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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

19th October 1878, No. 4,069 W.

General.
Establishment.

Read the following papers :—

No. 232. From the District Engr., Presidency, dated 20th July 1878, No. 2,365.

No. 232-A. Memorandum by the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated 9th August 1878, No. 3,493.

No. 232-B. From the District Engineer, Presidency, dated 16th September 1878, No. 3,586.

No. 232-C. Memorandum by the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated 21st September 1878, No. 4,267.

No. 232-D. From the District Engineer, Presidency, dated 23rd September 1878, No. 3,744.

No. 232-E. Memorandum by the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated 2nd October 1878, No. 4,446.

No. 232-F. Endorsement in the Military Department, dated 4th October 1878, No. 5,221.

No. 232-G. Memorandum by the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated 12th October 1878, No. 4,616.

No. 232-H. Endorsement in the Military Department, dated 15th October 1878, No. 5,446.

The erection of batteries at Madras being a purely Military work, working pay to the men of the Sappers and Miners employed thereon falls to be regulated under military rules.

Paragraphs 429—432, India Pay Code, Vol. II.

2. The revised rates laid down in G.O.G., No. 303, dated 7th August 1868, are alone admisiable.

Ootacamund,
15th October 1878.

(Signed) J. MICHAEL, Colonel,
Secretary to Government.

No. 233. Order thereon, 19th October 1878, No. 4,069 W.

The endorsement in the Military Department, No. 5,446, dated 15th October 1878, will be communicated to the District Engineer, Presidency, and the Examiner of Public Works Accounts. The working pay of the Sappers employed on the batteries at Madras should be regulated accordingly.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) E. A. FOORD, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

(True Copy.)

Colonel,
Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the District Engineer, Presidency.
,, Examiner of Public Works Accounts.
,, Military Department.

Exd. T. D. Ryan
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GENERAL.
ESTABLISHMENT.

Govt. of [1878] Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

The District Engineer,
Presidency.

Dated October 1878.

G. O. [illegible] 1878, No. 4,060 W.

OCTOBER.

Nos. 232-233.

[illegible] of Sappers employed on the Batteries of Madras.—The communication of the Military Department regarding the [illegible] ordered to be communicated to the District Engineer, Presidency, and Examiner of Public Work Accounts, who will regulate their working pay accordingly.

No. 2365.

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From,

The District Engineer,
Presidency.

To,

The Chief Engineer, and
Secretary to Government P.W.

Sir,

I have the honor to report that I can no longer find suitable employment for the Sappers of the K Company on the Coast Batteries, and as their labor becomes very expensive unless applied to suitable work, I would suggest their being permitted to return to Sapper Head Quarters. I have at present no other works on which they could be employed to advantage.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant

Major R.E.
District Engineer
Presidency

Fort St George
20th July 1878.

Geo. G.

p fo 1878

No. 3161

General

From,

The District Engineer,
Presidency.

No. 2365
Dated 20th
Recd 22nd July 1878.

K. Co: Sappers & Miners.—

Informs that the —
may be ordered back to Hd. Quarters, as there is no suitable employment for them at the Coast Batteries.—

To Acty 22-7-78
Cir 1.8.78. Rld 9.8.78

No: 3586

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From,

The District Engineer,
Presidency.

To,

The Chief Engineer and
Secretary to Govt. P.W.D.

Sir,

With reference to your Memo No. 3493 of 9th August 1878, I have the honor to point out, that in my letter No. 2365 of 20 July 1878 I stated, that as I could "no longer "find suitable employment for the "K" Co: "Sappers and Miners" their labour *would become* expensive.

2. I did not mean to say that their labour up to that time *had been* expensive. Their employment had been of a very varied nature, they had carried out building and other work, which ordinary coolies could not have done. They were paid at the same rates that the "C" Co. had been paid at when in Madras as Famine work, viz $\frac{1}{2}$ an Anna per hour; but when suitable

employment

employment for them had, been exhausted, and there remained nothing for them to do but simply carry sand — their employment would have become expensive, had they not been paid the rates of pay which they had earned when employed on skilled work.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
W. Thompson Major R.E.
District Engineer,
Presidency.

Fort St. George
16th Sept 1878.

Ex. G.
W.

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C.E. 3493. of 9-8-78.

Circulated for information with reference to the remarks of His Grace the Governor on the District Engineer's former letter.

GAF 19/9

This seems to show that a pay in excess of working pay as ruled by regulations has been given to the Sappers employed in ordinary Military working duty — I do not find the authority for this? 21/9

To Coty 17-9-78

Cir: 19-9-78. Retd 21-9-78.

No: 10364

General.

From,

The District Engineer

Presidency

No 3586.
Dated 16th } of Sept. 1878.
Recd 17th }

Sappers and Miners.—

Reporting upon the expensiveness of the employment of — on the Coast Batteries at Madras &c

Circulated

No. 3744.

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From,

The District Engineer,
Presidency

To,

The Chief Engineer,
D.P.W.

Sir,

With reference to your Memo: No. 4267 of 21 September 1878, Major Vibart R.E. when Offg. District Engineer Presidency, in a letter of 26 January 1877, No: 5533 addreſsed the Commandant Sappers & Miners as follows:—

"I have the honor to request that you "will be good enough to inform me at your "earliest convenience what rate of working "pay should be given to the Sappers em-"ployed on Relief Works at Madras. I shall "be obliged by your stating the amount "as well as the claſs."

In a Memo: No. 77 of 30 January 1877, the Commandant Sappers & Miners replied as follows:—

"With reference to Memo: No: 5533 of "26th instant, has the honor to inform him

that

"that the men are entitled to working pay "for eight hours a day and for extra hours "under the provisions of G.O.G. Fort St George, "7 August 1868 - in it they are entitled to "the same at the rate of 4 Annas per day "of 8 hours an additional 1 Anna per day "is allowed for men who work in water."

Considering the nature of the work the sappers were employed on, up to their departure from Madras and the way in which they worked they were certainly worth their working pay but, had they been kept merely on carrying sand which was almost the only work left for them to do when I recommended their being ordered back to Head Quarters in my No. 2365 of 20 July 1878, they would, as I reported, have become expensive. The pay of ~~the~~ Commissioned and Non-Commissioned Native Officers being also charged to the work.

I have the honor to &c

Sir,

Your most obedient servant

Major R.E.

25 Octr 1878

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District Engineer [illegible]

His Grace the Governor ?

P.W. 1878 Dep

Circulated to His Grace the Governor with reference to remarks on the District Engineer's previous letter.

E.A.T. 26/9

Copy of [illegible]

Copy — & any regulation [illegible]

G.O. 3407 of 27-8-78
C.E. 3493 - 9-8-78
" 4267 - 21-9-78

I think G.O. of the 7th August 1868 & any other order, which may exist regulating working pay to Madras Sappers should be sent up —

The Madras Batteries are purely military works. I do not understand that they were undertaken for famine.

So Coty 24-9-78

Cir 26-9-78

Recd 2-10-78

No. 10696

General

From
The District Engineer,
Presidency

No. 3744
Dated 23d of Sept 1878
Recd 24th

C.E. No. 4446 of 2nd Oct. 78

Sappers. —

Reports rate of pay allowed to — while employed at Madras &c.

Circulated

GOVT. OF MADRAS. 187 10698 P.W. DEPT.

SECRETARY.

Ootacamund, 2nd October 1878.

No. 4446 OFFICE NOTE.

To
The Secretary to
Govt. Military Dept.

Will you please furnish me, for the information of His Grace the Governor, with a copy of G.O. of the 7th August 1868 laying down the scale of working pay of Sappers. His Grace also wishes to be supplied with any other Regulation on the subject which there may be.

E.A.T. 2/10

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Government
4th October 1878

No 5221

Copy of the G.O. forwarded (requested to be returned).

Further rules on the subject will be found in paras 433 to 441 of the India Pay Code, Vol II Native Troops, of which His Grace the Governor has a copy.

Michael Colonel
Secretary to Government.

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Military 1878 Depart
No

From the Public Works Deptt
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D/ 2nd
R/ 3rd } Octr

Recd 21st Octr

Requests to be furnished with a copy of G.O.G. laying down the scale of working pay of sappers also with any other regulations on the subject which there may be

P. 2786. 5-9-78 M.D.
P. 2407 W. of 27-8-78
C.E. 3493 - 9-8-78
" 4267 - 21-9-78
" 4446 - 2-10-78.

It seems that the [illegible] to have been paid 1st class rate - that the O.C. the Sappers in Jan 1877 appears to have [illegible] quoted the G.O. of 1864

The matter is an [illegible] in future [illegible] will be

Recd 8.10.78 Rptd 16-10-78
Cir 4-10-78 Sd 7-10-78
O.L. Sheel 9 Octr

Circulated to His Grace the Governor with reference to remarks on the District Engineer's letter of the 23d Septr.

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cleared up [illegible] future will occur - and why were the men not classified 1.2.3?

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P. W. D.

No. 4616

Letters from the District Engineer Presidency No. 2365 of 20th July, No. 3586 of 16th Septr. and No. 3744 of 23rd Septr. 1878.

Referred to the Military Department for remarks as to the proper rates of pay which the Sappers were entitled to draw while employed on the batteries at Madras.

Under G.O. 2786 dated 5th June 1878 (Military Department) first class working pay of 4 annas per diem was sanctioned to all men of the Sappers and Miners employed on Famine Relief Works - and this seems to have been the rate at which the Sappers employed on the Batteries were paid - But it is remarked that the Batteries were not Famine Relief Works but

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Former papers.

No. P.D. 3407 W. of 27-8-78
— 2127 W- 11-5-78
— 3101 W- 3-8-78
C.E. 4267- 21-9-78
— 4446- 2-10-78
— 4616- 12-10-78
Cir 17-10978 Retu 11-10-78
O.L. Sheil 55 Oct

No. 11818

MILITARY (1878) DEPARTMENT.

Pay and allowances - Working Pay

No. 6256

Docket

From

The Public Works Department No. 4616

Dated 12th }
Recd. 14 } Oct
Registered }

3 Enclosures.

P. G., No. dated

Referring the Question as to the proper rate of pay which the Sappers were entitled to draw while employed on the batteries at Madras With Order.

No 5446 The erection of batteries at Madras being a purely Military work, working pay to the men of the Sappers and Miners employed thereon falls to be regulated under Military rules -

2 - The revised rates laid down in G. O. G. No. 303, dated 7th Augt. 1868 are alone admissible. -

Paras. 429 @ 432 - India Pay Code - Vol II. -

Ootacamund 15th October 1878

Michael Colonel
Secretary to Government.

To The P. W. Dept.

ordinary Military Works -

(By order)

E A Wood Col: R.E.
Secy: to Govt. P. W. D.

Ootacamund
12th Octr. 1878

To,
The Military Dept.
with papers to be retd.

Exd. RAS

Letter from the District Engineer Presidency No 2365 dated 20 July/78

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FOR ORDERS.

As this Company of Sappers is not required at Madras it would be more convenient to utilize them on the Southern Canal Extension than to return them to Head Quarters as suggested by the District Engineer and obtain another Company for the work at Sadras.

E A Wood Col RE
Secy to Govt PWD

Apparently so - But the Mil Dept may have reasons for a different arrangement - As regards the remarks respecting the expense of Sappers I think enquiry shd be made - I do not feel sure from what I heard at Madras that this Co have been paid the regulated rates of pay during employment

RP

[illegible] ability -

FOR ORDERS.

explanation [illegible] asked for —
because of the expense
at Madras — how is it
they are not so elsewhere?

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There are reasons why the Military Authorities prefer to have this Company back at Bangalore, and another Company employed on the Canal — The Company now at Madras will have to embark for Burmah this season, and it is necessary that the men be brought together and disciplined prior to embarkation.

6/8. M.

Cir 1.8.78 Retd 5.8.78
22.7.78

19th Augt 1878

N. G. the C in C has given the reason for the Company at the Batteries going back to Hd Quarters

Has any order been passed for another company going to the Canals and for the Battery Company returning to Hd Qrs —

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It has been ascertained that the Military Dept.

Dated 9-8-78

Special

FOR ORDERS.

have referred to the Famine Dept in regard to the removal of the Battery Company and its relief by another Company &c. No orders have yet been received.

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No. 3493 d/ 9th Augt. 1878.

Memorandum.

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Letter from the District Engineer Presidency × No. 2365 dated 20th July

× Vide C.E. No. 4616 d/ 12-10-78.

The District Engineer is requested to report fully why he considers the labor of the Sappers employed on the Coast Batteries expensive stating the nature of the work assigned to them, the rates paid to the different classes and whether these rates differed in any way from the ordinary rates of working pay.

Col: R.E.
7/8
Chief Engr. P.W.D.

To,
The D.E. Presidency

Despd 9-8-78

2.7.78

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No. 4267 d/21st Septr. 1878.

Memorandum.

*vide C.E. No. 4616 d/12-10-78

From the D.E. Presidency No. 3586* dated 16th Septr. 1878.

It would appear from the foregoing letter that the Sappers employed on the Batteries, were given pay in excess of working pay as allowed by Regulations to Sappers employed in ordinary Military working duty. The authority for this should be quoted.

(Sig.) E. A. Foord Col. R.E.
Chief Eng. P.W.D.

To,
The D.E. Presidency S

Despd. 21-9-78

(I.) R. P.

P. W. D.

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With reference to the remarks of His Grace the Governor dated 5th Instant on the subject of working pay to Sappers, the Secretary begs to invite attention to the orders in the Military Dept. No. 2786 dated 5th June 1878 from which it will be observed that 1st Class working pay has been specially sanctioned by Government.

E A Trevor Col: R.E.
Secy: to Govt. P.W.D.

This applied to Sappers on famine relief works – the latter were not such – in the former the Sappers were employed almost wholly in supervising duties – in the latter they were on ordinary military work – Sappers rates –
If there is any doubt as to rates – it should be cleared up

8th Octr 1878.

Hp 9/10
R.T.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Endorsement in the Military Dept. No. 5446 dated 15th October 1878.

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FOR ORDERS.

1st Class working pay at the rate of 4 Annas per day appears to have been granted by the District Engineer Presidency on the demand of the Officer Commanding the Sappers. Vide his Memo: No 77 dated 30th Jany/77 extracted by the District Engineer in his letter No 3744 dated 23rd Sep/78.

E A Wood Col RE
Ch Engr & Secy to Govt PWD

R. R. 17th Oct/78.

FOR ORDERS.

His Grace the Governor

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 19 Oct/78

Read the following :—

From
The District Engr. Presidency (H.O. No. 2365 d/ 20th July 1878)
Memo: by the Chief Engr. P.W.D. („ „ 3493 „ 9th Augt „)
The District Engr. Presidency („ „ 3586 „ 16th Sept „)
Memo: by the Chief Engr. P.W.D. („ „ 4267 „ 21st „ „)
The District Engr. Presidency („ „ 3744 „ 23d „ „)
Memo: by the Chief Engr. P.W.D. („ „ 4446 „ 2d Octr „)
Endorsement in the Military Dept. („ „ 5221 „ 4th „)
Memo: by the Chief Engr. P.W.D. („ „ 4616 „ 12th „ „)
Endorsement in the Military Dept. („ „ 5446 „ 15th „ „)

Print

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R.S.

Sappers employed on the Batteries at Madras should be regulated accordingly.

GWF
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Noted
23/10

S.E. 3rd Circle
~~S.E. Presidency~~
Ext. P. W. Accts
Military Dept
Despd 1-11-78

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Govt. of (1878) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To The Distt Engr Presidency

Dated

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Encl.

G. O., 19 Octr, 1878, No. 4069 W

Nos. 232 to 233.

Pay of Sappers employed on the Batteries at Madras

The endorsement regarding the ~~[illegible]~~ of the Mily department ordered to be communicated to the D.E. Presidency and Exr: P.W. accts, who will regulate their working pay accordingly

Entd in Regr

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