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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,  
6th March 1871*

No. 133. Read the following letter from the Acting Superintending Engineer,  
1st Division —

(Here enter No 3,823, dated 14th February 1871)

No. 134. ORDER THEREON, 6th March 1871, No. 658

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 13

In this letter Major Fischer claims the consolidated salary of a Superintending Engineer of the 1st Grade, namely,

Rupces 1,600 per mensem, and, in support of his claim, refers to the position which he formerly held in the department, and draws attention to the letter from the Government of India, No. 19-E I, dated 23rd January 1869.

2. On reference to that letter His Excellency the Governor in Council observes that, on the occasion of Major Fischer's re-transfer from the Central Provinces to Madras, all that the Government of India desired was that, as they had no wish to cause any loss to Major Fischer beyond what was unavoidably contingent to the state of affairs that had arisen, the first opportunity might be taken to give that Officer employment in this Presidency "in a position suitable to his standing in the service and his qualifications." It was further added that, if the measure were thought desirable, the Government of India would not object to a personal allowance being passed to Major Fischer, so as to raise his salary to that which he had previously drawn

3. In pursuance of the wishes of the Government of India, Major Fischer has, up to the present time, been permitted to draw as Acting Superintending Engineer the salary to which he was entitled when Controller of Public Works Accounts, namely —

|                               | RS    | A. | P. |
|-------------------------------|-------|----|----|
| Staff . . . . .               | 800   | 0  | 0  |
| Military allowances . . . . . | 293   | 10 | 0  |
| Total                         | 1,093 | 10 | 0  |

4. In October last the Government of India directed that the Superintending Engineer class should be divided into three grades, with consolidated salaries, as follows —

|                     | RS    |
|---------------------|-------|
| 1st Grade . . . . . | 1,600 |
| 2nd do . . . . .    | 1,350 |
| 3rd do . . . . .    | 1,100 |

5. The Controller rightly objects to pass to Major Fischer, as Acting Superintending Engineer, more than the salary prescribed for the lowest grade of that class. This amount \* is in excess of Major Fischer's previous receipts † at

\* Rupees 1,100.

† Rupees 1,093-10-0

any time by Rupees 6-6-0 per mensem, and seeing that, under no circumstances, could Major Fischer, in justice to the claims of his seniors, have been placed in the 1st Grade, and that even in the event of his having held permanently the position

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of a Superintending Engineer he would probably have been placed in the 3rd Grade, there being only one officer junior to him in the whole of the Superintending Engineer class, His Excellency the Governor in Council cannot admit that Major Fischer has any reasonable ground of dissatisfaction, and accordingly declines to sanction the bills submitted with this letter, or to refer the matter to the Government of India.

(True Extract)

Colonel, R E,  
Secretary to Government

To the Acting Superintending Engineer, 1st Division  
,, Controller of Public Works Accounts

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Superintending Engrs Office D<sup>o</sup>  
Dowlaiswaram 14<sup>th</sup> February 1871

From

Major J. J. Fischer, R.E.  
Acty. Supty. Engineer D<sup>o</sup>

To

Colonel L. A. Cress, R.E.  
Secretary to Government P.W.D.  
Madras

Sir,

In forwarding herewith, copy of a memo from the Controller of P.W. Accounts on the subject of my consolidated salary, as acting Superintending Engineer, under the new rules, I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to inform me, whether any reference had been made to the Government of India in the matter connected with my position in the Department.

\* Vide Letter No 2640  
dated 6<sup>th</sup> November 1870

It will be observed, from Para 2 of Mr. Brock's Memo, that no officer, acting in the Superintending Engineer class, is permitted to draw a higher rate of salary than is attached to the lowest grade of that class.

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With reference to this, I beg  
to observe that, as the Government of India have  
intimated that, they would raise no objection to  
my drawing a personal allowance which would  
bring up my salary to that of the rank I held  
in the Department before going to Nagpore,  
until fully provided for, with a position similar  
to that I had held in Madras prior to my  
transfer to Nagpore, I submit I am entitled  
to the consolidated salary of a Superintending  
Engineer of the 1st Class 1st grade viz Rs 1000  
per mensem, which I beg to point out, is less  
than the maximum salary of a Controller of  
the 1st Class, which I would be entitled to, had  
I held that appointment.

In conclusion, I beg to enclose  
Supplemental Bills for the arrears of salary  
allowed by the Controller, and beg under  
the circumstances stated by me, that Officers  
may be authorized to pass them, but in the  
event of Government not being so disposed, I  
trust that my case will be laid before the Govern

Government of India for orders, as it has  
arranged that I was not to suffer in  
point of pay and allowances on my re-  
transfer to this Presidency, and up to this  
date, this proposal which had been sanc-  
tioned by the Madras Government  
has been acted up to by the Controller

I have the honor to be  
Sir  
Your most obedient servant

W. T. Tucker Esq.  
Asst. Supt. Engineer 1st Cl.

Office of the Controller of P. W. Accounts  
 January 1871

No 516

Memorandum

Major Fischer, R. E. having elected the new rules, is entitled, as Executive Engineer of the 1st Grade to Rupees 950 per mensem, and, as acting Superintendent Engineer, to a deputation allowance equivalent to the difference between that amount and Rupees 1100 the consolidated salary of the lowest grade of the class of Superintending Engineer. That amount has accordingly been passed to Major Fischer in the aggregate for the month of January 1871, as well as arrears, at the rate of Rs. 60-00 per mensem from 1st September, to 31st December 1870.

Under the new rules no Officer acting in the Superintending Engineer Class is permitted to draw a higher rate of salary than is attached to the lowest grade of that class, and the total amount which has been passed on the bills now returned is in excess of the pay and allowances heretofore drawn by Major Fischer by Rupees 60-00 per mensem.

(Signed) S. Brock.

Controller of P. W. Accounts

(True Copy)

M. T. Fischer Major R. E.

Acty. Supy. Engineer 1st Grade

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Public Works Department  
 W.P. 58  
 Proceedings of the Madras Government  
 Under date the 6 March 71  
 Read the following

From the Asst. Engrs. {H.E. No. 3823 of 14 February 1871}  
 The District

In this letter Major  
 Fischer claims the con-  
 solidated salary of a  
 Supr. Engineer of the  
 1st grade viz Rs. 1600  
 per mensem and in  
 support of his claim  
 refers to the position which  
 he formerly held in the  
 Department and draws  
 attention to the letter  
 from the Govt. of India  
 No. 19 E.I. dated 23<sup>rd</sup>  
 January 1869.  
 As reference to  
 that letter His Excellency  
 the

*[Handwritten signature]*

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Enclosed in a  
 letter No. 3023 of 14  
 March 71 from  
 the Asst. Engrs.  
 Division to the  
 Secy to Govt.  
 of Madras

the Governor in Council  
observed that on the  
occasion of Major Fischer's  
re-transfer from the Central  
Provinces to Madras, all  
that the Govt. of India  
desired was that as they  
had no wish to cause  
any loss to Major Fischer  
beyond what was unavoid-  
ably contingent to the  
state of affairs that had  
arisen, the first oppor-  
tunity might be taken  
to give that officer em-  
ployment in this  
Presidency in a position  
suitable to his standing  
in the service and his  
qualifications. It was  
further added that if  
the measure were thought  
desirable

At the 9<sup>th</sup>  
desirable, the Govt. of  
India would not object  
to a personal allowance  
being passed to Major  
Fischer so as to raise  
his salary to that which  
he had previously drawn.

In pursuance of the  
wishes of the Govt. of  
India, Major Fischer  
has up to the present  
time been permitted to  
draw as Acting Super-  
intending Engineer,  
the salary to which  
he was entitled when  
Controller of Public  
Works Accounts.

Rs. 800 staff  
293-10-10 daily allow.

Rs. 1093-10-

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In October last the Govt. of India directed that the Super Engineer class should be divided into 3 grades, with consolidated salaries as follows:

|                       |         |
|-----------------------|---------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> grade | Rs 1600 |
| 2 <sup>d</sup>        | 1350    |
| 3 <sup>d</sup>        | 1100    |

The Controller rightly objects to pay to Major Fischer as Acting Super Engineer more than the salary prescribed for the lowest grade of that class.

This amount is in excess of Major Fischer's previous receipts at any time by Rs 6-6- per mensem, and

Rs 1100

\* Rs 1093-10-0

and seeing that, under no circumstances, could Major Fischer, in justice to the claims of his seniors, have been placed in the first grade, and that even in the event of his having held permanently the position of a Super Engineer he would probably have been placed in the 3<sup>d</sup> grade, there being only one officer junior to him in the whole of the Super Engineer class, His Excellency the Governor in Council cannot admit that Major Fischer has any reasonable ground of dissatisfaction.

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cordingly declines to  
sanction the Bills  
submitted with his letter or  
to refer the matter to the  
Government of India

*[Signature]*

To  
The Sup<sup>r</sup> Carg<sup>o</sup>. 1<sup>st</sup> Du with  
two bills /  
Controller P. P. A. C. K.

Desp<sup>d</sup> 7/3/70

No 793

Govt of 1871 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To The Acting Superintendent  
Engg. Division

Further to No 27 of 5-4-71  
No 131486 of 31-5-71

Recd

6 March 1880

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Salary. Paying orders on the  
Claims preferred by Major  
Fischer & the consolidated  
Salary of a Major & the  
"Trade."