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No. 401. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madura, 23rd September 1872, No. 2,824 :—

I HAVE the honour to forward herewith, for the favourable consideration of His Excellency the Governor in Council, the accompanying letter, No. 357, dated 16th instant, from Executive Engineer Captain Pennycuik, R.E., calling attention to certain points which appear to him to have been overlooked in G. O., No. 2,043, dated 27th August; and received in this office on the 5th instant.

2. The "Perryaur allowances" were granted as explained in G. O., 10th August 1870, No. 1,905; to enable officers "to meet the additional expenses to which they were necessarily put when within the Hill tracts," and "to provide for the heavy expense of living and the difficulty of travelling on the Perryaur Hills". And it was further ruled in that G. O. that "Periacolum, at the mouth of the Cumbum Valley, should be considered the boundary in that direction of the 'Hill tracts.'"

3. It is logically clear therefore, as pointed out by Captain Pennycuik, that an officer at work in these "Hill tracts" is entitled to the allowances authorized in the G. O. above quoted, whether the Government may designate the work on which he is employed as "Provincial" or "Imperial Extraordinary." And I trust, therefore, that the Government will be pleased to authorize the Controller to pass the special allowances in question to Captain Pennycuik when employed on the Hill tracts above specified.

4. I would also invite the attention of His Excellency the Governor in Council to the fact that in G. O., 4th July 1872, No. 1,618, special funds are allotted from Loan Funds for personal allowances and the temporary establishment necessary for road-tracing work in connection with the Perryaur project. It would thus appear that for the comparatively easy work of making this trace the Executive Officer is entitled to extra allowances, which he is not authorized to claim in the same Hill tracts for the more difficult and laborious work connected with the Goodaloor Ghaut, because the Ghaut work is termed a "Provincial service," whereas the road-tracing is classed as an "Extraordinary Imperial service." I feel satisfied that I have only to point out so anomalous a state of affairs to the Government to ensure their issuing the necessary instructions to have the matter arranged on a proper basis.

From Captain J. PENNYCUICK, R. E., Executive Engineer in charge of Dindigul Range, to the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, dated Dindigul, 16th September 1872, No. 357.

In acknowledging the receipt of G. O. No. 2,043 of the 27th ultimo, forwarded with your memorandum No. 2,626 of 10th instant, I have the honour to ask attention to one or two points which appear to have been overlooked by Government.

2. I think it would not be difficult to show that, as regards the amount of labour (I do not say as regards professional skill) required for its proper supervision, this

range is beyond comparison the most troublesome in the Presidency, and the addition of the survey and trace, and eventually I hope of the execution of the Goodalore Ghaut situated as it is in the very furthest corner of the range at a distance of eighty miles from my head-quarters, necessarily involves a considerable increase to this labour.

3. I do not in the least overlook the fact that the Goodalore Ghaut has no connection with the Perryaur project; it would be difficult to do so after the correspondence that has lately passed upon this subject, but that does not make its supervision in the least less troublesome, nor does the fact of Lieutenant Greer's presence on the spot, valuable as his assistance unquestionably is, entirely destroy, though it certainly reduces, either my labour or my responsibility in the matter.

4. Admitting, however, that a Range Officer's capacity for work and liability to perform it are infinite, and that no addition to his labours gives a claim to additional remuneration, I think I am at least entitled to the "Perryaur allowances" when actually employed on the ghaut and its neighbourhood.

5. These allowances were originally given, *and very rightly*, to the officers employed in the Perryaur investigations, not on account of the importance of the work, *but on account of the fatiguing nature of it*, and of the expense involved in living in a jungle at a distance from any inhabited country, where every article of food had to be carried by highly-paid coolies.

6. I have recently spent some days in Lieutenant Greer's company, with the object of fixing a line for the Goodalore Ghaut, and I did not find that the hill sides along which we had to walk, or rather crawl, were one whit less steep, nor that the rain to which we were exposed wetted us the less, nor that the coolies who carried up our food, clothing and furniture, charged any the less or carried any the more, because the work on which we were employed was to be paid for from "Provincial" funds, instead of from "Imperial, Extraordinary."

7. Seeing then that the causes on account of which the extra Perryaur allowances were granted are not in any way affected by the separation of the Goodalore Ghaut from the Perryaur project, and that not only do these causes affect me as much as any one else, but that when working on and above the ghaut I have to keep up my regular travelling equipage, in addition to the special arrangements required on the hills, I think I am reasonably entitled to claim while so employed the additional allowances that have always been granted to the officers working in these tracts.

8. Should you concur in this view, I request that you will be so good as to forward this letter to Government for consideration.

No. 402.

ORDER THEREON, 22nd October 1872, No. 2,492.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 34.

In his letter printed with G. O. No. 2,043 of 27th August, Lieutenant-Colonel Roberts represented on behalf of Captain Pennycuik that the "regular work of the Dindigul Range occupied quite as much of his time as the Government could well claim from a Range

Officer; and that the additional work thrown upon him by the supervision of the proceedings in connection with the Perryaur project could only be done by an amount of labour much beyond what an officer under ordinary circumstances could reasonably be expected to undergo."

2. Under these circumstances Captain Pennycuik asked what additional remuneration the Government proposed to allow him on its account. No specific claim was made, or previous orders granting special allowances alluded to.

3. The order passed by His Excellency the Governor in Council pointed out that the work in question had no connection with the Perryaur project, and did not call for the additional amount of labour which was the only plea put forward in support of Captain Pennycuik's indefinite claim.

4. In the papers now submitted a definite claim is made by Captain Pennycuik for the Perryaur allowances sanctioned in G. O. No. 1,905 of 10th August 1870. His Excellency the Governor in Council is not of opinion that a valid claim to the Perryaur allowance of Rupees 150 a month can be sustained by Captain Pennycuik. But he is pleased to permit Captain Pennycuik to draw the double travelling allowance, hitherto passed to officers connected with the Perryaur project works, whenever duties connected with the Goodalore Ghaut take him west of Cumbum; up to which point at least his ordinary range work must call him.

5. The Governor in Council must express his disapprobation of the objectionable tone of Captain Pennycuik's representations; and he desires Lieutenant-Colonel Roberts in future to exercise fully the duties of his position, and not to submit to Government any letter so improperly drawn up as that under review.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. S. T. Austin.

Executive Engineer's Office
No. 357. Pondicherry 16th September 1872

From,

The Executive Engineer in charge
Pondicherry Range.

To

The Superintending Engineer S. D.
Madurai.

Sir,

In acknowledging the receipt
of O. G. No. 2043 of the 27th ultimo, forwarded
with your Memo No. 2626 of 10th instant, I
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as it is in the very furthest corner of the Range, at a distance of eighty miles from my head quarters necessarily involves a considerable increase to this labor.—

2. I do not in the least, overlook the fact that the Goodalore Ghaut has no connection with the Periana Project. it would be difficult to do so after the correspondence that has lately passed upon this subject. but that does not make its supervision in the least less troublesome, nor does the fact of Lt. Greer's presence on the spot, valuable as his assistance unquestionably is, entirely destroy, though it certainly reduces, either my labor or my responsibility in the matter.—

4. Admitting however that a Range Officer's capacity for work and liability to perform it are infinite, and that

no addition to his labors gives a claim to additional remuneration, I think I am at least entitled to the Periana allowances when actually employed on the Ghaut and its neighbourhoods.—

5. These allowances were originally given, and very rightly, to the officers employed in the Periana investigations, not on account of the importance of the work but on account of the fatiguing nature of it, and of the expense involved in living in a jungle at a distance from any inhabited country, where every article of food had to be carried by highly paid coolies.—

6. I have recently spent some days in Lieutenant Greer's company, with the object of fixing a line for the Goodalore Ghaut and I did not find that the hill sides along which we had to walk, or rather

rather crawl, were one whit less steep, nor that the rain to which we were exposed wetted us the less, ~~nor~~ that the coolies who carried ~~up~~ our food, clothing and furniture, charged any the less or carried any the more, because the work on which we were employed was to be paid for from "Provincial" funds, instead of from Imperial Extraordinary:—

7. Being then that the causes, on account of which the extra Pension allowances were granted, are not in any way affected by the separation of the Goodalove Ghaut from the Pension Project, and that not only do these causes affect me as much as any one else, but that when working on and above the Ghaut I have to keep up my regular travelling equipage, in addition to the special arrangements required on the

hills; I think I am reasonably entitled to claim while so employed, the additional allowances that have always been granted to the Officers working in these tracts.—

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A. L. 1870

Signed John Penneywick Capt. R.E.
Executive Engineer in
charge, Sindigul Range
(True Copy)

Recd. J. Roberts Asst. Colonel R.E.
Superint. Engineer S. D. In.

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