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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
13th June 1876.*

No. 224. Read the following letter from Captain L. CONWAY-GORDON, R.E., Examiner of Public Works Accounts, to Major-General G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Fort St. George, 9th May 1876, No. 48 W.:—

I HAVE the honor to forward, for the orders of Government, a letter (in original, to be returned) from the District Engineer, Godavery, relative to an allowance of Rs. 100 drawn by Mr. Vanstavern previous to the transfer of the Dumagudiem Division from the Central Provinces to Madras, and, with reference to G.O., No. 3,442, dated 3rd December 1875, to inquire whether Government, in their order, intended that this allowance should be continued.

From Major J. BEATTY, R.E., District Engineer, Godavery, to Captain L. CONWAY-GORDON, R.E., Examiner of Public Works Accounts, dated Camp at Dowlaishweram, 31st March 1876, No. 3,853.

I HAVE the honor to forward herewith in original a letter received from Mr. Vanstavern, Executive Engineer in charge Dumagudiem Range, explaining fully the circumstances under which he drew the Godavery allowance at the

1 Letter No. 63 of—February 1876, from Mr. Vanstavern, in original, to be returned.

rate of Rupees 100 per mensem, the audit of which you deferred.

2. It is observed that in the statements embodied in G.O., No. 3,442, of 3rd December 1875, this allowance was entered for Mr. Vanstavern, and apparently the Government made no objection to it.

3. I shall feel obliged by your informing me if you are satisfied with Mr. Vanstavern's explanations, or if you still consider the sanction of Government necessary.

From T. VANSTAVERN, Esq., Executive Engineer, No. 6 or Dumagudiem Range, to Major J. BEATTY, R.E., District Engineer, Godavery, dated Dumagudiem,—February 1876, No. 63.

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge receipt of your Memorandum, No. 3,280, dated 8th last, and, in reply, to submit the following information and explanation regarding the Godavery allowance.

1. In the end of the year 1863, Colonel Haig, R.E., Superintending Engineer, made application for some extra allowance to the pay for the officers and subordinates of the Public Works Department on account of the unhealthiness of the place and difficulty and cost of providing supplies.

2. The Chief Commissioner, Central Provinces, Sir Richard Temple, sent the application on with a strong recommendation.

3. The Government of India decided and issued an order that the members of the Public Works Department should draw instead of any extra allowance the pay of the next grade up to the rank of 1st grade Executive Engineer who were excluded. The Medical Department had also some allowance granted them, Assistant Surgeon Rupees 100 extra, and Hospital Assistant double allowances.

4. In 1869 the Government of India rescinded their order and left it optional with the Chief Commissioner to pay this extra allowance or not as he thought fit.

5. From the time of the passing of the order the Godavery allowance has been drawn by all the members of the Public Works Department and also by the Medical Department, and was continued to Mr. Weedon under the Madras Government, passed by the Controller.

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6. When the works were transferred to Madras by the Central Provinces, the list of members of the Public Works Department and Medical Department was sent to Madras, on it are mentioned the several Godavery allowances.
7. On the 15th of June I relieved Mr. Weedon, and on the 1st of July sent in the Pay bill, entering on it the Godavery allowance for the Public Works and Medical Departments.
8. The Controller disallowed mine pending the sanction of Government, and provisionally paid the medical allowance and asked for the order of the Government, on the subject of this I forwarded him the Government of India order which had not been rescinded.
9. With my own, however, it was a different matter, as I had no order to show on the subject, but referred to my letter, No. 459, dated 22nd September 1875, paragraph 6, to your address.
10. The reason the disallowance statement was not forwarded to you is this, that as this disallowance made no alteration in the books nor yet in any of the accounts, but was a personal matter, it was not usual under the Central Provinces to do anything in such a case but keep them filed in the office, if no standing order could be appealed to in justification of the charge.
11. I also included it in Pay bill for July and August and still being returned with the same remark by the Controller, I was under the impression that the Government had withdrawn it, and consequently discontinued entering it on the Pay bills.
12. In G.O., No. 3,442, dated 3rd December 1875, I see the Godavery allowance included in my salary, and naturally thought that some steps had been taken in the matter either to allow or disallow, and awaited the Controller's instructions on the subject; last January's salary having been passed without remarks, I concluded the latter.

No. 225.

ORDER THEREON, 13th June 1876, No. 1,472.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 10-AA.

THE Upper Godavery special allowances will continue to be drawn by Officers of the Engineer and other establishments formerly entitled to it, when actually employed in the Dumagudiem Range. The Examiner of Public Works Accounts will ascertain under what orders of the Government of India these allowances were sanctioned.

(True Extract.)

Colonel

Offg. Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the District Engineer, Godavery.

" Examiner of Public Works Accounts

Exd. T. O'Connor.

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S.E. Godavery
Exd. T. O'Connor
Desd 27/6/76
Sanctioned -
G.O.

FOR ORDERS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Letter from the Examiner of Public
Works Accounts. No. 48W.d/9. May 1876.

FOR ORDERS.

It is recommended
that the special allowance
be continued; the
sum of Rs 24,000 trans-
ferred to the Provincial
grant for the Upper
Godavary establishments
providing for it.

Majors Genl R.B.
Chief Eng. Secy
P.W.D.

Yes - He drew it -
See his P.W.D. 5 -

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 Rs 100 drawn by Mr Van-
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To

The N.E. Godavery

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Upper Godavery Special Allowances - Passing orders on letter from the Examiner, P. W. Sect. requesting to know what the Allowance of Rs. 1,500 drawn by Mr. Tanet is to be continued

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