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Public Works

DEPARTMENT

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No. 130. Read the following endorsement of the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 1st August 1876, No. 375:—

From Major P. LAMBERT, R.E., Examiner of Railway Accounts, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, R.E., Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 28th July 1876, No. 992.

With reference to G.O., No. 1,675, dated 3rd July 1876, received with your endorsement, No. 973, dated 26th idem, I have the honor to point out that the question of grant of increments to the two Accountants attached to this office is quite distinct from the question of grant of Presidency house-rent to them, and I would beg the favor of your again referring the point of grant of increment for the orders of the Government of India through the Government of Madras.

2. In the Proceedings attached to G.O., No. 1,675, it appears that the question of grant of house-rent to Accountants only was referred to the Examiner of Public Works Accounts for remarks, and apparently the reply of Captain Conway-Gordon refers only to this point. As regards the question of increment, the two Accountants attached to this office (Mr. St. John Buchan and C. N. Balu Chetty Garu) are not on the same footing as the Accountants attached to the office of Examiner of Public Works Accounts, as the former are on the list of graded Accountants of the Public Works Department under the Government of India, and the grant of increments to them is asked for merely to place them on an equality with their fellow Accountants on the same establishments. The Accountants serving in the office of Examiner of Public Works Accounts are not graded Accountants, but are employed at certain rates of salaries under the orders of the Government of Madras.

3. The question of grant of Presidency house-rent is a local question, and affects equally all Accountants employed at Madras, and this point would therefore justly be considered with reference to the Accountants of the office of Examiner of Public Works Accounts as well as those of this office.

4. From the tenor of the Accountant-General's Public Works Department letter, it would seem that the claim for the increments of pay belonging to their respective grades made on account of Mr. Buchan and C. N. Balu Chetty Garu is considered a just one, and would probably be sanctioned by Government of India. I can fully support the recommendation made in paragraph 3 of this office No. 320, dated 14th March 1876.

SENT FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF GOVERNMENT.

2. The Proceedings of Government, No. 1,675, dated 3rd July 1876, deals with the subject of Presidency house-rent only, while the question of the date from which increments to the two Accountants are to be drawn remains undisposed of.

(Signed) J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, Lt.-Col., R.E.,
Consulting Engineer for Railways.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
9th September 1876. No. 2,409.*

No. 131. ORDER THEREON, 9th September 1876, No. 2,409.

RAILWAY, No. 15.

ORDERED that the question be referred
for the consideration of the Government
of India.

(Here enter No. 2,410, dated 9th September 1876.)

(True Extract.)

Colonel,

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

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.
„ Examiner of Railway Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
FORT ST. GEORGE, 9th September 1876.

No. 132.

No. 2,410.

FROM

MAJOR-GENERAL G. W. WALKER, R.E.,

Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Public Works Department,

TO

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,

Public Works Department.

RAILWAY, No. 16.

SIR,—In your letter No. 436 E.A., dated 18th December 1875, the sanction of the Government of India was communicated to the proposal made for placing the two Senior Accountants in the office of the Examiner of Railway Accounts, Madras, on the same scale of pay as that of 3rd and 4th Grade Accountants in other parts of India. The Examiner has now raised the question as to the date from which their increments may be drawn. Mr. MacDonald points out that if the Accountants in question, Mr. St. John Buchan and C. N. Balu Chetty Garu, are only allowed to draw their first increment one clear year from the date of receipt of sanction, they will not have been placed on the same footing as graded Accountants elsewhere; and as without specific authority retrospective effect cannot be given to the sanction which has been accorded, the question is submitted for orders. Mr. MacDonald proposes that Mr. Buchan, who was appointed a 3rd Grade Accountant on a salary of Rupees 160 a-month from the 20th August 1872, be allowed to draw Rupees 190 a-month from the beginning of the first month subsequent to the date of receipt of sanction, viz., from 1st January 1876, and that he be allowed to draw Rupees 200 a-month from 1st September 1876. C. N. Balu Chetty Garu was appointed to the 4th Grade on the 13th April 1872, and he has been drawing Rupees 100 a-month since the 1st January 1873, in accordance with Government of India No. 419 E.A., dated 14th December 1873. It is proposed to allow him to draw Rupees 101 from 1st January 1876, and Rupees 108 from 1st May 1876. In these recommendations His Grace the Governor in Council concurs.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Colonel,

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

for Secretary to Government.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
Spare Copies

Madras, 28th July 1876. 5-

From

THE EXAMINER RAILWAY ACCOUNTS,

MADRAS,

To

*The Consulting Engineer
for Railways,
Madras.*

SIR,

With reference to G. O. No. 1675 dated 3rd July 1876 received with your endorsement No. 973 dated 26th Idem, I have the honor to point out that the question of grant of increments to the two Accountants attached to this Office is quite distinct from the question of grant of Presidency House Rent to them and I would beg the favor of your again referring the point of grant of increment for the orders of the Government of India through the Government of Madras.

2. In the proceedings attached to G. O. No. 1675 it appears that the question of grant of

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No. 375
11/12/01/21-25-6-88
25/6-19-9-8
MITTED FOR THE consideration OF GOVERNMENT.

The Proceedings of Govern-
ment 4th 1875 dated 3rd July 1876 deals
with the subject of Presidency house
rent only, while the question of the date from
which increments to the two accountants
are to be drawn remains undispensed of.

CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE, *M. Muthu* M.E.,
Madras, 1st August 1876. Consq. Engineer for Railways.

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

No. 130

Notice the ground of
incumbrance to be drawn
Buckton and the
Chap. Accountants
is to take effect.

To
The Examiner
Railway Accounts,
Madras
Dated 28th Aug
Received 28th Aug
No. 992
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808-6-75 No 1610 & 1611
 27-12-75 .. 3615
 3-7-76 .. 1675
 4-4-76. 878 *Wright*
 From *The Consulting Engineer*
 For Railways,
 To *The Secretary to Government,*
 P. W. Department,
 Fort St. George.
 Dated *10th Aug 1876.*
 Received *20th*
 No. 375
 ENCLOSURES. /
 Submitting letter
 from the Engineer of
 Madras Railway
 requesting order of
 as to the sale from which
 the 2 of his office accounts
 can draw their annual interest

Re to 8-9-76
Recd 8-9-76
Cir 5-8-76
Re to 2-8-76

Extract from the Code of Regulations for the Public Works Department.

Chapter II Section 3. Accountants

Mode of admission
 to the Department.

Not for accountants
 at 4th Grade.

1. In ordinary cases, the grade of accountants above that of accountants at 4th Grade will be filled by promotions from the lower to the next superior grade; and, as a general rule, no one will be admitted into the Department otherwise than by entering as an accountant at 4th Grade.

2. For admission to the Department as an accountant at 4th Grade, the Candidate must bear a good character, must be able to write correctly from dictation, in a neat and legible hand, and must be an expert arithmetician and rapid computer. Upper Subordinates in the Executive Branch, who have passed the test for Sub. Engineer, may be admitted to the Accounts Branch of the Public Works Department without further examination; but those who have passed the test for Engineer only, will be required to pass the Special

Special examinations for the Accounts Branch; except in cases when Candidates shall have displayed such capacity in their accounts as shall be considered sufficient by the Government of India to prove their fitness for the Accounts Branch.

3. The qualifications of Candidates will be attested by Certificates from the Principal of one of the Government Civil Engineering Colleges. The examination will be conducted in the same manner as that prescribed for Officers.

4. Any person qualifying under the above conditions will be eligible for appointment to the Accounts Branch of the Department on the occurrence of a vacancy, but the preference will be given to qualified persons who are already employed in same capacity in the Public Works Department.

5. Promotions from one grade to another in the Accounts Branch of the Department will be made by merit, without reference to seniority. But no Accountant, 3rd Grade, will be eligible for promotion to Accountant, 2nd Grade, until he shall have passed

Certificates required

Selection of qualified Candidates

Test for promotion

Examination for promotion from Accountant, 2nd Grade.

passed the examination laid down in the following paragraph. 13-
6. This examination, which will be held half-yearly, in January and July, will include the subjects connected with the duties of an Accountant, comprising the principles and practice of Book-keeping, and the rules and forms of Accounts in use in the Public Works Department. Candidates will also be required to write quickly and correctly from dictation in a legible hand, and to have a sufficient knowledge of English composition to be able to draft letters on ordinary matters of business with correctness and facility. They must also possess a competent knowledge of mensuration and logarithms.

Application for examination

of An Accountant desirous of undergoing the examination will apply to the Controller of the Province in which he is serving, who, if satisfied that the applicant has a reasonable chance of passing, and is in other respects qualified for promotion, will forward the application to the Accountant General, Public Works Department. The Accountant General will thereon supply sealed examination papers from his office.

at

at the next half-yearly examination.

8. The examination will be conducted in the presence of the Controller or his Deputy in the case of Accountants attached to the Central Office of Account; and either in their presence or in that of an Executive Engineer in the case of Divisional Accountants; the Candidate being allowed no assistance from books or otherwise. On the examination being concluded, the Officer who conducted it will forward the original papers to the Accountant General. The result of the examination will be announced by that Officer, and if the Candidate has passed satisfactorily, a certificate of qualifications will be issued from his office, and the Government of India informed in order that the passed Candidate may be distinguished in the Half-yearly Classified List by having the letter **A** affixed to his name. For further details regarding this examination, see Appendix **A**.

9. The examination prescribed in the foregoing paragraphs may be dispensed with in the cases of persons of good character, not already belonging to the Accounts Branch

Examination
for Accountant
General's Office.

Examination
may be dispensed
with in certain
cases.

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Much of the Department, who may possess ^{special} and superior qualifications as Accountants. In such cases the power of appointment will rest with the Government of India.

Transfer of Accountants. 10. Accountants are liable to be transferred from one Province to another by the Government of India according to the requirements of the Service.

Examination in the native languages. 11. The Rules laid down in Chapter II, Section II, para. 33, for examination in Native Languages of Upper Subordinates, and the remuneration to be granted for passing such examinations, are applicable also to Accountants other than Natives of India.

Section V. Superior Officers of Accounts Branch.

First appointment of Assistant Controllers.

1. Assistant Controllers, will be selected from Candidates who must either pass an examination, conducted under the orders of the Accountant General, Public Works Department, or they must produce satisfactory certificates of three years approved service and good recommendations from Banking or Mercantile Firms. A

A further examination in Book-keeping and Departmental Accounts must be undergone before promotion to Assistant Controller 1st Grade.

2. Deputy Controllers will be appointed from three sources—

Of Deputy
Controllers

1. Members of the Executive Branch of the Department who have passed the prescribed examination either for Executive Engineer or for Assistant Controller 1st Grade.

2. Assistant Constructors
1st Grade.

3. Accountants 1st Grade

It will meet with the Govern-
ment of India to make special
and exceptional appointments
when needed.

Letter from the Consulting Engineer for Railways
No. 345 d. 1st August 1876.

FOR ORDERS.

Submitted for orders.

No. 320 of 14th March 1876.

I agree with the reason-
ing of the author of the
book, and the following
passage is very good.

GO. 3615 d/27 ^{1/2} Dec. 1875

In his letter recorded with
G.O. No. 1675 dated 3^d July 1876
the Examiner of Railway
accounts submitted two questions
for decision.

(1) The date from which should commence the increments sanctioned by the Gov^t. of India in case of Mr. Saint John Bachan and C. N. Bala Chetty Garu 3^d and 4th Grade Accountants.

(2) The grant of house rent to the Accountants attached

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to his Office.

The papers were referred to [#] 21st March 1876.
The Examiner of Public Works
Accounts for report with
regard to the question of house
rent. And Captain Conway
Gordon in reply suggested
that the matter be referred
to the Public Works Code
Committee. This recommendation
was acceded to in G.O. No 1675
dated 3rd July 1876.

In separate papers which
accompany this Memo, the
Examiner of Public Works
Accounts brought under the
consideration of Government
the general question of the
pay and position of all
Accountants in the Madras
Presidency, those of the Examiner
of Railway Accounts included.
And it was after discussion
decided in Council that the
matter should stand over
for

Vide para 2 of letter No 937
of 4th July 1876.

for the present.

The 1st proposal of the
Examiner of Railway Accounts
therefore has not yet been
taken into consideration.

Seeing however that it has
already received the general
approval of the Govt. of India,
and that the only question
to be now decided is the
date from which the increments the
should be drawn, there seems to
be no objection to the matter
being referred for the orders
of the Supreme Govt. as
recommended by Major
Lambert.

Yes. but with the understanding
as to the House rent
which should not be unnecessary
high money to equalize it
with others
B.C.

Major Genl. R.E.
Secretary to Govt. P.W.D.

Am. to B. & C. 1876

FOR ORDERS.

Am. to B. & C. 1876

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Not arising to me
the pay equal

Am. to B. & C. 1876

From

The Comf. Engrs for
Railway

(H.C. No. 375 of 1st Aug. 1876)

Ordered that the
question be referred for the
consideration of the Govt.
of India.

(H.C. No. 2410 of 9th Sept. 1876)

To The Secy. to the Govt. of India

Sir,

In your letter No. 436
C.A. dated 18th December
1875 the sanction of the
Govt. of India was com-
municated to the proposal

Comf. Engrs for Ry. ✓
Est. Ry. Accts. ✓

Dated 25/9/76

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*the 1st January 1873 in
accordance with Govt of
India No 419 E.A dated
14th December 1873. It is
proposed to allow him to
draw Rs 101 from 1st
January 1876, and Rs 108
from 1st May 1876. In these
recommendations His Grace
the Governor in Council concurs.*

Desd 25/9/76

No 130/31

*21-9-76
Encl*

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Govt. of Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To the Comr. Eng. & Supt. of P.W.

Dated.

Issued

Recd.

Encl.

G. O. 9th Sept. 1876, No. 2409
24/0

Nos. 130/32

Annual increments
to the two Senior Accountants
in the Office of the Engineer
of P.W. Accounts - The

question as to the date
from which the —
is to be drawn ordered
to be referred for the
consideration of the
Govt. of Madras —

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Submitting for
orders the question
raised by the Eng.
of P.W. Accounts as
to the date from which
the Annual increments
granted to the two
Senior Accountants
of this Office are to
be drawn —