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No. 512. Read the following letter from T. D. HARRIS, Esq., Officiating District Engineer, Malabar, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. MULLINS, R.E., Officiating Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Calicut, 11th June 1875, No. 44 :—

I HAVE the honor to forward copy of a letter from the Officer in charge of the Cannanore Range, bringing to notice the hardship which the Cantonment Overseer at Cannanore, a European, is undergoing, owing to G. O., No. 1,698, dated 24th June 1874, acting detrimentally. By the new rules a Sub-Overseer who draws Rs. 20 and 25 can draw Rupees $7\frac{1}{2}$ and 15 a month as horse allowance. I do not see why a Cantonment Overseer should not draw double horse allowance as a Taluq Overseer, particularly when the expense of keeping a horse is great as it is in Cannanore. Under the circumstances represented by Lieutenant Dobson and myself, I have the honor to request that you will be so good as to permit me to draw double horse allowance for the Overseer in charge of the Cantonment at the above-mentioned station.

From Lieutenant A. E. DOBSON, R.E., Assistant Engineer, Cannanore Range, Malabar, to T. D. HARRIS, Esq., Officiating District Engineer, Malabar, dated Camp at Badagara, 20th May 1875, No. 83.

I HAVE the honor to forward my passed travelling allowance bill, and also a statement of disallowances made by the Controller.

2. I have carefully been through all the Government Orders referred to, and I am at a loss to understand what Local Fund Overseers are entitled to, and to request you will kindly give me your assistance, or refer the matter to Government for definite orders.

3. By Controller's Circular, No. 5 of 1875, I thought that the certificate only was required, and that the claims for travelling allowance of Sub-Overseers would be the same as heretofore.

4. The Controller now disallows the bill, and refers me to this Circular, which is in continuation of G. O., No. 925, of 7th April 1875. By this last-mentioned Government Order, Local Fund Sub-Overseers are placed on a par with lower subordinates, so far as relates to their travelling allowances, which are regulated by G. O., No. 1,224, of 14th April 1869. On referring to this Government Order I find that they can draw as much as 15 Rupees per month travelling allowance, and nothing is said about keeping a horse, and neither do I see how a man drawing Rupees 20 and 25 a month could afford to buy one (of course a 1st-class Sub-Overseer getting Rupees 60 can do so, but I am referring to the 2nd and 3rd class). I request you will kindly inform me what I am to draw for a Sub-Overseer. By G. O., No. 1,698, of 24th June 1874, no Overseer is to get any horse allowance unless he keeps a horse, and only double horse allowance then if he travels sufficiently, and a Cantonment Overseer who is bound to keep a horse is only to have Rupees 15 a month. I would respectfully take the opportunity of drawing your attention to this; it seems an anomaly that a native should be able to draw Rupees 15 and *not* keep a horse, and a European Overseer should have to keep a horse and only get Rupees 15. This is the case at the present moment with Serjeant Willis, my Cantonment Overseer, and with every thing as expensive as it is here. I respectfully ask that if a Local Fund Sub-Overseer is intended to draw Rupees 15, which by G. O., No. 1,698 (I think he cannot do) that if he can, a Cantonment Overseer's horse allowance may be increased to *Rupees 30*.

No. 513. ORDER THEREON, 25th June 1875, No. 1,778.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 33.

THE District Engineer, Malabar, is mistaken in saying that G. O., No. 1,698, dated 24th June 1874, acts detrimentally in the case of a Cantonment Overseer.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
25th June 1875.

Double horse allowance is granted to Overseers in charge of taluqs to cover all expenses of travelling; while a Cantonment Overseer, who has none of those expenses, is granted single horse allowance to enable him to keep a horse in Cantonments. There is no reason why the Cantonment Overseer at Cannanore should draw a special allowance.

(True Extract.)

Major, R.E.,

Offg. Joint Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Malabar.
" Controller of Public Works Accounts.

No. 63. Camp Badagara 20th May 1875

From

The Assistant Engineer
Cannanore Range, Malabar

To

The District Engineer
of Malabar S.M.

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is continuation of G. O. No 925 of 7th April 1875. By this last mentioned G. O. Local Fund Sub-Overseers are placed on a par with lower Subordinates, so far as relates to their travelling allowances, which are regulated by G. O. No 1224 of 14th April 1879. On referring to this G. O. I find that they can draw as much as 15 Rs per month travelling allowance, and nothing is said about keeping a horse and neither do I see how a man drawing Rs 20 - 25 a month could afford to buy one (of course a 1st class sub-Overseer getting Rs 60 can do so, but I am referring to the 2nd and 3rd class) I request you will kindly inform me what I am to draw for a Sub-Overseer. By G. O. No 1698 of 24th June 1874 no Overseer is to get any horse allowance unless he keeps a horse and only double horse allowance then if he travels sufficiently, and a Cantonment Overseer who is bound to keep a horse is only to have Rs 15 a month. I would respectfully take the opportunity of drawing your attention to this it seems an anomaly that a native should be able to draw Rs 15 and not keep a horse, and an European Overseer should have to keep a horse

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I have &c
(Signed) S. C. Dobson. Lt. R.E.
Assistant Engineer, Malabar

(True copy)
J. D. Harris
Off. Dist. Engt, Malabar

Malabar Distt Engrs Office
No 44. Calicut 11th June 1875

From
The Officiating District Engineer
Malabar

To
The Secretary to Government
Madras

Sir,
I have the honor to forward
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will

No 83 d/20th
May 1875

In a letter from the
Offg. Distt. Engrs Malabar
to the Secretary to Govt
D. O. M. Madras. No 44
of 11th June 1875

11/6/75

Copy of letter from the
Offg. Distt. Engrs Cannanore
Range regarding the
traveling allowance of
D. O. and Overseer, and
asking to increase the
Cantonment Overseer's
horse allowance)

Gt-25 June 75
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Public Works Dept.

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From

The Offg. Dist. Engrs.
Malabar

(P.L. No. 44 of 11th June 1875)

G.O. No. 1778 of 25th June 1875

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Offg. Dist. Engrs.

Malabar

Offg. Secretary to Govt.

G. O. No.

Madras

N. O. No. 1778. 25-6-75.

Dated 11th

Recd. 14th June 1875.

E. I. No. 44

Obtaining the permission
to draw double horse
allowance for the
Overseer in charge of the
Cantonment

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Double horse allowance
for the Overseer in charge
of the Cannanore Cantonment.
Passing order on the letter
from the Officiating District
Engineer, Malabar, soliciting

No. 572/3

L. D. E. Malabar
- Cont. P.W. & C.

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