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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

No. 8/247 W.

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13. The question, therefore, seems to resolve itself into whether Mr. Norris shall be allowed to draw Rs. 2,751-14-3 with no break of service (paragraph 10), or the sum above named, in the form of arrears of pension with or without such break.

14. Should your Lordship, under the explanations now afforded, be disposed to confirm the action of this Government, in regard to the condonation of Mr. Norris' proceedings and his re-appointment to this department, we are prepared to recommend that the first of the above alternatives be adopted as advisable under the circumstances

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We have the honor to be,

My Lord Marquis,

Your Lordship's most obedient, humble servants,

FORT ST. GEORGE,
30th January 1882.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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Letter to the Most Honorable the Secretary of State for India.

Dated 30th January.

No. $\frac{8}{247\ \text{W.}}$ *of* 1882.

EXPLANATION regarding the re-entertainment of Mr. W. R. Norris in the Public Works Department.

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In circulating this file to the H. M. please submit an Office note pointing out (1) the sums Mr. Norris would have drawn if on ordinary furlo from date of his reduction to 1st August 1880 to date of his assuming re appointment

(2) the sums he actually drew in all this period

(a) as pension

(b) - remun

(c) as L.T. Engineer

You should get all these later from Mr. M himself and have them as far as possible tested but please let me

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Public Works,
No. 38

India Office,
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5. Mr. Norris's pension amounts to Rs. 1,613. 5 per annum, at which rate it has been issued to him

* Financial Letter from Government of Madras, No. 8, dated 9th February 1880.

Will circulated as
Entirely unobjectionable

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say to turkish H E &
Sommni, but it shld
be consulted to
Mr. Cunningham

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C.A.W.

Please draft an
Office note for Mr H.M.
in accordance with
his instructions.

10.1.82

S.W.

Please see letter
to Mr. Norris asking
for the required
information

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I have the honour to be,

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Your most obedient humble Servant,

(Signed) HARTINGTON.

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I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient
humble servant.

Hastings

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" " 2529 Way 19.10.81
" " 1532 Way 30.6.80
Despatch 65/2530 ag 17.10.81
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Public Works

30th Nov. 1881.

The
Secretary to Lord Lt. George

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To

W. R. Norris Esquire

Dear Sir

I shall be obliged if you will be so good as to furnish me with a statement shewing the sums actually drawn by you from date of leaving the Department (which please specify) to 1st October 81. under.

(a) Special gratuity
(b) Pension
(c) Pay as Local Fund Engr

Items (b) & (c) should be contrasted with the sum you would have drawn had you been on ordinary furlough for the same period. An early reply will oblige.

Yours faithfully

by R.T.

ag. Dy. Chief Engr

(Dy R.P. Despd 12-1-82.

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Go № 2881 w of 14-12-80
C.E. № 2139 of 20-9-80
Mis № 2110 w of 7-9-80.
Go № 2784 w of 6-2-80

Tele. in Receipt Regr.

Statement showing the sums actually drawn by Mr W. R. Norris, from 1st April 1880 to 1st October 1881.

(a) Special Gratuity ..... "Nil"

(b). Pension from date of retirement (1st April '80) for 6 months to 29th Sept.r '80 @ Rs 134-7-1 per mensem, as per Orders of 27th July 1880 № 753.... Rs 806 106

(c) Pay as Local Fund Engineer Kistna Distt. from 25th Sept.r '80 to 7th Jany. '81 @ Rs 400 per mensem ——— 1370 52

Pay as Local Fund Engr. North Arcot from 17th Jany. to 31st July '81 @ Rs 500 per mensem. 3241 15.

Pay as Exe Engr. North Arcot @ ins. P.W. Dept. to which readmitted from 1st Augt. to 30th Sept.r '81 @ Rs 650 per mensem. ——— 1300 " "

5411 14 8

Total Rupees 6718 14 8

Furlough pay for 18 months from 1st April 1880 to 30th September 1881 @ Rs 275 per mensem. ——— 4950 " "

Difference Rs 1768 14 8

Jno R. Norris B.C.E.
Executive Engineer N.A.

Villore
14 June 82

No 1957

North Arcot Division Office
Vellore. 14th January 1882.

To.

Lt Col Ross Thompson R.E.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your demi official No 87 of 11th instant, for which I have to thank you, I beg to submit herewith a statement shewing the sums actually drawn by me from 1st April 1880 (the date of leaving the Department) to 1st October 1881, under the 3 heads, viz:-

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To Hon. W. Hubbard
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Telegram

In the I of S despatch
No 38 of 30 Nov.
Seward to call for
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Lane draft for
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As regards the
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I have not at this
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with the draft to
admit of an agreement
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6/1/82 Asst P.O.

Rec'd 25-1-82.
Ans 17-1-82

The information referred to by Hr Secretary has since been obtained from Mr. Norris and will be found in his letter No 1951 d/ 14 Jany: 82, to which attention is invited.

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Draft to Admiral

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12. He drew no pension subsequent to the 29th September 1880 when the prohibitory order as regards such emoluments took effect in his case. Under (1) the late ruling restoring the pensions to officers simi-larly situated he is now entitled to draw 2 years'

arrears of pension at the rate of ~~Rs 7:1~~ per mensem ~~Rupees~~ 93 all Rupees 1613: 5: 0.

13. The question therefore seems to resolve itself into whether Mr. Norris shall be allowed to draw Rs 2751: 14: 3 with no break of service (para 10) or the sum above named in the form of arrears of pension with or without such break.

14. Should your Lordship under the explanations now afforded be disposed to confirm the action of this Govt in regard to the condonation of Mr. Norris' proceedings and his re-appointment to this

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The Hon. A. L. Campbell

The Rt. Hble. The Govr.

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Department, we are pre-
pared to recommend that
the first of the above
alternatives be adopted
as advisable under the
circumstances of the case,
and as less likely in
the future to raise incon-
-nient questions in
respect to pensionary or
leave claims. It would
practically replace Mr.
Norris precisely in the
position that he would
have occupied had he not
been removed from the
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Mr W. R. Norris

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