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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,

1 Copy of letter.

the accompanying letter, No. 357, dated 16th instant, from Executive Engineer Captain Pennycuick, 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 Pennycuick, 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 Pennycuick 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 Pennycuick 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 Pennycuick 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 Pennycuick's indefinite claim.

4. In the papers now submitted a definite claim is made by Captain Pennycuick 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 Pennycuick. But he is pleased to permit Captain Pennycuick to draw the double travelling allowance, hitherto passed to officers connected with the Perryaur project works, whenever duties connected with the Goodaloor 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 Pennycuick'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. Dindigul 16th September 1872

From,

The Executive Engineer in charge
Dindigul Range.

To

The Superintending Engineer 8th Dn.
Madura.

Sir,

I acknowledging the receipt of O. G. No. 2043 of the 27th Ultimo, forwarded with your Memo No. 2626 of 10th instant, I have the honor 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 labor (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 Goodaloor Chaut, situated as

as it is in the very furthest corner of the Ranges, 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 Periaur 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 Periaur 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 Periaur 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.—

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

I have &c.

(Signed) John Pennycuick Capt. R.E.
Executive Engineer in charge, Periaur Range

(True Copy)

Rich. H. Keatinge Lieut. Colonel R.E.
Superintg. Engineer 8th Div.

No 2824

Superintg Engineer's Office 8th Div
Madura 23rd September 1872

From

Lieut Colonel R. H. Roberts R.E.
Superintg Engineer 8th Div

To

Colonel G. H. Walker R.E. C.B.
Secretary to Government P.W.D.
Madras

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith for the favorable consideration of His Excellency the Governor in Council the accompanying letter No 357, dated 16th Inst from Executive Engineer Captain Pennycuick

Enclosure: 1 Copy of letter

No 2824, dated 23rd August and received on this Office on the 5th Instant

2. I beg to request allowance may be granted for an establishment in G.O. 10th August 1870.

Enclosure No 1.

In a letter from the Supt Engineer 8th Div No 2824 dated 23rd Sept 1872 to

The Secretary to Govt P.W.D. Madras.

P.W. 463/72.

Copy of letter No 357, dated 16th Sept 1872, from Executive Engineer Captain Pennycuick to

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I have the honor to be,

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Your Most Obedt Servt

Wm. F. Roberts Lieut. Colo. R.E.

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P.W. 1872 Default
Copy of Letter No. 2824
No. 4673.
From, The Supt. Engineer
2nd Circle

To The Secretary to Govt.
Madras

Dated 23rd September 1872
Received 26th

Encl: 1

Forwards a copy of Capt. Pennycuick's letter, claiming for extra allowance for the Superintendence of the Goodalore Ghaut Works & requests that the same be sanctioned.

No. 2492-22 Aug. 1872

Read 26-9-72. Ct. No. 401
Referred to Govt. 26th Sept.

Minute by the Chief Engineer

In his letter printed with G.O. No. 2043 of 27th August Lieutenant Colonel Roberts has presented on behalf of Captain Pennycuick that the "regular work "of the Dindigal Range "occupied quite as much of his time "as the Government "could well claim "from a Range officer, "and that the additional

Captain Pennycuick's claim which in itself seems to be just should have been submitted in more respectful terms. There is a vein of sarcasm running through the letter which is very objectionable.

His remarks on the former subject of education have not been lost sight of.

Read [illegible]

("work thrown upon him)
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Under these circumstances Captain Pennycuik asked, not to be relieved of the additional work alluded to, but what additional remuneration the Govt proposed to allow it when he came to R. E. African specially to be employed on the trace, & not to be called upon to claim a Travelling allowance for looking after his camels at one end of his route. & when in direction towards his drawing a Travelling allowance when on actual duty with his

to their home & the country - Struck the Inc. Engr & Draftsman. The Pennycuik claim was admissible.

I consider the case of Capt Pennycuik a hard one, & that he should have granted him out of Govt funds.

The matter shall be brought to the notice of Govt.

L. B. S.

had on its account. No specific claim was made, or previous orders granting special allowances alluded to.

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 Pennycuick's indefinite claim.

In the papers now submitted for orders a definite claim is made by Captain Pennycuick for the Pennycuick allowances sanctioned in G.O. No. 1906 of 10th August 1870 but as responsible for discipline not only G.O. of 10 May 1870 in the Department of Public Works, but certain allowances in the body of Royal Engineer officers serving in the Madras Presidency. Col. Walker must take exception

I cannot say that I, Carl understand the case of Capt. Pennycuick but Lieut. Greer is charged with the more immediate connection with the Pennycuick Project, and are reasons which in such a grant for such a work in the field-train but it does not follow that extra allowances are warranted to be given for work, of whatever degree of importance, in the same field-train. There seems no reason to doubt the correctness of the opinion which we have already given that the work of the Ramp is not more than a Ramp Officer can be expected to perform, when the services of an Assistant have been allowed at his disposal for the special purpose in question.

We might-we think-

to the undiscriminating tone in which not only the present but the former application was couched - and he has taken leave to point out that the Superintending Engineer, a Lieutenant Colonel of Royal Engineers might have been expected to check the impropriety of tone now taken exception to, instead of encouraging it as he has done by the tone of his own remarks.

Captain Pennycuick as Divisional Range officer draws already an allowance for carriage of Office Records allowed to no other officer in the Presidency up to this date. His other Range work takes him at times at least as far up the Valley as Lumbum; and the Chief Engineer considers that his claim will be amply met by granting him Perzyaur allowances for the days spent west of Cumlum

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inclined to stretch a point in Capt Pennycuick's favor, but for the tone of his letter now under consid.n, which Col. Roberts however ought not to have been forwarded.

I would grant Captain Pennycuick Perzyaur allowances when employed west of Cumlum and work connected with the new Goodalore Ghaut is sanctioned by Chief Engineer, and would endorse this for his information of his letter

Lt Col Roberts R.E.
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His Excellency the
Governor in Council will
take into Consideration
Capt.n Pennyenicks' claims
when submitted in a more
becoming manner.

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Public Works Department

No 2492

Proceedings of the Madras Government

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From The Supt Engineer
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In the papers now submitted a definite claim is made by Captain Pennycuick for the Perrijaur allowances sanctioned in G. O. No. 7905 of 10th August 1870. His Excellency the Governor in Council is not of opinion that a valid claim to the Perrijaur allowance of Rs 150 a month can be sustained by any officer but Lieutenant Green, who is in actual charge of the Goodaloor Chaut Works. But he is pleased to permit Captain Pennycuick to draw the double Travelling allowance hitherto passed to officers connected with the Perrijaur Project Works, whenever duties connected with the Goodalore Ghaut take him west of Lumbum up to which point at least his ordinary Range work must call him.

The Governor in Council must express

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To the Secy to the Govt
& Collector

Dated 28/10/72

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To The Superintending Engr
4th Circuit

Dated

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G. O. 22nd Octr No 2492.

Nos. 4101 & 402

Capt. Newcomick's Claim

to the Services allowances
in accordance of the Superior
of the Cuddalore Court,
declined; & permission
granted that Officer to
draw double travelling
allowance.