay & Ramsay.