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No. 113. Read the following letter from T MOSS, Esq, Controller of Public Works Accounts, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R E, Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 15th February 1875, No. 9,917 —

WITH reference to G O, No. 2,977, of the 19th October 1874, I have the honor to submit the following report on the changes proposed by the District Engineer, Kurnool, to be made in the rules under which travelling batta and special allowances are now passed to certain members of office establishments

2. The District Engineer's proposals are—

I —That "batta" at the usual rate of 3-10ths of salary be passed for the full month to all members of office establishments who travel with District Engineers and Range Officers, and whose salaries are less than 50 Rupees a-month

II —That actual travelling expenses be passed to the same class of subordinates in addition to batta for all marches in excess of 20 miles a day made under orders without reference to "dawk"

3 The probable charges on account of "batta" during the current year under the present arrangement, as also what the charge would probably be for one year in the Kurnool District under the arrangement proposed by the District Engineer is shown in the following table —

Officers	According to present arrangement	According to arrangement proposed by the District Engineer	Difference or Increase
	RS	RS	RS
District Engineers	67	464	397
Range Officers	118	540	422
Total	185	1,004	819

4 So small an increase would not affect the ordinary budget provision for travelling allowances, and from this point of view there would be no objection, but I would observe that were it otherwise the provision in the budget is not unalterable, and that this office in preparing the establishment portion of future budgets could provide for any additional allowances that may be sanctioned by Government. On the other hand, as a small margin has to be left in preparing the establishment portion of the budget (to meet unforeseen charges), it would probably be possible, without exceeding the total budget provision for establishment, to give additional allowances throughout the Presidency in the manner proposed for Kurnool, but this sufficiency of the budget provision should not, I respectfully submit, be made the ground of giving the additional allowances. Supposing that the proposal regarding "batta," put forward by the District Engineer of Kurnool, were applied to all districts, the probable annual increase would be Rs 16,431, a sum which could not be met from the budget provision for travelling allowance, but which (as also the additional charges arising out of the second proposal of the District Engineer) would probably be met from the *total* provision for establish-

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ment I bring out these points to show that the budget provision is a very uncertain guide in considering such matters

5 The District Engineer, Kurnool, objects to the present travelling allowance rules as not providing sufficiently for office men, and no doubt he is right, but as the rules are those prescribed by the Government of India, any alteration in them that may be considered desirable or necessary by the Government of Madras will require the sanction of the Government of India I would therefore suggest that the several Superintending and District Engineers be invited to give their opinion on the subject, in view to a general proposal applicable to the entire Presidency being submitted to that Government.

6 The delay in furnishing this reply will, I trust, be excused by Government in consideration of the crippled state of this office, which for months past has, owing to sickness of two or three members of the salary branch, been worked with great difficulty

No 114

ORDER THEREON, 3rd March 1875, No 615.

ESTABLISHMENT, No 11

The proposals of the District Engineer of Kurnool must be negatived

(True Extract)

Colonel, R E,
Secretary to Government

To the District Engineer, Kurnool
Controller of Public Works Accounts

N^o 9917
Office of the Controller of
P.W. Accounts.
Madras 15th February 1875.

From
The Controller of
P.W. Accounts.

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

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Sir,

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Controller of Expenditure

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With an Order

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The prospects of the District Engineer of Kansas
must be neglected

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To
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The Dist Engr.
Punjab

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Travelling Allowances

The proposals of the
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