

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
9th August 1875.*

No. 158. Read the following letter from Captain L. CONWAY-GORDON, R.E., Controller of Public Works Accounts, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. MULLINS, R.E., Officiating Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Fort St. George, 2nd August 1875, No. 55 W :—

I HAVE the honor to submit, for the orders of the Madras Government, the accompanying letter from the Superintending Engineer, Bellary, submitting the travelling allowance bill of Mr. Court, Overseer

1 Original letter.
1 Bill.

of the Hospett Range, for the month of October 1874.

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3. As Government financially gains by any delay that occurs in the submission by its servants of just claims for travelling allowance: the Government gaining and the employé losing all the interest on the money that accrues for such period as the claim may remain unpaid, it has appeared to me that the object that Government had in view in issuing orders against such delay in the submission of claims was to prevent any question arising as to the justness of the claim, and to ensure all such claims being properly countersigned and vouched to by the employé's superior officer, when that superior officer was still present and the events referred to still fresh in the recollection of all.

4. If I am correct in this supposition, the present case certainly appears to me to be one which the orders of Government were intended to meet. The claim for the month of October is submitted in March. Admitting the plea of sick leave to excuse the delay that occurred from the 1st November to about the 4th January, the Overseer would appear to have taken no action on his return from leave, and it is only on the 17th March, after the officer under whom Mr. Court was serving in October had left for England on furlough, that Mr. Court has put forward his present claim.

From Colonel E. A. FOORD, R.E., Superintending Engineer, Bellary, to Captain L. CONWAY-GORDON, R.E., Controller of Public Works Accounts, dated Camp at Kooditunny, 26th July 1875, No. 776.

In forwarding, for audit, the enclosed bill for Rupees 10-2-7, for travelling allowance due to Mr. Court, Overseer, Hospett Range, for October 1874, I have the honor to state that there is nothing on record to account for the delay in its submission. The Overseer was on sick leave from the 22nd October to the end of the Christmas holidays, and on his return he should have in January last, when Mr. Lyon was in charge of the range, taken steps about his travelling allowance. But instead of doing so, he waited until Mr. Lyon's departure on leave to Europe, and then set forth his claim to travelling allowance on the 17th March 1875, or two and a half months after his return to duty. Had Mr. Lyon been here he would have explained the reason why no travelling allowance was claimed on behalf of Mr. Court.

To the Superintending Engineer, Bellary.
 „ Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Her Majesty's Government of India.
To. The Travelling Allowance of the Officers & Establishment
of A. No. 24 Hospital Range for the month of October 1874.

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*Ms. J. C. Fawcett, Worcester
Ms. B.*

From 1st
to 21st

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per month

Total Volumes 10^V 27

I do hereby certify that the above charge has been
correctly made by me under the Travelling Allowance
Rules in force.

J. H. C. *Harper's Vange*
 Supervisor in charge

July 1875. 1860
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Ed. M. L. 1875
Superintending Engineer
Bella's

At 26th July 1875.
Office of the
Superintending Engineer
Bella's
for the month of
October 1874.
The bill for the
travelling allowance
of Mr. Court is
submitted for
approval.

To the Secretary
Public Works
Department.

From the
Superintending
Engineer
Bella's



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FROM

THE CONTROLLER,
PUBLIC WORKS ACCOUNTS.

TO

The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department.

Fort Saint George, 2nd August 1875.

Sir,

I have the honor to submit
for the orders of the Secretary
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Hooper Range for the month
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From No: 5022
The Controller of
P. W. Accounts
to
The Secy to Government
P. W. Department
Madras

Dated 2^d } August 1875
Recd 3. }

E. L. V.

No 55 W

Forward letter from
the Supty Eng. Bellary.
regarding the travelling
allowance bill of
Mr Court Overseer
Hoospett Range for
October 1874 and re-
quests ^{order} on the subject.

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Despatch to Govt 3-8-75

No 2301 P. W. Dept. 132
Proceedings of the Madras Govt.

Under date the 9th Aug 75.

Read the following:-

From the Comr, P. W. Accts. (N.E. No 55 W. of 2^d Aug 75)

The claim for
Travelling Allowance on
account of Mr. Taling Overseer
Court having been delayed
without due cause, until
after the departure of the
Range Officer on leave is
disallowed.

John
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Supty Eng. Bellary - 6
Cm. W. A. C. 5
Dated - 18-8-75

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To

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G. O., August 1875, No. 2301

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Travelling allowance on
account of Mr. Taluk Cooray
Court. — Directing that
the claim for — be
allowed as it was
delayed without due
cause until after the
departure of the Range
officer.

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