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Government of Madras.

Public (Health) DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 15th October 1872.

Read the following papers :—

No. 249. From the Officiating Superintending Engineer, 6th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Tanjore, 30th August 1872, No. 393.

I HAVE the honour to forward herewith a list of disallowances from the travelling allowance bill of the Officer in charge of No. 1 Range, Tanjore, with a letter from Captain Edgcome requesting special sanction for his claims.

1 List of disallowances.
1 Original letter from the Range Officer, No. 524, dated 28th August 1872.

2. In the first case, as Captain Edgcome's camp was standing at a distance from head-quarters while he himself was ill at head-quarters, I think he should be permitted to draw travelling allowance. There is no doubt that he was put to as much expense as he would have been if continually marching, and it is hard that he should be a loser by an unavoidable accident.

3. The second case is one for which no provision is made in the travelling allowance rules. An officer proceeding into the district from head-quarters has invariably to send out his camp a day before he leaves himself. In this district where a railway is available, I frequently send out my camp two or three days before I leave myself, and for these days no travelling allowance is allowed. I think that a certificate to the effect that an officer's camp marched to a greater distance than five miles from his fixed station should entitle him to travelling allowance just as much as if he marched himself. The fact that he had sent on his camp the day before would be noted in his inspection report.

REFERRED to the Controller of Public Works Accounts, who will report on the claims preferred in these papers, after having ascertained how such claims are disposed of under the Government of India.

OOTACAMUND, *6th September* 1872.

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

No. 250. From the Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Fort St. George, 12th September 1872, No. 1,279.

IN reply to the endorsement on the letter from the Officiating Superintending Engineer of the 6th Division to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, No. 393, dated 30th August 1872, referred to me for report, I have the honour to make the following observations.

2 Inspection Reports (for May and June 1872).
1 Original letter from Superintending Engineer, 6th Division, with copy of one letter from Captain Edgcome, and one disallowance statement.

2. With reference to the claim for tentage from the 9th to 12th June, from Captain Edgcome's inspection reports for the months of May and June (herewith forwarded) it appears that he returned to his head-quarter station on the 27th May, and slept there on every night until the 20th June, with the exception of one night

(namely, the 7th,) which he appears to have spent at Kallaperambur,* making a virtual halt at head-quarters of twenty-two days, or counting only from his return on the 8th June he halted at head-quarters eleven days.

* Eight miles distant from his head-quarters.

3. Under Rule III., paragraph 1 of the Travelling Allowance Rules and the ruling of the Accountant-General, Public Works Department, communicated in Controller's Circular No. VIII. of 1st June 1870, when halts of more than three days (or four days when a Sunday intervenes) are made at head-quarters, no allowances are admissible during the entire period of that halt. Under the same ruling of the Accountant General, runs from head-quarters during the day returning at night are considered as halts. This being the case, I do not consider that any allowances are claimable under this rule.

4. In paragraph 2 of his letter Major Hasted urges that, as Captain Edgcome's camp was standing at a distance from head-quarters (only eight miles) while he himself was ill at head-quarters, he should be permitted to draw the travelling allowance on the ground that he was put to as much expense as he would have been if continually marching. It is of course a matter for the consideration of Government whether this plea is tenable and justifies a special departure from rule; but I would submit for consideration whether the natural procedure, if Captain Edgcome was taken so ill within such a short distance of his head-quarters as to render a halt there of eleven days necessary, would not have been to have returned with his camp equipage.

5. In the second case referred to, namely, when travelling allowance on the 19th June is claimed on the ground that Captain Edgcome despatched his tents on that day, it will be remarked that the distance to which they were so despatched was only ten and a half miles, a distance certainly not beyond an ordinary march and to be accomplished by starting the camp equipage a very few hours before Captain Edgcome's own departure from head-quarters. I, therefore, fail to see on what grounds Major Hasted recommends either departure from rule or a cause for the issue of a new rule.

6. The third claim is admitted as being erroneous.

7. On these grounds it appears to me that a reference to the Government of India through the Accountant-General is unnecessary; should you, however, still wish such to be made I shall be happy to comply with your desire.

No. 251. ORDER THEREON, 15th October 1872, No. 2,421.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 23.

His Excellency the Governor in Council agrees with the Controller that sending out tents a distance of ten and a half miles only the day before Captain Edgcome's own start is inadmissible.

2. But, under the peculiar circumstances of the other case, he specially authorizes admission of Captain Edgcome's claim. Doubtless that Officer left his camp standing in the hopes that he would be able to re-join it before the expiration of the four days for which a halt within ten miles of head-quarters is admissible.

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3. The remarks in paragraph 2 of the Officiating Controller's letter are out of place. Such animadversions are for the Superintending Engineer to pass, if necessary, not for the Controller, whose strictures should be limited to those days for which travelling allowance is claimed, not to those for which it is not claimed.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 6th Division.
" Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

No 393.

Recd Supt Engrs Office 6th Division
Sanjone 30th August 72.

Sir,

Major J. O. Haste RE
Offg Supt Engineer 6th Division

To

Colonel H.W. Wilson RE
Secretary to Govt of India
Public Works Department

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Report.—

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John Watts Major R.E.
Offg Supg Engr 2nd Division

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ment shewing the Allotment and Expenditure on
traordinary Works and Repairs, Agricultural,
for the year 1871-72.

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No.	Remarks	Allotment on Extraordinary May and June	Expenditure for June	Total.
11	x Rs 145- on 10 hundreds by Rev. Officers which is not included in this item.			
20688			3 ·	36210 12 7
3075			8 ·	7589 12 8

Obtained from Controller's Office - Mr Smith
Second charge on 2nd May/72.

Apl 1872

Pd Rs 1872 Allotment for Repairs
from Head of Dept Rs 4262.
Re Dept of Public Works
& Buildings

To
The Controller of
Pay & A/cts Rs 2390-15-"Authority
No 24 dy 15th 3933-

Dated 30th
Sir,
I have the honor to forward
herewith certain Expense
Accounts certified by me
amounting to Rs 145-10
amounted from 9th to 12th June
the period during which his
Camp was at Chikli
was ill at the same time
as well as for the 13th the
day on which he came back
to Buldana from Akola

Received Apl 1872
Controller of Pay
Accounts who will
report on the claims
preferred in these
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Chikli

Signature illegible RMS
Pay & Acctt
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Recd 30th April 1872
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Statement shewing the Allotment and Expenditure on Extraordinary Works and Repairs, Agricultural, for the year 1871-72.

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Statement shewing the Allotment and Expenditure on Extraordinary Works and Repairs, Agricultural, for April, May and June 1872.

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Nellore	115000	4947	10	-	4207	13	9	5611	9	5	14765	1	2	87000	2946	1	3	1568	3	5	3075	8	-	7589	12	8

Returned from Comptroller's Office - Mrs Smith
Second change on 8th May/72.

Public Works Department
Letter No 1447
Dated 5th Sept 1872
From
The Superintending Engineer
4th Division
To
The Secretary
to Government
Public Works Department
Madras
Dated 7th September 1872
No 1755.

Forwarding statement of Allotment and Expenditure on Extraordinary Works and Repairs, Agricultural, for the year 1871-72.

Rs 2020-15-4

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W. Monckton Lt RE
Executive Officer
Cyclone Committee

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Offg. Controller of W. Accounts.

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Public Works Department

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Dated 12th September 1872

Read the following letter from the Offg. Supdt. Engr. 6th Division, No. 1279 dated 12th September 1872

From The Controller of T.W. Accounts,

To The Offg. Supdt. Engr. 6th Division,

Sir,

I have the honor to request that you will be pleased to report for the information of Government in connection with the claim preferred by Captain Edgecome for travelling allowance from 9th to 12th June 1872 while he was ill at Head Quarters, whether the camp was out for the purpose of inspection or for any other purpose connected with the public service.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,

[illegible]
Offg. Controller of T.W. Accounts.

Public Works Dept.
Proceedings
No. 4480

From,
The Offg: Controller of
T.W. Accounts

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

Dated 12th
Read 13th } September 1872.

No. 1279.

Reporting on letter from Supg: Engineer 6th Div. regarding the claim preferred by Captain Edgecome on account of his travelling allowance from 9th to 12th June when his camp was out while he was ill at Head Quarters.

No. 2621-10 Accts/72.

Rs 250

accepted to Acct 13th September

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6 A. Engr. 6th Co. write two letters
5 Cavalry write two letters from Degsa 21/10/72

Ofs 4262 4480

Gobt. of (1872) Orders.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To The Superintending Engr
& Ltte Division

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Dated

Recd.

G. O. 15th Octr No. 2421.

Nos. 249 & 251

Travelling Allowance.

Issuing Orders on the Claim
of Capt. Rosseau, Executive
Engineer, for Travelling
Allowance.

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