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20th September 1873.*

No. 329. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel R. A. ROBERTS, R.E., District Engineer, Madura, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madura, 28th August 1873, No. 2,293 :—

I HAVE the honour to forward, for the favourable consideration of Government, the accompanying application on the part of Taluq Overseer Mr. J. Fonseca for increased allowances.

2. Considering the great expense of provisions at Paumben, in consequence of there being no cultivation whatever on the island, and all articles of food having to be brought from a considerable distance, I would strongly recommend that a special allowance of Rupees 20 per mensem in addition to his pay and batta, be passed to the Overseer so long as he is on duty at Paumben, for the extra expenses entailed there are quite equal to those of the Hill tracts, where such additional allowance is granted.

3. Should it be eventually decided to send Sappers to Paumben, the Officer Commanding the detachment would, I presume, take charge of the works, and there would be no further occasion for Mr. Fonseca's services there.

No. 330. ORDER THEREON, 20th September 1873, No. 2,336.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 35.

In consideration of the special circumstances urged in these papers, His Excellency the Governor in Council is pleased to sanction the grant of a personal allowance of Rupees 20 per mensem to Mr. Overseer Fonseca during his employment at Paumben.

2. The question of employing Sappers at Paumben is one which does not appear to have been brought before Government hitherto.

(True Extract.)

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

To the District Engineer, Madura.
,, Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

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Paumotu
20th August 1873

No 46

From

The Overseer in charge of
Operations, Paumotu

To

The District Engineer
Madras.

Sir,

The result of my letter No. 14 of the 29th May last being yet unknown, I take the liberty of addressing you again on the subject of my promotion and beg to be excused for the trouble. It is from pure necessity that I come forward to represent my circumstances and trust, will deserve your favorable consideration. Since coming to Paumotu, I find it quite beyond the possibility of living with my family on the small salary of Rs. 80. I now draw however economical we may strive to live, in consequence of the enhanced price.

price for the necessities of life and high wages that servants demand, I have been already induced to dispose some of our property to keep ourselves from debt, and feel certain that before the lapse of one year, I shall be so absorbed, as would quite ruin me if I be kept in this Island on my present salary. During the last 11 years that I have been serving in this Department, I have not felt the responsibility of my position so great, or the nature of my work so heavy as at present. I am now quite conversant with all the works relating to the Paumotu channel, but feel mortified at heart on account of the small pay I get comparatively. In due discharge of my work, I feel absolutely compelled to "wait for the tide" and literally waddle up in the hottest part of the day, and spend at least four hours every day in an open canoe under

under the scorching sun, for the purpose of examining the holes gumped for blasting under water, charging and firing them, not ⁷ unattended with danger. Besides this ³. I have to spend a certain time in the Hand Dredge and Stone Boat to see them working efficiently, and attend to the Workshop which requires strict and careful attention to keep it satisfactory ⁶ at work, as also to mind my Office work. Being thus fully engaged and poorly paid, I cannot but lay my hard case before you in the plainest terms and crave your kind protection, in promoting me as early as possible.

I beg to say
[Sgd] J. Fonseca, Assistant
Inch. of operations
Paumotu

(True copy)

Richard Ober, Lieut. Col. R.E.
District Engineer Madras

Letter from the District Engineer,
Madura, dated 28th August, No 2293.

Submitted for
Orders. With remark
that Mr. Fonseca got
an addition to his
pay by being ad-
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grade of Rs 20 a
month on 1st July 1873.

W. Mather Esq. R.E.
Secretary to Government
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4th September
1873

Enclosure No 1 in a letter
from the District Engineer
Madura dated 28th August
1873.

No 2293

to

The Secretary to Govt

Secy.

Madura.

P. O. No. 4787/73
P. O. No. 2286-20 & 47/73
Copy of Decree of Mr.
Fonseca's letter soliciting
for promotion.

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of the

District Engineer's Office
No. 2290. Madras 28th August 1873

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Lieut. Col. R. A. Roberts R.E.
District Engineer, Madras

To
Colonel G. W. Walker R.E.
Secretary to Government, Madras

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Your Most Obedt. Servant

James H. Roberts, Lieut. Col. R. E.
District Engineer, Madras.

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From No 4787

the District Engineer

Proctor

To the Secy to Genl

1873

Proctor

Dated 28th August 1873

Received 1st September 1873

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from the Secy to Genl
and recommend that a

Special allowance be made
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No 2336

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Mr. Francis F. Fessenden. Re

Proof of a personal allow-
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to Mr. Fessenden during his
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