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17th May 1873.*

No. 272. Read the following endorsement of the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, dated Fort St. George, 19th April 1873, No. 4:—

From B. K. WILLIAMS, Esq., Officiating Government Examiner of the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company's Accounts, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. MULLINS, R. E., Chief Engineer for Irrigation, dated Madras, 31st March 1873, No. 77.

With reference to the 3rd paragraph of the Acting Manager of the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company's letter, No. 62, of the 21st instant, copy of which was received under your endorsement, No. 211, of the 24th instant, I have the honour to observe that Mr. Browning having, while on privilege leave, proceeded to England, where on the expiry of his leave he, to suit apparently his own purposes, resigned the service of the Company, it is not clear on what grounds travelling expenses from Kurnool to Bombay, and the cost of a passage from Bombay to England, were recouped to him. As regards the travelling expenses, Government Order, No. 2,704, of the 11th November 1870, is distinct against the admission of them under such circumstances in the accounts of the Company, and the same principle applies equally to the passage money.

1. It is stated by the Manager that these are not items at present to be dealt with in his books in any way. This arises from its not having hitherto been customary to bring the expenditure in England on to the Indian books, and I should remark that, though it is not intended to introduce these items into the Indian books, they will undoubtedly be dealt with in the Company's books in London and be included as expenditure in the accounts made up there.

3. In the order quoted above, Government lay down the principle that privilege leave cannot be granted to an officer who has no intention of rejoining his appointment, and that the rejoining of appointment at the conclusion of privilege leave should be insisted upon. It would therefore seem that the two months' leave salary should also not have been disbursed to Mr. Browning.

4. In the salary paid to Mr. Browning, Rupees 18-5-4 acting allowance as Chief Engineer for the day on which he delivered over charge are included, and it appears that Mr. Latham, the Chief Engineer, drew his full salary for the same day also. The rules in Government service are that in the case of delivering over and receiving charge of an office one officer only draws the salary of the appointment for the day.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

Mr. Browning was granted two months' privilege leave and one month's leave without pay. It was supposed at the time the leave was granted that at its expiration Mr. Browning would act for Mr. Wilks as Conservancy Engineer, but it would appear that he proceeded to England, and, while there, was permitted to resign his appointment, and was granted by the Board of Directors travelling expenses from Kurnool to Bombay, and passage money from Bombay to England.

2. An Engineer, if engaged in England, is usually entitled to his passage to England, and his travelling expenses to the nearest port of embarkation at the end

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of the term of his agreement, but if he resigns his appointment he is not so entitled. The disbursement of the sums referred to appears therefore to have been irregular. Paragraph 4 of G. O., No. 2,704, dated 11th November 1870, bears upon the grant of travelling allowances in India while an officer is on leave.

(Signed) JOHN MULLINS, Lieut-Colonel, R.E.,
Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

No. 273.

ORDER THEREON, 17th May 1873, No. 1,379.

IRRIGATION, No. 12.

His Excellency the Governor in Council is of opinion that as Engineers of the Company whose services have been engaged in England are entitled to passage to England and travelling expenses to the nearest port of embarkation on the expiry of their term of agreement, the amount disbursed to Mr. Browning on those accounts may be admitted; but as Mr. Browning resigned his appointment after the expiration of the two months' privilege leave granted to him the claim to salary for that period is untenable, and must be disallowed. Also the acting allowance for the day on which he was relieved of the office of Chief Engineer can be granted only if the transfer of duties took place in the afternoon of the day in question. In which case Mr. Latham will be retracted the salary also drawn by him for that day.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

- „ Examiner of the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company's Accounts.
- „ Agent and Manager of the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

To app.

From

The Madras Government Examiner,
Madras Irrigation & Canal Accounts.

To The Chief Engineer for Irrigation
Fort Saint George.

Sir,

With reference to the 3^d para of the Acting Manager of the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company's letter No. 62 of the 21st instant copy of which was received under your endorsement No. 211 of the 24th instant, I have the honor to observe that Mr. T. Browning having while on privilege leave proceeded to England where on the expiry of his leave he, to suit his apparently his own purposes, resigned the service of the Company, it is not alone on what premises travelling expenses from Rangoon to Bombay and the cost of a passage from Bombay to England were recovered to him. As regards the travelling expenses Government order No. 11 of the 11th November 1870 is distinct against the admission of them, under such circumstances in the accounts of the Company, and the same principle

principle applies equally to the passage money.

2. It is stated by the Manager that there are not items at present to be dealt with in his books in any way. This arises from its not having hitherto been customary to bring the expenditure in England on to the Indian books, and I should remark that, though it is not intended to introduce these items into the Indian books, they will undoubtedly be dealt with in the Company's books in London and be included as expenditure in the accounts made up there.

3. In the order quoted above Government lay down the principle that privilege leave cannot be granted to an Officer who has no intention of rejoining his appointment, and that the rejoining of appointment at the conclusion of privilege leave should be insisted upon. It would, therefore, seem that the two months leave salary should also not have been disbursed to Mr. T. Browning.

4. In the salary paid to Mr. T. Browning Rs. 18.5.4 acting allowance as Chief Engineer for the day on which he delivered over charge are included, and it appears that Mr. Latham,

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the Chief Engineer, drew his full salary for the same day also. The rules in Government service are that in the case of delivering over (and receiving charge) of an Office one Officer only draws the salary of the appointment for the day.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most Obedt. Servant.

Madras
31. March 1873.

R. K. Williams

Offg. Govt. Genl. Secy. to Govt.

No. 4.

Letter No. 44, 31st March 1873 from
Examiner of Accounts.

Submitted for the Orders of
Government.

Mr. Browning was granted
two months privilege leave, and one
months leave without pay. It was
supposed at the time the leave was
granted that at its expiration Mr.
Browning would act for Mr. Wilks
as Conservancy Engineer, but it
would appear that he proceeded to
England, and, while there, was
permitted to resign his appoint-
ment, and was granted by the Board
of Directors travelling expenses from
Kurnool to Bombay, and passage
money from Bombay to England.

2 An Engineer if engaged in
England is usually entitled to his
passage to England, and his travelling
expenses

No. 1.

Submitted to the
Hon. Secy. of the
Govt. of India
10 Feb 1874

C. S. P. O.
From
Conservancy
Engineer
11th April 1873

Order of the
Hon. Secy. of the
Govt. of India
10 Feb 1874

P. M. 25 42/10.
Regarding travelling
expenses of Mr. Browning
from Kurnool
to England while
on privilege leave

expenses to the nearest port of embarkation, at the end of the term of his agreement; but if he resigns his appointment, he is not so entitled. The disbursement of the sum referred to appears therefore to have been irregular. Para 4 of G.O. No 2704 dated 11th November 1870 bears upon the grant of travelling allowances in India while an Officer is on leave.

Fort Saint George
19th April 1873

Wm Hamilton Esq
Chief Engineer for Irrigation

To
The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department.

His Excellency
 the Governor in Council
 observes that the views of
 Government in regard
 to travelling expences
 in India of Engineers
 of the Irrigation Com-
 pany, while on leave, are
 clearly stated in the orders
 of the 11th November 1870,
 No 2704, and in accordance
 therewith

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The Secretary to
 the Irrigation
 Department
 Govt. of India

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Extract from order
 of the Governor in Council
 of the 11th November 1870,
 No 2704, in regard to
 travelling expences of
 Engineers of the Irrigation
 Company, while on leave,
 is clearly stated in the
 orders of the 11th November
 1870, No 2704, and in
 accordance therewith

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therewith he resolves to direct that the cost of conveyance from Kurnod to Bombay preferred on behalf of Mr Browning be disallowed as a charge against the Capital accounts of the Company. The expenses of the passage home however may be admitted.

As Mr Browning did not resign his appointment after the expiration of the two months privilege leave granted to him the claim to salary for that period is untenable, and must be disallowed; and the acting allowance

allowance for the days on which he was relieved of the Office of Chief Engineer can be granted only if the transfer of duties took place in the afternoon of the day in question.

To The Chief Eng^r for Indu
" Examiner M.S. & Canal
" Accounts
" Agent & Manager
Madras S. & C. Company

No 1379 P. M. A.

Pres. of the Madras Govt.

Read the following:

From the Joint Eng. for
Immigrants } H. R. M. 7/19 Apr 73.

His Excellency the
Governor in Council
is of opinion that as
Engineers of the Company
whose services have been
engaged in England
are entitled to passage
to England and tra-
-velling expenses to the
nearest port of em-
-barcation on the ex-
-piry of their term of
agreement, the amount
disbursed to Mr.
Browning

14 May 73 - 1280

Proposed by Mr. [unclear]

do 72-73.

Comptroller

Browning on those ac-
counts may be ad-
mitted; but as Mr.
Browning resign-
ed his appointment
after the expiration of
the two months pri-
vilege leave granted
when the claim to
salary for that period
is untenable, and
must be disallowed;
~~Also~~ the acting allowance
for the day on which
he was relieved of the
office of Chief Engineer
can be granted only
if the transfer of duties
took place in the
afternoon of the day
in

in question. In which
case Mr. Latham will
be retrenched the sala-
ry also drawn by
him for that day.
Emm.

To,
The Chief Engr. for Oregon ✓
" Engr. M. I. & Canal ✓
" Cos. Accounts ✓
" Agent and Manager
M. I. & C. Company ✓

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Irrigation

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Mr. Browning (Mr. S. S.)

Passing orders on note
by the Chief Engr for
on letter from the
Examiner relative to the
travelling expenses &
passage money paid to
Mr. Browning.