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No. 27. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madura, 24th November 1871, No. 3,230:—

I HAVE the honour to submit herewith two memoranda* from the Deputy Controller of Public Works Accounts disallowing the half travelling allowance to Assistant Engineer Mr. Grant during the days† on which he halted at Palamcottah, superintending the Solachanum bridge under construction at that station.

* Nos. 277 and 329, dated 17th October and 18th November 1871.

† From 1st to 16th and 21st to 30th September 1871.
From 1st to 23rd October 1871.

2. Mr. Grant left his sub-division for this special bridge work, retaining charge of his sub-division to which he makes occasional visits, and he has been living in his tent on the bank of the river at the bridge site, and though not paying for carriage for tents, his marching equipment has been complete.

3. I submit that the G. O.‡ referred to by the Deputy Controller in his memorandum, No. 277, dated 17th October 1871, can hardly apply to this case. Major Payne appears to have been residing in his own bungalow, and to have been wholly engaged in office work for the days for which he claimed half travelling allowance, whereas Mr. Grant was employed on field duty and was living under canvas beyond the limits of his range. I beg, therefore, that the Government will be pleased to direct that those allowances may, under the above circumstances, be passed to Mr. Grant under Clause 4, paragraph 1, of the Travelling Allowance Rules.

‡ No. 2,812, dated 23rd November 1870.

4. I think it only due to Mr. Grant to mention that from morning to night during the periods under notice he was rarely, if ever, absent from the works except during meal times, and that it is mainly to this vigilant superintendence on his part that the foundations have been so successfully got in, and I cannot but think, therefore, that the Government, on these facts being brought to their notice, will not feel disposed to adopt, on the present occasion, what may appear a strained reading of the rules, but that they will authorize the Controller to pass to Mr. Grant the allowances now solicited for him.

No. 28. ORDER THEREON, 5th January 1872, No. 15.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 3.

As a special case His Excellency the Governor in Council directs that half travelling allowance be passed to Mr. Assistant Engineer Grant during the period he was employed in superintending the construction of the Solachanum bridge at Palamcottah.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

Govt. of {1872} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,

5TH DIVISION.

&c., &c., &c.

Dated January 5th,

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 5th January 1872, No. 15.

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Nos. 27-23

Solachanum Bridge at Palamcottah.—Half travelling allowance authorized to be passed to Mr. Assistant Engineer Grant during the period he was employed in superintending the construction of the Solachanum bridge.

No. 3230 Sup.g Engineers Office 8th Dr.

Madura 2d November 1871.

From Lieut.t Col. R. A. Roberts R.E.

Superintending Engineer 8th Dr.

To Col. J. Carpendale R.E.

Secretary to Government

P. W. Accounts.

Sir

Enclosure 2.- I have the honor to submit here-

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
Rice Hobrecht Lieut Col R.E.
Superintending Engineer 3rd Dn

Ord. No. 4 of 1869 Nos 235 & 238
" 23rd Jan 1870 — 1013 & 1014

P.W. 1871 Elephant
Prov. Office Bor. No. 13730
From No. 5628.
The Superintg Engineer
P.D.W.

To
The Secretary to
Government P.W.D.

Dated 22nd Nov 1871
Recd 27th "
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Forwards by Controller's Memos and requests to authorize the Controller to pass the travelling allowances of Supdt Engineer Mr Grant for the reasons assigned

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See para 1. clause 4 of the Rules.

Under the orders contained in G.O. No. 2635 dt/17 Oct. 11, 15 days residence at a place is considered sufficient for the Committee to consider that place an Officers temporary head Quarters, and if the stay be continued beyond that period an Officer forfeits travelling allowances altogether. 2) If the halts made by Mr. Grant were for more than 15 days.

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Read the following

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From

The Supdg Engineer
of the 8th Division

(R.C. No 3230 of 24th Nov. 1871)

The objection of the Controller P. W. Accounts to pass half Travelling allowance to Mr Assistant Engineer Grant during the period he was employed in superintending the construction of the Salacha-nam Bridge at Salamcottah is in accordance with Rule and the Government do not consider that there was any thing in Mr Grant's case so exceptional as to call for departure

I think we should give in the benefit of the doubt in this case.

J. Nicholson
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departure from the usual practice.

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To

The Controller P.W.D.
Accts
S. Engr. 8th Div.

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Public Works Department

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Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 5th January 1872

Read the following

From The Superintending Engineer 8th Division, No. 3230 / 24th November 1871

As a special case His Excellency the Governor in Council directs that half Travelling allowance be passed to Mr. Asstt Engineer Grant during the period he was employed in superintending the construction of the Solachamum Bridge at Palamcottah.

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S. Engr. 8th Div. with two Enclos.
Controller P.W. Accts
Dated 8/1/72.

No. 5628

Govt of 1871 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To The Superintending Engr
8th Division

Dated

Recd. Fwd.

G. O. 5th January 1872 No. 15.

Nos. 27128

Solachanam Bridge at Velamcottah. Kally Pandien a Tavaun authorized to be hopes to draw Asst Engr Grant Duty the period he was employed on Superintending the Construction of the Solachanam Bridge