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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

1st February 1878, No. 534 W.

General.

Establishment.

Read the following paper:—

No. 14. Endorsement of the District Engineer, Nellore, dated Nellore 24th May 1877, No. 613.

From F. G. BROOKS, Esq., Executive Engineer, Iskapally Division, to J. O'SHAUGHNESSY, Esq., District Engineer, Nellore, dated 23rd May 1877, No. 248.

I HAVE the honor to ask that you will be good enough to send up the following subject for the early orders of Government, and I am sure you will agree with me that it is one deserving of favorable consideration.

2. In this division there are five sub-divisions of as near as possible 9 miles each in length. Two of these sub-divisions are in charge of Assistant Engineers who, according to the Public Works Code, Chapter IV, III, 1, are precluded from drawing any travelling allowance in their sub-divisions, as their head-quarters being nearly in the centre of their work, they cannot get beyond 5 miles without going out of their sections, which they very rarely have occasion to do.

3. These gentlemen have to keep up horses and tents, and it will be seen from their Journals for the last four months that they seldom travel less than 8 or 9 miles a day, and often 16 and more, in inspecting each side of their length on one day.

4. It is of the utmost importance that the Sub-divisional Officers should see as much as possible of the work in progress, and it is only by being continually on the move that they exercise a proper check on the subordinates, and prevent labor being wasted or misapplied. But they will be discouraged if they find they have to travel at their own expense, and I am sure Government would not care to reward in this way gentlemen who have stuck manfully to their duty, although living in the greatest discomfort, and exposed to no small risk from cholera, small-pox, &c., in the masses of laborers they have had to deal with.

5. In his Journal for April, Mr. Assistant Engineer Russel shows that he has travelled 291 miles, or on an average of 9.7 miles a day, but never once beyond 5 miles from his head-quarters. When it is remembered that he has had as many as 14,000 coolies to manage and with two out of his three subordinates incapacitated by sickness, the necessity for this travelling will not require any explanation. Mr. Hutchings has only accidentally been able to draw a few days travelling allowance, when duty took him out of his sub-division.

6. In submitting this case for the orders of Government, I venture to suggest that something more liberal than even full travelling allowance should be solicited for Messrs. Hutchings and Russell, for, if they had been on ordinary departmental duty, they would have had lighter work, lived in much more comfort, and earned in travel-

ling from Rupees 150 to 200 Rupees a-month. I therefore strongly recommend you should invite Government to permit them to draw full travelling allowance of the next higher grade, on Rupees 150 per mensem from the month of February last.

SUBMITTED to the Chief Engineer for favorable consideration.

The undersigned would recommend half allowance, *vide* Chapter IV, iii, II, of the Government of India Code when the distance travelled in any day does not exceed 10 miles, and without reference to length of halt at one place. When the distance travelled exceeds 10 miles, full allowance is claimable, *vide* Chapter IV, iii, II. If this concession is granted, it is recommended to have retrospective effect from the date of appointment to the canal of the Officers concerned.

(Signed) J. O'SHAUGHNESSY,
District Engineer.

No. 15. ORDER THEREON, 1st February 1878, No. 534 W.

THE Government regret that they are unable to accede to this application.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Exd. S. T. Austin.
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GENERAL
ESTABLISHMENT.

Govt. of (1878) Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE DISTRICT ENGINEER,
NELLORE,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated February 1st.

Issued

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 1st February 1878, No. 534 W.

FEBRUARY.

Nos. 14-15.

Travelling Allowances.—Declines to grant
— to Assistant Engineers in charge of sub-
divisions on the Buckingham Canal.

Copy of a letter from the Executive Engineer,
Locopally Division to the District
Engineer, Nellore dated 23rd May 1877. No.

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/ Sd/- H. G. Brooks
Executive Engineer

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retrospective effect from the date of
appointment to the Charge of the
Offices concerned.

District Engineer's Office
Nellur
24th May 1977

Sd/-
J. B.

Whispering
District Engineer

19th May 1877 No 98-10.

W.D.
G. D. S. 5268
From
The District Engineer
& Colloze
The Chief Engineer
P.W. Department
Fort St George

No 613
Dated 24th May 1877
Recd 25th do
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Travelling allowance
for Assistant Engineers
in charge of sub Divisions
on East Coast Canal
submits for favorable
consideration. Copy of
letter from the Executive
Engineer De Kapally &
recommending—
to have retrospective
effect from the date
of their appointment
to the Canal.

No 534 W. M. D. 6/5/78
Proceedings of the Madras Govt
Under date the 1st Feb. 1878.
Read the following
From the District Engineer (H.E. No 613 of 24 May 77)

It is regretted that they are
unable to accede
to this application.
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9/6/77

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C. J. M. A. S.

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Recd 7-2-78

It does not appear to
me that the rule bears any
allowance in these cases. The
rule from which I am
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in the rule of the rule
in my opinion. L. A.

HAD
ALLOWANCE EXCEEDED ITS POWERS.
AS MR. JOHNSTON WAS NOT IN CHARGE
OF A SURVEY. VIDE G.O. NO. 2026 OF
END. NOVEMBER 1876.

See
30/1/78

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Re-iterated to the
Hon. Mr. Studley with
remarks by the Examiner
S. W. Accounts.

30/1/78

For opinion as to
the application of the
Rules in these cases.

30/1/78

25-1-78

TO W.

THE P.W. CODE IV. III. I. RULE I
PRESCRIBES THAT FOR THE PURPOSE OF
CALCULATING TRAVELLING ALLOWANCE,
15 DAYS RESIDENCE AT A PLACE CON-
STITUTES AN OFFICER'S HEAD QUARTERS
AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT HAVE AP-
ARENTLY NO POWER OF DECIDING ANY-
THING TO THE OPPOSITE, EXCEPT WHEN
AN OFFICER IS APPOINTED TO THE
CHARGE OF A SURVEY.

2. UNDER THE SAME RULE, NO TRAVEL-
LING ALLOWANCE, NO MATTER WHAT THE
LENGTH OF THE JOURNEY, IS ADMIS-
SIBLE UNLESS THE OFFICER PROCEEDS
BEYOND A RADIUS OF 5 MILES FROM HIS
HEAD QUARTERS.

3. THE RULES, IN MY OPINION, BAR
THIS APPLICATION.

IN THE CASE OF MR. JOHNSTON
WHOSE CASE APPEARS IN THE FILE OF
PAPERS, THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGREED WITH ME THAT THIS GOVERNMENT
IN GRANTING PERMANENT TRAVELLING

The Examr. states if the
rule constituting a
H.Q. cuts away the
ground of any objection
S. has that men in
camps are already
away from H.Q.
In some cases it is said
that the "indication" has for
a point S. has been fixed
for more than 15 days.

See 30-1-78

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Obt. of 1878; *Indena*
PUBLIC WORKS.

To *R. B. Bell*

Dated

Issued

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G. O. 101 July 1878, No. 5317

Nos.

Traveling Allowances
Reclaim to grant — to
Asst Engineers in charge of
Reclamations on the Buck
Canal.

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