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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 16th October 1872.

No. 279. Read the following papers:—

From the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Courtallum, 4th September 1872, No. 2,539.

I HAVE the honour to bring the following circumstances for the favourable consideration and orders of Government.

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2. When Assistant Engineer Mr. Hughes was in charge of the late No. 3 or Streevilliputtur Range, Tinnevelly District, he forwarded, in August 1871, an application from the Streevilliputtur Taluq Overseer's Writer, Ponnavanum Pillay by name, for two months' privilege leave. Mr. Hughes then stated that the writer had had no privilege leave since 1868, and that his getting the two months' leave solicited would cause no inconvenience, as an efficient writer could be got to take his place.

3. Under the belief that the salary to be paid to the substitute would be arranged by the writer proceeding on leave *as he was bound to do*, since there is no one else in the Taluq Overseer's Office to whom the duties can be relegated, I granted the leave accordingly; and Ponnavanum Pillay availed himself of it on the 7th September following, without, as it would appear, making any personal arrangement for the conduct of his duties during his absence.

4. Mr. Hughes finding it impossible to carry on the writer's duties without a substitute, appointed one on full pay; but he did not communicate to me the fact of his having done so.

5. On Ponnavanum Pillay's return to duty in November 1871, he applied to Executive Engineer Mr. Sage, who was then in charge of the range, for the arrears of his salary; but that Officer refused to draw his salary on the ground that a substitute had been employed and paid for during his (the writer's) absence on leave.

6. On Sub-Engineer Mr. McNair's taking charge of the range, the Pillay submitted a petition praying that the salary due to him from 7th September to 6th November 1871 may be remitted to him, and Mr. McNair in forwarding it on to me for favourable consideration states that had the writer known that "another would have been appointed to act for him on full pay he would probably, as he says, not have availed himself of the leave, or would have made his own arrangements about a substitute."

7. Under the Financial Notification published at page 243 of the *Fort Saint George Gazette* dated 16th February 1869, Ponnavanum Pillay's substitute, Jesudasen, who held no substantive appointment at the time, was only entitled to a deputation allowance of Rupees 7½ per mensem, or 50 per cent., on the appointment officiated in, namely, Rupees 15.

8. But, however, as the full salary was drawn and paid to the substitute some ten months' ago by the then Range Officer, and, moreover, as Jesudasen is no longer attached to this department, to enable the Range Officer to recover the excess amount drawn by the substitute, namely, Rupees 15, I have no alternative but to suggest that the Government will be pleased to consider Ponnavanum

Pillay's case as a special one, and to authorize the Controller to pass the writer's salary, as per enclosed bill, amounting to Rupees 30, namely, his full pay during privilege leave.

REFERRED to the Controller of Public Works Accounts for report as to the circumstances under which full pay was passed to a substitute during the absence of the permanent incumbent on privilege leave and 50 per cent. would have been drawn by the substitute as stated in paragraph 8.

OOTACAMUND,
19*th September* 1872.

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

No. 280. From the Controller of Public Works Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Fort St. George, 20th September 1872, No. 1,352.

WITH reference to your endorsement on the enclosed letter from the Superintending Engineer of the 8th Division, No. 2,539 of the 4th September, I have the honour to state that Ponnavanum Pillay, Taluq Overseer's Writer, being on the receipt of a salary of less than Rupees 100 per mensem, his application for leave in 1871 was *not* submitted to, or reported upon by, this office. The first intimation which I received of leave having been granted to Ponnavanum Pillay was in the F. F. Statement which accompanied the salary abstract of the 3rd Range of the Tinnevelly District for September 1871, wherein it was noted that Ponnavanum Pillay's substitute was to receive *full* pay from the 7th idem. It was thereupon concluded that the leave which had been granted to the Pillay, although entered as privilege, was "without pay," under an arrangement entered into between the absentee and his superior officers. Full pay was, moreover, claimed on behalf of Ponnavanum Pillay's *locum tenens* from the 7th September to the 6th November 1871 inclusive, and this was passed to him under the ruling contained in Section 9 of Supplement F of the Civil Leave Code.

1 Original letter from the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division.
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2. I would here observe that the leave granted to Ponnavanum Pillay never appeared in any of the weekly returns of changes submitted to this office by the Superintending Engineer of the 8th Division, the entries in which were confined almost exclusively to the officers and Executive Subordinates of the department. To prevent the possibility of mistakes, such as that which has led to the irregularity noticed by Colonel Roberts, I purpose, *with the sanction of Government* and with special reference to their Proceedings of the 3rd July 1872, No. 1,605, requesting Superintending Engineers to note in future weekly returns *all* changes, whether relating to Executive or Office Establishments, and to refuse audit to claims which are not supported by entries in those returns.

No. 281. ORDER THEREON, 16th October 1872, No. 2,135.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 21.

As the rules of the service do not ordinarily contemplate any additional expense being incurred by the grant of privilege leave, and as Ponnavanum Pillay was no doubt aware that his duties could not be carried on without a substitute, His Excellency the Governor in Council is of opinion that the writer should have made his own arrangements for the employment of a *locum tenens*, and having failed to do so cannot now prefer any claim to pay for the period of his absence.

2. The proposal contained in paragraph 2 of the Controller's report is approved.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

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No 2539 Superintendent Engineer's Office 8th Div.
Coimbatore 1st September 1872.

From

Lieut. Colonel R. A. Roberts R.E.
Superintending Engineer 8th Div.

To

Colonel G. W. Walker R.E.
Secretary to Government P.W.D.

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To
The Collector of
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Ponnaya Pillay Taluq Overseer

Sir

I have the honor to state that I was appointed Temporary Taluq Overseer on the 1st October 1870 and that I continued to officiate in that capacity until the 4th September, when I was relieved by Mr. Ponnavanum Pillay, Taluq Overseer, Writer, on his return from leave. I have the honor to request that you will be pleased to grant me the usual allowance for the period I officiated as Taluq Overseer.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
humble servant
Ponnaya Pillay
Taluq Overseer

To
The Collector of
Accounts
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Sir

I have the honor to forward herewith the application of Ponnaya Pillay, Taluq Overseer, Writer, for the usual allowance for the period he officiated as Taluq Overseer, and to request that you will be pleased to grant the same.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
humble servant
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Office of the Controller of
Public Works Accounts
Fort Saint George, 20th September 1872.

No. 1352

From,

The Controller of P.W. Accounts,

To,

The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Fort Saint George.

Sir,

With reference to your
Endorsement on the enclosed letter
from the Superintending Engineer
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Controller of Public Accounts.

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

Dated 20
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No. 1352

Explaining how full pay was passed to the substitute of Ponnavanum Pillay, while he (Ponnavanum) was on privilege leave.

No. 2435-16 Oct 72

Weekly Returns, also changes, whether relating to Executive or Office Establishments, and to refuse audit to claims which are not authorized by sanction

Public Works Department
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Proceedings of the Madras Government

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