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6th July 1872.*

No. 135. Read the following letter from the Consulting Engineer for Railways, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 20th June 1872, No. 314 :—

I HAVE the honour to enclose, for the orders of Government, a letter from Captain Ross Thompson, Officiating Deputy Consulting Engineer for Railways, in which he explains that the furlough granted to him in the *Fort St. George Gazette** of the 12th April 1870 expired

* Page 429. on the 16th April 1872, but that he was not able to return to duty at Madras until the 27th May 1872.

2. Captain Thompson in his letter explains that the delay was caused by circumstances over which he had no control; that he took his passage in the *S. S. Scindia*, which was advertised to leave England in the first week of March and which, under ordinary circumstances, would have brought him to Madras within the period of his furlough; but that, owing to delay in her departure and subsequent accidents, she did not reach Madras till the 27th ultimo. Captain Thompson, therefore, requests that the Government will sanction the disbursement to him of his salary, at furlough rates, for the period (one month and eleven days) during which he was unwillingly and unavoidably absent from duty.

3. The circumstances in Captain Thompson's case are almost precisely the same as in the case of Mr. St. John, Resident Engineer on the Great Southern of India Railway, who returned to India in the same vessel, and whose application for salary during the period of his enforced absence I forwarded to you† on the 12th instant.

† With letter No. 303.

4. Under the special circumstances of the case, I trust that the Government will see fit to sanction the disbursement of salary for which Captain Thompson has applied.

From Captain ROSS THOMPSON, R. E., Officiating Deputy Consulting Engineer for Railways, to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 20th June 1872.

I HAVE the honour to forward herewith an abstract for my furlough pay as Executive Engineer, 3rd grade, from the 16th of April to 27th of May 1872.

2. My furlough expired on the 16th of April last, but I was unable to report my return to duty at Madras until the 27th of May. As, however, I was prevented from doing so by circumstances over which I had no control, I trust you will be good enough to request the Madras Government to sanction my furlough pay being disbursed to me for the time I was so unwillingly and unavoidably absent.

3. Early in February last I secured my passage in the *S. S. Scindia* for Madras, via the Suez Canal; she was then advertised to sail in the first week in March, and no change being made in the advertisement, I went to London to embark. I then found that she would not sail until the 10th March, after which her date of sailing was put off repeatedly, namely, until the 12th, 14th, 16th, 18th, 20th, and 22nd, and finally she sailed on the 24th March. Then commenced a series of disasters, namely,—

29th March.—Heavy gale in Bay of Biscay. Engines broke down; obliged to return to England.

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31st March.—Arrived at Plymouth, engines under repair.
4th April.—Engines repaired, left Plymouth.
9th „ Lay to in the Bay of Biscay during a heavy gale.
11th „ Engines again broke down.
20th „ Arrived at Port Said, engines repaired.
23rd „ Arrived at Suez, further repairs to engines necessary.
24th „ Left Suez.
28th „ The engines again broke down in the Red Sea.
29th „ Engines repaired.
2nd May.—Ran aground on sand-banks in the Red Sea off the African coast.
4th „ Ship floated again.
5th „ Arrived at Aden, when engines underwent further repairs.
8th „ Left Aden.
14th „ Engines again broke down in the Indian Ocean.
24th „ Lost a man overboard, all efforts to save him unsuccessful.
27th „ Arrived at Madras and reported my return to duty.

No. 136. ORDER THEREON, 6th July 1872, No. 1,636.

RAILWAY, No. 31.

UNDER the explanation afforded by Captain Ross Thompson of the circumstances which prevented his return to duty on the expiration of his furlough, His Excellency the Governor in Council is pleased to authorize the Controller of Public Works Accounts to pass to that Officer furlough rates of salary from the 16th April to 27th May 1872.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Controller of Public Works Accounts, with one enclosure.
„ Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

Madras
June 20th 1872

Sub Colonel J. H. M. Shaw Stewart—
Consulting Engineer for Railways
Madras.

Sir
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herewith an Abstract—In my
furlough pay as Executive Engineer
3rd Grade from the 16th of April
to 27th of May 1872—

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27th - Arrived at Madras
and reported my return to
Club.

Have the honor to
acknowledge the
Gentle introduction of

Robert Thompson
Captain R.E.

Offing D3. Comd'g Eng'rs for R.E.
Madras.

S. H. 3006/72

RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.

CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE.

From

No. 3/14
Lieut. Colonel J. M. McIlwain Stewart, I.C.

Consulting Engineer for Railways,

To

Colonel L. W. Walter, I.C.

Secretary to Government,

Public Works Department,

Fort Saint George.

SIR,

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a letter from Captain Ross Thompson,
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for Railways, in which he explains
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5 (one month and eleven days), during which he was unwillingly and unavoidably absent from duty.

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4 Under the special circumstances of the case, I trust that the Government will see fit to sanction the disbursement

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by Capt. Raso Thompson
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which prevented his
return to duty on the
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the Governor in Coun-
cil is pleased to
authorize the Con-
troller of Public
Works Accounts to
pass to that officer

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disbursement of salary for which
Captain Thompson has applied.

Madras & I have the honour to be,
20 June 1872 Yours most obedt servt

Montgomery Stbel 18

Secy. Genl. for Railway

Supdt. of Railway

RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.

1872.

From

The Consulting Engineer
for Railways.

To

The Secretary to Government,
P. W. Department,
Fort Saint George.

Dated

20 June 1872.

Recl. 27/5

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No. 314

For the Secy. Genl. for Railway

Secy. Genl. for Railway

No 1636. 16 July 1872

Public Works Department
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To,
The Controller of
P.W. Accounts
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April to 27th May 1872.

G.M.W.

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Govt. of 1872 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To The Controller of Public
Works Accounts

Dated

Recd.

Encl. /

G. O. 6th July 1872. No. 36.

Nos. 1854/136

Capt. Rags Thompson.

The Controller of P. W. Accts
authorized to pass to Capt.
Rags Thompson furloUGH
rates of salary from the
16th April to the 27th May/72.

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