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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

19th July 1879, No. 1,911 W.

General.
Establishment.

Read the following papers :—

No. 121.	From the Supg. Engr.,	Second Circle,	dated	8th April	1879,	No.	111.
No. 121-A.	From do.	do.	,,	3rd May	,,	,,	480.
No. 121-B.	From do.	do.	,,	4th June	,,	,,	977.

No. 122. **Order thereon**, 19th July 1879, No. 1,911 W.

From these papers it is observed that Honorary Captain Smither elects to abide by the pay and allowances of the grade corresponding to an Assistant Engineer, 1st Grade, in the Upper Subordinate Establishment, *i.e.*, as a Sub-Engineer, 1st Grade.

2. Under these circumstances Captain Smither will be entitled to travelling allowance only at the rates admissible to a member of the Upper Subordinate Establishment.

3. The Examiner is authorised to regulate his salary and travelling allowances accordingly.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Exd. C. Howarth.
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GENERAL.
ESTABLISHMENT.

Govt. of [1879] Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

The SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
SECOND CIRCLE,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated July 19th.

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G. O., 12th July 1879, No. 1,911 W.

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Nos. 121-122.

Honorary Captain Smither.—The Ex
ner authorised to regulate the salary
travelling allowances of — accordin
orders now issued.

No. 378.

To

Colonel J. H. M. Shaw Stewart R.E.
Chief Engineer P.W.D.
Fort St. George
Madras.

Sir

I have the honor to State for your information as follows:—

That I entered the Department on the 16th November 1852, and from the very first as will be Seen by reference to Col: Horsley's Returns gave Satisfaction. I Showed my knowledge of work by Constructing a Culvert myself before I had been three months in the Department, and I was the first person that laid down pegs as a Skeleton for roads and Tank bunds.

In 1858 Colonel Oakes placed me, then an Overseer in charge of a Range and kept me there although a Superior Officer in rank was Sent for the charge and the late Colonel Winscom placed me in charge of what he Said was the most difficult Range in the Tinnevelly District Major W. H. Wood placed it on record that I possessed a better knowledge of the "Builders Art" than any person he had met.

General

al Walker in commending me for warrant Rank wrote as follows:— Sergeant Smither both by his private and public Conduct is pre-eminently fitted for the warrant Grade. Major Penny and has frequently Spoken in the highest terms of my work, and there are the works them-selves. Workmen and Contractors that will bear testimony to my energy and ability yet when I arrive at the higher rank which I attained by long Service, backed by the high opinion of the Officer I have named, I am not awarded the pay of my rank

I would beg to State on a reference to the Statements of pay you will find that Captains. Howard, Graham, and Bailey received one hundred rupees more than I do. Also that Deputy Commissaries in the Ordnance and Commissariat Receive Rs 500 per mensem, Whereas I receive but 450

I would further beg to State that I never volunteered for, or was asked to adopt any new Scale of pay, and that I received Military pay in addition to Civil allowance up to the time I was promoted to Assistant Engineer, Since which I have been applying for my pay proper, but in vain.

I would most respectfully ask am I to Suffer because I belong to this Dept, there is no question about a man's pay in the ordnance or Commissariat, and why should there be in the Public Works Department. In those Departments a person always has a home, in this he has none. In those Departments he is in a position to command Supplies in this, he frequently has to have recourse to make-Shifts to provide his dinner

I therefore respectfully Solicit you to be So good as to enquire into the Subject of my pay, and to bring the case if necessary, before His Grace the Governor in Council, who I feel assured would not allow my case to form a peculiar and an isolated one.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant

Camp Hospett.
31st March.

Wm Smither, Captain
Assistant Engineer

Prog 17-7-79 No 19117

No 111 Supg. Engrs. Office
Bellary 8th April 1879

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From
The Superintending Engineer
2nd Circle

To
The Chief Engineer
P. W. D.

Sir,

The Examiner P. W. Accounts recently sent me a list of Officers who had attained the age of 55 years and asked for my remarks as to whether the one Officer entered viz Captain and Dy. Commissary Smither should be retained in the service. I enquired if Captain Smither proposed to take his pension: and I communicated to the Examiner his answer viz that he believed the terms of his enlistment precluded his taking the initiative before being pronounced unfit for further service by a Medical Officer: but that he was ready to appear before the Medical Officer.

12th March. Captain Smither then wrote to ask when the time would be of his being pensioned. as he thought he ought to have intimation of the date: and he again wrote to say that he did not wish to Volunteer for pension, before he received the pay due to him for the last 2½ years and for which he has already appealed. 31st March

2. I have now the honour to forward a letter addressed to you, by Captain Smither, asking for the pay proper of his rank since he became an Assistant Engr. No. 378. of 31 March /79. There have been several references on this subject: and there is nothing further for me to bring forward, as by G.O. No. 4246 W dated the 6th November 1878, the Government of India were to be addressed. Up to this time however, no reply from the Government of India has been communicated

3 I have told Captain Smither that there is every probability that consideration will be given to his wishes as to his being pensioned at any particular time after the long period that he has served: and I presume that the Government would not desire that Capt. Smither should be called upon to leave the service, while his pay claim is still

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K.W. P. 1060 W – 3 – 4 – 79
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„ 1587 W – 10 – 11 – 77
„ 4246 } W – 6 – 11 – 78
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From
The Supg. Engineer
2d Circle
To
The Chief Engr.
P. W. D.

No. 111
Dated 8th } April 1879
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Captain Smither –
Forwarding a letter from Asst Engr. – on the Subject of his pension and pay proper.

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I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most obt. servant

for Lt. Col.
Superintending Engineer
2nd Circle

Ramandroog Sub Division Office
No. 65
Hospett
21st April 1879

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From

The Sub Division Officer
Ramandroog

To

The Division Officer
Bellary

Sir

In reply to your endorsement No. 112 on G. O. W. No. 1040 dated 3rd Instant, I have the honor to state that I chose the Military pay and Staff allowances of my rank.

I would beg to state that, that is what I have been claiming since I was promoted to Assistant Commissary on the 24th of July 1876. The copy of my letter to the Examiner will be found among the records of the late Warlaja Range and copies of other letters in the late Siroo-boor Range.

The pay due to me is as follows, as per ruling as above:—

P. T. O.

Assistant Commissary		
Military pay	225	
Staff allowance	250	
	475 for	
Pay received	450	
Difference for 1 Month	25	
for 24 Months	600	600 " "
Deputy Commissary		
Military pay	300	
Staff allowance	250	
	550	
Pay received	450	
Difference for 1 Month	100	
Amount due for 9 Months from 24 of July 1878 until 24 April current		
Rupees 900 " "		900 " "
Total amount due Rupees		1,500 " "

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Most Obdt St

Captain

Assistant Engineer

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From
The Officer in charge
Commanding Details
To
The Executive Engineer
Bellary Division

Dated 26
Received 30 April 1879

No. 65

Informing that he chooses to receive the Military pay and Staff Allowance —

Pro 7/19 - July 1879 No. 1911 W

No. 480. Superintending Engineer's Office
Bellary 3rd May 1879.

From,
The Superintending Engineer,
2nd Circle.

To,
The Chief Engineer
Public Works Department,
Madras.

Sir,

With reference to G.O. No. 1040 W dated 3rd April 1879, I have the honor to enclose a letter No. 65 dated 26th April 1879 from Captain and Deputy Commissary T. Smither stating that he prefers to draw the Military Pay and Staff Allowance of his rank.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant
H. A. Brendey &c
Lt Col. R.E.
Superintending Engineer 2nd C.

G.O. No. 1020 W. 3-4-79
— " 2116 W. 10-5-78
— " 1587 W. 10-11-77
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Circular No. 14 of 1879

From

The Supdg. Engineer
2nd Circle

To

The Chief Engineer
P.W.D.
Madras

Dated 3rd May 1879

Pro of 17-7-79 No. 1914 W

Read.

No. 480

Captain & Dy. Commy.
J. Smither Apt. Engr.

Forwarding a Letter from — preferring to draw the Military Pay and staff allowance of his rank

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No. 1114.

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From
The Sub Division Officer
Ramandroog

To
The Division Officer
Bellary

Camp Hurpunhully
Dated 25th May 1879.

Sir,

In returning the enclosed document, I have the honour to state that I elect the Military pay of my rank and the Staff of an Upper Subordinate. If my travelling allowance is reduced, I shall be no longer an Apt. Engineer. I solicit an early ruling on this point as to what rank I really hold. I would beg to observe that the Government of India say nothing about the loss of Travelling allowance, Captains Howard, Graham, and Bailey drew their full pay and travelling allowance of Assistant Engineer. I

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most obdt. servant.
(Signed) J. Smither Dy. Comty.
Sub Division Officer.

No. 977. Copy

Submitted to the Chief Engineer P.W.D. with reference to his Memo No. 1837 Dated 15th May 1879.

W. Prendergast Lt. Col. R.E.
Supdg. Engineer 2nd Circle

Supdg. Engrs. Office
Bellary 4th June/79

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GR No. 1040 W – 8 – 4 – 79
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Circular No. 14 of 1879

From
The Supg Engineer
2nd Circle
To
The Chief Engineer
P.W.D.

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No. 977
Dated 4th } June 1879.
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Captain Smither
Sub Divl Officer. –
Submitting Copy of
a letter from – on
the Subject of his
pay and allowances.

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Cto 4316
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GOVT. OF MADRAS. } 1879. { P. W. DEPT.

Under SECRETARY.

Fort St. George, 1879.

OFFICE NOTE

No. 138 of 1879

To
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For report.
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TO W.

AS CAPT. SMITHER HAS ELECTED TO ABIDE BY THE PAY AND ALLOWANCES OF THE GRADE CORRESPONDING TO AN ASST. ENGINEER IST. GRADE IN THE UPPER SUBORDINATE ESTABLISHMENT, I.E. AS SUB-ENGINEER IST. GRADE HE IS ENTITLED TO TRAVELLING ALLOWANCE ONLY AT RATES ADMISSIBLE TO A MEMBER OF THE UPPER SUBORDINATE ESTABLISHMENT.

PLEASE SEE COPY OF ACCOUNTANT GENERAL'S

LETTER NO.304.E.OF 18TH.APRIL 1879,

COPY OF WHICH WAS FORWARDED WITH MY

OFFICE NOTE NO.164 OF 14TH.MAY 1879

AND MADRAS P.W.CODE II.II.32.

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FOR C.

COPY OF A LETTER FROM THE ACCOUNTANT GENERAL, P.W.D. TO THE EXAMINER, P.W.ACCOUNTS, MADRAS. NO.304.E.DATED 18TH. APRIL 1879.

IN REPLY TO YOUR LETTER NO.245.A.DATED THE 1ST. INSTANT, I HAVE THE HONOR TO STATE THAT IN THE ~~[illegible]~~ event OF HONORARY CAPT. SMITHER ASST. ENGINEER ELECTING TO DRAW PAY AS A SUB-ENGINEER 1ST. GRADE, TRAVELLING ALLOWANCES SHOULD BE PASSED TO HIM AT THE RATES ADMISSIBLE TO SUB-ENGINEERS.

(TRUE COPY)

SUPERINTENDENT
CORRESPONDENCE BRANCH.

No. 18
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No. 42 of 1879

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OF MADRAS. } 1879. {P.
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SECRETARY.

Fort St. George, 7th May 1879

OFFICE NOTE

To

C.

For report.

Dy. W.

T.S.

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Pro. 19-7-77 No. 1911 W.

TO W. No. 164 of 14.5.79.
Enc.

PLEASE SEE ACCOUNTANT GENERAL'S P.W.D. CIRCULAR NO. 14 OF 1879, (COP HEREWITH) FROM WHICH IT WILL BE OBSERVED THAT HONORARY CAPT. T. SMITHER HAS THE OPTION OF ELECTING THE SCALE OF PAY AND ALLOWANCES AT EACH STEP OF PROMOTION.

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THESE PAPERS DO NOT CLEARLY AND DEFINITELY SHEW WHETHER HONORARY CAPT. SMITHER ELECTS TO ABIDE BY THE CONSOLIDATED PAY OF AN ASST. ENGINEER OR BY THE PAY OF THE GRADE CORRESPONDING TO IT IN THE UPPER SUBORDINATE ESTABLISHMENT. HE SHOULD BE NOW CALLED UPON TO DEFINITELY ELECT ONE SCALE. IF HE ELECTS THE LATTER, THE CLAIM AT THE RATESREFERRED TO IN HIS LETTER NO.65 DATED 26TH. APRIL 1879 TO THE ADDRESS OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, BELLARY DIVISION, APPEARS CORRECT. IT SHOULD HOWEVER BE NOTED THAT IN THIS CASE HE WILL BE ENTITLED TO TRAVELLING ALLOWANCES ALSO AT RATES ADMISSIBLE TO A MEMBER OF THE UPPER SUBORDINATE ESTABLISHMENT. PLEASE SEE THE ACCOMPANYING COPY OF ACCOUNTANT GENERAL'S (P.W.D.) NO. 304.B. DATED 19TH. APRIL 1879.

5/5 C.

No. 1911 W **Public Works Department.**

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 19th July /79

Read the following:—

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The Supt. Engr. Second Circle (H.E. No. 111 d/ 8th April 1879)

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To the S.E. 2nd Circle
" Examiner P.W.A.

Despatched
25-7-79

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Govt. of (1879) Madras.

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To

Dated

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G. O. 19 July 1879, No. 1718 W

Nos. 121 - 122

Honorary Capt Smither

The Examiners authorised to regulate the salary and travelling allowances of — according to orders now issued.

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