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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
14th December 1876. No. 3,408.*

No. 334. Read the following letter from Captain L. CONWAY-GORDON, R. Examiner of Public Works Accounts, to Major-General G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Fort George, 29th November 1876, No. 306 W :—

I HAVE the honor to submit, for the orders of Government, the enclosed letter from Major J. N. Hunter, R.E., (now on furlough) re-electing the old scale of staff pay with military allowances.

2. It will be seen from the accompanying statement that, up to the 1st December 1876, Major Hunter will have received under the consolidated scale of salaries sum of Rupees 1,120-6-2 more than he would have drawn had he in the first instance elected for staff salary and military pay and allowances.

3. This amount will be reduced monthly by Rupees 66-13-8 so long as he continues to draw furlough pay under the consolidated scale.

4. In the event, therefore, of no alteration being made in his present rate of furlough pay, he will have adjusted in April 1878 the entire amount overdrawn.

5. In paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of his letter, Major Hunter submits that the comparison between the two scales of pay should be made from the date (5th July 1872) of his commission, instead of that (1st April 1875) on which the increased Major's pay has been authorized to be drawn, and that Majors of Royal Engineers should be allowed 'to draw the pay and allowances of their position in the corps, and not that paid to officers of the Staff Corps.'

6. These points I leave for the consideration of Government.

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From Major J. N. HUNTER, R.E., to Captain L. CONWAY-GORDON, R.E., Examiner of Public Works Accounts, Madras, dated St. James' Square, London, 24th October 1876.

REFERRING to the Order of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department No. 2,465, dated the 15th September 1876, calling upon certain Royal Engineer Officers to elect between the two rates of pay obtaining in the department, I have the honor to advise you, for the information of the Government, that I choose the staff salary of my grade, in addition to military pay and allowances, and not the consolidated salary of my grade in the Public Works Department.

2. I beg most respectfully to submit to Government that my commission as Major bears date the 5th July 1872, not the 1st April 1875, and that the comparison of monies undue and overdrawn should be calculated from the former, not the latter date.

3. I would further beg permission to draw attention to the fact that Royal Engineer officers of every rank serving in the Public Works Department, draw the military pay and allowances of their rank in the corps to which they belong, and not the pay assigned to the corresponding rank in the Staff Corps; that the same principle was in force in the corps of Madras Engineers in granting pay to officers of the rank of Major, before that rank was abolished. I therefore pray that the Government will consider the propriety of granting to Majors of the Royal Engineers the right that is conceded to their brother officers in every other rank viz., to draw the pay and allowances of their position in the corps, and not that paid to officers of the Staff Corps.

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14th December 1876. No. 3,403.*

4. Should the points raised in the last two paragraphs be beyond your province, I beg to say that you may act on the choice given in the first paragraph, and leave the questions in paragraphs 2 and 3 for the consideration of Government.

No. 335. ORDER THEREON, 14th December 1876, No. 3,403.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 26.

THE points raised by Major Hunter will be referred for favorable consideration to the Government of India.

(Here enter No. 3,409, dated 14th December 1876.)

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Major-General, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
FORT ST. GEORGE, 14th December 1876.

No. 336.

No. 3,409.

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.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 27.

SIR,—I am directed, with reference to Government of India Circular, No. 49, dated the 15th August 1876, to forward copy of the Madras Government Proceedings quoted in the margin, and to ask for the decision of the Governor-General in Council upon the questions raised by G.O., No. 3,408, dated 14th December 1876. Major Hunter in his letter therein recorded.

2. That officer, it will be observed, submits—That, as his commission as Major dates from the 5th July 1872, the comparison of the pay received by him under the new scale with what he would have drawn under the old scale should be calculated from that day; not, as the Circular directs, from the 1st April 1875.

That as Royal Engineer Officers of every rank, but the rank of Major, are allowed to draw the pay and allowances of their position in the Corps, the system of assigning Majors the pay allowed to the corresponding rank in the Staff Corps might with justice be discontinued, and the same right be conceded to officers of that rank as to those of other ranks in the Corps of Engineers.

3. And he adds that before the rank of Major in the Madras Engineers was abolished, the principle which he now advocates was in force in that branch of the service.

4. Major Hunter's claims do not appear unreasonable, and they are such as are likely to be put forward by every Major of the local Corps of Engineers affected by the present ruling. Under which circumstances, His Grace the Governor in Council cannot but commend them for careful consideration.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Major-General, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

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74 St James Square London
24th October 1876

From
Major Hunter
Royal Engineers

To
The Examiner P.W. Accounts
Madras

Sir Referring to the order of
the Madras Government in
the Public Works Department
No 2465 dated the 15th September
1876 calling upon certain
Royal Engineer Officers to elect
between the two rates of pay
obtaining in the Department,
I have the honor to advise you
for the information of the Govern-
ment that I choose the staff
salary of my grade in addition
to military pay and allowances
and not the consolidated salary
of my grade in the Public Works

Department

2. I beg most respectfully to submit to Government, that my Commission as Major bears date the 5th July 1872, not the 1st April 1875, and that the comparison of monies, under and over drawn, should be calculated from the former, not the latter date.

3. I would further beg permission to draw attention to the fact that Royal Engineer Officers of every rank serving in the Public Works Department, draw the military pay and allowances of their rank in the Corps to which they belong, and not the pay assigned to the corresponding rank in the Staff Corps: that the same principle was in force in the Corps of Madras Engineers in granting pay to officers of the rank of Major, before that rank

was abolished - I therefore pray that the Government will consider the propriety of granting to Majors of the Royal Engineers the right that is conceded to their brother officers in every other rank - viz. to draw the pay and allowances of their position in the Corps, and not that paid to officers of the Staff Corps.

4. Should the points raised in the last two paras be beyond your province, I beg to say that you may act on the choice given in the first para and leave the questions in paras 2 and 3 for the consideration of Government.

I have the honor to be
Sir
your most obedient servant
J. W. K. K. K.
Major R. K.

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FROM L. CONWAY-GORDON.

EXAMINER, P.W. ACCOUNTS.

TO THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

FORT ST. GEORGE. 29TH. NOV. 1876.

NO. 306. W.

SIR,

I HAVE THE HONOR TO SUBMIT FOR THE ORDERS OF GOVERNMENT, THE ENCLOSED LETTER FROM MAJOR J. H. HUNTER. R. E. (NOW ON FURLOUGH) RE-ELECTING THE OLD SCALE OF STAFF PAY WITH MILITARY ALLOWANCES.

2. IT WILL BE SEEN FROM THE ACCOMPANYING STATEMENT, THAT, UP TO THE 1ST. DECEMBER 1876, MAJOR HUNTER WILL HAVE RECEIVED UNDER THE CONSOLIDATED SCALE OF SALARIES A SUM OF RS. 1,120-6-3 MORE THAN HE WOULD HAVE DRAWN HAD HE IN THE FIRST INSTANCE ELECTED FOR STAFF SALARY AND MILITARY PAY AND ALLOWANCES.

3. THIS AMOUNT WILL BE REDUCED MONTHLY BY RS. 60-12-8 SO LONG AS HE CONTINUES TO DRAW FURLO' PAY UNDER THE CONSOLIDATED SCALE.

4. IN THE EVENT, THEREFORE, OF NO ALTERATION BEING MADE IN HIS PRESENT RATE OF FURLO' PAY HE WILL HAVE ADJUSTED IN APRIL 1878 THE ENTIRE AMOUNT OVERDRAWN.

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FROM THE EXAMINER,

P.W. ACCOUNTS.

TO THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

P.W. DEPARTMENT.

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REGARDING MAJOR HUNTER'S
RE-ELECTION OF THE OLD SCALE OF
STAFF PAY AND MILITARY ALLOW-
ANCES.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 14 Dec 76
Read the following:-

From
The Examiner of P.W. } (H.C. No 306 Wd 20th Nov 76)
Accounts

The points raised
by Major Hunter will
be referred for favorable
consideration to the Govern-
ment of India.

W. 11/12
(H.C. No 3409 d/14 Dec 76)

No 3409
To The Secretary to the Govt of India
P.W. Dept.

Sir,
I am directed, with
reference to Government
of India Circular No 49
dated

dated the 15th August,
1876, to forward copy of
the Madras Government
Proceedings quoted in the
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General in Council upon
the questions raised by
Major Hunter in his
letter therein recorded.

L. O. No. 118 of 11/11/76.

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That as Royal Engineer
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and the same right be
conceded to Officers of
that rank as to those
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Corps of Engineers.

3. And he adds
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Under which cir-
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C. M. V.

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Major F. B. Hunter R.E.

Re: Letter from the Engineer in Charge
regarding the selection of
the site for the Staff House
and Military allotments
by —

Respectfully submitted to the
Honble Member for the
District of Madras
his selection of the site
for the Staff House and
Military allotments.

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