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Government of Madras

Public Works DEPARTMENT

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
28th October 1873.*

Read the following letters :—

No. 461. From Colonel F. J. MOBERLY, R.E., District Engineer, Chingleput, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Camp at Ponnery, 1st September 1873, No. 1,347.

I HAVE the honour respectfully to request that my claim for deputation allowance, both for my charge of North Arcot District from 1st December 1872 to 29th March 1873, and of the Mount Range from June 11th, may be laid before the Government of India as special cases.

2. If the claim is novel, as the Government observe in Order, No. 1,961, of 7th August, I would remark that the circumstances are also unprecedented, at least under existing rules. In 1858 being District Engineer, Trichinopoly, I was desired to take charge of Tanjore in addition, and 50 per cent. of the civil salary of the latter office was granted without any difficulty or doubt as to the correctness of my claim.

3. In December last the new organization was put into force at the request of the Madras Government, who considered that divisional charges similar to those in other Presidencies were too large, and proposed to limit their District Engineers to one Collectorate. To save double relief by an officer who was expected to return from leave in a few days, I volunteered to retain charge of North Arcot for that period, but when Lieutenant Coaker arrived he was removed to other duty, and I was left with the extra labour and responsibility till the 29th March.

4. I plead that the reason for refusing me deputation allowance is not sound; it is true I had done the work of two districts for some months before and had not been relieved, but the Madras Government pressed for sanction of the present system on the ground that the duty was too heavy for one officer, and as I was compelled to do additional work, over-taxing myself and my means of conveyance, I urge that I am entitled to extra remuneration.

5. I beg also to forward copy of a letter from the Chief Engineer from which it appears that he considers even the very slight work required from the Governor of the Female Orphan Asylum as more than was compatible with my duty as a District Engineer. The Asylum premises I would point out are at the toll bar bounding the district and on my road to one-third of my work.

6. In June last Mr. Harington applied directly to Government for privilege leave. He had been lately placed in charge of the Mount Range in addition to his own work, the Madras Water Project. The Mount Range itself had been very much enlarged since April 1872, as the Chembrumbaukum Tank and a large portion of Sydapet Taluq, formerly in Seroolur Range, were joined to it.

7. The cyclone of May and unusually heavy rain of last monsoon had seriously damaged the Koratur Anicut, supplying Chembrumbaukum Tank, as well as the waste weirs of that reservoir. Its supply channels needed a large amount of clearing. The Tamarapak Anicut and all the means of supplying water to the Cholaveram and Red Hills Tanks were seriously damaged, and the banks of the tanks themselves caused much anxiety.

8. Mr. Harington urged ill-health conducted by the pressure of this heavy work as a plea for the grant of the privilege leave to which he was entitled. Under the circumstances I was obliged to forward the official application which was sent to me, but I requested the Government to appoint some officer to the duty. Mr. Harington was allowed to start on his leave by a telegraphic message which he received from Government, and a few days after I was desired to take charge of his work in addition to my own.

9. Deputation Allowance Code, Chapter V., Section 13A, and Chapter VIII., Section 25C, acknowledge the possibility of an officer acting in a higher office than his own; but they have apparently not contemplated the reverse, which, in fact, was forbidden when the district system was formerly in force.

10. I plead that extra work and responsibility are always entitled to extra remuneration, but that I have special claim in that the extra duty which I have been compelled to take involved very great additional labour both in travelling to visit constantly works which were in very emergent need of frequent attention and expeditious repair; the duties of the district were very heavy in themselves and have prevented my taking any of the ordinary rest and relaxation which officers generally can avail themselves of.

11. In the Official Civil list I observe that on occasion of any member of that service proceeding on leave, privilege or other, his *locum tenens* draws a percentage of his salary as deputation allowance, and I am informed that the Government have allowed the Civil Architect to accept fees for extra work.

12. I cannot think that the Government of India propose to be less liberal to Public Works Officers under even more trying circumstances of exposure and responsibility.

No. 462. From T. MOSS, Esq., Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Fort St. George, 6th September 1873, No. 3,508.

I HAVE the honour to submit, for the orders of Government, the accompanying bill received from Colonel F. J. Moberly, R.E., District Engineer, Chingleput, for Presidency house-rent from the 1st December 1872 to the 31st August 1873.

2. The Government, in the order quoted by Colonel Moberly, did not apparently contemplate the admission of such a claim.

No. 463. ORDER THEREON, 28th October 1873, No. 2,630.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 28.

HIS EXCELLENCY the Governor in Council declines to submit to the Government of India Colonel F. J. Moberly's claim to deputation allowance for charge of the North Arcot District from 1st December 1872 to 29th March 1873, as his continuance in charge of that district, in addition to that of the district of Chingleput to which he was temporarily posted on the re-organization of the department, did not involve more, but less, work than he had when temporarily in charge of the 4th Division, which

included not only both these districts but also that of Madras; while, on the other hand, he was permitted to retain his former salary of a Superintending Engineer, 3rd grade, as a personal allowance.

2. In the revised rules issued for the guidance of District Engineers it is laid down in paragraph 5 that the special permission of the Chief Engineer shall be necessary to enable a District Engineer to take upon himself the personal charge of any executive duties. In the present case the Chief Engineer does not appear to have instructed Colonel Moberly to assume charge of the Mount Range during Mr. Harington's absence on privilege leave; presumably because of the presence of three Sub-divisional Officers in the Chingleput District. The idea of putting any of them in charge does not seem to have suggested itself to Colonel Moberly; and, as he reported his unwillingness to place either of his Range Officers in charge of the Mount Range in addition to his own, the Government had no alternative but to instruct him to assume the charge himself. Such temporary assumption of executive duties by a District Engineer does not, however, constitute any claim to extra remuneration.

3. As to Colonel Moberly's third claim, it is observed that, as Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, his head-quarters being officially fixed at Madras, he drew Presidency house-rent; but that as District Engineer of Chingleput, Madras being out of his range and his head-quarters by his own choice and on sufferance, he has no claim to the continuance of that allowance. Persistence in such claim will result in the revocation of the order permitting his residence beyond the limits of the Chingleput District. The object of the Chief Engineer's Memorandum alluded to in paragraph 5 of Colonel Moberly's letter, No. 1,347, of 1st September, appears to have been specially to debar him from the performance of any quasi-public duty within the limits of Madras; on the strength of which he might put forth such a claim as that now disallowed.

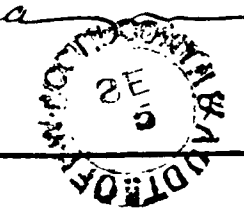
(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

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

Frd. E. C. Shunker.
Spare Copies.

Her Majesty's Government of India N^o 1381.



	Amount		Total		Remarks
To The Presidency House rent to Col. F. Moberly P.C. District Engineer Chingleput from December 72 to August 73 @ 30 Rs per Mensem	270	" "			Claimed under G.O. No 1056 of 5 th April 1873.
Total Rs.	270	" "	270	" "	

Chingleput District Engineer's Office
3rd September 1873
To The Controller of P.W. Accounts - District Engineer Chingleput

J. Moberly Col. P.C.
District Engineer Chingleput

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Officer of the Controller of P. W. Accts.
Fort Saint George 6 Sept. 73.

No 3508

From
The Off^r Controller of P. W. Accts.
To The Secretary to Government
P. W. Department.
Fort Saint George.

Enclosure
One Bill

Sir, I have the honor to submit for the
orders of Government the accompanying bill
received from Colonel F. J. Moberly, B. C.
District Engineer, Chingleput, for Presidency
House Rent from the 1st December 1872 to the
31st August 1873.

The Government, in the order quoted
by Colonel Moberly, did not apparently
contemplate the admission of such a
claim.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedt. Servt.

[Signature]

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Off^r Controller of P. W. Accts.

With reference to Circular from the Secretary of the Military Female Orphan Asylum of the 31st March, in which Colonel Moberly's name is entered as a Governor of that Institution, the Chief Engineer of the Public Works Department requests to be informed whether it is Colonel Moberly's intention still to act in that capacity.

Colonel Moberly is aware that Colonel Walker objects to his holding any office, or assuming any duties, that might possibly interfere with his work as District Engineer of Chislehurst.

Fort 1st April 1873.

(True Copy)
 J. Moberly Col. R.E.
 District Eng. Chislehurst

P.R. 1873 10th March
 J. Moberly Col. R.E.
 No 4936
 The Secretary of the
 P. W. D. Chislehurst

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Submitted for
 the approval of the
 President of the
 P. W. D. Chislehurst
 No 2630-28

Ch. Moberly

CHINGLEPUT DISTRICT ENGINEER'S OFFICE,

No. 1347

Camp and Dinning August 1873.

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From

THE DISTRICT ENGINEER,

Chingleput.

To

Colonel G. W. Walker R. E.

Secretary to Government P. W. Dept.

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J. Leachy Colt R.E.
District Eng. Chief.

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claims for (1) having —
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(North Arcot) of his former
Superintending Engineer's
charge after the new organi-
-zation pending arrangement,
and (2) held a Range with
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is very heavily worked.
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Public Works Dept.

Letter from the District Engineer
Chingfent, dated 1st September
1873, No. 1347.

Letter from the Officiating Controller
of Public Works Accounts dated
6th September 1873, No. 3008.

Submitted for Order.
Colonel F. J. Moberly
R. E. held the posi-
tion of Superintending
Engineer 3rd grade
under the former
organization. His
proper Division
was the 3rd, compri-
sing the Districts
of Ristnah and Bellare.

In the Gazette of the 26 March
1872, he was transferred to the
District of North Arcot, Chingleput
and Madras at his own
request, as a temporary
measure.

On the reorganization
Madras appointed Dis-
trict Engineer of Chingleput
Lieut Col Goddard
of Madras, and Major
Hunter District Engineer
of North Arcot, the latter
being at the time under
his orders as Executive
Engineer in charge of the
Mount Range. Under
the new Organization Colonel
Mooberry holds the rank of
Executive Engineer 1st grade
but officiates as Superintending
Engineer 3rd grade for Col
W. P. Pearson on furlough.
He draws the full salary

of a Super Engineer 3rd grade
as a personal allowance.

At his own request
assented to in G. O. No. 2924
of 11 December 1872, the
arrangement being also most
convenient. Major Hunter
Col. Mooberry retained charge
of both Districts from 1st
December 1872 to 29 March
1873. His claim for Deputa-
tion allowance on which
score is met by the fact
that he held both Districts
at his own request, and
that his work as in charge
of both was actually less
than he had had as Sup-
Engineer when he also su-
perintended the Executive
Engineer in charge of Madras.
The precedent of 1858 quoted
by Col. Mooberry, when he
states that he was granted

50 per cent. of the Civil Salary
of the Tanjore District En-
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in addition. His own ad-
joining District of Trichi-
nopoly is not quite a
parallel case, as District
Engineers in those days
had Executive charge and
responsibility from which
they are now free. The Chief
Engineer's Memo referred to
in para 5 of Colonel Mo-
berly's letter has no real
bearing on the subject; Col
Walter's object having simply
been to debar his performance
of any public duty beyond
the limits of the Chingleput
District, and claiming a
right to spend his time at
Madras on the strength of
the same.

The circumstances under
which Mr. Harrington took

privilege leave are not fully
detailed by Col. Moberly.
Mr. Harrington's family had
preceded him to Europe
shortly before his Medical
advisers recommended
him to take a change, as
chiefly in consequence of
disability for work brought
on by a dangerous fall
from his horse in May 1872.
His work was thrown on
Col. Moberly in addition
to the charge of the District,
because of Col. Moberly's
unwillingness that it should
be held by either of the other
Range Officers or any of
the Sub Divisional Of-
ficers in the District.
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precedent for any officer
drawing salary of a Super-
Engineer 3rd Grade but

G. O. No. 64 of 11th June.

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With reference to Colonel Moberly's claim to Presidency House Rent it is observed that as Super Engineer & on his head quarters being officially fixed at Madras he drew Presidency House Rent but that as District Engineer of Chingleput Madras being out of his Range and his Head Quarters by choice and on surrence he has no claim to the continuance of the allowance.

It is submitted that the best course is to put a stop to these claims and at the same time to ensure proper attention to the works of

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the Chingleput District -
is to order Col. Moberly to take up his Head Quarters at the Mount or Guindy, the officer in charge of the Mount Range being directed to do the same. It is against all precedent that officers should reside beyond the limits of their Districts or Ranges, especially in Madras where there is so much to distract from district or Range work; and the Chief Engineer has protested against the practice being allowed on Departmental grounds.

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24 September
1873

W. Walker Esq.
Secretary to Government
S. P. Department

Col. Maberly

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No. 2630 Public Works Dept.
Proceedings of the Madras Govt.
Read the following:

From
The St. Engineer } (H. E. Dec. 1347 9/1 Sept 1842)
" Controller of }
P. & A. } (" " 2008 9/6 Dec 1842)

His Excellency the
Governor in Council
declines to submit
to the Govt of India
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claim to Deputation
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of the North Arcot dis-
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his continuance in
charge of that district
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Col. Maberly

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PUBLIC WORKS.

To The District Cngs
Chingleput

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deputation Allowance.

Paying order on the
claim preferred by the
Colonel F. H. Moberly R.E. to
~~the District Cngs Chingleput~~

deputation Allowance
charge of the North
Arcot D. in addition
to the Chingleput D.

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