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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

27th February 1879, No. 602 W.

General.
Establishment.

Read the following paper:—

No. 264. From Major L. CONWAY-GORDON, R.E., Examiner of Public Works Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, General Branch, dated Chepauk, 7th February 1879, No 449 W.

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of G.O., No. 124 W, relative to the delay that occurred in forwarding to England the last pay certificate of Mr. W. Jopp, Assistant Engineer, and in reply to submit the following explanation.

2. Mr. Jopp did not embark from Madras till the 20th June, although relieved from duty on the 15th May. About the 15th June Mr. W. Jopp appeared before this office for his final last pay certificate, but without bringing with him the preliminary last pay certificate required under Public Works Code, Chapter IV, I 15, without which it was, of course, impossible for this office to draw up the final last pay certificate required for the Secretary of State. Matters were however urgent, and as Government instructed me to see that no formalities prevented Mr. Jopp's leaving Madras as soon as he was able to do so, he was permitted to leave without his final last pay certificate, which, it was then arranged, was to be sent after him as soon as possible to England.

3. The Superintending Engineer of the Godavari District was at once (June 15th) telegraphed to furnish the preliminary last pay certificate required. This certificate on receipt was found to be incorrect, and another communication had to be sent (June 29th) to the Superintending Engineer on the subject. The reply to this letter received on the 18th July enabled this office to proceed to adjust Mr. Jopp's personal accounts. I was, however, then unable to complete the final last pay certificate owing to no gazette notification having up to that date issued granting Mr. Jopp's furlough. On the 24th July an office note was sent to Government to point out that no gazette notification had up to that date appeared granting furlough to Mr. Jopp, and that without such notification his final last pay certificate could not be prepared. The required notification only issued on the 20th August.

4. Up to this date, therefore, the final last pay certificate could not have been prepared by this office; it was not, however, eventually finished and sent in to Government for transmission to the Secretary of State till the 27th September, and it now only remains for me to explain the cause of this part of the delay for which this office is directly responsible.

5. Mr. W. Jopp happened to be the first Engineer appointed to this Presidency from the Royal Indian Civil Engineering College at Cooper's Hill who had taken furlough before he had completed three years of continuous service, and the office found, when proceeding to calculate the leave allowances due to him under Sections 17 and 20 of the Civil Leave Code that there was no ruling to show when the active service of the Cooper's Hill Engineers was to be considered to begin; whether from the 1st October, the date on which their pay and service towards pension begins, or from the date of their assuming charge of their duties in India.

6. Some time was necessarily spent by the office in trying to obtain a precedent locally (I was then absent from Madras on duty), failing which the matter had to be

referred through the Accountant-General, Public Works Department, to the Government of India, who subsequently decided that the active service of these officers was to be considered to count from the date of their assuming charge of their duties in India.

7. On my return to Madras, finding that there was every probability of the last pay certificate being greatly delayed by awaiting the result of a reference to the Government of India, I decided the issue in this case on my own responsibility, and sent off the last pay certificate as before stated on the 27th September.

8. The delay therefore in the case was due to three causes:—

- (a.) To Mr. W. Jopp not having, in accordance with the standing orders of the department, procured on leaving his district a preliminary last pay certificate to enable this office to settle up his accounts.
- (b.) To the delay (over three months) that occurred on the part of Government in notifying Mr. Jopp's furlough.
- (c.) To there not being a ruling in the Civil Leave Code to decide a material issue in Mr. Jopp's case—an issue which had to be decided one way or the other before the last pay certificate could be drawn out. In this respect, therefore, the case was entirely exceptional.

No. 265.

ORDER THEREON, 27th February 1879, No. 602 W.

ORDERED that the Secretary of State be addressed.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Acting Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

GENERAL
ESTABLISHMENT.


Govt. of (1879) Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS

To

Dated February 27th.

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G. O., 27th February 1879, No. 602 W.

FEBRUARY.

Nos. 264-265.

*Delay in the submission of Mr. W. Jopp's
Last Pay Certificate. — The Secretary of State
addressed on the subject of the —*

FROM THE EXAMINER, P.W. ACCOUNTS,

MADRAS.

TO THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,

GENERAL BRANCH.

NO. 449-W.

CHERAK, 7 FEBRUARY 1879.

SIR,

I HAVE THE HONOR TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE RECEIPT OF G.O.
NO. 124-W. RELATIVE TO THE DELAY THAT OCCURRED IN FORWARD-
ING TO ENGLAND THE LAST PAY CERTIFICATE OF MR. W. JOPP ASST.
ENGINEER, AND IN REPLY TO SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING EXPLANATION.

2. MR. JOPP DID NOT DEPART FROM MADRAS TILL THE 20TH.
JUNE, ALTHOUGH RELIEVED FROM DUTY ON THE 15TH. MAY. ABOUT
THE 15TH. JUNE MR. W. JOPP APPEARED BEFORE THIS OFFICE FOR
HIS FINAL LAST PAY CERTIFICATE, BUT WITHOUT BRINGING WITH
HIM THE PRELIMINARY LAST PAY CERTIFICATE REQUIRED UNDER
P.W. CODE CHAP. IV. I. 15; WITHOUT WHICH IT WAS OF COURSE IM-
POSSIBLE FOR THIS OFFICE TO DRAW UP THE FINAL LAST PAY
CERTIFICATE REQUIRED FOR THE SECRETARY OF STATE. MATTERS
WERE HOWEVER URGENT, AND AS GOVERNMENT INSTRUCTED ME TO
SEE THAT NO FORMALITIES PREVENTED MR. JOPP'S LEAVING MADRAS
AS SOON AS HE WAS ABLE TO DO SO, HE WAS PERMITTED TO LEAVE

WITHOUT HIS FINAL LAST PAY CERTIFICATE, WHICH IT WAS THEN ARRANGED WAS TO BE SENT AFTER HIM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO ENGLAND.

3. THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER OF THE GODAVARI DISTRICT WAS AT ONCE < JUNE 15TH > TELEGRAPHIC TO FURNISH THE PRELIMINARY LAST PAY CERTIFICATE REQUIRED. THIS CERTIFICATE ON RECEIPT WAS FOUND TO BE INCORRECT, AND ANOTHER COMMUNICATION HAD TO BE SENT < JUNE 20TH > TO THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER ON THE SUBJECT. THE REPLY TO THIS LETTER RECEIVED ON THE 18TH JULY ENABLED THIS OFFICE TO PROCEED TO ADJUST MR. JOPP'S PERSONAL ACCOUNTS. I WAS HOWEVER THEN UNABLE TO COMPLETE THE FINAL LAST PAY CERTIFICATE OWING TO NO GAZETTE NOTIFICATION HAVING UP TO THAT DATE ISSUED GRANTING MR. JOPP'S FURLOUGH. ON THE 24TH JULY, AN OFFICE NOTE WAS SENT TO GOVERNMENT TO POINT OUT THAT NO GAZETTE NOTIFICATION HAD UP TO THAT DATE APPEARED GRANTING FURLOUGH TO MR. JOPP, AND THAT WITHOUT SUCH NOTIFICATION HIS FINAL LAST PAY CERTIFICATE COULD NOT BE PREPARED. THE REQUIRED NOTIFICATION ONLY ISSUED ON THE 20TH AUGUST.

4. UP TO THIS DATE, THEREFORE, THE FINAL LAST PAY CERTIFICATE COULD NOT HAVE BEEN PREPARED BY THIS OFFICE; IT WAS NOT, HOWEVER, EVENTUALLY FINISHED AND SENT IN TO GOVERNMENT FOR TRANSMISSION TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE TIL THE 27TH. SEPTEMBER, AND IT NOW ONLY REMAINS FOR ME TO EXPLAIN THE CAUSE OF THIS PART OF THE DELAY, FOR WHICH THIS OFFICE IS DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE.

5. MR. W. JOPP HAPPENED TO BE THE FIRST ENGINEER AP-

POINTED TO THIS PRESIDENCY FROM THE ROYAL INDIAN CIVIL ENGINEERING COLLEGE, AT COOPER'S HILL WHO HAD TAKEN FURLOUGH BEFORE HE HAD COMPLETED THREE YEARS OF CONTINUOUS SERVICE, AND THE OFFICE FOUND, WHEN PROCEEDING TO CALCULATE THE LEAVE ALLOWANCES DUE TO HIM UNDER SECTION 17 AND 20 OF THE CIVIL LEAVE CODE THAT THERE WAS NO RULING TO SHOW WHEN THE ACTIVE SERVICE OF THE COOPER'S HILL ENGINEERS WAS TO BE CONSIDERED TO BEGIN; WHETHER FROM THE 1ST. OCTOBER THE DATE ON WHICH THEIR PAY AND SERVICE TOWARDS PENSION BEGINS, OR FROM THE DATE OF THEIR ASSUMING CHARGE OF THEIR DUTIES IN INDIA.

6. SOME TIME WAS NECESSARILY SPENT BY THE OFFICE IN TRYING TO OBTAIN A PRECEDENT LOCALLY. I WAS THEN ABSENT FROM MADRAS ON DUTY, FAILING WHICH, THE MATTER HAD TO BE REFERRED THROUGH THE ACCOUNTANT GENERAL, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, WHO SUBSEQUENTLY DECIDED THAT THE ACTIVE SERVICE OF THESE OFFICERS WAS TO BE CONSIDERED TO COUNT FROM THE DATE OF THEIR ASSUMING CHARGE OF THEIR DUTIES IN INDIA.

7. ON MY RETURN TO MADRAS, FINDING THAT THERE WAS EVERY PROBABILITY OF THE LAST PAY CERTIFICATE BEING GREATLY DELAYED BY AWAITING THE RESULT OF A REFERENCE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, I DECIDED THE ISSUE IN THIS CASE ON MY OWN RESPONSIBILITY, AND SENT OFF THE LAST PAY CERTIFICATE AS BEFORE STATED ON THE 27TH. SEPTEMBER.

8. THE DELAY THEREFORE IN THE CASE WAS DUE TO THREE CAUSES:-

< 1 > TO MR. W. JOPP NOT HAVING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE

STANDING ORDERS OF THE DEPARTMENT PROCURED ON LEAVING HIS
DISTRICT A PRELIMINARY LAST PAY CERTIFICATE, TO ENABLE
THIS OFFICE TO SETTLE UP HIS ACCOUNTS.

(B) TO THE DELAY (OVER 3 MONTHS) THAT OCCURRED
ON THE PART OF GOVERNMENT IN NOTIFYING MR. JOPP'S FURLOUGH.

(C) TO THERE NOT BRING A RULING IN THE CIVIL LEAVE
CODE TO DECIDE A MATERIAL ISSUE IN MR. JOPP'S CASE; AN
ISSUE WHICH HAD TO BE DECIDED ONE WAY OR THE OTHER BEFORE
THE LAST PAY CERTIFICATE COULD BE DRAWN OUT. IN THIS
RESPECT THEREFORE, THE CASE WAS ENTIRELY EXCEPTIONAL.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE,

SIR,

YOUR MOST OBEDIENT SERVANT,

Lowrey-Gordon

EXAMINER, P. W. ACCOUNTS & MAJOR R. E.

FROM THE EXAMINER, P.W. ACCOUNTS.

MADRAS.

TO THE SECY. TO GOVT. P.W. DEPT.

GENERAL BRANCH.

NO. 460.W.

DATED 7 FEBRUARY 1879.

RECD.

Go. 9-1-79 No. 124 W.
notification

Memos 5674-17-12-78.

Dist. 22-10-78 No. 53.

to 2-10-78 = 3879 W

Or 17-6-78 = 2632.

his 19-6-78 = 2703 W.

EXPLAINS THE DELAY IN THE
SUBMISSION OF THE LAST PAY CERTIFICATE
OF MR. JOPP.

Genl
Stall

No. 602 W Public Works Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 27th Feb. 1879.

Read the following:—

From the Examiner P.W. Accts. (Here Enter No. 44910 d/y
Feb. 1879)

Ordered that the Secretary
of State be addressed.

To, The Right Honorable
the Secy. of State
for India.

My Lord,

In the third
paragraph of your Despatch
of the 29th January, 1879,
you ask us to explain
the cause of delay in the
submission of Mr. Jopp's
leave and Pay Certificate
to the India Office.

Now understood
that the Govt. please
that Mr. Jopp could not
be gazetted before he
has reported his departure
officially.

2. We have enquired
into

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into the matter and
find that the Statement
made by Mr Jopp is
accurate. —

The delay was due
to three Causes: —

First, the neglect of Mr Jopp
to provide himself with a
preliminary last pay
Certificate before leaving
his district;

Second - the omission
to notify the grant of ^{his} leave
in the Fort Saint
George Gazette; the Examiners
Public Works Accounts
being unable, in the
absence of a notification,
to complete Mr Jopp's

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Certificates. This omission
was due to a misunderstanding
on the part of Mr Jopp,
who should have reported
his departure officially
to the Chief Engineer.

Pending the receipt
of this report, the leave
~~could not be~~ notified;
and it was not till more
than a month after
Mr Jopp had left
that it was found that
the report had been
submitted to the Examiners
instead of the Chief
Engineer: —

Third - the fact
that Mr Jopp was the
first

first of the Cooper's Well
Engineers appointed to
this Presidency who took
furlough before completing
three years' continuous
Service, and that consequent-
ly some doubtful questions
from an accounts point
of view arose, which had
to be referred by the
Examiner for the decision
of the Government of
India.

The delay in the
transmission of Mr. Jopp's
last pay Certificate was
undoubtedly excessive,
but

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but it will be seen that
the case was somewhat
exceptional, and that
had Mr. Jopp complied
with the rules, the
delay would not have
been nearly so great.

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Delay in the submission
of Mr. Jopp's Last
Pay Certificate The
Secretary State addressed
on the subject of the —

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Explains cause of delay
in the submission of Mr.
Jopp's leave & Pay Certifi-
cate to the India Office

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