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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 24th November 1874.

Read the following papers :—

No. 402. 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, 2nd September 1873, No. 3,421.

WITH reference to paragraph 3 of G. O., No. 2,093, of the 22nd August 1873, in which it is apparently ruled that an officer while halting at head-quarters and making an inspection therefrom, returning the same day, is entitled to claim halting allowance for a succeeding halt of three days or less, provided tents were moved out to the station or work visited, I have the honor to state that it has been the practice in this office to disallow claims to reckon halts afresh after the date of such inspection and only to admit a fresh reckoning of halts at head-quarters when the halts are made after a *bonâ fide* march entailing an absence of a least one night.

2. Under these circumstances, I beg that I may be furnished with instructions as to the course which should be followed hereafter in the disposal of claims to travelling allowance for halts at head-quarters. It may be well to mention that the action hitherto taken by this office, as above explained, in dealing with these claims, was considered to be in strict accordance with the orders of Government noted in the margin, and the Accountant-General's opinion referred to in the Proceedings under acknowledgment, which, being based upon the cases* put by this office in 1870, has been regarded as applying to all cases where the move from fixed station *exceeded five miles*, irrespective of the total distance travelled during the day.

No. 2,439, dated 3rd August 1866.
„ 3,977, „ 18th Dec. „

* An officer halting at head-quarters on
(i.) one occasion three days, and on
(ii.) another four days, including a Sunday, visited on one of these days a work situated at more than five miles from head-quarters, returning the same day.
(iii.) On another occasion the halt extended to seven days, inclusive of a Sunday, but on *three* of the days works were visited at a distance of *more than five miles* from head-quarters, to which a return was made on the same day.

See Controller's Circular No. VIII. of 1st June 1870.

No. 403. Docket from the same Officer, dated Fort St. George, 4th September 1873, No. 3,454.

COPY of the following letter from the Special Executive Engineer, Wynaad, submitted to Government for orders in continuation of this office letter No. 3,421 of the 2nd instant.

From Major R. B. KENNEDY, Special Executive Engineer, Wynaad, to T. MOSS, Esq., Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts, dated Vythery, 30th August 1873, No. 663.

WITH reference to G. O., No. 2,093, of 22nd instant, please inform me, in the following case, how many days halting allowance could be claimable :—

19th, returned to head-quarters.
20th, halt.
21st, Sunday.
22nd, halt.
23rd, halt.
24th, journey 8 miles out and 8 miles back.
25th, remained at head-quarters.
26th, 27th, 28th, do. do.

It will save errors being made in the travelling allowance bills to have this clearly understood; also how the claim would stand in case the halt was interrupted by a journey of more than ten miles without sleeping away from head-quarters, say on 22nd, would it be claimable for 23rd and 24th or not.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
24th November 1874.

No. 404. ORDER THEREON, 24th November 1874, No. 3,311.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 20.

THE question raised by the Controller in these letters appears to turn on what constitutes a *bonâ fide* march with tents. The Controller considers that to sleep upwards of five miles from head-quarters constitutes a march; and the Government are of opinion that according to the rules a move of upwards of ten miles from head-quarters is a march: whether the officer sleep there or returns home. Individual claims of Range Officers are subject to review by District Engineers, and those of District Engineers to review by the Chief Engineer, on application of the Controller to check abuses of the rules. In the case quoted by Major Kennedy it would be clearly an abuse of the rules to pass any travelling allowance after the 19th, even if the journey on the 24th were in excess of ten miles and back, as they would evidently have been taken advantage of and strained to the utmost. District Engineers are specially called on to exercise discretion in passing claims of travelling allowance during halts, and the Controller will be justified in bringing to the notice of the Government all cases in which he may consider the letter rather than the spirit of the Travelling Allowance Rules to have guided them in forwarding their own or subordinate's bills.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To Superintending Engineers.
,, District Engineers.
To the Executive Engineer, Wynaad.
,, Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
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Office of the Controller of
Public Works Accounts,
Fort Saint George, 2nd September 1873.

No. 342

From

The Offg. Controller of P.W. Accounts,

To

The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Fort Saint George.

Sir

I have the honor to solicit
with reference to paras
of G.O No. 2093 of the 22nd Au-
gust 1873 in which it is appa-
rently ruled that an Officer
while halting at Head-Quarters
and not engaged on inspection
therefrom is retaining the same
days is entitled to claim
halting allowance for a sub-
ceeding halt of three days
less provided intervening moved

out

out to the station or work visited, I have the honor to state that it has been the practice in this Office to disallow claims to reckon halts afresh after the date of such inspection and only to admit a fresh reckoning of halts at Head Quarters when the halts are made after a bonafide march entailing an absence of at least one night.

2. Under these circumstances I beg that I may be furnished with instructions as to the course which should be followed hereafter in the disposal of claims to travelling allowances for halts at Head Quarters which may be held to mention whether the practice hitherto taken by this Office, as above explained in dealing with these claims, was considered to be in strict accordance with the orders of Government noted in the margin, and the Accountant General's opinion referred to in the Proceedings under acknowledgment, which being based upon the

N° 2439 dated 3rd August 1866
" 3977 dated 18th December 1866.

An Officer halting at Head Quarters on
i one occasion 3 days, and on
ii another 4 days including a Sunday, visited on one of these days a work situated at more than 5 miles from Head Quarters, returning the same day.
iii On another occasion the halt extended to 4 days inclusive of a Sunday, but on three of the days works were visited at a distance of more than 5 miles from Head Quarters to which a return was made on the same day.

cases put by this Office in 1870, has been regarded as applying to all cases where the move from Fixed Station exceeded five miles, irrespective of the total distance

distance travelled during the day.—

See Controller's Circular No VIII of 1st June 1870.

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your most obedient Servant,

Offg Controller of Accounts.

P.W. 1873 Depart.
No. of Ltr. Rec.d
4860.

From
The Offg. Controller of
P.W. Accounts

To.
The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Depart.t
Fort Saint George.

Dated 2nd
Recd 3d } September 1873.
Read 4th }

~~No. 3421~~

Requesting instructions as to the dealing with cases of claims for Halting Allowances &c.a

G.O. No: 3311. 24-11-76.

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Cpr 402
Desp.d to Accts 6th Sept/73

Office of the Controller of
No. 3454 P.W. Accounts.

Fort Saint George 4th September 1873.

From,

The Offg: Controller of
P.W. Accounts.

To,

The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department
Fort Saint George.

Copy of the following letter from the Special Executive Engineer, Wynaad, submitted to Government for orders in continuation of this Office letter No. 3421 of the 2nd Instant.—

Recd

Offg: Controller of P.W. Accounts.

No. 663. Special Executive Engineer's Office
Wynaad, Vythery, 30th August 1873.

To,

The Controller of
Public Works Accounts
Fort Saint George

Sir,

With reference to G.O. No. 2093 of 22nd Instant please inform me, in the following case how

how many days halting allowance could be claimable.

19th Returned to Head Quarters

20th Halt.

21st Sunday

22nd Halt

23rd Ditto

24th Journey 8 Miles out and 8 Miles

Halt

25th Remained at Head Quarters

26th 27th 28th Ditto Ditto Ditto.

It will save errors being made in the Travelling Allowance bills to have this clearly understood; also how the claim would stand in case the halt was interrupted by a journey of more than 10 Miles without sleeping away from Head Quarters say on 22nd would it be claimable for 23rd and 24th or not.—

I have &c &c

Signed J.R. Kennedy, Major
Special Executive Engineer
Wynaad

Recd 6th Sept

Proceeding of the Undersecretary

Read the following

From 6th Sept 48

The Offg Comr of P.W. Accts (No. 3421 dd 2 Sept/73)

To ——— (No. 3457 dd 4 Sept/73)

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The question raised by the Controller in these letters appears to turn on what constitutes a bonâ fide march with tents— The Controller considers that to sleep upwards of 5 miles from Head Quarters constitutes

~~Head Quarters~~ I see that charges are made against the State for so-called Halts at Head Quarters— This is a contradiction in terms— The Commissioner applies to Halts in the course of the tour not spent at home— Personal charges are allowed— The Revenue & Police Depts— Col Wilkie tells me that this is in accord

a March; and the
Government are of
opinion that (as above
of upwards of 10 miles
from Head Quarters
is a March whether
the Officer sleep there
or returns home)
Individual claims
of Range Officers are
subject to review by
District Engineers; and
those of District Engi-
neers to review by the
Chief Engineer, on appli-
cation of the Controller

with the practice elsewhere
which is an abuse & law
willing & on the part
11/9 MS

I pass the Order of Re-
ference & the Ch. Engs. Memo
as the whole matter is under
review as a temporary or
cancel. I can conceive cases
abuse of this Rule by allow
of Head Quarter - an Officer
might have a tent - 10 miles
one Patrick & Co. contractors
every 4th day & thus each
drawing Ration & Fully
allowance for not a month
then he only was out
to keep out of their
But I agree with Col.
Walker that a letter
differ consideration will
be have the Book Sapers
upon us - when?
5/0 MS

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the Rules - In the case
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-ment all cases in
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the Travelling Allow-
-ance Rules to have
guided them in
forwarding their
own or Subordinates
Bills –

G.W.W.

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To Supg Engineers ✓
" Distt. Do. ✓
" Nw Essr Compt. Wynaad ✓
" Controller ✓
Despatched 26/11/74

It is submitted to the ex-
pedient to forgo a separate
order in the question to wh.
these papers relate, without
waiting for disposal of the
papers relating to Travel-
ling Allowances Rules gen-
erally, with wh. they were
returned to the Secretary
for his opinion on the subj-
ect as a whole; which he
is recalled to give at once,
owing to pressure of cur-
rent business —

The original draft is
therefore resubmitted, as
giving the best disposal
of the case secondly, with

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reference to existing Rules which are therefore decided by the Court of Inquiry, & cannot be departed from, without their leave — but to interpretation of a certain rule granting S.L. for a limit not exceeding 3 days, the Draft Order now laid before me proposes similar S.O. No 2093 of 22 August 1893; that Inquiries on the District Inquiries and Installations shall contain details with the subject regarding the spirit of the Rule

and not according to the letter; and instructs the latter to be referred for decision any doubtful cases — With the revision of the S.O. Rules, which will shortly be issued as a first half Allowance, grant of S.L. for limits not 2nd week of course but of the year — but that Leave when granted grant of S.L. when 2nd Dist. Insp. of Ry. Officers, might be granted to Nos 2nd for 3 days Visits to Factories, Docks, or other Accounts, belonging to his Charge

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It is but just that Mr Hall should be allowed to draw allowance as he does for Malt, not exceeding 15 days, and not more else -

L.W.W.
5.11.74.

The alternative ordered simply to cancel No 2090 of 22nd August 1870, on the ground of its liability to abuse; and not to consider anything as much from No 2 which does not entail an absence of at least one night - But the liability, whatever it is in this case also -

L.W.W.

402-404.

Ch 11-11-74
Cor Bd

From Dte. of Works for 1873 Department
The Offg. Controller of
P.W. Accounts
To,
The Secretary to
Government Public
Works Department
Fort Saint George.

Dated 4
Rec'd 5th } September
1873.

No. 3457

Forwards copy of letter
from the Special Executive
Engineer Wynaad requesting
certain instructions
regarding Halting Allowance
Ex. No: 3211. 26-11-76.

No. 403

Sent to Accts 5 Sept 73

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Ex. 11-11-76

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To

The Supdg: Engineers

Dated

Recd. Encl.

G. O. 24 Nov 1874, No. 3211

Nos. 402-404.

Travelling allowances

Passing orders on the subject of — during halts —