

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

2nd December 1880, No. 2,776 W.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

Read the following paper :—

- No. 9. From Major H. M. VIBART, R.E., Superintendent of Works, Presidency, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Chepauk, 15th November 1880, No. 2,995.

I HAVE the honor to bring to your notice that in May last the Roman Catholic Chaplain at Bangalore submitted a bill, amounting to Rs. 1,420-8-0, for compensation for sittings in St. Patrick's church for the year 1879-80. The bill included claims for sittings for pensioners and their families, and as it was doubtful whether this was correct a reference was made to you on the subject in my letter No. 1,346 of 3rd July 1880, and it was subsequently decided in Government of India despatch, recorded in G.O., No. 2,036 W., of 27th August 1880, that such claims are not admissible.

1 Letter, dated 27th October, from the Roman Catholic Chaplain, Bangalore.
1 Bill for Rs. 1,420-8-0.
1 List of particulars of sittings.
14 Vouchers in support of Bill.

2. Upon the receipt of this Government Order the Roman Catholic Chaplain was requested to revise his bill by omitting the claim made on account of pensioners, and he was also informed that the number of sittings for which payment should be claimed should be regulated in accordance with the authorised scale as per paragraphs 1,457 and 1,430 of the Public Works Code.

3. The Roman Catholic Chaplain considers that the ruling in the Government Order above quoted cannot have retrospective effect on a claim in arrears for the year ending 31st March 1880. With regard to the number of sittings for which he should claim payment, the Chaplain remarks that the strength of heavy field batteries and light field batteries being equal, viz., 163, the maximum of sittings to be allowed for both should also be the same, viz., 50, the more so as 33 sittings are allowed for each Company of Infantry. And again, that though the total of sittings, viz., 139, claimed by him for both the 2/13th and 67th is in excess of the number, viz., 99, to which he has a right, the men forming three Companies; still as seven-eighths of the 73 children and 32 women of the 67th belong to the families of men in the field, they are entitled to be provided with sittings by Government.

4. Under the above explanations the Chaplain has not revised the bill, and has requested that if the explanations are not considered satisfactory the matter may be referred to Government. As the question is one that can be finally disposed of only by the decision of Government, I beg that their orders may be obtained.

From Rev. S. DEKERIZOUES, Roman Catholic Chaplain and Honorary Secretary, Catholic Mission, to the Executive Engineer, Bangalore, dated Bangalore, 27th October 1880.

In answer to your communication No. 471, I have the honor to state for the information of Colonel Prendergast—

- 1st.—That the G.O., dated 27th August 1880, cannot have any retrospective effect concerning a claim in arrears for the year ending 31st March 1880.
- 2nd.—That the strength of heavy batteries being 163, *i.e.*, the same as for light batteries, the maximum of sittings should be 50 in both cases, the more so that we are granted 33 for each Company of Infantry.
- 3rd.—That my total of sittings for both the 2/13th and 67th is only 139. The men forming only three Companies do only give me a right to 99 sittings; but seven-eighths of the 73 children and 32 women of the 67th brought on my roll remain to be provided for, as not belonging at all to the garrison and to whom Government must be supposed to grant sittings during the absence of the men in the field; besides there were two Companies more of the 2/13th till December 1879.

2. In case these explanations did not satisfy the Superintending Engineer, I beg the matter be referred to Government for decision, and rescission of the evident oversight in the new edition of the Public Works Code concerning the sittings of heavy field batteries.

P.S.—If, as I am told, the new Code for 1880 has not been issued before the 1st April, it does not at all affect my claims for the year 1879-80.

No. 10. ORDER THEREON, 2nd December 1880, No. 2,776 W.

As regards the claim for compensation for sittings provided on account of pensioners, it has been decided by the Government of India that such claim is inadmissible. It cannot therefore be entertained.

2. With reference to the number of sittings to be allowed for a heavy field battery, the Code prescribes 25 (*vide* paragraph 1,430). Nothing beyond this can be sanctioned.

3. The Chaplain also claims payment for 139 sittings on account of three Companies of Infantry and the wives and families of men in the field. Under paragraph 1,457 of the Code the number of sittings allowed for three Companies is $33 \times 3 = 99$. The question will however be referred to the Government of India as to whether compensation should be granted for sittings provided for the wives and families of men in the field.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. H. SANKEY, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Sup^t of Works Presidency

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

Exd. S. T. Austin.
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BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
CIVIL WORKS.

Gobt. of {1880} Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

To

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

Dated December, 2nd.

Issued

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 2nd December 1880, No. 2,776 W.

DECEMBER.
Nos. 9-10.

Sittings in St. Patrick's Church, Bangalore.
—Passing orders regarding charges for —
for Military men.

No. 2341

MADRAS,

Chepauk, 29th Sept. 1881.

From

THE SUPERINTENDENT OF WORKS,
PRESIDENCY,

To

THE Chief Engineer,
P.W. Dept.

SIR,

Enclosures. 4

1. Bill Rs 24 with
Detail List Sittings.
1. Bill Rs 15 with
Certificate of Asst.
Adjt Genl. Mysore
Division.

I have the honor to submit for
sanction, under para 1459 of the P.W. Code
two bills — one of Rs 24 and the other of
Rs 15 received from the Roman Catholic
Chaplain at Bangalore on account of
compensation for sittings in St. Patrick's
Church at that station.

2. The bill of Rs 24 is for one of
the two items (Rs 24 and Rs 40.8.0) dis-
allowed from the bill of Rs 1161 which
was submitted with this Office letter No. 662
of 19th May 1881 and disposed of in G.O.
No. 1481 W of 14th June 1881. The Chaplain
claims the Rs 24 on the grounds that
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this sum referred to Military effectives in
in Civil employ (as per detailed list enclosed)
not to Civilians or to Military in Civil
employ.

3. The Bill of Rs 15 is for the difference
between the amount originally claimed by
the Chaplain for the year 1879-80, for 30 sittings,
and that subsequently, under G.O. No. 2446 H
of 2^d December 1880, claimed by him for 25
sittings for "Heavy Field Battery." The
Chaplain bases his claim to the Rs 15 upon
a Certificate (enclosed) of the Assistant
Adjutant General, Mysore Division, to the
effect that there was no "Heavy Artillery"
at Bangalore during the year 1879-80: the
Chaplain states that since there was no
"Heavy Artillery" he is entitled to claim
compensation for sittings up to the
maximum number (50) allowed by the
Code - for Troop of Horse Artillery or
Field

Field Battery.

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your most obedient servant

H. H. Buxton
H. H. Buxton

Superintendent of Works

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5/10/81
No 863 N. d/4th Oct 1881

To C.

For remarks

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B.W.

N 684-7-10-81.
enclosed 4.

TO W.
THE ITEM OF RS. 24 WAS
APPARENTLY OVERLOOKED IN DEALING
WITH THE ORIGINAL CLAIM OF RS. 1161
AS IT IS OUTSIDE THE EXCEPTION
REFERRED TO IN G.O. NO. 1481 W. DATED
14TH. JUNE 1881.
2. WITH REFERENCE TO THE CLAIM
OF RS. 15 GOVERNMENT APPEAR TO HAVE
DISALLOWED THE AMOUNT ON THE UNDER-
STANDING THAT THE BATTERY IN QUESTION
WAS CLASSED AS A HEAVY FIELD BATTERY
(VIDE G.O. NO. 2776 W. DATED 2ND.
DECEMBER 1880 PARA 2). AS FROM THE
CERTIFICATE OF THE ASST. ADJUTANT
GENERAL MYSORE DIVISION THIS DOES
NOT APPEAR TO BE THE CASE, THE
CHARGE IS ADMISSIBLE UNDER CODE PARA
1430.

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IS AND ROADS.
WORKS.

From P. W. C. No 5602

The Supt. of works,
Presidency.

No. 2341.
dated 29th }
Recd 30 } Sept 1881.

St. Patrick's Church at
Bangalore.

Submits for sanction
two bills, No. 24 + 15 on account
of compensation for sittings
in —

Entd. in Receipt Reg. No

N^o 2338 W

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 17th Oct 1881
Read the following:—

From the Supt. of Works Pres H.S. No 2341 of 29 Sept 1881.
Office note from the Sur P.W. " 684 of 7 Oct 1881—

The charges amounting
to Rupees 39, are sanctioned,
and will be met from
the provision for Repairs
under Civil Buildings
in the Presidency Divn.

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To the S. of W. Pres
" Sur P.W.
with 4 enclos.

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N^o 25-38 W D / 17th October / 81
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