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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

28th May 1879, No. 1,463 W.

General.
Establishment.

Read the following paper:—

No. 163. Endorsement of the Acting Superintending Engineer, Third Circle, dated 3rd April 1879, No. 1,930.

From J. O'SHAUGHNESSY, Esq., Executive Engineer, Buckingham Canal Division, to the Superintending Engineer, Third Circle, dated Adayar, 30th March 1879, No. 704.

I HAVE the honor to request you will be good enough to refer the following cases to Government as soon as possible for orders.

The first case refers to S. Ramiah Puntulu, Superintendent of the Nellore Anicut, who was, on the breaking out of the late famine transferred as Overseer to the Buckingham Canal in January 1877, and the appointment was reported in the papers printed with G.O., dated the 20th March 1877, No. 991.

Mr. Hutchings, Assistant Engineer, the sub-division officer under whom Ramiah was employed, was transferred to Madura, and Ramiah as the senior and best Overseer in the division was put in charge of the sub-division on the 31st May 1877 in Mr. Hutching's place. This was reported to the Chief Engineer in my No. 710, dated the 1st June 1877, and Ramiah continued to do duty as sub-division officer on various portions of the canal until the stoppage of the work in January last or until about two months ago.

Ramiah's pay was that of 3rd Grade Overseer, or 60 Rupees per mensem, which was on my authority as District Engineer raised to Rupees 110 per mensem by the addition of the sub-division allowance of 50 Rupees per month authorised to Overseers in all similar cases by G.O., dated 17th February 1875, No. 479.

The salaries of the temporary subordinate Famine Establishments were for a long time charged immediately to the works, and were not submitted to the Examiner of Public Works Accounts for audit; when this was brought to my notice I decided that the salaries of all subordinates, other than the petty establishments that would in ordinary cases be charged to works, should, for obvious reasons, be charged to establishment, and that the bills should be submitted to the Examiner for audit in the ordinary course.

In this way Ramiah was paid the sub-division allowance for 14 months without the Examiner's knowledge, and when in adjusting the accounts the matter was brought directly to the Examiner's notice, he decided that the payment of the sub-division allowance to Overseer Ramiah required the special sanction of Government.

Under these circumstances I request that Government will be pleased to formally authorise the employment of temporary Overseer Ramiah as sub-division officer on the Buckingham Canal from the 1st June 1877 to the 20th of January 1879, being the period during which he actually performed a sub-division officer's duty.

The second case refers to temporary Overseers M. Rama Row, P. Gurunadam Moodeliy and Sub-Overseer T. French, whose appointments were, as in Ramiah's case, reported in the papers printed with G.O., No. 991, dated 20th March 1877.

These Overseers were attached to the Kristnapatam Division, and their salaries on first appointment were Rupees 50, 50 and 40 respectively; as the works progressed and the capabilities and efficiency of the Overseers became better known their pay was regulated accordingly and to a limited extent by Supervisor J. H. Stephens, the Range Officer. In this way the salaries of these three individuals were at one time raised to Rupees 60 per mensem each, the pay of the lowest grade of Overseer on the permanent establishment, and the pay of Rama Row was at another time lowered to Rupees 25 for some neglect of duty. The proceedings were informal and carried out without any special authority from me, but the Range Officer states that I gave him verbal authority to raise the salaries to that of the lowest grade of Overseers and possibly in the hurry of the times I did, but I do not recollect it. The payments thus made in excess of the sums authorised amount to Rupees 338-13-11 and less than the salary authorised to Rupees 63-8-0. Under the circumstances reported above I request the Government to be pleased to authorise the Examiner to to pass the amount in question. These are the only cases that I know of remaining unsettled in connection with famine operations on the canal.

SUBMITTED to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department.

(Signed) H. W. WOOD, Major, R.E.,
Ag. Supg. Engineer, Third Circle.

No. 164. ORDER THEREON, 28th May 1879, No. 1,463 W.

THE Government learn from these papers that Mr. O'Shaughnessy, late District Engineer of Nellore, authorised a special allowance of Rupees 50 to Overseer Ramiah during the time in which he held charge of a sub-division of the Buckingham Canal, on the transfer of Mr. Assistant Engineer Hutchings to the Madura District, and an increase in the rates of pay to three of the Famine Overseers employed on the canal; that in both these cases he did so without obtaining the previous sanction of Government.

Rama Row.
Gurunadum.
Mr. French.

2. Mr. O'Shaughnessy appears to have granted to Overseer Ramiah the additional allowance under the authority conveyed in G.O., No. 470, dated 12th February 1875. The Examiner is accordingly authorised to pass the charge for such time as the Overseer held charge of the sub-division. In future all such deputation allowances must be considered as special, requiring the prior sanction of Government, *vide* Code Chapter IV, ii, paragraphs 10 and 12. The irregularity however of charging the amount to "Works" instead of to "Establishments" was very grave and should have been detected by the District Engineer long before the period (14 months) that was allowed to lapse without its being rectified. The Superintending Engineer, Third Circle, is requested to investigate the matter and to report the names of the officers and subordinates directly responsible for the irregularity.

3. In regard to the increased rate of pay authorised to the three Overseers, the Government consider that under the explanation furnished by Mr. O'Shaughnessy the excess may now be passed.

4. The rates sanctioned in G.O., No. 991, dated 20th March 1877, should on no account have been increased without previous sanction, and the conduct of the officers concerned in thus acting without due authority is noticed with grave dissatisfaction.

5. These papers display a most discreditable amount of irregularity in the proceedings of the Public Works Officers in the Nellore District, and reflect seriously on the control exercised by the District Engineer over the operations of his subordinate officers.

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6. The Government observe that Mr. O'Shaughnessy's letter has been simply submitted by the Superintending Engineer without note or comment of any kind. All cases submitted by a Superintending Engineer for the decision of Government should be accompanied by a distinct expression of his own opinion.

(True Extract.)

Major, R.E.,
Ag. Under Secy. to the Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineer, Third Circle.
" Examiner of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
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Govt. of (1879) Madras

PUBLIC WORKS.

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
SALEM CIRCLE.

MAY.

Nos. 163-164.

Screen irrigation in the Coimbatore District.—Orders regarding the appointment of a special allowance of Rupees 50 per mensem to Thomas Cullen, Executive Engineer, Coimbatore Division, and an increase in the rate of pay of three officers of the Coimbatore Division employed in the canal.

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Since Once noted
need not go with
file to the H.Q.
but will be returned
to the Asst. Engr in
duplicate in case
of reference

16/5/79

Encl to M. . .

MEMORANDUM.

Letter Number 1920 5th

dated the 2nd April 1875

from the ~~District~~ Engineer of J. & O.

The above proceeding is
sent herewith, entirely
to work
the charges & allowances
herein with refer
to the charges & estab-
lishment.

I am to request that
that the C.E. might not
be recalled & pay the
extra allowances from that
the time previous (Band.
J Cs rest).

The allowance & Agency
Peninsula (Jan 2-3 Feb) is
a different matter, and
the D.E. has not sent
extra ones after, as the
proceedings are likely to end
by C.E. in Feb or
1875, which may affect some

the previous question of the Plaintiffs title, any Decree between other parties, though there is no reason for thinking that it was, but that is another matter -

The objection to the 5th & 6th subdivisions of Schedule B is not at all, such Lands with the mining and the reference to the Code is altogether beside the mark - as Code Cases have been in one place, even in the Privy Council, from Australia, and the Act of 1877

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I do not know the Provincial rule referred to, but in Ceylon Ordinance No 7 of 1871 was repealed by Ordinance No 3538 of 16 Dec 1874 - The Section is I believe here

as that a deputation allowance of Rs 50 per annum may be sanctioned to an Overseer when appointed to the charge of a range

In ending of the Code Chap 17 it will also often all Cases be a correct transcript of a previous Financial order Clerks affairs the addition of the allowance (if "special" and given by Sanction of the Local Government) - In fact before such allowance can be claimed there must be the proper certificate in the Gazette.

Neither Ch Engineer ever any of the under him has the power to grant the allowance or could have had it when a Code was framed & not

The subdivision allowance to the other Lands (save & subdivision has been authorized) is within the Competence of the Lieut Governor to grant - in the former instance there is a deputation allowance

Ordinance

Another Lands Ordinance I must point to I cannot find on that subject by the Secretariat

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Q.G. 17-July/78 No 70
" 20-March/77 No 991
" 28-May/77 No 1537.
" 11-June/77 No 2217.

GOVT. OF MADRAS. } 1879. { P. W. DEPT.

SECRETARY.

Fort St. George, 8th April 1879.

OFFICE NOTE.

From

C. Pinney

For the favor of report with reference to the claims preferred in each case.

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Ld 26/3/79.
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No 133 of 7.5.79.
Encl: 5.

TO B.

IN THE FIRST PLACE, I THINK IT IS UNDESIRABLE THAT SUCH CASES SHOULD COME BEFORE GOVERNMENT UNACCOMPANIED BY A DEFINITE EXPRESSION OF OPINION FROM THE SUPERINTENDING

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Abst. 25.5.79.

ENGINEERS. THE EXPRESSION OF SUCH AN OPINION ALONE WOULD SECURE THE CASE BEING THOROUGHLY LOOKED INTO.

5. MR.O'SHAUGHNESSY AS DISTRICT ENGINEER HAS NOT THE SLIGHTEST AUTHORITY TO AUTHORIZE THE GRANT OF RS.60 TO S.RAMIAH SUPERINTENDENT PENNAR ANICUT, IN ADDITION TO HIS REGULAR PAY OF RS.60 PER MENSEM.

3. THIS ALLOWANCE OF RS.60 IS NOT AS MR.O'SHAUGHNESSY THINKS SUB-DIVISIONAL ALLOWANCE. SUB-DIVISIONAL ALLOWANCE IS LIMITED TO RS.30, AND IS GIVEN ONLY UNDER THE CONDITIONS SPECIFIED IN P.W.D.CODE CHAP.I.I.19. THE GRANT OF THE ADDITIONAL ALLOWANCE OF RS.60 REFERS TO DEPUTATION OR OFFICIATING ALLOWANCE AND IS GIVEN ONLY WHEN A SUBORDINATE IS APPOINTED TO A CHARGE WHICH INVOLVES DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES USUALLY IMPOSED ON ASST. ENGINEERS, AND REGITEES IN EACH CASE THE PREVIOUS SPECIAL ORDERS OF GOVERNMENT

4. IF THE GOVERNMENT IS NOW

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SATISFIED THAT THE CONDITIONS, UNDER WHICH SUB DEPUTATION ALLOWANCE IS ADMISSIBLE, WERE SATISFIED IN THE CASE OF S.RAMIAH, THE SPECIAL ALLOWANCE MAY NOW BE SANCTIONED AS A VERY SPECIAL AND EXCEPTIONAL CASE. SUBJECT TO THE CONDITION THAT THE AMOUNT OF RS.60 MADE ALREADY HAVE BEEN PAID ON THIS ACCOUNT TO S.RAMIAH.

5. THE GRAVE IRREGULARITY IN DRAWING THE INCREASE IS OF GIVEN WITHOUT AUTHORITY SANCTION, AND OF DRAWING THE INCREASE TO WORKS FOR 12 MONTHS SHOULD I THINK BE PECUNIARILY NOTICED BY GOVERNMENT.

6. AS APPOINTMENT AT THE TIME TEMPORARY CHARGES NEEDED TO BE APPROVED BY GOVERNMENT IN G.O.No.907 PAGE 1922 MARCH 1907. THE PAY ASSIGNED TO THOSE AT THE TIME OF APPOINTMENT WAS AS FOLLOWS :-

PAPA EOP.....Rs.400 PER MENSEM
ONNUNATHAN.....Rs.50 " "
MUDDENNAL.....Rs.40 " "

THE [illegible]
COULD HAVE [illegible]
THE PRESENT [illegible] GOVERNMENT.

THE EXCESSES OVER THESE RATES HAVE BEEN DISALLOWED BY THE AUDITOR FOR WANT OF SANCTION.

2. FROM THE CONCLUDING PORTION OF MR. CHANDONNEAU'S LETTER IT APPEARS THAT RS.878-8-11 (THAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN RS.2728-12-11 PAID IN EXCESS OF THE SUMS AUTHORISED, AND RS.62-4-0 LESS PAID) HAS AT PRESENT NOT BEEN NOTICED AS UNADJUSTED ON THIS ACCOUNT. IF GOVERNMENT IS SATISFIED WITH THE EXPLANATION NOW GIVEN BY THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PERIYAR & CANAL DIVISION, OF THE PROBABLY AND CORRECTNESS OF THE OVER PAYMENTS, THE REQUISITE ORDERS FOR ITS ADJUSTMENT MAY BE ISSUED.

FAITH SHOULD BE KEPT WITH THE MEN THEMSELVES, BUT STILL THIS DOES NOT IN ANY WAY COVER THE SLOVENLY AND UNBUSINESSLIKE WAY IN WHICH ALL THE OFFICERS CONCERNED APPEAR TO HAVE ACTED BOTH WITH

THE CASE CALLS US TO PROTEST THE UNDESIRABILITY OF LAYING DOWN A LIMIT, SAY RS.50, BEYOND WHICH NO SALARIES ARE TO BE CHARGED TO WORKS WITHOUT SPECIFIC SANCTION

OF A HIGHER AUTHORITY. SUCH SANCTION IN THE CASE OF TEMPORARY ESTABLISHMENTS, TO BE EFFECTIVE OF ONLY SIX MONTHS.

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This last objection is very undesirable; if a particular officer abuses the discretion entrusted to him, that is a good reason for removing him, but not for withdrawing discretion from other officers - 8.8.16.

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BUCKINGHAM CANAL DIVISION OFFICE,
Adyar
30th March 1879.

No. 704.

From

THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,
Buckingham Canal Division,

To

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
3rd Circle.

SIR,

Chepauk.

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The Executive Engineer, &c.

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Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant

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Executive Engineer
Buckingham Canal Division

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From

The Executive Engineer,

Buckingham Canal Division,

To

The Superintending Engineer,

3rd Circle.

Rec'd 28-5-79 No 1463

Dated 30th March 1879.

Despatched 31st do

No. 704

Enclosure.

SUBJECT.

Requesting to obtain the orders of Government for the payment of Deputation allowance to Sub Division Officers Ramaiah & for the increased rates of Salaries paid to Overseers in the late Kistnapatam Division of the Buckingham Canal.

No 1930.

Submitted to the Chief Engineer - S. & D.

for approval Major R.C. Acting Supdg Engr 3rd Circle.

3rd April 1879 -

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No 1463 Public Works Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 28th May 1879

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I have &c.

(Sd) C. Bird

Secy to Govt.

Public Works Dept.

Fort St. George
the 26th May 1879

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Bobt. of (1870) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

Dated

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G. O., 28 May 1870, No. 1663

Nos. 163-164.

Serious irregularities in the
Buckingham Canal Dra
Orders regarding the fragmen
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Rs 30 to Wuzeer Mamiah
and an increase in the
Sale of Pay of three Asst
Jemmy Menders employ
in the Canal