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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 1008 (14)

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Dated 13-10-1877.

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Marandahully Camp.
Marandahully
7th November 1847.

From

A. J. Hughes Esq: C. E.,
Executive Engineer,
on Special Duty.

To

The District Engineer,
Salem.

Sir,

I have the honor respectfully
to beg the favor that you will
be so good as to forward the
following statement to the Govern-
ment of Madras and to hope
that, with reference to it, His
Grace the Governor in Council may
see fit to reconsider the ruling
laid down in G. O. No. 2168, dated
the 4th October, under which offi-
cers of the Public Works Depart-
ment transferred from other

Presidencies

Presidencies are to draw the pay of the next higher grade, and not the 25 per cent on their salaries which has been suggested to the Madras Government by the Government of India as a suitable allowance.

2. I roughly estimate the additional expenses entailed by my deputation to Madras as follows:-

The purchase of three horses	1400
Camp furniture	150
Tents	300

Loss on sale of furniture	
carriage &c. at Barrackpore	800

Travelling expenses of family to and from Madras	300
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Total - 2950

From this we may deduct the probable value of the horses and tents at the end of the deputation, and there remains to be covered by deputation allowances about Rs: 2000. In addition to this, the higher

higher wages given to Madras servants and the higher prices of grain and supplies would be covered by an allowance of about Rs: 40 a month. If these additional expenses are to be covered by a monthly allowance, it ought to vary inversely with the length of the deputation; for instance if my deputation does not last longer than 6 months, whether the scale proposed by the Government of India or that proposed by the Government of Madras would any thing like cover the cost to me of my deputation to this Presidency. From my personal experience, therefore, it seems to me, that the fairest way of meeting the case would be by a lump sum bonus and a small deputation allowance of about Rs: 40 a month.

3. If, however, this principle of a fixed monthly allowance is to be

be maintained, then, I would appeal to the allowances of Rs: 300 given to the Civil Servants and Military men over five years' standing.

It is difficult to understand why a joint Magistrate, drawing Rs: 800 in Bengal should draw Rs: 1100 in Madras, while an Executive Engineer drawing the same pay in Bengal should only draw Rs: 950 in Madras. I respectfully suggest the adoption of some fixed principle which may be applied to all services alike and that the invidious distinction between equally honorable branches of Her Majesty's Service which it is sought to create in this instance to the prejudice of Officers of the Public Works Department may be removed.

I wish very strongly and respectfully to state that the famine allowances are not required as payment for undertaking very disagreeable and dangerous duty, but

but to cover the very tangible and abnormal collateral expenses of a journey as far as from London to Constantinople together with the sale of one Establishment and the purchase and resale of another; and I beg that you will be so good as to move his Grace in Council to favorably and liberally reconsider the matter of famine allowance, if possible, on the principle of a bonus, but at least on some such basis as that suggested by the Government of India.

5. I may add that the fact that the Government of India had suggested a more liberal scale of allowances was generally known in Calcutta before I left, and that the decision of the Government of Madras has been the greater disappointment to my self and many others.

I have, &c.,
Signed A. J. Hughes
Executive Engineer

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District Engineers Office,
Salem 12th November 1877.

Submitted for the consideration
of Government.

2. The facts do not call for
any special remarks from this Office,
but the statement in para 5 of
Mr. Hughes' letter appears worthy
of consideration.

John Perry and Major, R.E.,
District Engineers.

No 3928
Received
The Revenue (Tannier)
Department.

From
The District Engineer,
Salem.
No 10806.

Edw. M. Cloud, RE
Chief Engr
P.W.D.

15 Nov 77

To
The Secretary to Government,
D.P.W.

For order

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Submitting for consider-
ation copy of letter
from Mr. J. Hughes Esq,
Executive Engineer re-
questing to engage Govern-
ment to pay for the
liberally, he decides
the expenses of Tannier
allowance granted to
officers employed on
Relief Works from other
Presidencies

Submitted
14/11/77
The District Engineer
Salem
No 10806 of 13 Oct 77
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