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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

18th January 1878, No. 303 W.

General.

Establishment.

Read the following paper:—

No. 156. Endorsement of the District Engineer, Nellore, dated 28th December 1877, No. 3,427.

From E. J. MEARA, Esq., C.E., Executive Engineer in charge, Atmakur Sub-Division, to J. O'SHAUGHNESSY, Esq., District Engineer, Nellore, dated Camp, Rapoor, 26th December 1877, No. 117.

I HAVE the honor to forward to you a bill of travelling contingencies with vouchers and the Examiner's retrenchments therefrom.

2. You will see that all the retrenchments except the first are of various sums paid by me for conveying my horse to Madras, and I now beg to explain, for the information of the Government of Madras, the circumstances under which I incurred and charged the expenditure in question.

3. In letter No. 1,523 G, dated 11th September 1877, from the Assistant Secretary to the Government of Bengal, Public Works Department, and addressed to me, I was directed to proceed to Madras (*via* False Point, which route was however afterwards changed to *via* Calcutta,) and report to the Famine Secretary of that Government for employment, and I was ordered to take a tent and horses with me.

4. Now, the Examiner in passing the actual amount paid to the ship for conveying my horse admits that the cost of transit is a fair charge, and I find myself unable to comprehend why he has retrenched.

5. I respectfully beg to point out that had I not been directed to bring a horse to Madras I should have sold him in Balasore, so that the expense of conveying him from that place to Calcutta and the cost of keeping him there is a fair charge.

6. The ship I came in, the *St. Ossyth*, I was advised to choose by the Assistant Secretary to the Government of Bengal, Public Works Department, and as that ship did not lie near a jetty, the cost of a boat and shipping charges was, I also submit, unavoidable and fair.

7. The cost of a horse-box was also, I submit, a fair charge, for, firstly, Messrs. Apcar and Company, the Agents for the ship, warned me that I must pay for one; and, secondly, in the Bay of Bengal in the month of October rough weather is to be expected, and such weather would be fatal to a horse on the spar deck without a box.

8. The cost of sending the syce back to Bengal is also, I submit, a fair charge, for I could not get a man who would stay with me in Madras, and so was obliged to get Messrs. Smith and Company, the Stablekeepers in Calcutta, to supply a syce for the voyage.

9. I believe that the explanations I have given of these few retrenched items apply to all the rest of them, and I hope that you will be so good as to forward this letter with enclosures as per margin to the Government of Madras, as I trust the reasons shown in this letter will enable that Government to direct the Examiner of Accounts to remit the retrenchments in question, but if not I most respectfully hope that the matter may be referred to the Government of India, as it was that Government which directed that I should take my horse and tent, &c., with me and thereby undertook to pay the cost of doing so.

10. In conclusion I may remark that if I had come by one of the P. and O. or British India Steam Navigation Company's ships the extra expense for myself, servants, &c., would have greatly exceeded the amount now retrenched by the Examiner.

SUBMITTED to the Chief Engineer.

The disputed amount is a portion of Mr. Meara's travelling expenses from Balasore to Madras, and refers exclusively to the charges for bringing a horse—

The amount of Mr. Meara's bill, including his own passage money, is	Rs. A. P.
The amount passed by Examiner is	303 10 0
	111 10 0
Of this amount	Difference
be charged in a travelling allowance bill,	192 0 0
	78 0 0 should

which the Examiner says cannot be allowed, and which comprises cost of a horse-box, fodder, hay, mats, payments to horsekeepers and passage of a horsekeeper returning to Calcutta.

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

No. 157. ORDER THEREON, 18th January 1878, No. 303 W.

THE Examiner has been authorised to admit all charges for horse-boxes. The return passage of a horsekeeper has been in a previous case disallowed and cannot now be admitted. Nor are such charges as the cost of fodder, hay, mats, and payments to horsekeepers, such as can be defrayed by Government.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Exd. S. T. Austin.
Spare Copies

arrived forward ...

P. J. A.

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THE ESTABLISHMENT
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G. O. 1878: 1878.

JANUARY.

NO. 1878: 1878.

The following is a list of the
names of the persons who have
been employed in the
Public Works Department.

LIST NO. 28. G. OF 1877-78, AND THE
G. O. SANCTIONING THE DISBURSEMENT
OF THE CHARGE OF A HORSE ^{BOX} IS DATED
7TH. DECEMBER 1877 NO. 1901. W. THE
CHARGE OF HORSE BOX WILL BE AD-
MITTED BY THIS OFFICE IN THE NEXT
CONTINGENT BILL OF THE DIVISION.
THE COST OF FODDER, HAY, WATS, PAY-
MENTS TO HORSEKEEPERS, AND PASSAGE
OF A HORSEKEEPER RETURNING TO CAL-
CUTTA CANNOT BE ADMITTED BY THIS
OFFICE WITHOUT THE SPECIAL SANCTION
OF GOVERNMENT.

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Submitted for
Orders when they are
have named charges
are to be admitted.
In previous cases
the fact. have refused
to pass payments

for return journey
of a horse keeper.

Edmond Robert R.E.
Ch. Secy. & Secy. P.H.D.

The Secretary of the
Department of the
Public Works Order No.
1878: 1878.

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GOVT. } 1878. } P. W.
OF MADRAS. } DEPT.

SECRETARY.

Fort St. George,

January 8th 1878.

OFFICE NOTE.

To

Reference District
Engineer, Bellary, 3427
Dated 28th Decr 1877 -

I cannot gather from
these papers whether the
charge for a horse box has
hasn't been disallowed -

G.O. No 1971 W authorized
you to pass such charges,
but both Mr. Meera and
the D. District say
that the item has been
disallowed -

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8/1/78

A.P.

TO W.

THE CHARGE FOR HORSE BOX HAS
BEEN DISALLOWED BY THIS OFFICE IN
NOVEMBER 1877. SEE DISALLOWANCE

No. 28 of 1877.78

Vellore District

Vellore Central Division or Office. List of Disallowances

from the Contingent

Bill for September and October 1877.

Name and Rank.	Amount disallowed.	Reason of Disallowance.	Explanation by Executive and District Officers.
Mr. C. J. Meera Executive Engineer Passage from Calcutta to Madras = Rs. 90 Subst table money Rs. 12	78	1. Expunged from this bill, included and passed in tra- velling allowance Bill.	
Cost of Conveying a horse from Balasore to Calcutta = Rs. 8-6-0	1/12	2. Disallowed, the Code rules don't pro- vide for the admission of such charges, similar claims, made by other officers, and referred to Government, were not admitted by them. Rs. 3-10-0 on account of tolls paid for horse from Balasore to Calcutta is passed provisionally pending information as to the circumstances under which the amount was paid and whether the usual travelling allowance was shown by Mr. Meera for the days on which the tollage was paid.	The question is a matter of equity and not of Codes & Regulations. Mr. Meera was ordered to bring a horse to Madras at least expense and he states that he did so in the cheapest possible manner he was told that a horse box was necessary for the safety of his horse and native -ally he got a horse box as he would no doubt have done - if he was shipping the animal in his own account
Cost of shipping horse tea = Rs. 100-4-0	83/4		
Landing horse = Rs. 25-8-0	1		
Passage of horse keeper returning to Calcutta	25		
	192		

N.B. - This space should not be written upon as it is required for filing the list.

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P. S. R.

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No. 117 of 1877. Camp. Report.
dated 26-12-77.

From

The En. Engineer.

in ch. at Madras & sub divisions

To,

The District Engineer

Madras.

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3 In letter No 1523 G. dated 11th Sept 1877 from the Asst Secretary to the Government of Bengal P. W. S. and addressed to me I was directed to proceed to Madras (via Falce Point which route was however afterwards changed to via Calcutta) and report to the Finance Secretary of that Government for employment and I was ordered to take a cart and horses with me.

4 Now the Examiner in passing the actual amount paid to the ship for conveying my horse admits that the cost of transit is a fair charge and I find myself unable to

comprehend why he has retrenched.
5 I respectfully beg to point out that had I not been directed to bring a horse to Madras I should have sold him in Calcutta so that the expense of conveying him from that place to Calcutta and the cost of keeping him there is a fair charge.

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9 I believe that the explanations I have given of these few retrenched items apply

Copy of the letter to 1523 C. from the Asst Secy to the Govt of Bengal.
disallowed by the Gov. No 28 J. of 1877-78.
Bill of Travelling Contingent with vouchers in original.

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10 In Conclusion I beg to remark that if I had come by one of the P & O or British India Steamer Navigation Company's ships the extra expense for my self servants &c would have greatly exceeded the amount now retrenched by the Examiner.

I have the honor to be

Sir,
Your most obt. servant,

Edmund Meade & Co.
Executive Engineer

3427

Submitted to the Chief Engineer

The disputed amount is a portion of Mr. Menon's Travelling expenses from Palasme to Madras and refers exclusively to the charges for bringing a horse -

The amount of Mr. Menon's bill including his own purchase money - Rs 303-10-0

The amt. passed by Examiner is Rs 111-10-0

Difference - Rs 192-0-0

Of this amount Rs 78-0-0

should be charged in a travelling allowance bill -

leaving Rs 114-0-0

which the Examiner says cannot be allowed, and which comprises cost of a horse boy, fodder, hay, mats, payments to horsekeepers and passage of a horsekeeper returning to Calcutta,

W. Humphreys
Secty Engineer

29/12/77

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 18th Jan'y 1878.

Read the following:—

Endorsement by the Dist Engr } H. No 3427 dt 28 Dec 1877
Nellore }

The Examiner has been authorized to admit all charges for horse boxes. The return passage of a Horsekeeper has been in a previous case disallowed and cannot now be admitted. Nor are such charges as the cost of fodder, hay, mats, and payments to horsekeepers, such as can be defrayed by Government.

27/10/78

To The Examiner P.W. Accounts
" Dist Engineer, Nellore.

Refd 29-1-78

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To
the Com. of P. W. A.

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G. O. 18 Jan 1878, No. 2024

Nos.

Mr. Hugo Mearns's tra-
veling expenses from Calcutta
to Madras to be paid with
certain receipts

Wm. H. R.