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Government of Madras.

*Public Works* DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,  
15th March 1877. No. 859.*

No. 330. Read the following letter from W. LEGGATT, Esq., A.I.C.E., Officiating District Engineer, Bellary, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Bellary, 7th March 1877, No. 5,089:—

I HAVE the honor to submit for orders of Government the enclosed copy of a letter, No. 19, dated 2nd March 1877, from Assistant Engineer Mr. Faulkner, employed on Famine Relief Works in the Gooty Range.

From G. W. FAULKNER, Esq., Assistant Engineer, to the Executive Engineer, Gooty Range, dated camp at Gooty, 2nd March 1877, No. 19.

WITH reference to the famine allowance of Rupees 25-2-3 drawn in the salary bill for January for thirteen days, i.e., from the date of my joining the Gooty Range on the 19th January to the 31st, has the honor to request that application may be made for the famine allowance from the date I landed in Madras, i.e., on the 8th January, eleven days at Rupees 60 per month equal Rupees 21-1-5.

2. At the same time I would respectfully bring to the Executive Engineer's notice that the amount of Rupees 60 per month is inadequate to cover the extra expenses incurred during the present scarcity. The enhanced prices of provisions, of fodder for horses, of wages to servants and of carriage of tents are not covered by it. Executive Engineer by his own experience must be aware of this. I am quite sure that when transferring officers from Bengal to Madras it was never intended to reduce their pay, which is really what a famine allowance of Rupees 60 amounts to. In Bengal during the famine of 1874 every officer received the pay of the next higher grade and an addition of fifty per cent. on the usual travelling allowances. I therefore respectfully request that a representation may be made on the subject to the Secretary to Government through the proper channel, that the allowance of Rupees 60 is insufficient to cover extra cost of living in a famine-stricken country, and that the same famine allowances as those granted in Bengal be allowed.

No. 331. ORDER THEREON, 15th March 1877, No. 859.

**ESTABLISHMENT, No. 13.**

HIS EXCELLENCY in Council sees no reason for granting larger travelling allowances to the officers posted to famine districts from Bengal than are enjoyed by the Madras Public Works Officers employed in the same districts.

(True Extract.)

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

To the District Engineer, Godavery.  
" " Kistna.  
" " Nellore.  
" " Cuddapah.  
" " Kurunool.  
" " Bellary.  
" " Chingleput.  
" " North Arcot.  
" " Salem.  
" " Madura.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.  
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Dated 2<sup>nd</sup> March  
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From

G. W. Faulkner Esq.  
Assistant Engineer

To

The Executive Engineer  
Gule Range.

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/Signed/ Geo. W. Faulkner  
Assistant Engineer

/True Copy/

Muzaffar A. I. C. C.

Offg District Engineer

7/3/77.

P.W.D.  
10<sup>th</sup> 1877  
No. 2568

Establishment. No. 5089 District Engineer's Office  
Bellary  
7<sup>th</sup> March 1877.

From  
The Offg. District Engineer  
Bellary.

To  
The Chief Engineer  
Public Works Department

enclosure  
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Your Most Obedient Servant  
Messrs W. D. J. C. C.  
Offg. District Engineer  
Bellary.

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the inadequacy of the  
of travelling allowances.

Mr. Staithen Cook  
Engineer. — Submitting  
No. 5089  
1877

To  
The Dy. Dist. Eng.  
Bellary.  
J. H. S.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 15 March 77  
Read the following:—

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14/3  
Bodasay Bellary  
Kishore Chingleput  
Muller Arcot  
Cuddalore Salem  
Kurnool  
H. Anand Madras

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