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5th April 1875.*

No 97. Read the following letter from Lieutenant Colonel J. F. FISCHER, R E, District Engineer, Madras, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R E, Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 20th February 1875, No 4,786 —

In continuation of my letter, No. 4,476, of the 1st instant, I have the honor

1 Original letter from the Executive Engineer, Dindigul Range, to the District Engineer, No 1,355, dated 13th February 1875

to submit, for the consideration and orders of Government, the accompanying further explanation from Mr. Executive Engineer Hawksworth in connection with the employment of the Local Fund Overseer's Writer and the three lascars referred to in G O, No. 233, dated 26th January 1875.

2. I beg to observe that in conformity with the instructions contained in G O, No. 770, dated the 11th March 1873, Mr. Hawksworth was allowed to have under him a sub-divisional establishment, at Rupees 39 per mensem, as long as he was in charge of the Zemindary sub-division, and after his transfer to the Dindigul Range in April 1873, on Captain Cunningham's departure on sick leave to Madras, this establishment was ordered to work under the then Supervisor and now Sub-Engineer Mooneappah Pillay, who had taken charge of the whole of the works in the sub-division.

3 Under these circumstances I cannot conceive how Mr. Hawksworth can expect to have under him a sub-divisional establishment in addition to his Range Office establishment.

4. Moreover, it would appear from his communication that he has entirely ignored the fact that he was only allowed, by G. O., No. 770, the establishment of a sub-division so long as he was in charge of the Zemindary sub-division, and that he had to give up the same when he was relieved from that charge and posted to the Dindigul Range.

5. I am not aware of the demi-official correspondence and other circumstances alluded to by him, and I would invite attention in this connection to Colonel Roberts' endorsement, No. 1,643, dated the 19th July 1873, forwarded with my letter No. 4,476, above quoted.

6 In conclusion I beg to remark I am unable to make any further recommendations on Mr. Hawksworth's behalf; he is most careless and negligent in his references to former correspondence, and wastes every one's time by his own wilfulness on these matters; he does not keep his records complete though repeatedly ordered to do so, and the Government are aware how very unfavorably I have been compelled to report against him in the performance of his range work and duties. I am, therefore, the more surprised to find he should expect further consideration at my hands, particularly after complaining to the Government that my representations about him ought not to be received.

From J. M. HAWKSWORTH, Esq., Executive Engineer, in charge of No 2 or Dindigul Range, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. F. FISCHER, R E, District Engineer, Madras, dated Dindigul, 13th February 1875, No. 1,355.

I am just in receipt of G. O., No. 233, of the 21st January 1875, with your endorsement, No. 4,582, of the 6th instant, with regard to the refund of the pay of three lascars and Local Fund Writer during 1873-74.

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2 I am confident that Government will, on receipt of my letter, No. 1,232, of the 12th ultimo, relieve me of the responsibility of the entertainment of a Local Fund Writer, and I feel also sure that I have only to represent the following facts, together with your recommendation which you have already given, and that of the lascars will also be remitted and myself relieved of all blame in the matter

3 In G O, No 770, of the 11th March 1873, "special" as well as "sub-divisional" establishments were sanctioned for this range —

Special	Rs	Sub-divisional	Rs
1 Clerk	30	1 Writer	25
1 Draughtsman	40	2 Lascars, at Rs 7 each	14
4 Lascars, at Rs 7 each	28		
Total	98	Total	39

4 When Lieutenant Greer went to the Goodaloor Ghant works in July 1873 he took his writers and lascars, who were of the "special establishment," with him, and made over none with the sub-division to my charge. As the establishment was sanctioned by Government I thought I was entitled to have them, but official communication was not made to me on the subject, and I thought it was an omission in the District Engineer's Office to intimate the same to me

5 It certainly was an omission on my part in not applying for the establishment, but as I was then under the impression that the arrangement was but a temporary one, and not wishing to give trouble, I did not make the application *officially*, which I now regret I did not make; but I both spoke to and wrote semi-officially to the then District Engineer on the subject, but he did not make any arrangements or give additional establishment, probably owing to his being ill at the time, as he wrote and told me he was ill and would have to return from Dindigul to Madura and postpone his visit to Pulney where I was, in answering my letter that bore on the subject. Probably it was his intention to have spoken personally to me on the subject, and it appears to have escaped his recollection. But he was aware that I was employing extra lascars as also the Gumastahs and Local Fund Writer.

6 As I thought then that Lieutenant Greer would be returning back to resume charge of the sub-division in January or February 1874, I did not trouble the District Engineer on the subject, but I beg to point out that there was the establishment sanctioned by Government at Rupees 39, and I was employing one at 18 Rupees per mensem. The only omission was in my not having applied for the same as a sub-divisional establishment. I trust that Government will be pleased to overlook this omission on my part.

7 I trust, therefore, from the fact that—

- The sub-divisional establishment to the extent of Rupees 39 was sanctioned by Government, and that Rupees 18 per mensem was expended;
- That an establishment of four lascars was allowed to Lieutenant Greer, R.E., on the Goodaloor Ghant as "special";
- That an establishment of four lascars is now allowed Lieutenant Boddy, R.E., on Rupees 28 per mensem, vide G O, No 171, of the 21st January 1875;
- And that a sub-division is found necessary with an establishment of Rupees 39 even when the area of that is less than the remainder of the range, the areas being as follow—

Dindigul...	721,425
Pulney	325,433
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without having the compilation of accounts and numerous reports, returns, &c., to prepare monthly, fortnightly and weekly, comprising the range including the sub-division,

V.—An establishment on Rupees 39 per mensem for twelve months	Rs. 460
was sanctioned	198 or less
But the expenditure incurred was only 18 × 11 months	262
Saving of	262

VI—Also from the fact that in the 1st Range, Madura, when the Range Officer left the range in charge of the Sub-division Officer, both the range and sub-divisional establishment were kept up throughout the year 1874 as follows, under a Sub-Engineer —

Eight lascars on Rupees 7 = 56 Rupees per mensem.

I may rely on a favorable decision in the matter I trust Government will accept my apology for the omission in not having made application for the sub-division establishment as I ought to have done officially

No 98. ORDER THEREON, 5th April 1875, No 900.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 7.

THE District Engineer, Madura, has not given Mr. Hawksworth's representation on the subject of the lascars entertained by him that consideration which the facts adduced by him merited. It is quite correctly stated by Mr. Hawksworth that one special and two sub-divisional office establishments are authorized for the Madura District.

2. But the same G O, No. 770, of 11th March 1873, to which Mr. Hawksworth refers, expressly forbade District Engineers to entertain these establishments in the first instance until after the appointment of officers or subordinates to the charge of each sub-division or special work. Hence it arises no doubt that Mr. Hawksworth never obtained from the District Engineer the authority to entertain any additional lascars at all, much less three lascars when only two were allowed. He will suffer the penalty of his unauthorized action.

3. The Controller will inquire into the accuracy of the allegation made by Mr. Hawksworth that eight lascars were entertained for a whole year on two establishments, the aggregate number of lascars sanctioned for which was only six.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Madura
.. Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Austin
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District Engineers office
Madras 20th Febry/75
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District Engineer, Madras
Lieut: Col: W. Walker R.E.
and also as Secretary to Govt. P. W. D.
Madras.

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To The Dist Engr. Madras
- Controller of M.A.

Recd 6-6-75.