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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

2nd September 1881, No. 2,180 W.

General.
Establishment.

Read the following paper:—

No. 11. From D. C. GORDON, Esq., Examiner of Public Works Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 22nd August 1881, No. 108 W.

I HAVE the honor to submit, for the consideration of Government, the inconvenience caused by the restriction to 31st August of each year of the period during which punkahs are allowed to office establishments, the inconvenience being evident from the fact that in my office at any rate punkahs are used after that date, but are paid for out of the private resources of the office hands.

2. The latest orders on the subject which I can trace in the records of this office are given in G.O., No. 1,674, Public Department, dated 19th November 1878. Previous to those orders, the period during which punkahs were allowed was from 1st April to 15th October in each year.

3. The correspondence set out in the Government Order quoted shows that in a statement submitted by the officer conducting the duties of the Controller of Military Accounts, the requirements as regards punkahs and tatties for the office of the Principal Medical Storekeeper, Madras, were stated to be as follows:—

Office punkahs required from 1st April to 15th October; tatties, from 1st May to 31st August.

4. The orders passed in the Public Works Department (or the extract signed by Colonel Farewell as Under Secretary to Government, Public Works Department,) sanctioned the arrangement put forward for the Medical Storekeeper's office, but restricted the period during which tatties should be used in all offices to that from 1st May to 31st August, and these orders were communicated to the Public Department.

5. The orders of the Public Department, however, require the period (1st May to 31st August) to be applied to *punkah pulling* and to watering of tatties; the result is that during April and September, which are perhaps the months when punkahs are most appreciable, their use is prohibited.

6. I would therefore urge that Government be moved to permit the period to be extended to the old dates. In offices where a number of persons, European, East Indian, and Native, are continually employed for six and seven hours a day, and which are close and stagnant from 5 p.m. till perhaps 9 a.m., it seems to me that punkahs are more a necessity than an indulgence, since during the coolest hours of the evening, night and early morning, there is no fresh air admitted and the rooms remain closed and the air foul.

No. 12.

ORDER THEREON, 2nd September 1881, No. 2,180 W.

ESTABLISHMENTS for pulling punkahs may for the present and future years be maintained from the 15th April to the 15th October in each year.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
,, Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
,, Consulting Engineer for Railways.
,, Examiner, Railway Accounts.
To Superintending Engineers.
,, Superintendents of Works.
,, the Consulting Architect.
,, General Superintendent, Public Works Stores.
,, Financial Department, for information.

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GENERAL
ESTABLISHMENT.

Gobt. of (1881) Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE EXAMINER OF PUBLIC WORKS
ACCOUNTS,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated September, 2nd.

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G. O., 2nd September 1881, No. 2,180 W.

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Punkah-pulling.—The establishments for
— to be maintained for the present and
future years from the 15th April to the
15th October in each year.

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FROM THE EXAMINER P. W. ACCOUNTS,

MADRAS.

TO THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

NO. 108 W.

MADRAS, 22nd AUGUST 1881.

SIR,

I HAVE THE HONOR TO SUBMIT FOR THE CONSIDERATION
OF GOVERNMENT, THE INCONVENIENCE CAUSED BY THE RESTRICTION
TO 31ST. AUGUST OF EACH YEAR OF THE PERIOD DURING WHICH
PUNKAHS ARE ALLOWED TO OFFICE ESTABLISHMENTS, THE INCONVENI-
ENCE BEING EVIDENT FROM THE FACT THAT IN MY OFFICE AT ANY
RATE PUNKAHS ARE USED AFTER THAT DATE, BUT ARE PAID FOR
OUT OF THE PRIVATE RESOURCES OF THE OFFICE HANDS.

2. THE LATEST ORDERS ON THE SUBJECT WHICH I CAN TRACE
IN THE RECORDS OF THIS OFFICE ARE GIVEN IN G.O. NO. 1074
PUBLIC DEPARTMENT, DATED 18TH. NOVEMBER 1875. PREVIOUS TO
THOSE ORDERS, THE PERIOD DURING WHICH PUNKAHS WERE ALLOWED
WAS FROM 1ST. APRIL TO 15TH. OCTOBER IN EACH YEAR.

3. THE CORRESPONDENCE SET OUT IN THE G.O. QUOTED ABOVE
THAT IN A STATEMENT SUBMITTED BY THE OFFICER CONDUCTING
THE DUTIES OF THE CONTROLLER OF MILITARY ACCOUNTS, THE
REQUIREMENTS AS REGARDS PUNKAHS AND TATTIES FOR THE

OF-ICE

OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL MEDICAL STOREKEEPER, MADRAS, WERE

STATED TO BE AS FOLLOWS:-

OFFICE PUNKANS REQUIRED FROM 1ST. APRIL TO 15TH. OCTOBER;
TATTIES FROM 1ST. MAY TO 31ST. AUGUST.

4. THE ORDERS PASSED IN THE P.V. DEPARTMENT, (OF THE
EXTRACT SIGNED BY COLONEL FARWELL AS UNDER SECRETARY TO
GOVERNMENT P.V. DEPARTMENT) SANCTIONED THE ARRANGEMENT PUT
FORWARD FOR THE MEDICAL STOREKEEPER'S OFFICE, BUT RESTRICTED
THE PERIOD DURING WHICH TATTIES SHOULD BE USED IN ALL
OFFICES TO THAT FROM 1ST. MAY TO 31ST. AUGUST, AND THESE
ORDERS WERE COMMUNICATED TO THE PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

5. THE ORDERS OF THE PUBLIC DEPARTMENT HOWEVER, REQUIRE
THE PERIOD (1ST. MAY TO 31ST. AUGUST) TO BE APPLIED TO
PUNKAN PULLING AND TO WAITING OF TATTIES- THE RESULT IS
THAT DURING APRIL AND SEPTEMBER WHICH ARE PERHAPS THE
MONTHS WHEN PUNKANS ARE MOST APPRECIABLE THEIR USE IS
PROHIBITED.

6. I WOULD THEREFORE URGE THAT GOVERNMENT BE MOVED
TO PERMIT THE PERIOD TO BE EXTENDED TO THE OLD DATES. IN
OFFICES WHERE A NUMBER OF PERSONS, EUROPEAN, EAST INDIAN,
AND NATIVE, ARE CONTINUALLY EMPLOYED FOR 6 AND 7 HOURS A
DAY, WHICH ARE CLOSED AND STAGNANT FROM 5 P.M. TILL 5 A.M., IT SEEMS TO ME THAT PUNKANS ARE MORE A NECESSITY
THAN AN INDULGENCE, SINCE DURING THE COOLEST HOURS OF THE
EVENING, NIGHT AND EARLY MORNING, THERE IS NO FRESH AIR
ADMITTED AND THE ROOMS REMAIN CLOSED AND THE AIR FOUL.

I HAVE THE HONOUR TO BE,

SIR,

YOUR MOST OBEIENT SERVANT,

D. C. Goudon

EXAMINER P.V. ACCOUNTS.

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P. W. C. No 4769

FROM THE EXAMINER P. W. ACCOUNTS,

MADRAS.

TO THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

P. W. DEPARTMENT.

108 W.

22nd AUGUST 1881.

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PUNKAH PULLING. REQUESTS TO

GOVT. TO PERMIT THE PERIOD

TO BE EXTENDED.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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From the Exr P. W. A. No 108 W of 22nd Aug 1881

FOR ORDERS.

The question is
Submitted for favorable
consideration.

~~Sanctioned~~

Sanctioned. 15th Oct. 1881. W. A. S. S. S.

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28/8/87.

Colonel R. S.
Secy to Govt. P. W. Dept

R. S.

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