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24th June 1874.*

Read the following papers :—

- No. 514. From the District Engineer, Malabar, dated 5th May 1874, No. 36.
No. 515. Chief Engineer's Memorandum, dated 16th May 1874, No. 346.
No. 516. From the District Engineer, Malabar, with copies of correspondence with Controller, dated 19th May 1874, No. 41.
No. 517. ORDER THEREON, 24th June 1874, No. 1,698.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 37.

It appears from the above papers that the Acting District Engineer of Malabar passed double horse allowance

to a Cantonment Overseer who did not even possess a horse, though of the first grade, and of six years' standing; and that he passed to Taluq Overseers tentage for the days on which they actually travelled, with double horse allowance while halting.

2. His Excellency the Governor in Council is of opinion that these proceedings were not justified by the Travelling Allowance Rules; and it has been ascertained from the Chief Engineer that they were not justified by former precedent whilst the district was under him as Superintending Engineer; and he directs that single horse allowance only shall be passed to Cantonment Overseers, and double horse allowance only to Overseers in charge of taluqs, and no allowance whatever to any Overseer not possessing and in the habit of using a horse. Taluq Overseers performing their month's work to the satisfaction of the Range Officer may draw double horse allowance for the whole month; single horse allowance only being passed for halts at head-quarters which the Range Officer may consider excessive. But on no account shall an Overseer, actually keeping and using a horse, ever be deprived of single horse allowance; a horse is a necessity to him, and the minimum allowance on its account must not be reduced. Overseers' charges being limited to single taluqs, and tents not being necessarily used by them, they should not draw tentage allowance.

3. The position of Overseers has been greatly ameliorated by the Order No. 2,064 of 23th August 1872, and deserving men have had considerable increase of salary given them, so that there is no occasion to unduly increase their allowances for travelling.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To District Engineers.
To the Executive Engineer, Wynnad.
„ Consulting Architect.
„ Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts.
Exd. S. T. Austin.
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No. 1

From,

The Distt. Engineer
Malabar

To
The Controller of P.W. Accounts
Madras

Sir,

I have the honor to request information on the following point-

Captain Bailey when in temporary charge of this District passed (in August last) the following order- "In future if Overseer's work is satisfactory Travelling allowance for the days on which they actually travel & double Horse allowance for the remainder can be passed."

I have no desire whatever to be hard upon the Overseers employed in this District where doubtless travelling is more expensive than in most, but it seems to me that the grant of double horse, as well as of travelling allowance might encourage an idle man to neglect his work, knowing that he could draw the former when actually put to no expenses whatever. In last month's Inspection Report two Overseers one a Native the other an East Indian on salaries of Rs. 60 each claim under the above rule Rs. 42-3-10 and Rs. 37-7-3 respectively. I do not deem the work of the former satisfactory, so shall not pass the Bill in its entirety but I should be glad

glad of a definite opinion on the subject
 from yourself, or of the orders of Government
 should you think it proper or necessary to
 apply for them.
 I have &c.
 J. S. Harrington
 Dist. Engineer Malabar
 9th January 1873

Office of the Controller of
 P. W. Accounts
 Madras 13th January 1873
 To
 The District Engineer
 Malabar

From
 The Office Controller of P. W. Accounts
 To
 The District Engineer
 Malabar

Sir,
 With reference to your letter of the
 9th instant, I have the honor to invite
 your attention to the orders noted in the
 margin relating to the grant of tentage or
 horse allowance to upper Subordinates from
 which you will observe that you are
 required to disallow all claims which
 have not been fairly earned.

I have &c.
 J. S. Mose
 Offg. Controller of P. W.
 Accounts

Malabar
 27/1/73
 38/2/73
 20/2/73
 Controller
 P. W. Accounts
 Madras



N^o 4.
 From
 The District Engineer,
 Malabar.
 To
 The Controller
 of P. W. Accounts,
 Madras.

Sir,
 In acknowledging the re-
 ceipt of your letter of the 13th inst.,
 I have the honor to observe that
 in none of the orders quoted by
 you can I find an answer to the
 query put by me in my letter of
 the 9th instant, as to whether sub-
 ordinates can draw Travelling
 Allowance while travelling and
 double horse allowance while
 halting. I beg for an expression
 of your opinion on this point,
 and I forward copy of last
 month's Travelling Allowance
 Bill for himself and his sub-
 ordinates forwarded by the
 Supervisor

Supervisor Patter, from which you
will observe that he claims for
himself as travelling and Double
Horse allowance Rupees 52 -- --
or more than a quarter of his salary,
for Quereer Gorman (Salary Rs 60)
more than half, for Quereer Dows,
(then salary Rs 80) more than half
and for Quereer Smithy (Salary
Rs 60) a good deal more than half
of his pay. It seems to me that
this is taking advantage of the
Travelling Allowance rules in
none of which do I find ~~that~~
that double horse allowance
while halting ~~and~~ travelling
allowance while travelling
can be drawn. If, however,
it is your opinion that both
can be, I shall continue to
pass the allowances, if reports
are properly inspected and
carried out, on the score of
travelling and indeed every
thing else being so much
more

more expensive in this District
than in almost any other.

I have &c

(Signed) W. S. Harrington
District Engineer,
Malabar.

(True copies.)

W. S. Harrington
District Engineer.
Malabar

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N^o 280.

Office of the Com.
-troller of P. W.
Accounts, Fort St
George, 26th January/74

From

The officiating Controller
of Public Works Accts.
To The District Engineer,
Malabar.

Sir,

With reference to your letter
N^o 11 of the 20th Instant, I have
the honor to observe that you
have asked my opinion on a
point which, strictly speaking,
it is not my place to consider.
Pray do not suppose that I
object to the reference you have
made, far from it - that I
think it right to make the above
remark at the outset, so that
you may understand that the
opinion which I may express on
the subject would be no author-
-ity for you one way or the
other in respect to travelling
allowances

Allowances to Upper Subordi-
nates.

2. Under the present rules
I could not object to admit
the charges which you instance,
provided the bills bore your
counter-signature in token of your
admission of the charges as neces-
sary and fairly earned. The whole
question rests on the four words
I have underlined and I can
quite understand the difficulty
you feel in admitting as a Travelling Allowance what cannot
actually be wholly regarded
as such, or is not entirely
necessary for the purpose, but
which custom has permitted to
be drawn as such in considera-
tion of the expense of living
in the Malabar District. My
own opinion is that it would
be better to have a recognized
increase to salary than to con-
tinuously

tinuously draw the maximum
rate of Travelling Allowance
in Districts in which the ordi-
nary scale of pay is found
to be insufficient.

I have &c.
Signed J. Elphinstone
Offg. Controller of P. & A. Co.

(True copy)

W. S. S. S.
District Engineer
Malabar

Notes:

N^o 346

Adverting to the letter from the
M^r. Major Malabar N^o 36 of 5th May 1874,
the Chief Engineer has the honor to request
that a report of the circumstances under
which Serjeant Willis now applies
for an advance for the purchase of a
horse may be submitted, an equipment
allowance of Rs. 150 having been
made to him as a free gift to start
with. It should also be stated how
Serjeant Willis has hitherto performed
his duty without a horse and what
horse allowance has been passed
to

Enclosed from the Chief
Engineer, Malabar to the
Chief Engineer B. N. W.
Madras. No 41 of 19 March 75

Mr 3148/74.
3/7/74.

P. S. 24 June 74
See P. N. 3-76

Copies of correspondence
between the Chief Engineer
Malabar and the Chief
of B. N. Accounts on the subject
of travelling allowances

possibly could, and he applied

to him, if any, while not in pos-
session of a horse.

Col. Commandant } (Lt) G. M. Walker Col. R. H.
16 May 1874 } Chief Insp. R. H. D.

To
Lt. S. P. Eng. Malabar

M. O. 24th June 1874
No. 1696

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No. 41

Malabar Dist. Eng. Office
Calicut 19th May 1874

From,
The District Engineer.
Malabar
To,
The Chief Engineer. D. P. W.
Madras.

Sir,
In reply to your Memo No. 346 dated 16th instant I have the honor to state that when Sergeant Willis joined the Cannanore Range in this District he was possessed of a horse, but on trial, it was found to be such an inferior animal that he gave it away finding it useless and unsalable. On his being appointed Cantonment Quartermaster at Cannanore Captain Bailey, then in charge of the District passed double Horse Allowance to him on Lieut. Dobson's certifying that he kept up means of travelling. I have continued to pass this allowance, but Lieut. Dobson & myself agreed that Sergeant Willis should purchase a horse as soon as he possibly could, and he applied

for an advance of Rs (100) one of
hundred for the purpose. The Serjeant
has been accustomed to hire a Bandy
and Bullocks an expensive mode of
conveyance and on all accounts
less satisfactory than a horse.

I deem it advisable to
forward for your perusal copies of
correspondence as per margin.

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your most obedt. Servt. to the Govt.

W. L. Harrison
District Engineer.
Malabar.

From the Distt.
Eng^r Malabar to the
Controller S.W.D.
No 1 of 9th January 1895

From the Controller
to the Distt. Eng^r
Malabar No 1 of 13th January 1895

From the Distt.
Eng^r Malabar to the Controller
No 4 of 20th January 1895

From the Controller
to the Distt. Eng^r
Malabar No 1 of 23rd January 1895

Malabar Dist. Engrs. office.
Calicut 5th May 1874.

The District Engineer. 10
Malabar.

The Secretary to Government, P. W. D.
Madras.

I have the honor to bring to your notice
Lieut. W. Watson R. E. in charge of the
Manure Range has applied to me for an
allowance of 100 Rs for Sergeant Willis one of
our rangers, for the purpose of purchasing
a rifle being of opinion that the Sergeant
does his work much better and more
satisfactorily if he had one.

Sergeant Willis informed Lieut. Dolson that he received \$25 00 on joining the Regiment from the Civil Engineering Co. as he has not been called upon to pay it he conceived it to have been a gratification.

As I am not aware whether it was
not used in any case whether the
service solicited can be made, I refer
the question for your orders.

I have the honor to be
 your most ^{Sir} obedient servant.

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Chief Engineer,
New York

1844

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~~allowances~~ ^{percentage} for the days
on which they actually
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horse allowance while
halting.

His Excellency the
Governor in Council
is of opinion that these
proceedings were not
justified by the Tra-
velling allowance
Rules; as it has been
ascertained from the
Chief Engineer that they
were not justified by
former precedent whilst
the District was under
him as Deputy Engineer.
and he directs that
single

single horse allowance
only shall be passed
for ~~Travelling~~ Overseers,
and double horse
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G. M. S.

To the District Engineer
" Engr. Engr. Wynand
" Engr. Architects
" Controller
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To

The District Engineer

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G. O. Office 1874, No. 1998

Nos. 514-517.

Horse allowance.

Issuing instructions
for the grant of Horse
allowances to Cantonment
magistrates and
Overseers in charge of
certain
observations —

514-517

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