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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

21st January 1879, No. 258 W.

General.
Establishment.

Read the following paper:—

No. 218. Endorsement of the Superintending Engineer, Third Circle, dated Madras, 26th December 1878, No. 5,053.

From Lieutenant S. C. PLUMMER, Assistant Engineer, in charge of Presidency Division, to the Superintending Engineer, Third Circle, dated Madras, 20th December 1878, No. 5,385.

I HAVE the honor to submit for your disposal the accompanying letter from Major S. C. Clarke, R.E., lately in charge of the Buckingham Canal, which was handed over to me among many other papers by Major Ross Thompson, R.E.

From Major S. C. CLARKE, R.E., Executive Engineer, to the District Engineer, Presidency, dated Madras, 22nd October 1878.

Now that my connection with the Buckingham Canal Works is about to be closed, I have the honor to bring to your notice, with the hope that the matter may be submitted to the Government for their favorable consideration, that during the time I was engaged in carrying out the Junction Canal Project, in order to prevent the voluminous accounts falling into inextricable confusion, I was compelled from force of circumstances, my own office establishment being inadequate to cope with the work, to employ an extra clerk, at my own personal expense, on a salary of Rupees 25 per month, and I trust that if the Government are satisfied with the state in which the accounts from first to last have been compiled and submitted, they will feel disposed to recoup me the amount noted in the margin. The correspondence in connection with the works was more than enough for one

Extra Clerk's salary from March 1877 to August 1878, in all 18 months, at Rupees 25, equal to Rupees 450.

Clerk to cope with satisfactorily, and even with the assistance of the second Clerk sanctioned subsequently, the arrears of work, principally the compilation of the Station Books, Register of Works, &c., had increased so rapidly, that all the (3) Clerks had to work overtime to grapple with their unenviable task. I have merely added these remarks to show how indispensable were the services of my own paid servant, and that in addition to my having been relieved of a great responsibility and extra work, when my time was fully occupied with the supervision of the various works on the canal, the Government have gained by my being able to lay before them an accurate statement of the expenditure within three months of the completion of the whole work.

SUBMITTED to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department (with the original enclosure to be returned) for orders, with the remark that as the work of the Buckingham (Junction) Canal was finished before the undersigned took charge of the Third Circle, and as Major Ross Thompson who was lately Executive Engineer of the Presidency Division is not here to be consulted on the matter, it would be as well that the opinion of the Examiner of Public Works Accounts be called for before disposing of Major Clarke's application.

(Signed) P. O'CONNELL, Colonel, R.E.,
Supg. Engr., Third Circle.

2 PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, 21st JANUARY 1879, No. 258 W.

No. 218-A. From the Examiner of Public Works Accounts, dated 7th January 1879.

No. 219. ORDER THEREON, 21st January 1879, No. 258 W.
His GRACE the Governor in Council declines to consider this application.
(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, Third Circle.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.
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GENERAL
ESTABLISHMENT.
Govt. of 1879 Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

To
The SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
THIRD CIRCLE

Dated January 21st.

Issued

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 21st January 1879, No. 258 W.

JANUARY.
Nos. 218-219.

Extra Clerk employed on the Buckingham Canal at the expense of Major Clarke, R.E. — Declines to consider the application of Major Clarke, R.E., to be reimbursed the salary of the —

For bearing No. 5085

From, ²⁵⁸
The Executive Engineer,
Presidency Division
To, The Sups. Engineer,
3rd Circle.

Sir,

Enclosure

1 Letter from
Major Clarke

I have the honor to submit for your disposal the accompanying letter from Major S. C. Clarke R.E. lately in charge of the Buckingham Canal which was handed over to me among many other papers by Major J. S. Thompson R.E.

I have &c.

Signed / S. C. Plummer Esq.
Assistant Engineer
In charge of Presidency Division

Madras
20th Decr. 1878

No. 5053.

(True copy)

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Encl.

Submitted to the Chief Engineer Public Works Department (with the original enclosure to be

to be returned) for orders with the remark that as the work of the Buckingham (Junction) Canal was finished before the undersigned took charge of the 3^d Circle, and as Major Ross Thompson who ~~was~~ was lately Executive Engineer of the Presidency Division is not here to be consulted on the matter, it would be as well that the opinion of the Examiner of Public Works accounts be called for before disposing of Major Clarke's application.

Per Connell Colonel J.E.

Supr. Engineer 3^d Circle

Supr. Engr's Office 3^d Circle

Made as 26th December 1878

Draft 27th

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FACT OF THIS CLERK HAVING BEEN ENTERTAINED WAS NOT REPORTED TO GOVERNMENT AT AN EARLIER DATE, MORE ESPECIALLY AS IN G.O. NO. 903 OF 16TH MARCH 1877, THE DISTRICT ENGINEER PRESIDENCY WAS ACTUALLY AUTHORIZED TO ENTERTAIN WHATEVER ESTABLISHMENT WAS NECESSARY FOR THE JUNCTION CANAL, REPORTING THE SAME FOR THE FORMAL SANCTION OF GOVERNMENT.

2. THIS ORDER, DATED THE VERY MONTH IN WHICH THE CLERK WAS ENTERTAINED, WOULD APPEAR TO HAVE GIVEN MAJOR CLARKE EVERY ENCOURAGEMENT TO REPORT THE MATTER AT THE TIME.

3. I AM TOO AT SOME LOSS TO EXPLAIN WHY THE NAME OF THIS CLERK WAS NOT INCLUDED IN THE LIST OF ESTABLISHMENT REPORTED IN THE DISTRICT ENGINEER'S LETTER PRINTED WITH G.O. NO. 1433 OF 26TH APRIL 1877.

4. TWO FURTHER OPPORTUNITIES OF PLACING THE MATTER ON A PROPER BASIS APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN LOST BY MAJOR CLARKE, SEE G.O. NO. 1433 OF 26TH APRIL 1877.

P.L. 1878 Dept

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Pres 21st January 1879 No 25875

Recd. 28th December/78

To C. For remarks.

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IT IS A GREAT PITY THAT THE

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NO. 1483, D. OF 22ND MARCH 1878, AND
G.O. NO. 1810, W. OF 11TH APRIL 1878,
AND AGAIN ANOTHER, SEE G.O. NO. 2717,
OF 3RD JULY 1878.

5. I AM OF OPINION THAT IT IS
SO NECESSARY FOR GOVERNMENT TO KNOW
AT THE TIME EVERY THING THAT IS
GOING ON ON THE WORKS AND WHAT
LIABILITIES THEY ARE INCURRING, THAT
IT WOULD BE BETTER, AS A MERE MATTER
OF PRINCIPLE, TO REFUSE THIS APPLI-
CATION.

6. NO PROPER SYSTEM OF GOVERN-
MENT FINANCE CAN EXIST, IF LIABILI-
TIES ARE THIS DAMMED UP, AND THEN LET
LOOSE JUST AT A TIME, WHEN THE
STRAIN ON THE RESOURCES OF GOVERN-
MENT IS THE MOST SEVERE.

W. J. C.

Madras M. G.
Oct 22nd
1878

To the District Engineer
Presidency -

From Major P. C. Clarke M. L.
Executive Engineer

Now that any connection
with the Buckingham Canal
works is about to be closed,
I have the honor to give
notice, with the hope, that
the matter may be submitted to
the Government for their
favorable consideration -
that during the time I
was engaged in carrying
out the Junction Canal Project,
in order to prevent the
voluminous accounts falling
into unmanageable confusion.

I was compelled from force
of circumstances, my own
Office Establishment being
inadequate to cope with the
work; - to employ an Extra
Clerk, at my own personal
expense - on a salary of
\$25 per month -
and I trust that if the Government
are satisfied with the State
in which the Accounts from
first to last have been
compiled & submitted,
they will feel disposed to ^{the Clerk's Salary} ^{from March 77}
to recompense me the ^{to Aug. '78}
~~small~~ ^{in all} ^{at \$15}
notes in the margin ^{Equal to \$15.48}
The correspondence in connection
with the works, was never
thick enough for one clerk
to cope with satisfactorily.

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of the ^{2nd} Clerk sanctioned
Subsequently, - the amount
of work, principally the compiling
of the Station Books, - Reports of
works &c had increased so
rapidly, that all the Clerks
had to work over time &
propple ^{with} their unmovable task.
I have merely added
these remarks to show
how indispensable were
the services of my own
paid servant - and that
in addition to my having
been relieved of a great
responsibility & the work,
where my time was
fully occupied with the
supervision of the business

works on the canal - the
Government have promised
by being able to lay
before them, an accurate
Statement of the expenditure
within 3 months of the
completion of the ^{Shale} works -

I have the honor to be

Yr

Yr obedient servant

By order of the

Major W. L.

Sec. Eng.

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Major Charles
O. &
P. W. 14309

Date 22 { October 1700

Permitting
Canal Works, being
so close that during the
time, in carrying out
the project employed
an enterprising man his
own expense & he is the
Donation for the same.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

FOR ORDERS.

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Secy: W. Gov. P. H. D.

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FOR ORDERS.

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- 22.3.78 - 1483 W
- 26.4.77 - 1433.
- 15.3.77 - 903.

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Public Works Department

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 21 Jan 79

Read the following:-

From the Inspectors, Third Circle (H.C. No 5053 of 20 Dec 78)

His Grace the
Governor in Council
~~submits~~ declines to
consider this application.

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Inspectors, Third Circle

Chief H. 2-79

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Govt of 1879 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

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G. O. 21 Jan'y 1879. No. 258W

Nos. 218-219

Extra clerk employed in the
Buckingham Canal at
the expense of Major Clarke
Rt. Declines to consider
the application of Major
Clarke Rt. to be re-
bursed the salary of the