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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 880Press
Mis.Dated 15 - 3 - 1877.

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No. 367. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Department, dated 23rd February 1877, No. 226:—

From W. DONALD, Esq., Officiating Accountant-General, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Fort St. George, 17th February 1877, No. 819. —

With reference to G.O., No. 102, dated 31st January 1877, I have the honor to suggest that His Grace the Governor in Council may be moved, in accordance with the orders of the Government of India, in the Home Department, No. 3,866, of 20th August 1870, G.O., No. 1,156, dated 13th September 1870, to fix, for the guidance both of the Audit Department and of Public Officers generally, the period during which charges for hot weather establishments, such as punkah coolies and coolies for watering tatties, may be incurred.

2. Temporary establishments of punkah coolies, I understand, are permitted in all offices subordinate to the Government of India, at the discretion of the heads of such offices between the 1st March and the 31st of October, and though establishments for watering tatties are never requisite in the damp climate of the Lower Provinces, such are allowed in the Upper Provinces also at the discretion of the heads of offices, generally for two or three months of the hottest weather. As it was after experience elsewhere deemed desirable to limit the period for which hot weather establishments could be entertained at the public expense, I venture to propose, that, in this Presidency, the establishments for watering tatties and pulling punkahs may be sanctioned for the periods given in the tabular statement submitted by Mr. Lushington, when Accountant-General in 1868.

3. Provision will have to be made in the Budgets for these new charges, which were not contemplated when these were framed and reviewed.

THE Governor in Council approves the Officiating Accountant-General's proposal, and directs that the establishments and charges for pulling punkahs, &c., in the several departments and offices, be restricted to the periods and amounts specified in the statement submitted by Mr. Lushington, late Accountant-General, Madras.

2. In the absence of specific provision in the Departmental Budgets, the charges must be met, as far as may be practicable, from savings under other items. The Accountant-General is accordingly authorized to pass the bills. He will intimate to each head of department or office the establishment and amount entered in the statement on the express understanding that where office peons have hitherto been employed to pull punkahs no new charge is to be incurred on this account.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Chief Secretary.

No. 368. ORDER THEREON, 15th March 1877, No. 880.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 16.

COMMUNICATED to all officers of the Public Works Department in continuation of G.O., No. 275, dated 19th February 1877.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department.
15th March 1877. No. 880.

2. The statement quoted in paragraph 1 of the Order in the Public Department does not, it is observed, refer to any Public Works Offices. In the Public Works Department the arrangements hitherto in force, under which lascars are, it is believed, employed for pulling punkahs, should be continued. Exceptional cases may however be submitted to the Chief Engineer for consideration and disposal.

(True Extract.)

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

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

23rd February 1877, No. 226.

Punkah Coolies.

Read the following paper:—

No. 113. From W. DONALD, Esq., Officiating Accountant-General, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated For George, 17th February 1877, No. 819.

Audit Department.

With reference to G.O., No. 102, dated 1st January 1877, I have the honor to suggest that His Grace the Governor in Council may be moved, in accordance with the orders of the Government of India, in the Home Department, No. 3866, of 20th August 1870, G.O., No. 1156, dated 13th September 1870, to fix, for the guidance both of the Audit Department and of Public Officers generally, the period during which charges for hot weather establishments, such as punkah coolies and coolies for watering tatties, may be incurred.

2. Temporary Establishments of punkah coolies, I understand, are permitted in all offices subordinate to the Government of India, at the discretion of the heads of such offices between the 1st March and the 31st of October, and though establishments for watering tatties are never requisite in the damp climate of the Lower Provinces, such are allowed in the Upper Provinces also at the discretion of the heads of offices, generally for two or three months of the hottest weather. As it was after experience elsewhere deemed desirable to limit the period for which hot weather establishments could be entertained at the public expense, I venture to propose, that, in this Presidency, the Establishments for watering tatties and pulling punkahs may be sanctioned for the periods given in the Tabular Statement submitted by Mr. Lushington, when Accountant-General in 1868.

3. Provision will have to be made in the Budgets for these new charges, which were not contemplated when these were framed and reviewed.

No. 114. ORDER THEREON, 23rd February 1877, No. 226.

The Governor in Council approves the Officiating Accountant-General's proposal, and directs that the establishments and charges for pulling punkahs, &c., in the several departments and offices, be restricted to the periods and amounts specified in the statement submitted by Mr. Lushington, late Accountant-General, Madras.

2. In the absence of specific provision in the Departmental Budgets, the charges must be met, as far as may be practicable, from savings under other items. The

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT, 23RD FEBRUARY 1877, No. 226.

Accountant-General is accordingly authorized to pass the bills. He will intimate to each head of department or office the establishment and amount entered in the statement on the express understanding that where office peons have hitherto been employed to pull punkahs no new charge is to be incurred on this account.

(True Extract.)

[Signature]

Chief Secretary.

No 880 Public Works Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the

Read the following:

Pro. in the Publi Dept. (No. 226 of 23rd Feb. 1877)

Communicated to all officers of the Public Works Department in continuation of G.O. No. 275 dated 19th February 1877.

2. The statement quoted in paragraph 1 of the order in the Public Dept. does not, it is observed, refer to any ~~application to~~ ^{any} Public Works ~~Department~~ ^{Officers}. In the Public Works Department the arrangements hitherto in force, under which lascars are, it is believed, employed for

for pulling punch holes,
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Exceptional cases may however
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and disposal.

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Chs. Engrs for Bridges
Comp. Engrs for Rys.
Excs. of Ry. Accts. *Drpd*
Excs. P. W. Accts. 28-3-77
Comp. Architect
Supt. M. H. Works
Chas. Engr. P. W. Dept.

[Signature]
28-3-77

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Govt. of 1877 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

Public Engineers

Dated

Issued

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 15th March 1877, No. 1

Nos. 367-368

Punkah Cooles &c —

Pro: Mil Dept fixing the
date during which charges
on account of — may be
incurred. Comd: to all
officers of the P.W. Dept.

End in Reg.