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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	820 (14)	Press ~~Mis.~~
Dated	1-10-	1877.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

1st October 1877, No. 820 W.

General.
Establishment.

Read the following papers :—

No. 20. From Captain A. G. BEGBIE, R.E., Officiating Examiner of Public Works Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, General Branch, dated Fort St. George, 26th September 1877, No. 122 W.

I HAVE the honor to submit, for the orders of Government, copies of correspondence relating to an unauthorized advance made by the District Engineer, Nellore, and the action taken by this office in pursuance of the instructions laid down in G.Os., Nos. 621 W, dated 21st August 1877, and 3,909, dated 15th December 1868.

2. The District Engineer, Nellore, objects *in toto* to the retrenchment notified by this office on the grounds that the rule on which this office has acted (Rule IV sanctioned in G.O., No. 3,909, dated 15th December 1868) refers to Range Officers and not to District Engineers.

3. I cannot suppose that it is the intention of Government that the spirit of the rule should be thus nullified; the District Engineer, Nellore, has thought fit, however, to close the correspondence in an abrupt manner, and to entirely ignore the action of the Audit Office instead of in the first instance accepting its decision and referring any disputed point for the orders of Government, this being, as I have already ventured to suggest to Government in a former case, in which this officer is also concerned (*vide* this office No. 99 W, dated 10th September 1877,) the only course admissible if an effectual audit is to be maintained.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From the Examiner of Public Works Accounts, Madras, to the District Engineer, Nellore, dated 13th September 1877, No. 238 N.L.

WITH reference to your letter, No. 1,455, dated 26th July 1877, I have the honor to enclose a copy of G.O., No. 3,909, dated 15th December 1868, and to state that the amount (Rupees 50) of the advance made by you to Corporal Rundal will, in accordance with Section 14 of the rules therein sanctioned, be retrenched from your salary for the current month.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

From the District Engineer, Nellore, to the Examiner of Public Works Accounts, dated 17th September 1877, No. 2,068.

IN reference to your communication, No. 238 N.L. dated 13th September 1877, No. IV of the rules quoted refers to Range Officers and not to District Engineers. The unauthorized and extraordinary proceedings which you propose to adopt shall therefore be utterly disregarded.

No. 21. ORDER THEREON, 1st October 1877, No. 820 W.

HIS GRACE the Governor in Council considers the action of Mr. O'Shaughnessy in respect to the advance referred to by the Examiner in this letter to have been most

irregular, and the tenor of his communication of the 17th idem, No. 2,068, highly improper. Seeing that Mr. O'Shaughnessy's action in a similar case has recently been animadverted on, His Grace in Council will refrain from making any further observation in the present instance beyond reiterating the hope that a repetition of such proceedings will not occur.

2. Relaxation of existing rules has been permitted in separate orders.

(True Extract.)

Colonel R.E.,
Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

To the Examiner of Public Works Accounts,
District Engineer, Nellore.

FROM THE EXAMINER, P.W. ACCOUNTS.

NELLORE.

TO THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

GENERAL BRANCH.

No. 122. W.

PORT ST. GEORGE, 6th, SEPTEMBER 1877.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO SUBMIT FOR THE RECORDS OF GOVERNMENT, COPIES OF CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO AN UNAUTHORIZED ADVANCE MADE BY THE DISTRICT ENGINEER, NELLORE, AND THE ACTION TAKEN BY THIS OFFICE IN PURSUANCE OF THE INSTRUCTIONS Laid DOWN IN G.O. NO. 3,021, DATED 21ST AUGUST 1877, AND G.O. DATED 15TH DECEMBER 1868.

THE DISTRICT ENGINEER, NELLORE, OBJECTS IN toto TO THE RETRENCHMENT NOTIFIED BY THIS OFFICE ON THE GROUNDS THAT THE RULE ON WHICH THIS OFFICE HAS ACTED, RULE IV, SANCTIONED IN G.O. NO. 3,021 DATED 15TH DECEMBER 1868, APPLIES TO RANGH OFFICERS AND NOT TO DISTRICT ENGINEERS.

I CANNOT SUPPOSE THAT IT IS THE INTENTION OF GOVERNMENT THAT THE SPIRIT OF THE RULE SHOULD BE ^{thus} nullified. THE DISTRICT ENGINEER, NELLORE, HAS THOUGHT FIT HOWEVER TO CARRY THE CORRESPONDENCE IN AN ABRUPT MANNER, AND TO ENTIRELY IGNORE THE ACTION OF THE AUDIT OFFICE. INSTEAD OF IN

THE FIRST INSTANCE ACCEPTING THE DECISION AND DEFERRING ANY
DISPUTED POINT FOR THE ORDERS OF GOVERNMENT, THIS BEING, AS I
HAVE ALREADY VENTURED TO SUGGEST TO GOVERNMENT, IN A FORMER CASE
IN WHICH THIS OFFICER IS ALSO CONCERNED (Vide this Office No.
100, DATED 10TH. SEPTEMBER 1877) THE ONLY COURSE ADMISSIBLE,
IF AN EFFECTUAL ADULT IS TO BE MAINTAINED.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE,

SIR,

YOUR MOST OBEISANT SERVANT,

A. B. B. B.

CHIEF ASST. TO EXAMINER, P. & A. ACCOUNTS.

ENCLOSURE NO. 1.

COPY OF A LETTER FROM THE EXAMINER, P. & A. ACCOUNTS,
MADRAS, TO THE DISTRICT ENGINEER, MELLORE, NO. 100, D.L.,
DATED 10TH. SEPTEMBER 1877.

WITH REFERENCE TO YOUR LETTER NO. 100, DATED 10TH.
JULY 1877, I HAVE THE HONOR TO ENCLOSE A COPY OF G.O. NO.
100, DATED 10TH. DECEMBER 1865, AND TO STATE THAT THE
AMOUNT (Rs. 100) OF THE ADVANCE MADE BY YOU TO CORPORAL
BUNDEL WILL IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 14 OF THE RULES
BEING SANCTIONED BE REIMBURSED FROM YOUR SALARY FOR THE
CURRENT MONTH.

ENCLOSURE NO. 2.

COPY OF A LETTER FROM THE DISTRICT ENGINEER,
MELLORE, TO THE EXAMINER, P. & A. ACCOUNTS, NO. 100, DATED 10TH.
SEPTEMBER 1877.

IN REFERENCE TO YOUR COMMUNICATION NO. 100, D.L., DATED
10TH. SEPTEMBER 1877, NO. 100 OF THE RULES REGD. RELATES TO
RANGE OFFICERS AND NOT TO DISTRICT ENGINEERS. THE GRANTING
HEREIN AND EXTRAORDINARY PROCEEDINGS THEREON SHALL THEREFORE BE UTTERLY DISREGARDED.

(THREE COPIES)

Amad

CHIEF ASST. TO EXAMINER, P. & A. ACCOUNTS

15.12.68 No 3909
 12.12.72 - 2943
 21.8.77 - 621 W
 17.9 - 739 W

FOR THE EXAMINER, P.W. ACCOUNTS.
 MADRAS.
 TO THE SECRET, TO GOVT. P.W.D.
 GENERAL BRANCH.

122 W.

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20th October 1877

FORWARDED FOR THE OFFICE OF
 GOVERNMENT OFFICE OF SECRETARY
 RELATIVE TO AUTHORIZED ADVANCE
 MADE BY THE DISTRICT ENGINEER,
 MADRAS.

Oct 28-9-77 (v. 254)

General
 Estimate

No 820 W

Public Works Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 1st Oct 77

Read the following :-

Letter from the Examiner, Public Works Accounts } (H.E. No 122 W. d/26th Sept 77)

His Grace the Governor in Council considers the action of Mr O'Shaughnessy in respect to the advance referred to by the Examiner in this letter to have been most irregular, and the tenor of his communication of the 17th Idem No 2068. highly improper. Seeing that Mr O'Shaughnessy's action in a similar case G.O. No 739 W dated 17th Sept/77 has recently been annul-
 verted on, His Grace in Council will refrain from making any further observation in the present instance be-
 yond reiterating the hope that

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that a repetition of such
proceedings will not occur.

Relaxation of existing rules
has been permitted in separate
orders.

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To

The Examiner P.W. Accounts
" District Engineer, Millers

Dec 28-10-77

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Dept. of 1877
PUBLIC WORKS.

To

Mr. P. W. L.

Dated

Issued

Recd.

Dist.

11/1/89 No. 820W

No. 26-21

Advances Considered as
most irregular, the action
of M. & Chaugnessy in
respect to certain — made
by him, and hopes that a
repetition of such proceedings
will not occur.

Intd. in Rep.
10.10.22