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Read the following papers :—

No. 1,528.

No. 349.

MEMORANDUM.

On a claim for permanent travelling allowance for twenty-two days, made on behalf of Mr. Evans, Assistant Engineer, Trichinopoly District, a reference made to the Chief Engineer for Irrigation elicited the fact that that officer's employment for twenty-two days on the survey and levels of the Thuttur tank is a duty regarding the necessity or importance of which there is apparently no information before the Chief Engineer or Government. The District Engineer is requested therefore to report fully on the subject, and whether Mr. Evans cannot be employed on executive duties with a view to his qualifying for charge of a range or sub-division.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
19th October 1876.

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Major-General, R.E.,
Chief Engineer, D.P.W.

To the District Engineer, Trichinopoly.

No. 349-A. From Major J. VERTUE, R.E., District Engineer, Trichinopoly, to Major-General G. W. WALKER, R.E., Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Trichinopoly, 8th November 1876, No. 679.

With reference to memorandum No. 1,528, of 18th ultimo, I have the honor to state that the Thuttur tank is in the Udaiyarpolliem taluq, near the Coleroon, a little west of the head of the Ponneri channel, and was formerly supplied from the Coleroon through an open head.

2. Seven years ago, when the Coleroon embankment was improved, this channel was closed by the embankment which crosses it, but I believe a promise was made that means would be taken to give a supply to the tank. This has up to the present time not been done, although the villagers have repeatedly complained, and the land under the tank has therefore only been cultivated with dry crop.

3. The land formerly cultivated as wet, and for which wet assessment is paid, is 114 acres, value 353 Rupees, and 90 additional acres can, it is said, be turned into wet cultivation.

4. My idea was to throw a dam across a large jungle stream, which now flows into the Coleroon about a mile west of the tank, and up which the Coleroon backs when in high flood, the water spreading very much and doing much damage. The crest of the dam I propose to place at, or about, the height of maximum flood level, providing in front a small vent with a swing shutter, so that the tank might receive a supply from the Coleroon in addition to its supply from the impounded jungle stream.

5. The cost of the work would probably be Rupees 6,000 ; and the net return Rupees 500, but, in addition to this, I think it would be easy to carry the surplus of the tank into the Ponneri channel, the supply of which is often far below its requirements.

6. It was on this work Mr. Evans was employed. I had previously sent him through each of the ranges with the respective Range Officers. He has now been for

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some time in charge of the works in the Kulitala taluq, but has no cash-chest nor cash-book, as I considered he would be of more use to Captain Morris in making measurements and examining works, and I also thought it advisable, in view of impending changes, to keep as much as possible to the existing state of things, and refrain from introducing complications.

C. E. No. 1,736.

THE Chief Engineer does not approve of the employment of special or extra officers on any survey work for which the sanction of Government or approval of the Chief Engineer for Irrigation has not previously been obtained. The District Engineer will now have to apply to Government for sanction of the travelling allowance to which the accompanying disallowance sheet refers.

21st November 1876.

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Major-Genl.; R.E.,
Chief Engineer, D.P.W.

To the District Engineer, Trichinopoly.

No. 349-B. From Major J. VERTUE, R.E., District Engineer, Trichinopoly, to Major-General G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Trichinopoly, 2nd December 1876, No. 755.

REFERRING to memorandum No. 1,736, of 21st ultimo, from the Chief Engineer, Department of Public Works, I have the honor to request you will obtain the sanction of Government to enable the Examiner to pass travelling allowance to Mr. Evans, Assistant Engineer, while engaged in levelling and surveying operations connected with a small project in the Udaiyarpolliem taluq, during twenty-two days of the month of August. The Examiner has declined to pass this allowance without the special sanction of Government, on the ground that during that time Mr. Evans had not moved his camp, or that, in other words, he had halted more than three days in one place. According to the letter of the rule the Examiner no doubt is right, but I would point out that compliance with the rule, while it would have done away with the Examiner's objection, would have entailed needless trouble on Mr. Evans, and would have interfered with the work on which he was engaged.

2. I would further point out that now-a-days all officers maintain carriage permanently, and do not merely hire it when required; there is therefore no saving to them in this respect by a halt of more than three days' duration.

3. In conclusion I would remark that I considered I was employing Mr. Evans in a manner likely to be of service to him, giving him, as it did, practice in surveying and levelling, and of making use of the colloquial knowledge he had acquired of the vernacular, as also of adding to the same.

No. 350. ORDER THEREON, 14th December 1876, No. 3,416.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 28-A.

TRAVELLING allowance will be passed to Mr. Assistant Engineer Evans for the days in question, he being held to have had no fixed head-quarters while employed in the examination of the above-mentioned project. But His Grace the Governor in Council desires that the approval

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of the Chief Engineer or the sanction of Government, be invariably obtained for the investigation of any project before the services of any officer of the Engineer establishment are appropriated for it.

(True Extract.)

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

To District Engineers.

To the Examiner of Public Works Accounts.

Erd. S. T. Austin.

Spare Copies

Mr. Evans employer

EXAMINER, P. W. ACCOUNTS.

Madras, October 1876.

OFFICE NOTE.

To

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The accompanying List and Inspection Report are submitted for orders.

The charge has reference to a claim for full travelling allowance made on behalf of Asst Engineer Mr Evans for a period of 22 days at Wuppur 52 miles from Head quarters.

The District Engineer states that Mr Evans was employed during the period in surveying and levelling and that during the whole time he was obliged to maintain his camp Equipage.

The claim may be admitted under P. W. Code II. III. 1. rule 1. provided Govt. decide in accordance with that clause that during Mr Evans employment

KEEP-WITH.

Genl. No.

dated

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19/10/76

on Survey duties he is to have
no temporary head quarters.

W.D.
13/10

Self
14/10

I have no knowledge of Mr Evans'
employment and cannot
therefore say whether the Survey
Levels of the Muttur Tank
should have occupied the
time shown in the District
Report - It that the D.E. must
be the judge.

I should say that for work of this
kind an Officer should be held
to leave no temporary head quarters.
It is to be noticed that as an indication
of work done these inspection
reports are useless - They are simply
a sort of vouchers for the audit
office.

No 1528

Memorandum.

On a claim for permanent
Travelling Allowance for 22 days
made on behalf of Mr. Evans Assistant
Engineer Trincomopoly District a reference
made to the Chief Engineer for Irrigation
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view to his qualifying for charge
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of a Range or Sub Division.

Major Genl. R.E.

Fort Saint George
19th Oct^r 1876

Chief Eng^r D.P.W.

To,
The District Eng^r Trichinopoly.

N^o 349

District Engineer's Office
Trichinopoly
No. 679
8. November 1876.
From

The District Engineer

Trichinopoly

The Chief Engineer

Public Works Department

Madras.

Sir

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a supply to the Tank. This has up to the present
time not been done, although the Villagers have re-
peatedly complained, and the lands under the
Tank.

Tank has therefore only been cultivated with dry crop.

3. The lands formerly cultivated as wet, and for which wet assessment is paid, is $1\frac{1}{4}$ Acres, value 550 Rs. and 90 additional acres can, it is said, be turned into Wet Cultivation.

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5. The cost of the work would probably be Rs 6000, and the net return Rs 500, but in addition to this, I think it would be easy to carry the surplus of the Tank into the Ponnai channel, the supply of which is often far below its requirements.

6. It was on this work Mr. Evans was employed. I had previously sent him through each of Ranges with the respective Range Officers. He has now been for some time in charge of the Tanks

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I have the honor to be
Sir

Your Obedient Servant

James Little Major R.E.
District Engineer Trichy

J.L.

memo No. 1528 of 19. Oct 76

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No. 8118

Further South - Regarding
the employment of
Mr. Evans on survey
duties of —

dated 20th
Dec 5
Shanmugam 1976.

No. 679

Madras

From
The District Engineer
Trichinopoly
To
The Chief Engineer
Public Works Dept.
Madras

C.E. No. 1736 of 21st Dec 76.
The Chief Eng. does not ap-
prove of the employ-
ment of special or
extra officers on any
survey work for which
the sanction of Govt.
or approval of the Chief
Eng. for Brigade has
not previously been
obtained. The D. Eng.
will now have to apply
to Govt. for sanction
of the travelling allowance to
which the accompanying
disallowance sheet
refers. J.S. L.W.W.
Ch. Eng.

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Cin 12-12-76.

District Engineer's Office

Trichinopoly

2nd December 1876.

N^o 755

From

The District Engineer

Trichinopoly

To

The Secretary to Government

P. W. Department

Madras

Sir

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Ultimo from the Chief Engineer C. E. Madras
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the sanction of Government to enable the
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Rule, the Examiner no doubt is right, but I would point out that compliance with the rule, while it would have done away with the Examiner's objection, would have entailed needless trouble on Mr Evans, and would have interfered with the work on which he was engaged.

2. I would further point out that now a days all officers maintain Carriage permanently, and do not merely hire it when required; there is therefore no saving to them in this respect by a half of more than 3 days duration.

3. In conclusion I would remark that I considered I was employing Mr Evans in a manner likely to be of service to him, giving him, as it did, practice in Surveying and leveling, and of making use of the Colloquial knowledge he had acquired of the vernacular, as also of adding to the same.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most Obedient Servant

James Vernon Major &c.

District Engineer Trichinopoly

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Smalling's allowance
 submitted for sanction to the
 Chairman of the Public Works Department
 Mr. J. Evans to — for 22 days
 in August 1876

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Mr. British Engineer
 Mr. J. Evans
 Mr. J. Evans
 Mr. J. Evans
 Mr. J. Evans

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Public Works Department

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 14th Decr/76
 Read the following:—

Chief Engineer's Memo No. 1528 of 19th October
 District Engineer's letter No. 679 " 8th Nov.
 Chief Engineer's Memo No. 1736 " 21st do
 District Engineer's letter No. 155 " 2nd December

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 while employed in
 the examination
 of the above mentioned
 project. But N.E.
 The Gov. ~~Committee~~
 in Council desires

To D.E.
 Mr. J. Evans
 Mr. J. Evans
 Mr. J. Evans
 Mr. J. Evans

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that the approval
of the Chief Engineer,
or the
sanction of Govt.
be invariably
obtained for
the investigation
of any project,
before the ser-
vices of any
officer of the
Engineers Estab-
lishment are appro-
priated for it.

Comm.
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Govt. of Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

To District Engineer.

Dated

Issued

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Encl.

G. O. No. 14. No. 1870, No. 34/6

Nos. 349/50

Travelling allowance
for the District Engineer

Travelling allowance for the District Engineer for the year 1870-71. The same is sanctioned in the following manner:—

For the year 1870-71.

No. 349/50