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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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Read—the following papers :—

From Captain G. W. SAWYER, Pay Examiner, to Major ROSS THOMPSON, R.E., Camp Gundamuck, Afghanistan, dated Madras, 5th June 1880, No. 1368 N.T.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter, without number, dated 24th May 1880, and in reply to inform you that, under a recent ruling of the Controller of Military Accounts, you are entitled to pay and allowance while in the Military Department to the extent of Rs. 1,082-10-0, the amount of pay and allowances drawn by you while in the Public Works Department previous to being withdrawn for field service, which amount per mensem has been drawn by you.

2. Although the total amount drawn is what you were entitled to, it should have been drawn as shown below; the items of Sapper allowance and extra remuneration should not have been drawn; a greater proportion of staff salary being drawn, make up the total admissible instead; to prevent, however, the inconvenience that would arise by disallowing these items and drawing the correct proportion of staff salary, bills for the amount of staff salary actually drawn by you are, however, forwarded, which you are requested to receipt and return in adjustment of similar amounts taken up on receipt from the Treasury, Rangoon.

3. Attention is invited to this office letter, No. 2490 N.T., dated 31st October 1879, which was a reply to your letter, No. 210, of 30th September 1879.

4. Letter No. 140 C. of the 22nd January 1880 is herewith returned for record.

	Rs.	A.	P.	
Pay	709	3	0	
Horse allowance	30	0	0	
Difference of staff salary to complete receipts in Public Works Department	343	7	0	
	1,082	10	0	per mensem up to May 1879.
Pay	759	3	0	
Horse allowance	30	0	0	
Difference of staff salary	293	7	0	
	1,082	10	0	up to September 1879.

G.O., dated 6th October 1880, No. 6297, Military.

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G.G.O., No. 897 of 1876.

6. The Military Accountant-General has been written to with a view to the elimination of the words "or on field service" in paragraph 653 of the Pay Code for India, the introduction of which has led to the present over-payment.

Rank and Name.	Period and Rate.	Amount.	Remarks.
		Rs. A. P.	
Major Ross Thompson.	13th December 1878 to 30th September 1879, at Rs. 220-14-0 per mensem.	2,123 3 11	From October 1879 adjusted in Bengal Presidency.
Lieutenant C. C. Rawson.	10th December 1878 to 22nd January 1879, and from 9th June 1879 to 31st July 1880, at Rs. 77-2-0 per mensem.	1,168 9 2	
Lieutenant R. Hamilton.	16th December 1878 to 22nd January 1879, and from 9th June 1879 to 11th April 1880, at Rs. 125 per mensem.	1,415 11 7	Services replaced at the disposal of the Department Public Works from 12th April 1880.

Rank and Name.	Period and Rate.	Amount.	Remarks.
		Rs. A. P.	
Lieutenant R. Langley.	29th January 1879 to 31st October 1879 at Rs. 127-2-0, and from 1st June to 31st July 1880 at Rs. 15-2-0.	1,186 10 10	Claim of difference from November 1879 to 30th May 1880 held in abeyance pending instructions.
Lieutenant A. R. Dorward.	December 1878 to 30th September 1879, at Rs. 177-2-0 a-month.	1,471 4 4	
Lieutenant A. E. Dobson.	February to October 1879, at Rs. 150 per mensem.	1,802 13 9	Died 20th July 1880.
Lieutenant O. V. Boddy.	15th January 1879 to 11th April 1879 at Rs. 127-2-0, and from 12th April 1879 to 31st July 1880 at Rs. 27-2-0.	794 10 1	
Lieutenant C. B. Henderson.	December 1878 to March 1879 at Rs. 125 per mensem, and from November 1879 to 15th May 1880 at Rs. 125.	1,312 8 0	Proceeded on sick leave 15th May 1880.
Surgeon C. Sibthorpe.	3rd December 1878 to 27th July 1879, at Rs. 203-13-5 per mensem.	1,591 3 10	
	Total ...	12,366 11 6	

18th September 1880.

(Signed) J. W. RIDEOUT, Colonel,
Controller of Military Accounts.

Read—the following report from Colonel J. W. RIDEOUT, Controller of Military Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Ootacamund, dated Fort St. George, 28th September 1880, A:—

In re staff salary of Royal Engineer Officers detached on field service.

In reply to your memorandum, No. 6000, dated 22nd September 1880, I have the honor to state that no retrenchments have been effected, but the admission of staff salary was discontinued after the 31st July 1880, pending an expression of the opinion of Government relative to the retrenchments of past sums.

Order—dated 6th October 1880, No. 6297, Military.

This correspondence shows that the Pay Department have erroneously paid to nine officers sums aggregating to Rs. 12,366-11-6 in excess of their dues. It is for the department to adjust the matter with the officers concerned,—recovery being effected by instalments.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. MICHAEL, Colonel,
Secretary to Government.

From the Controller of Military Accounts, to the Examiner of Public Works Accounts, dated Madras, 12th May 1882, No. 450.

Nos. 5 and 6 C.M.A., of 8th and 9th May 1882.

With advertence to your marginal letters, I have the honor to explain that the disallowances,* the recovery of which this office desires may be effected from the next issue of pay from Colonel Ross Thompson, is on account of half staff salary

* Rs. 2,123-3-11.

of Executive Engineer, 2nd Grade, at Rs. 220-14-0 over-paid to that officer from the 13th December 1878 to 30th September 1879. This disallowance has been issued under instructions from Government, who ruled that officers of the Public Works Department temporarily attached for duty in the Military Department were not entitled to more than half staff salary of their substantive appointments.

2. Any appeal or representation against this decision that Colonel Ross Thompson may desire can only be after payment of the disallowance.

3. The retrenchment of Rs. 2,032-12-10 on payments subsequent to 1st October 1879 was issued in Bengal, and a further communication will be addressed to you on receipt of reply to a reference which will now be made to that Presidency.

4. The retrenchment alluded to in paragraph 1 should, however, be enforced.

From Lieutenant-Colonel ROSS THOMPSON, R.E., to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Ootacamund, dated 22nd May 1882.

With reference to my letter to you, No. 599 D., of 6th May 1882, I have the honor to request that you will be so good as to lay my case with the Military Pay Department before Government for favorable consideration.

2. It is as follows:—The Controller of Military Accounts, Madras, seeks to recover from me a sum of Rs. 2,123-3-11, which he states has been over-paid to me. I contend that I have not drawn any money to which I was not fully entitled. The Controller states his claim as follows:—

"The disallowance, the recovery of which this office desires may be effected from the next issue of pay from Colonel Ross Thompson, is on account of half staff salary of Executive Engineer, 2nd Grade, at Rs. 220-14-0 over-paid to that officer from the 13th December 1878 to 30th September 1879."

3. The Controller's statement simply amounts to this, that from the 13th December 1878 to the 30th September 1879 I ceased to be an Executive Engineer of the 2nd Grade in the Public Works Department, and was during that period a purely Sapper Regimental Officer. I submit, in reply to this, that I never ceased for a moment to hold the substantive appointment of Executive Engineer, 2nd Grade, during the whole time I was doing duty temporarily with the Military Department, viz., from the 13th December 1878 up to 15th October 1881, the date of my return from Afghanistan to Bangalore. I think a fairly good proof of the accuracy of my statement is to be found in the fact that during the whole of that period the Public Works Department paid me half the staff salary of my appointment, viz., Executive Engineer, 2nd Grade, Public Works Department. If further proof were wanting that during my temporary employment with the Military Department I still continued to hold my substantive position in the Public Works Department, I might mention that I was promoted from 2nd to 1st Grade Executive Engineer in the Public Works Department from June 1880. At that time my occupation was blowing up towers and forts of the "Ut Kheyls" in the Lughuvan Valley, Afghanistan.

4. I rejoined the Military Department temporarily under the following circumstances. When the Afghan War broke out in 1878 I was ordered to join Sapper head-quarters at Bangalore for field service. The following are extracts from the *Fort St. George Gazette*:—

"*Fort St. George Gazette of December 10th, 1878, page 720.*

"The undermentioned Officers of the Royal Engineers employed in the Public Works Department are replaced at the disposal of the Military Department for field service:—

"Major Ross Thompson, R.E., Executive Engineer, 2nd Grade.

"&c., &c., &c."

"*Fort St. George Gazette of December 24th, 1882, page 749.*

"The services of the Royal Engineer Officers named in G.O.G., No. 977, dated 12th December 1878, are replaced *temporarily* at the disposal of the Acting Commander of the Forces, viz.:—

"Major Ross Thompson, R.E.

"&c., &c., &c."

5. I joined the head-quarters of the Sappers and Miners at Bangalore, and remained there under orders to join the Mooltan column with Colonel (now Brigadier-General) H. N. D. Prendergast, V.C., C.B., R.E., who commanded the Queen's Own Sappers at the time. It was subsequently decided that this column should not be formed; and war in Burmah with King Theebaw of Mandalay being imminent, I was sent from Bangalore to Burmah in command of Sappers to join the field force then collecting at Rangoon. Whilst there, Sir Louis Cavagnari was murdered at Cabul. The second phase of the Afghan War broke out 1879-80, and I was ordered off at once in command of Sappers from Rangoon to join the Kyber Line Force in Afghanistan, where I remained until the conclusion of the campaign. I returned to Bangalore in October 1880.

6. In December 1878, when I rejoined the Military Department temporarily for field or foreign service, my pay as 2nd-Grade Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, amounted to Rs. 1,082-10-0, and was composed of the following items, viz.:—

	Rs.	A.	P.
Civil staff pay	900	0	0
Military pay proper of Major, R.E.	182	10	0
Total ...	1,082	10	0

This amount I considered myself entitled to whilst with the Military Department under the following rules of the Pay Code for India, 1876, British Troops:—

653. An officer holding a permanent staff appointment, when detached on any duty for which there is no fixed salary, or on field service, retains the salary of his appointment if no officer is appointed to officiate in it during his absence; but if an officer is appointed, and becomes thereby entitled to half staff pay and the allowances of the appointment, the detached staff officer retains only the half staff pay as on leave, and *draws compensation for the forfeited moiety*.

654. When the staff pay fixed for the special duty on which an officer is detached is less than the staff pay or command money he was in receipt of, *he is allowed compensation for the difference*.

461*h*. The monthly rates of consolidated staff pay and salaries of army and garrison staff appointments are as follows:—

* * * * *

Field Engineer with a field force ... ... *Rs.* 240.

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635. An officer of Royal Engineers employed in the Public Works Department is entitled to compensation from the Military Department for the loss of any pay and allowances he may incur during absence from his appointment while performing duties at a camp of exercise.

120*f*. Half staff pay is continued to an officer holding a permanent appointment—when withdrawn to join a force on field or foreign service and an officer is appointed to act for him; but if the officer is nominated to a staff appointment or command with the force other than the command of a troop or company, *he is entitled as compensation to only so much of the half staff of his permanent appointment as with the staff pay he receives for his appointment, or command with the force will not exceed the full staff pay of his substantive appointment*; while returning he receives half staff pay.

652*a*. *Compensation for loss of staff pay or command money is admissible to a Staff or Regimental* Officer holding a permanent appointment of command—when detached from his appointment or corps by order on temporary or special duty to another station, for a period exceeding four weeks.

492. The rule which governs the allowances of staff officers temporarily withdrawn from their appointments for field service (Article 120*f*) applies to officers of the Royal Engineers similarly circumstanced.

655. Compensation is authorised only to the extent of the staff pay an officer would have drawn had he not been detached on field service or employed on special duty. If, being present at his proper post, he would have forfeited the staff pay, he cannot while detached claim compensation, except in the case of removal to another corps or station, when it is allowed till termination of the special duty.

Discontinuance of Staff Pay.

123*f*. An officer ceases to receive the staff pay of an appointment when, if withdrawn on field or foreign service or detached duty, he draws the staff pay of an appointment exceeding his own, from date of departure until date of rejoining.

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7. Paragraph 532 of the Madras Public Works Code is as follows:—

"Commissioned, warrant, and non-commissioned officers and soldiers permanently attached to the department, who are temporarily withdrawn for military service in the field, are allowed half the staff salaries of their grades, or so *much of that moiety as together with any staff salary or command allowance shall not exceed the full staff salary of their substantive appointments, &c., &c.*

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8. From the above-quoted rules it appears to me that the desire and intention of Government is that an Engineer Officer in the Public Works Department temporarily attached to the Military Department for field or foreign service shall not be the heavy pecuniary loser he certainly would be if the views of the Military Pay Department were carried out. The ordinary, or rather extraordinary, expenses an officer in civil employment is put to when suddenly ordered on field service are extremely heavy for any man without private means. I need not enter into details about myself, but it has been proved to me beyond a doubt that proceeding on field service is a most expensive luxury, apart altogether from such retrenchments as the one now in question.

9. It is true that a liberal batta is sometimes given, but except in the case of officers of high rank, who are fortunate, at the time of going on active service, in having small establishments, the batta does not anything like cover the losses to be borne. I can at any rate vouch for the truth of this in my own case.

In G.O., No. 125, of 11th January 1882 (hereto attached), the Government were pleased to take an equitable and liberal view of the case of Lieutenant Digby, R.E., who was an officer of the detachment I had the honor to command in Afghanistan, and whose case was a parallel one to my own.

From Captain G. W. SAWYER, Pay Examiner, Military Account Department, Bengal, to the Paymaster, Punjab Circle, Rawulpindi, dated Calcutta, 5th June 1882, No. 116 (Staff).

Adverting to his memorandum, No. 133 D., dated 20th ultimo, and its accompaniments, has the honor to state that, with reference to the information now furnished, the objections, as per margin, against Lieut.-Colonel Ross Thompson, R.E., have been withdrawn.

					Rs.	A.	P.
No. 1283 S.,	dated 23rd March 1880	..	..	..	358	8	10
,, 3 S.,	,, 17th June	,,	..	..	403	8	0
,, 65 S.,	,, 26th ,,	,,	..	..	201	12	0
,, 134 S.,	,, 17th July	,,	..	..	333	12	0
,, 251 S.,	,, 18th Aug.	,,	..	..	201	12	0
,, 391 S.,	,, 25th Sept.	,,	..	..	231	12	0
,, 495 S.,	,, 6th Nov.	,,	..	..	231	12	0

No. 986 M.

MEMORANDUM.

Forwarded to the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, Madras, with reference to his memorandum, No. 15 M., dated 6th May 1882.

12th June 1882. (Signed) J. H. EYRE, Lieutenant,
Offg. Paymaster, Punjab Circle.

From the Officiating Controller of Military Accounts, to the Examiner of Public Works Accounts, dated Madras, 22nd June 1882, No. 941.

In acknowledging receipt of the accompaniment of your No. 16 C.M.A., dated 21st June 1882, I would point out that the disallowance removed is that referred to in paragraph 4 of my letter, No. 460, dated 12th May 1882.

2. The disallowance of Rs. 2,123-3-11 still holds good, and should be enforced.

Order—dated 21st April 1883, No. 1204 W., Public Works.

Ordered that the Government of India be addressed in the Public Works Department in regard to the retrenchment directed to be made from the salary of Lieutenant-Colonel Ross Thompson, R.E.

(Here enter No 1205 W., dated 21st April 1883.)

(True Extract.)

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

To Lieutenant-Colonel Ross Thompson, R.E.
,, the Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
,, the Military Department.

Exd. A. F. Goodall.

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Dated April, 21*st*.

Rcvd. *Encl.*

G.O., 21st April 1883, No. 1204 W.

APRIL.

Lieut.-Col. Ross Thompson, R.E.

Ordered that the Government of India be addressed *re* the retrenchment from the salary of —.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General Establishment.

Letter—from

Colonel R. H. SANKEY, C.B., R.E.,

Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Public Works Department,

To

The SECRETARY to the GOVERNMENT of INDIA,

Public Works Department.

Sir,

With reference to the printed collection, as per margin, regarding a retrenchment, amounting to Rs. 2,123-3-11, which now for a considerable period has been outstanding against Lieutenant-Colonel Ross Thompson, R.E. (1st Grade Executive Engineer, Public Works Department), I am directed to submit the following observations for the consideration of His Excellency the Governor-General in Council.

G.O., No. 1204 W., dated 21st April 1883.

2. On the 10th December 1878 the services of Major Ross Thompson, then an Executive Engineer, 2nd Grade, were placed temporarily at the disposal of the Military Department for field service, the intention at that time being that he should be attached to the Madras Sapper Contingent, which was to have formed a portion of the South Afghanistan Expeditionary Field Force.

3. Subsequently, in view to certain eventualities in British Burma, he went in command of Sappers to Rangoon and remained there till on the murder of Major Cavagnari, when he proceeded in command of a company of Sappers to join the Kyber Force. At the conclusion of the war he rejoined the department, having, while absent, received promotion to Executive Engineer, 1st Grade.

4. Throughout the whole period of his duty with the Sappers he drew in the aggregate Rs. 1,082-10-0 per mensem, being the full pay and allowances which he was drawing in the department at the time of his temporary transfer, and, as will be observed, the correctness of this procedure on his part was concurred in by the Military Accounts Department—See letter, No. 1368 T.N., dated 5th June 1880.

5. At a subsequent period it was, however, ruled that there had been an overpayment of Rs. 220-14-0 per mensem, and disallowances were made as follows:—

	Rs.	A.	P.
(1) By Controller, Military Accounts in Madras, for overpayments between 13th December 1878 and 30th September 1879 (the amount now under reference) ...	2,123	3	11
(2) By Paymaster of the Punjab Circle for similar overpayments from 1st October 1879 till retransfer to the Public Works Department	2,032	12	10

6. Lieutenant-Colonel Ross Thompson contends that, judged by the letter and spirit of the Pay Code for India, he being an officer on substantive staff employment, was entitled to draw compensation for the forfeited moiety of his pay and allowances from the Military Department.

7. That he was so entitled was clearly the opinion of the Pay Department of this Presidency as indicated above, and, as he points out, a very nearly similar claim was admitted by the Government of India in the case of Lieutenant Digby, R.E.—See letter from Colonel W. M. Lees, No. 943 B., dated 23rd December 1881.

8. To this has been further added the fact that the second of the above retrenchments, amounting to Rs. 2,032-12-10, which was necessarily based on precisely the same grounds as that now under reference, has been withdrawn—See letter, No. 116 (Staff), dated 5th June 1882, from the Pay Examiner, Bengal, to the Paymaster, Punjab Circle, Rawulpindi.

9. If, as no doubt is the case, the validity of the withdrawal of the retrenchment, amounting to Rs. 2,032-12-10, has been placed beyond all doubt, it would appear to His Excellency in Council inconsistent to enforce that for Rs. 2,123-5-11, the conditions to all intents and purposes being the same; but when in addition to this, the amount now under reference was drawn with a warranty so complete as that of the Controller of Military Accounts, other and even stronger reasons exist for hesitating to enforce a measure of such severity.

10. It may further be added that, not only has Colonel Ross Thompson, by good service in Afghanistan (for which he received his brevet), established a claim for special and favorable consideration, but, as now vouched for by medical authority, by overwork in the late famine and the Afghan Campaign he appears to have laid the seeds of disease which has just now compelled him to leave India on emergent sick certificate.

11. His Excellency the Governor in Council is aware that the concession prayed for by Lieutenant-Colonel Ross Thompson may, if granted, lead to the cancelment of other similar retrenchments which have already been enforced against some of the officers whose names appear in the correspondence herewith sent up, one of whom, moreover, has appealed without result to Her Majesty's Secretary of State; but if deemed to be equitable and just in the one case, he has no hesitation in recommending that, in so far as the instances mentioned may be found to agree with the case under reference, they should meet with the same favorable consideration.

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

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

Fort St. George,
21st April 1883.

Encl. A. F. Goodall.
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Dated April, 21st.

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21st April 1883. No. 1205 W.

APRIL.

Lieut.-Col. Ross Thompson, R.E.

LETTER to the Government of India re the retrenchment from the salary of —.

Read the following papers:—

Military Account Department.
PAY EXAMINER'S OFFICE,
Fort Saint George, Madras,
Dated 5th June 1880.

No. A 7 / 1368

Read 15-6-80
Replied 16-6-80
Letter back with remark

From

THE PAY EXAMINER,

To

Major Ross Thompson
Camp Gundamuck
Afghanistan

Sir,

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receipts in P.
M. Department 343-7—0

1082-10—0 per mensem upto May 1879-

Pay — 757- 3—0
House allce — 30—0—0

Difference
of Staff
salary — 295- 7—0

1082-10—0 upto 31st Sept 1879.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your obedient Servant
Capt
Pay Department

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

6th October 1880, No. 6297.

Pay and Allowances.

Read the following papers :—

No. 84. *From Colonel J. W. RIDEOUT, Controller of Military Accounts, to Colonel J. MICHAEL, C.S.I., Secretary to Government, Military Department, Ootacamund ; dated Fort St. George, 18th September 1880, C.*

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G.G.O., No. 897 of 1876.

6. The Military Accountant-General has been written to with a view to the elimination of the words "or on field service" in para. 653 of the Pay Code for India, the introduction of which has led to the present overpayment.

From
The Pay Examiner,
To
Dated
Recd.
Enclosure 2.

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Lieutenant C. C. Rawson.	10th December 1878 to 22nd January 1879, and from 9th June 1879 to 31st July 1880, at Rs. 77-2-0 per mensem.	1,168	9	2	
Lieutenant R. Hamilton.	16th December 1878 to 22nd January 1879, and from 9th June 1879 to 11th April 1880, at Rs. 125 per mensem.	1,415	11	7	Services replaced at the disposal of the Department Public Works from 12th April 1880.
Lieutenant R. Langley.	29th January 1879 to 31st October 1879 at Rs. 127-2-0, and from 1st June to 31st July 1880 at Rs. 15-2-0.	1,186	10	10	Claim of difference from November 1879 to 30th May 1880 held in abeyance pending instructions.
Lieutenant A. R. Dorward.	December 1878 to 30th September 1879, at Rs. 177-2-0 a-month.	1,471	4	4	
Lieutenant A. E. Dobson.	February to October 1879, at Rs. 150 per mensem.	1,302	13	9	Died 20th July 1880.
Lieutenant O. V. Boddy.	15th January 1879 to 11th April 1879 at Rs. 127-2-0, and from 12th April 1879 to 31st July 1880 at Rs. 27-2-0.	794	10	1	
Lieutenant C. B. Henderson.	December 1878 to March 1879 at Rs. 125 per mensem, and from November 1879 to 15th May 1880 at Rs. 125.	1,312	8	0	Proceeded on sick leave 15th May 1880.
Surgeon C. Sibthorpe.	3rd December 1878 to 27th July 1879, at Rs. 203-13-5 per menseme.	1,591	3	10	
	Total ...	12,366	11	6	

18th September 1880. (Signed) J. W. RIDEOUT, Colonel,
Controller of Military Accounts.

No. 85. *Report from Colonel J. W. RIDEOUT, Controller of Military Accounts, to Colonel J. MICHAEL, C.S.I., Secretary to Government, Military Department, Ootacamund; dated Fort St. George, 28th September 1880, A.*

In reply to your memorandum, No. 6000, dated 22nd September 1880, I have the honor to state that no retrenchments have been effected, but the admission of staff salary was discontinued after the 31st July 1880, pending an expression of the opinion of Government relative to the retrenchments of past sums.

In re staff salary of Royal Engineer officers detached on field service.

No. 86. ORDER THEREON, 6th October 1880, No. 6297.

This correspondence shews that the Pay Department have erroneously paid to nine officers sums aggregating to Rs. 12,366-11-6 in excess of their dues. It is for the department to adjust the matter with the officers concerned,—recovery being effected by instalments.

(Signed) J. MICHAEL, Colonel,
Secretary to Government.

To the Controller of Military Accounts; Adjutant-General.
Exd. A. Raitt.

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Copy of letter from the Controller of Military Accounts Madras to the Examiner Public Works Accounts No 450 dated 12 May 1882

No 5 and 6 Encl of 8 and 9 May 1882

Rs 2123 - 3 - 11

With advertence to your marginal letters I have the honor to explain that the disallowance the recovery of which this Office desires may be effected from the next issue of pay from Colonel Ross Thompson, is on account of his Staff Salary of Executive Engineer 2nd Grade at Rs 220-14-0 overpaid to that Officer from the 13th December 1878 to 30th September 1879. This disallowance has been issued under instructions from Government who ruled that Officers of the P.W. Department temporarily attached for duty in the Military Department were not entitled to more than half Staff Salary of their substantive appointments.

2. Any appeal or representation against this decision that Colonel Ross Thompson may desire can only be after payment of the disallowance.

3. The retrenchment of Rs 2032-12-10 on payments subsequent to 1st October 1879 was issued in Bengal and a further communication will be addressed to you on receipt of reply to reference which will now

now be made to that Presidency.

4 The retrenchment alluded to in para 1 should however be enforced.

(True Copy)

G.C. Battiscombe
Supdt. Correspondence Branch
M.G.O.

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To
The Secretary to Government
P.W. Department
Ootacamund

Sir

With reference to my letter to you No 5995 of 6th May 1882. I am directed to request that you will be so good as to lay my case with the Military Pay department of Government for orders. It is as follows :- The Controller of Military Accounts Madras has called upon me to recover from me a sum of Rs 2123.3.11 which he states has been overpaid to me. I contend that I am not entitled to draw any money for which I was not fully entitled. The Controller states his claim as follows. -

"The disallowance, the recovery of which this Office desires may be effected from the issue of pay from Colonel Ross Thompson, is on account of half Staff Salary of Executive Engineer 2nd Grade da

at-
Rs 220.14.0 overpaid to that Officer from
the 13th December 1878 to 30th September
1879.

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3 The Controllers statement simply amounts
to this, that from the 13th December 1878
to the 30th September 1879 I ceased
to be an Executive Engineer of the 2nd
Grade in the Public Works Department
and was during that period a pure
Sapper Regimental Officer. — I
submit in reply to this, that I ceased
ceased for a moment to hold the
substantive appointment of Exec. Engr.
2nd Grade ~~from~~ during the whole
time I was doing duty temporarily with
the Military Department. viz from
the 13th December 1878 up to October 15
1881. The date of my return from
Afghanistan to Bangalore. I think
a fairly good proof of the accuracy of
my statement is to be found in the
fact that during the whole of that
period the Public Works Department
paid me half the Staff Salary of
my appointment. viz Executive Engineer
2nd Grade. Rs 450.

4 Joining the Military Department temporarily
under the following circumstances

5 When the Afghan war broke out in 1878
I was ordered to join Sapper Head
Quarters at Bangalore for Field
Service. — The following are
extracts from the Fort-Saint-George
Gazette.

Fort-St-George Gazette of
December 10th 1878. Page 720

"The Undermentioned Officers of the
"Royal Engineers employed in the Public
"Works Department are re-placed at
"the disposal of the Military Department
"for Field Service.

"Major Ron Thompson. RE Executive Engineer
"2nd Grade
~~do~~ —— do —— do —— do ——

Fort-St-George Gazette of
December 24th 1878. Page 749

"The Services of the Royal Engineer Officers
"named in G.O.C. No 977 dated 12th December
"1878 are replaced temporarily at the
"disposal of the acting Commander of the
"Forces. viz.
"Major Ron Thompson RE
do —— do —— do —— do ——

5 Under these orders I joined the Head Quarters
of the Sappers & Miners at Bangalore
and remained there under orders to join

The Mooltan Column with Colonel
now Brigadier General H. N. D. Pendergast-
V.C. C.B. D.S.O. Who commanded the
Engineers & Sappers at the time.
It was subsequently decided that
this Column should not be formed
and War in Burmah with King Theebaw
of Mandalay being imminent, I was
sent to Burmah in Command of Sappers
from Bangalore
to join the Field Force then collecting at
Rangoon ——— Whilst there - Sir
Louis Cavagnari was murdered at Cabul,
the second phase of the Afghan war
broke out - 1879 - 1880 and I was ordered
at once in Command of Sappers from Rangoon
to join the Khyber Line Force in Afghanistan
where I remained until the Conclusion
of the Campaign - I returned to
Bangalore in October 1880. ———

6 In December 1878 when I rejoined
the Military Department - temporarily on Field or Foreign service
my pay as 2nd Grade Executive Engineer
P.W.D. Amounted to Rs 1082. 10. 0
and was composed of the following items
Viz: Civil Staff Pay ——— Rs 900
Military Pay Deputy of Majority. — 182. 10. 0
Total Rs 1082. 10. 0

This amount I considered myself entitled
to whilst under the Military Department

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Under the following Rules of the
Pay Code for India 1876. British Troops

6. 3. An Officer holding
a permanent Staff appoint-
ment, when detached
on any duty for which
there is no fixed Salary
etc on Field Service, retains
the Salary of his appointment
if no Officer is appointed
to officiate in it during his
absence; but if an Officer
is appointed and becomes
thereby entitled to half
Staff pay and the
allowances of the appoint-
ment, the detached
Staff Officer retains only the
half Staff pay as on leave,
and draws Compensation
for the forfeited Indian

654. When the Staff
Pay fixed for the special
duty on which an
Officer is detached is less
than his Staff Pay
& Command Money he
was in receipt of, he is
allowed Compensation
for

461. h. The Monthly Rates of Consolidated Staff Pay and Salaries of Army and Garrison Staff Appointments are as follows. * * *

Field Engineer with a Field Force Rs 240.0.0

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635. An Officer of Royal Engineers employed in the Public Works Department is entitled to Compensation from the Military Department for the loss of any pay and allowances he may incur during absence from his appointment - while performing duties other than those of Superintending

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635. Staff Pay is continued to an Officer holding a permanent appointment — He will draw 5 pairs of Horses on Field or Foreign Service and an Officer so appointed in

command; but if the Officer is nominated to a Staff appointment or Command with his Force other than his Command of a Troop or Company, he is entitled to Compensation during the Period of his Staff Pay of his permanent-appointment, as with the Staff Pay he receives for his appointment, or Command with his Force will not exceed the full Staff Pay of his Substantive appointment; while performing the Duties

652a Compensation for Loss of Staff pay or Command Money is admissible to a Staff or Regimental Officer holding a permanent appointment of Command.

When detached from his appointment or Corps by order on temporary or special duty to another Station, — for a period Expending four weeks

492. The Rule which governs the allowances of Staff Officers temporarily while drawn from their appointments for Field Service (Article 120 f) applies to Officers of the Royal Engineers Similarly circumstanced.

Regulations 15

Extent of the Staff pay an Officer would have drawn had he been detached on Field Service or employed on Special duty. Being present at his proper post, he would have forfeited the Staff pay, he Commences while detached Claim Compensation, Except in the Case of Removal to another Corps or Station, When of is allowed till Leave is also of the Special duty

655. Compensation is on Married only of the

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Discontinuance of Staff Pay.

123 f. An Officer ceases to receive his Staff pay & allowances from the date of his appointment. When he is transferred on Field or Foreign Service on detached duty, he draws his Staff pay & allowances from the date of departure to that date of rejoining his appointment.

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7 Para 5-32 of the Madras Public Works Code is as follows.

Communications, Warrants, and Non Commissioned Officers and Soldiers Permanently attached to the Department, who are temporarily withdrawn for Military Service in the Field, are allowed half the Staff Salaries of their Grades, or so much of that Salary as together with any Staff Salaries, or Command allowance, shall not exceed the full Staff Salary of their substantive appointments &c &c

* * * *

8 Now the above quoted Rules appears to me that the desire and intention of Government is that an Engineer Officer in the P.W.D. temporarily attached to the Military Department for Field or Foreign Service shall not in the learning pecuniary loser he certainly entitled to the Views of the Military Pay Department were carried out. The ordinary, or rather extraordinary Expenses an Officer in Civil Employment is put to when suddenly ordered on Field Service are extremely heavy for any man without Private means. I need not enter into details about my self but it has been proved beyond a doubt that proceeding on Field Service is a most expensive Department altogether from such retrenchments as we are now in Question. It is true that

9 a liberal latter is sometimes given but except in the case of Officers

of high Rank, who are fortunate at the time of giving on Active Service - a leaving Small Establishments - the Calls does not any thing like cover the Cost to the Army — I can at any Rate vouch for the truth of this in my own Case.

In G.O No 125 of 11th January 1882 (Extract attached) the Government has placed to take an Equitable and Liberal View of the Case of Lieuts and Digby RE. - who was an Officer of the Detachment - & had the Honor to Command in Affghanistan. and whose Case was in parallel to my own.

22.3.82

From The Pay Examiner
Mily account Deptt
Bengal

To The Pay Master Pt Circle
Rawulpindi

Calcutta the 5th June 1882

Adverting to his memo No 133 D
of 20th ult & its accompaniments has the honor to state that with reference to the information now furnished the objections as per margin against Lt Col Ross Thompson R.E. have been withdrawn.

No 1286 of 23 March 80	Rs 398-8-10	
No 3 of 17 June 80	" 403-8- "	
No 65 of 26 June 80	" 201-12- "	
No 134 of 17 July 80	" 363-12- "	
No 257 of 16 Augt 80	" 201-12- "	
No 391 of 25 Sept 80	" 231-12- "	
No 495 of 6 Nov 80	" 231-12- "	

Lt & Q M Sawyer Capt
1st Pay Examiner

Memo No 976/19.

True Copy forwarded to the Examiner P W Accounts Madras with reference to his memo No 15 M of 1st May 1882

J W Lucas Lieut
6/6/82 Offg Pay Master P C

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It is requested that the **number** *and* **date** *of this communication may be quoted in any subsequent correspondence on this subject.*

No. 941

From

THE CONTROLLER OF MILITARY ACCOUNTS,

Madras,

To

The Examiner
Public Works Accounts.

FORT SAINT GEORGE, 22 June 1882.

Sir,

In acknowledging receipt of the accompaniment of your No. 16-2-M-2, dated 21 June 1882, I would point out that the disallowance removed is that referred to in para. 4 of my letter No 450, dated 12 May 1882.

The disallowance of Rs. 2123-3-11 still holds good and should be enforced.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Obedient Servant,

Major,
for Offg. Contr. of Mily. Accts.

Copy sent to Audit Off. for information
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№ 1204W Public Works Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT Part B 19

Under date the 21st April 83

Read the following

Letter from the Pay Examiner to Major Ross Thompson	M.E.	№ N.I. 1368	dy 5th June 1880
Proceedings of the Mily Dept.	"	6297	dy 6th Octr 1880
Letter from the Controller of Mily Accts to the Examiner W. accts	"	450	dy 12th May 1882
Letter from Lt Col Ross Thompson RE. From the Pay Master 2nd Circle to the Examiner W. accts	"	986	dy 12th June 1882
Letter from the Offg. Controller of Mily. accts to the Ex. W. accts	"	941	dy 22nd June 1882

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Ordered that the Government of India be addressed in the P.W. Dept in regard to the retrenchment directed to be made from the salary of Lieut. Col. Ross Thompson R.E.

(M.E. № 1205 Way 21st April 83)

To

Lieut Col Ross Thompson R.E.
Examiner W. accts
Mily. Dept.

To

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Government of Madras,

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

To

The Secretary to the
Government of India.
P. W. Dept

21st April 1883.

Sir

G.O. No. 1204 W. dt. 21st April 83.

With reference to the printed collection as per margin* regarding a retrenchment amounting to Rs 7123-3-11 which now for a considerable period has been outstanding against Lt. Col. Kosp- Thompson R.E. (late

grade Executive Engineer
I. W.D.) I am directed
to submit the following
observations for the considera-
tion of H.E. the Governor
General in Council.

2. On the 10th December
1878 the services of Major
Ross Thompson then an
Executive Engineer 2nd grade
were placed temporarily
at the disposal of the
Military Department
for field service, the
intention at that time
being that he should
be attached to the

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Madras Sapper Contingent
which was to have formed
a portion of the South
Afghanistan Expeditionary
Field Force.

3. Subsequently an order
to certain executive officers in
British Burma he
was put in command of
Sappers to Rangoon
and remained there
till on the murder of
Major Cavagnari
when he proceeded in
command of a Company
of Sappers to join the
Kyber force. At the

conclusion of the war
he rejoined the Dept.
having while absent
received promotion to
Executive Engineer 1st
grade

4 Throughout the
whole period of his duty
with the Sappers he
drew in the aggregate
Rs 1087:10:0 per measem
being the full pay and
allowances which he
was drawing in the
Department at the time
of his temporary transfer
and as will be observed

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the correctness of this
procedure on his part
was concurred in by
the Military Accounts
Department, see letter
No 1368 dated 5th June 1880.

5. At a subsequent
period it was however
ruled that there had
been an overpayment of
Rs 110:14:0 per measem,
and disallowances were
made as follows:-

(1) By Controller, Military Accounts in Madras for overpayments between 13th Dec 1878 and 30th Sept 79 [the amount now under reference]	Rs	as 8
	2173	3 11
(2) By Paymaster of the Sangor Circle for similar overpayments from 1st Oct 1879 till retransfer to the W Dept	2032	12 0

6 Lt Col. Rose Thompson contends that judged by the letter and spirit of the Pay Code for India he being an officer on substantive staff employment, was entitled to draw compensations for the forfeited moiety of his pay and allowances from the Military Department

7. That he was so entitled was clearly the opinion of the Pay Department of this Presidency as indicated

8 above, and as he points out a very nearly similar claim was admitted by the Government of India in the case of Lieut: Digby RE, see letter from Col: W. M. Lees, No 943 K dated 23 December 1881.

8 To this has been further added the fact that the second of the above retrenchments, amounting to Rs 2032:12:10, which was necessarily based on precisely the same grounds as that now under reference, has been with-

with Drawn - see Letter
No 116 Staff dated 5th
June 1882 from the Secy
Examiner, Bengal
to the Paymaster,
Punjab Circle Rawal
Pindee

If as we doubt
the case the validity
of the withdrawal
of the retrenchment
amounting to Rs 2032:12:10
has been placed beyond
all doubt, it would
appear to His Excellency

Lawrence Cincinnatus Esq

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to enforce that for
Rs 2173:5:11, the conditions
to all intents and
purposes being the same,
but plus in addition
to this, the amount
now under reference was
drawn in the warranty
so complete as that of
the Cantonment of Military
Accounts, other and
stronger reasons Exist
for hesitating to enforce
a measure of such severity
10. It may further
be added that not only
has Col Roper Thompson

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his good service in Afghanistan (for which he received his brevet) established a claim for special and favorable consideration, but, as now vouched for by medical authority, his over work in the late famine and the Afghan Campaign to appear to have laid the seeds of disease which has just now compelled him to leave India on furlough for his certificate

11 His Excellency the Governor in Council is aware that the one prayed for by Lieut Col Rob Thompson may if granted lead to the cancelment of other similar retrenchments which have already been enforced against some of the officers whose names appear in the correspondence here with sent up, one of whom moreover has appealed pursuant

result to Her Majesty's Secretary of State; but if deemed to be equitable and just in the one case, he has no hesitation in recommending that in so far as the instances mentioned may be found to agree with the case under reference they should meet with the same favorable consideration.

Dated 7/5 [illegible]

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References to former Cases.

No. dated 188 .
No. " 188 .
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Receipt General No. 116 M. A

Dated 13 — 5 — 1882.

References to Later Cases.

I No. 113 X dated 15 5 1882.
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Reminders received.

No. 1 dated 188 .
No. 2 " 188 .
No. 3 " 188 .

Keep-withs.

Public Works Department, Madras.

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EXAMINER, P. W. ACCOUNTS.

R. General No. 116 M.

From C. M. A

Dated 12-5- 1882, No. 450

No. of Enclosures.

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Chief Acctt.			Corr. Branch.
			Code Branch.

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In Promont has decided to refer the case to the order of the Govt. of India a letter forwarding views of Col Thompson Comm: of 22/5/82 and Lieut Hamilton as may be necessary should be desirable giving a history of the case and obtaining their opinion to the merits of the circumstances under which the pay was drawn by Col Thompson the Lieutenant qualified opinion of the entitlement of such amounts in his letter noted dated 18th Sept. 1880 C, and with to the grant a retrenchment for a monthly amount of Rs 2023-13-10

could after years be done
be cancelled by order
of the S/S through the optim
overdue

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Dr W. 120 XT 28

The file on the
subject of the accy.
paper was sent to
Poly some time back
& has not been returned.

You will probably
know in what state
the matter now is.

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29/3/83

Memo

I never saw the
above & the letter to
which it refers till
today

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It is requested that the number and date of this communication may be quoted in any subsequent correspondence on this subject.

No. 450

From

THE CONTROLLER OF MILITARY ACCOUNTS,

Madras,

To

The Examiner,
Public Works Accounts

FORT SAINT GEORGE, 12th May 1882

Sir,

With advertence to your
P.S. 16 Cm. a. marginal letter, I have the honor to
19th May 1882. explain that the disallowance, the recovery
of which this Office desires may be effected
P. 2023. 2. 11. from the next issue of pay from Colonel
Ross Thompson, is on account of half
Staff Salary of Executive Engineer, 2nd Grade
at Rupees 220/14-- over paid to that Officer
from the 13th December 1878 to 30 September
1879, This allowance has been issued
under instructions from Government
who ruled that Officers of the Public
Works Department temporarily attached
for duty to the Military Department
were not entitled to more than half
Staff Salary of their substantive appoint-
ments.

2 Any appeal or representation against
this decision that Colonel Ross Thompson
may desire can only be after payment
of the disallowance

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The retrenchment of Rs 2032. 12. 10
payments subsequent to 1st October
9 was issued in Bengal and a
further communication will be addressed
you on receipt of reply to a reference
which will now be made to that
Residency.

The retrenchment alluded
to in para 1 should, however, be
enforced.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
Edmund Mayo,
Offg Controller of Mily Accts

Copy of letter from the Controller of Military Accounts Madras to the Examiner Public Works Accounts Madras No 250 dated 13th May 1882.

With advertence to your marginal letters I have the honor to explain that the disallowance, the recovery of which this Office desires may be effected from the next issue of pay from Colonel Ross Thompson, is on account of half Staff Salary of Executive Engineer 2nd Grade, at Rs 230. 14. - overpaid to that Officer from the 13th December 1878 to 30th September 1879. This disallowance has been issued under instructions from Government who ruled that Officers of the Public Works Department temporarily attached for duty on the Military Department were not entitled to more than half Staff Salary of their substantive appointments.

Nos 5 and 6 C. No. A. of 8th and 9th May 1882.

† Rs. 2123. 3. 11.

2. Any appeal or representation against this decision that Colonel Ross Thompson may desire can only be after payment of the disallowance.

3. The retrenchment of Rs 2032. 12. 10 on payments subsequent to 1st October 1879 was issued on Bengal and a further communication will be addressed to you on receipt of reply to a reference which will now be made to that Residency.

4. The retrenchment alluded to

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pro para 1 should, however, be enforced.

(True Copy)

G. Patton

Supdt. Correspondence Branch

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From

THE EXAMINER,
PUBLIC WORKS ACCOUNTS,
MADRAS,

To

Lieut. Colonel Ross Thompson R.E.

Madras, 3 July 1882.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith a copy of Controller of Military Accounts letter No. 450 dated 12th. May 1882 asked for in your communication of the 30th. Ultimo No. 327 E.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your Most Obedient Servant.

D. C. Cardew

Examiner P.W. Accounts.

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Copy of letter from the Pay Master, Punjab Circle to the Examiner P.W. Accounts Madras
No 4551 M dated 31st March 1882.

With reference to his No 84 M dated 28th Feby: 1882, has the honor to forward herewith correspondence (a)

(a) Memo No 1/884 dated 25th March 1882 from the Pay Examiner
" No 1/649 dated 4th January 1882 Do

relative to the Pay Examiner's objections as per margin and requests that the amount Rs 2032-12-10 may be recovered in communication with Major Ross Thompson P.W.D. and credited in his accounts as usual. Intimation should be sent when recovery is effected.

Obj No 286/137	dated 22 March/80	Rs 398-8-10
" No 3/537	dated 17 June/80	" 403-8-"
" No 65/593	dated 26 June/80	" 201-12-"
" No 134/634	dated 7 July/80	" 363-12-"
" No 251/962	dated 18 Aug 1/80	" 201-12-"
" No 391/900	dated 25 Septr/80	" 231-12-"
" No 495/915	dated 6 Novr/80	" 231-12-"
		2032-12-10

(True Copy)

G.K. Rattray
Asstt: Correspondence Branch
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Copy of letter from the Pay Examiner Military Account Department Bengal to the Pay Master Punjab Circle Rawal Pindi No. 1446/884 dated 25th March 1882.

With reference to his Memo No. 1479 dated 4th instant forwarding certain papers in connection with the retrenchments outstanding against Major Ross Thompson R.E. and requesting their remission, has the honor to invite his attention to this office Memo. No. 1676 dated 4th January 1881, in which it was clearly shewn that Major Thompson when appointed Field Engineer Khyber Division, Kabul Field Force was not employed as an Executive Engineer 2nd Grade in the Public Works Department and was not in receipt of any staff Salary of that appointment, but was serving with the Madras Sappers and Miners and received pay and allowances at the rates shewn in the above Memo: as noted on his last pay Certificate. He was therefore not entitled to the half Staff Salary as Executive Engineer 2nd Grade whilst employed on Field Service, as drawn by him, nor to a separate horse allowance, as the same is included in his Staff Corps pay as a Major.

(True Copy)

G. Hatton
Supdt. Correspondence Branch
Mily Dept

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Copy of letter from the Pay Examiner Military Account Department to the Pay Master Punjab Circle No 46/K dated 649 4th January 1882

Has the honor to intimate that

(a) No 46/K dated 25th March 1880 Rs 2495-14-9

the objection (a) as per margin against Major Ross Thompson Royal Engineer Field Engineer Khyber Division Kabul Field Force, has been withdrawn to the extent specified, with reference to the last pay Certificate from the Officer Commanding "E" Company Madras Sappers and Miners, countersigned by the Pay Examiner Madras, furnished with objection Statement (b)

(b) No 46/K/65 dated 25th June 1880

2. It appears from the last pay Certificate that Major Thompson received pay for September 1879 with the Madras Sappers and Miners, as shewn in the margin (c). He was not in receipt of any portion of the Staff Salary as Executive Engineer 2nd grade. Accordingly he was entitled while in transit to join his appointment as Field Engineer that is from 1st October to 18th November 1879 to his regimental pay at Rs 759-3. per mensem with horse allowance at Rs 30/- and from

(c)

Pay as Major of R. E.	Rs 709-3--	
Extra remuneration	Rs 100--	
Company Command Allce.	Rs 50--	
Horse Allowance	Rs 30--	
	Rs 889-3--	

of November 1879 to the date he ceased to perform the duties of Field Engineer to Staff Corps rate of pay of a Major Rs 650 - and Staff Salary as Field Engineer Rs 240 per mensem. Hence allowance as a separate item is not admissible as it is included in the Staff Corps pay of Major.

2 This Memo is in substitution of the one of the same No and date which is hereby cancelled.

(True Copy)

G. E. Hatton

Supdt. Correspondence Branch

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FROM THE EXAMINER P.W.ACCOUNTS,

MADRAS.

TO LIEUT.COLONEL ROSS THOMPSON R.E.

NO. 456 MADRAS, 19th APRIL 1882.

COPY OF THE ACCOMPANYING LETTER NO.455E M.DATED 31ST.MARCH 1882 (WITH COPIES OF ENCLOSURES) FROM THE PAY MASTER PUNJAB CIRCLE FORWARDED TO LIEUT.COLONEL ROSS THOMPSON R.E.FOR INFORMATION WITH REFERENCE TO HIS COMMUNICATION NO.254 D.DATED 28TH.FEBRUARY 1882,AND WITH THE REQUEST THAT HE WILL ARRANGE FOR THE REFUND OF THE SUM OF RS.2,032-12-10 TO THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PRESIDENCY DIVISION,TO BE CREDITED TO THE MILITARY DEPARTMENT IN HIS ACCOUNTS.

2. THE DATE ON WHICH THE AMOUNT IS REFUNDED SHOULD BE INTIMATED TO THIS OFFICE FOR COMMUNICATION TO THE PAY EXAMINER,PUNJAB.

D. C. Carnegy

EXAMINER P.W.ACCOUNTS.

ENCLOSURES.

No 912. C of 22-4-82.

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To Examiner P.W. Accts.

Sir. With reference to your letter No 45 dated 19th April 1882 and 16 Enclosures I am directed to inform you that I do not consider the Pay Master Punjab and the Pay Examiner Military Accts. Bengal have any grounds for their claim against me.

They have failed to ascertain the circumstances under which I temporarily rejoined the Military Department - and proceeded on Foreign and Field Service with the 4th Queens Own Lapsed Minor

I have the honor to be Sir Your Obedient Servant

Fort St George 20th April 1882

Copy of letter from the Pay Examiner
to the Controller relating to account
No: 794 dated 26th April 1882.

I have the honor to bring to
your notice that the half staff salary
of Major (now Lt Col) Ross Thompson R.E
amounting to Rs 2100.0.0 which was
retrenched under D.O. No: 6297 dated 5th
October/80. Remains still unadjusted.
The retrenchment was first Communi-
cated to the above officer on 18th October/80,
through the officer Commanding D.O
Lahore and Umbala with which Corps he
was then Serving, with the request that
the retrenchment might be adjusted
by monthly instalments or in one sum
if desired. Lt Col. Thompson's Service having
been subsequently replaced at the disposal
of the P.W Department, the office called
upon him through the Examiner P.W
accounts on the 25th March/81 to
state whether the retrenchment was
adjusted, and as no reply was
received from Lt Col. Thompson, the
Examiner P.W accounts was requested
on the 16th May/81 (No 1020) to state
whether

whether the retrenchment was recovered, and if not to take the necessary measures for its recovery.

2. On a letter from Lt. Col. Thompson, received under docket of the Examiner P.W. accounts dated 18th June/81, that officer requested to know the authority or rule of the Pay Code under which he was asked to refund the amount retrenched on which a copy of this office letter No $\frac{R.F.}{26.10}$ dated 18th October/80, in which the retrenchment was first communicated to Lt. Col. Thompson was forwarded to him through the Examiner P.W. accounts.

3. A Copy of letter No. 69 R, dated 5th July/81 from the Examiner to this Works accounts to the address of Lt. Col. Thompson calling upon him to state how he proposes adjusting the retrenchment in question was sent to this office on the above date, and on the 17th October/81 this office again asked the Examiner P.W. accounts

if

if the retrenchment had been effected when that officer replied that on receipt of a reply from Lt. Col. Thompson, steps would be taken to the recovery of the overpayments.

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4. On the 8th December/81 the Examiner P.W. accounts forwarded a copy of his letter to Lt. Col. Thompson calling upon that officer, to state how he was prepared to adjust the overpayments made to him in the military Department.

5. No further correspondence has been received from the Examiner P.W. accounts and no recoveries on account of the retrenchment have been communicated to this office by the accounts Branch of your office upto date.

No. 2417.

Forwarded to the Examiner of P.W. accounts, with a request that, he will be so good as to state what steps he has taken to enforce

adjustment

adjustment of the Claim against Colonel Rose Thompson.

[Signed] J. H. Pearce Lt. Col.
Offg. Controller Military Accts

Controller's Office
27th April 1882

[True Copies.]

G. Patton
Lieut.
Supdt. Correspondence Branch
27/4.

No. 5832 D. d/4th May/82

May 3rd 1882

To Examiner P.W. Accts. Madras.

Sir

With reference to the concluding para of my letter No. 912 of 22.4.82. I wish on reconsideration it is better to again represent to the Military Pay Department the circumstances under which I proceeded on Field Service with Combining Government in the matter. [redacted] should the Military Pay Officials still [redacted] decline to admit my claim I shall then have no further hesitation in submitting my case to Government.

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In letter No Staff/884 dated 25th March 1882 the Pay Examiner Military Account Department Bengal States "It was clearly shown that Major Thompson when appointed Field Engineer 1st Cabul Division Kabul Field Force was not employed

dated 12th December 1878
and replaced temporarily
at the disposal of the acting
Commander of the Forces ——

I then joined the Sappers Head
Quarters Bungalow, and
joined myself under orders
to join the Kurrum Column
with Colonel now Brigadier
General A. R. D. Pendergast
VC. CB. RE ——
I also subsequently decided to
form the Column — and was
in Burmah, with King Thebaw
of Mandalay being imminent
I was sent to Burmah in
Command of Sappers to join
the Field Force then Collecting
at Rangoon — Whilst there
Sir Louis Cavagnari was murdered
at Cabul. The Second Afghan
War 1879–1880 broke out — and I was ordered

to Cabul to join the Kurrum Column
Field Force — Where
I returned at the end of
1880 and resumed my substantive
appointment of Executive Engr
2nd Grade in the Public Works
Department ——

From the above I think it will
be seen that my
substantive appointment was
that of Executive Engineer 2nd
Grade. P. W. Department
that my services were thereby
placed temporarily at the
disposal of the Military
Department, and that whilst
in the Military
Department I was on Field
and Foreign Service ——
and Commanding Field Engineer

which Rs. Engineers Corps Department
Works against mine is incorrect

With regard to the Charges allowance
of Rs 200 per mensem which forms
part of the Emoluments - I am
duly to say that I was informed
by the Pay Examiner himself through
the Pay Master Punjab Circle
Rawal Pindi. That I was entitled
to Charger Allowance
up to April 1880 and drew
this allowance, but am duly informed
that I was entitled to it. I drew
it in my pay bill for April 1880
and subsequent months.
The following item will be found
in my pay bill for April 1880

"	Hire of Horse Allowance at Rs 30 per mensem	1/93
"	from 19th November 1879 to 30th April 1880 inclusive	162

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[Ex. Wks. Form No. 1]

No. 837 - 53

From

THE EXAMINER,
PUBLIC WORKS ACCOUNTS,
MADRAS.

To

Lieut Col. Ross Thompson R.E.

Madras, 4th May 1882

Copy of the following forwarded to Lieut. Col. Ross Thompson R.E. together with a Copy of Pay Examiner's No 794 dated 26 April 1882, and the Controller Military Accounts Endorsement No 247 dated 27 April 1882 for information and for such further action he may consider necessary.

D. C. Cameron

Examiner P. W. accounts

Copy of letter from the Examiner P. W. accounts to the Controller of Military accounts Madras No 26 P. A. dated 3 May 1882.

In returning the original letter received with Your Endorsement No 247 dated 27 April 1882, I have the honor to forward

forward herewith for your information

Pay Master Punjaub Circle No 4551 R. dated 31st March 1882 This office No 458 dated 13th April 1882 Chief Engineer P. W. Department No 912 C dated 22nd April 1882 This office No 11 R. dated 28 April 1882.

Copies of the correspondence noted in the margin which explains the action taken by this office regarding the adjustment of the claim preferred against Lieut. Col. Thompson R.E by the Military Department.

2 A copy of your present Communication has also been forwarded to that office for information and for such action he may consider necessary -

/ True Copy /

G E Sutton
Supdt. Correspondence Branch
No 475

No 598-D

Madras May 6th 1882

To The Examiner. P. W. Accts.
Madras.

Sir I am instructed to acknowledge receipt of your Letter No 7. E.W of 5th May 1882. and its enclosures & the concluding portion of which Para 1 I am directed to invite your attention

The Contractor requests that the amount may be returned, and states that "appeal can only be after" payment of retrenchment — "unless there is anything against the adoption of this Rule. &c — — —

I beg to submit - that so far as I can see - there is any thing against the adoption of the Rule - should the retrenchment - be absolutely incorrect - and diametrically opposed to the Letter and Spirit of

the Rules in the Pay Code of India - and the P.W. Department Code of Madras bearing on the Subject. I am therefore decline to accede to your request until directly ordered by Government to do so

6-6-82

No 599 dated 6th May/82

To the Secty to Govt
P.W. Dept.
Ootacamund

Sir I have the honor to forward the Enclosed Communication from the Examiner P.W. accts. and the Controller of Military Accts. Madras (Number & date as per margin) and to request that you will be so good as to move the Government to suspend action in the matter until I submit my case for consideration. I hold the retrenchment in question to be incorrect, and opposed to both the Letter and Spirit of all Rules in the Pay Code of India and the P.W. Dept Code of Madras having any bearing on the Subject

As a Retrenchment of Rs 2.123.3.11
[redacted] at the Rate of Rs 354 per Annum
Armed plunger Duties more than
difficulties, I beg that my appeal
may be heard before
further action is taken.

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Office of Controller, Military Accounts,
Fort Saint George, 19 September 1882

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From

Lt. Colonel M.C. Perreau
Offg Controller of Military Accounts,
Madras.

To

Colonel E.K. Hawkin,
Offg Secretary to Government,
Military Department.
Ootacamund.

Sir,

With advertence to the
marginal correspondence I
have the honor to enquire whether
any decision has yet been
arrived at in Colonel Ross
Thompson's case.

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your obedient Servant
J. Perreau
Lt Colonel,
Offg Controller of Milty Accts.

P.C. 6th June/82, Nos 85-87-R.
— 8 July — " 139-40-R

Military {188} Department.

From

The Controller of Military Accounts,
Fort Saint George.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Military Department.

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Dated 19 } Sept. 1882
Received 21 }

No. 5093.

Referred to the Public Works Department for favour of the requisite information.

Encloses

Enquiries whether any decision has been arrived at in Colonel Ross Thompson's case.

(Sd.) W. Wilkie Colonel
A.G. Secy. to Govt.

Pot. Accountant's
25 Sept. 1882

Pol. Dept. Memo. No. 3476
of 3-7-82 - R.

Letter da 6/8-4
dr 21/9 R 11/4

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,
Military Department,
Fort St. George,
March 12th 1883.

My dear Sankey.

I have just received a letter from the Controller of Military Accounts requesting to know payment of Col Thompson's retrenchment.

I understand from a memorandum which was at Ootacamund that this has been done.

The whole matter is incomprehensible to me - I think my [illegible] Ch. R. J. has not been made to pay up long ago.

Yours Sincerely (Sd.) W. Wilkie

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Note

In October 1880, the Government directed the recovery of the amounts of Rs 12,366.-11-6 from the officers noted in the margin, on account of overpayments made to them while on field service in 1879.

The money was duly recovered from all but Lieut. Col Ross Thompson who in May 1882, appealed against the decision as far as he was concerned.

Government in their Order (Mily. Dept No. 2716 dated 6th June 1882) observed that there was nothing in Col. Ross Thompson's case to warrant Exceptional treatment, remarking "that the recoveries were

	amount R. a. p.
Major Ross Thompson	2123. 3. 11
Lt. C.C. Rawson	1168. 9. 2
Lt. R Hamilton	1415. 11 7
Lt. R. Langley	1186. 10. 10
Lt. A.R. Dorward	1471. 4. 4
Lt R.G Dobson	1302. 13. 9
Lt O.V. Boddy	794. 10. 1
Lt C.B. Henderson	1312. 8. 0
Surgeon C. Sebbhope	1591. 3. 10
Total	12,366. 11. 6

were ordered by Govt. 18 months ago and that all the Officers concerned with the Exception of Col. Thompson have settled their liabilities."

So far as the Militia Department were concerned the matter was at an end & the money ought to have been recovered.

On the 11th July 1882, the Controller of Military Accounts reported that the Examiner of Public Works Accounts had just communicated copy of a telegram from the Secy. to Govt. P. W. Dept. staying recoveries from Col. Ross Thompson pending final orders of Government.

N.B. No communication was made on the Subject by the Public Works

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To the Militia Dept

In September 1882, the Controller again addressed Govt. on the subject under reference pointing out that the money had not been paid & asking for instructions.

The Controller's letter was referred to the Public Works Dept.

No answer was received.

Here the matter rested till the 10th March 1883, when the Controller again addressed Govt. asking early orders on the Subject.

E.W.

P. W. D.

Memo:

The accompanying papers relate to an appeal from Lieut. Col. Ross Mowbray, R.E., against the action of the Military Pay Dept in seeking to recover from him the sum of Rs 2123-3-11, being Incl Staff Salary overpaid to him from the 13th Dec 1878 to 30th Sept 1879, when he was transferring withdrawn from the P. W. Dept on service with the Queen's own Sappers & Miners in

in Afghanistan.

The authority for the retrenchment is G.O. Mily. Dept No 6297 of 6th Oct 1880, but Lt.-Col. Thomson contends that that order was passed under a misapprehension of the rules on the subject.

His contentions against the retrenchment are

(1) that while on field service his connection with the Madras P.W.D. did not cease, & that therefore under paras 468, 627 & 628 of the Mily. Pay Code for India of 1881, Vol I, he was entitled to receive allowances equivalent to the full pay of his substantive appt.

(2) that this view is supported by Colonel Rideout, late Controller of Mily. Accts, vide extract of letter from that Officer of 30th April 1880, enclosed in Lt.-Col. Rose Thomson's letter to the Govt P.W. Accts No 234 D of 28th February 1882, &

(3) that the decision of the Govt of India in the case of Lieut Digby Rds. published in G.O. Mily. Dept No 125 of 11th January 1882, confirms the letter & spirit of the paras of the Pay Code quoted above.

It will be seen however

however that in Sept 1880 (vide Govt. Mily Dept No 6297 dd 6.10.80) Colonel Rideout stated to Govt that from a letter received from the Mily Pay Dept at Calcutta he found that he had misconstrued orders, & that large sums had been paid by error to a number of officers in excess of what they were entitled

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21- was decided in Council to refer the whole case to the orders of the S. of S. in the P.W.D.

A. Lawley

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Office of Controller of Military Accounts

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30th April 1880

No. 0/25.

From

The Controller of Military Accounts

To

The Adjutant General

So whom the papers referred as per margin are returned with an intimation that the Pay Examiner has been authorized to admit to Lieutenant Dobson R.E and other officers of Royal Engineers similarly situated as continuance of the allowances they were in receipt of prior to withdrawal for field and foreign service.

No 1820 of 4th March 1880 forwarding appeal from Lieut Dobson R.E against the refusal of the Pay Department to admit to him a continuance of his receipts while in the Public Works Department

Signed J. N. Rideout Colonel
Controller of Military Accounts.

Adjutant General's Office
Fort Saint George.

No 3248.

7th May 1880.

Memorandum

Forwarded for information and guidance with reference to letter 182 of the 28th February last.

By Order

Signed C. D. Beresford Colonel
Deputy Adjutant General

Thro' Mysore Division

To

The Commandant
& Assistant Miners

True Copy

Lieut. R.E

No. 330.

From Lieutenant Colonel The Hon'ble
Commanding Kolhapur Detachment
To Captain D. Miller Cdg
Political Agent for Commun-
cation with the Princes
concerned.

Dated Kolhapur 24th Feby 1850

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith
a Bill drawn by Lieutenant Colonel
Ross Thompson R.E. Commanding
Engineer Southern Division
for Rupees Three hundred and
ninety eight eight annas and ten
pie, being the amount of
Contingencies for the month
of January last.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant
(Signature illegible)
Lieut. Colonel
Commanding Kolhapur Detachment

Copy of letter from the Pay Master, Camps Circle to the Examiner of P.W. accounts Madras
No 2304 M. dated 26 September 1881

The undersigned has the honor to draw his early attention to this office memo No 1503 M dated 21st July 1881, and requests the favor of being informed as to whether the undermentioned demands against Lieutenant Colonel Ross Thompson R E have been credited; if not measures may be adopted for their early settlement.

No 1236/134 of 22/3/80 for Rs 398—8—10
" 65/593 of 25/6/80 for Rs 201—12—0
" 134/654 of 17/7/80 for Rs 353—12—0
" 3/537 of 17/6/80 for Rs 403—8—0
" 251/762 of 16/8/80 for Rs 201—12—0
" 391/900 of 25/9/80 for Rs 231—12—0
" 495/1015 of 6/11/80 for Rs 231—12—0

against Lieutenant Colonel Ross Thompson R E

/True Copy/

W. Jackson

Supdt Correspondence Branch

[Exr. Wks. Form No. 1.]

No. 5023

From

THE EXAMINER,
PUBLIC WORKS ACCOUNTS,
MADRAS,

To

LIEUT-COLONEL ROSS THOMPSON R.E.

Madras, 9th OCTOBER 188 .

COPY OF LETTER NO.2804.M DATED 26TH.SEPTEMBER 1881, FROM THE PAY MASTER, PUNJAB CIRCLE, FORWARDED TO LIEUT.COLL. ROSS THOMPSON R.E. FOR INFORMATION AND FAVOR OF EARLY ATTENTION TO THIS OFFICE'S ENDORSEMENT NO.69.M DATED 5TH.JULY 1881, AND NO.367.X DATED 12TH.AUGUST 1881.

Geo Brown

DY. EXAMINER P.W. ACCOUNTS.

Encl: one.

Government of Madras
Military Department
6th October 1880 No. 6297.

Pay and allowances.

Read the following papers:—

No. 84— From the Contr. of military Accounts, dated 18th September 1880, &c.

Abstract— Reports overpayment of staff salary as under to certain Officers withdrawn from their substantive appointment for field and foreign service—

Rank & name	Period and Rate	Amount	Remarks.
Major Rose	13th Decr/78 to 30th Sept/79.	Rs a p	
Thompson	at Rs 220-14-0 per mensem.	2123 3 11	

18th September 1880— /Sigd/ J. W. Ridsdale Coll,
Contr of mily accts.

No. 86. Dr Thomson, 6th October 1880, No. 6297.

This Correspondence shews that the Cav Department have erroneously paid to nine Officers sums aggregating to Rs 12,366. 11-6. in excess of their dues— It is for the Department to adjust the matter with the Officers concerned. Recovery being effected by instalments—

/True Extract/
/Sigd/ J. Michael Coll:
Secy to Government
Offg

Office of Contr. of Mily accts
Fort St George 15th October 80.

No. 1957.

From

The Contr. of Mily accounts

To

The Pay Examiner

Order of Government No. 6297 of 6th October 1880, is forwarded for information and guidance.

2. The Examiner is requested to cause recovery to be effected of the over-payments referred to by monthly instalments equal in amount to the monthly over-payments.

(Sd.) J. R. Ridsdale Coll,
Contr. of Mily Accounts.

No. M.T. 2610.

Forwarded to Major Ross Thompson R.E with the request that under the orders of Government the Contr. of Mily accts the sum of Rs. 220-14-- may be credited monthly to Government till the retrenchment of Rs. 2,123-8-11. has been paid off. If desired the retrenchment may be paid off in one sum.

Pay Examiner's Office
Fort St George
18th October 1880

L. Sturgis
Capt.
Pay Examiner

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Extract of para 1 of letter from the Pay Examiner to the Examiner P.W Accounts No. M.T. 2165 dated 17th October 1881

Adverting to your letter No. 33 M, dated 5th July 1881. I have the honor to request you will be good enough to inform me at your earliest convenience whether the sum of Rs 2123-8-11 due from Lieut. Coll Ross Thompson R.E. has been recovered and credited.

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True Extract

W. Jackson

Supt. Correspondence Branch

[Exr. Wks. Form No. 1.]

No. 8248 Dated 1-11-61

From

THE EXAMINER,
PUBLIC WORKS ACCOUNTS,
MADRAS,

To

LIEUTT.COLONEL ROSS THOMPSON, F.F.

Urgent

Madras, 24 OCTOBER 188 .

SIR,

IN CONTINUATION OF MY MEMO NO.502 X, DATED 7TH. INSTANT, I HAVE THE HONOR TO FORWARD AN EXTRACT OF PARA 1 OF PAY EXAMINER'S LETTER NO. N.T.M. 2162 DATED 17TH. OCTOBER 1861, AND TO AGAIN INVITE YOUR ATTENTION TO THIS OFFICE MEMO NO.60 M, DATED 5TH. JULY 1861. MEMO NO.367 X, DATED 12TH. AUGUST 1861. COMMUNICATIONS NOTED IN THE MARGIN, WITH THE REQUEST THAT YOU WILL BE GOOD ENOUGH TO INTIMATE, WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY, THE MANNER IN WHICH YOU PROPOSE TO REFUND THE OVERPAYMENTS MADE TO YOU BY THE MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

I HAVE ETC. ETC.

D. P. Cardew

EXAMINER P.W. ACCOUNTS.

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Copy of Memo from the Pay Master,
Punjab Circle, to the Examiner of Public Works
Accounts, No 2930 M dated 12th November 1881

The undersigned has the honor to
draw his early attention to this Office Memo —
No 2904 M dated 26th September 1881, and requests
the favor of being informed as to whether the
demands against Major Ross Thompson R.E.
on account of Examiner's Retrenchments —
therein mentioned have been adjusted, if
so how, and when they were credited.

(True Copy)

G.E. Patton
Supt: Correspondence Branch
P.T.
8/12. 7/12

FROM THE EXAMINER P.W.ACCOUNTS.

MADRAS.

TO LIEUT.COLONEL ROSS THOMPSON R.E.

UNDER SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

NO. 175. W. MADRAS, 8th DECEMBER 1881.

SIR,

I HAVE THE HONOR TO FORWARD HEREWITH COPY OF MEMO NO.8950.M DATED 12TH NOVEMBER 1881 FROM THE PAY MASTER, PUNJAB CIRCLE, AND WITH REFERENCE THEREIN, TO REQUEST YOUR VERY EARLY ATTENTION TO THE LETTERS OF THIS OFFICE AS NOTED PER MARGIN, BY INTIMATING THE MANNER IN WHICH YOU ARE PREPARED TO REFUND THE OVERPAYMENTS MADE TO YOU, IN THE MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

ENDORSEMENT NO.65.M DATED 5TH. JULY 1881.	Not received in this office
NO.367.X DATED 10TH.AUGUST 1881.	
NO.502.X DATED 7TH.OCTOBER 1881.	
NO.548.X DATED 26TH. " DO	

I HAVE ETC. ETC.

D. C. Cardew

EXAMINER P.W.ACCOUNTS.

ENCLOSURE 1.

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Dated 5-60

FROM THE EXAMINER P.W.ACCOUNTS.

MADRAS.

TO LIEUTT.COLONEL RUSS THOMPSON R.E.

OFFG.SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

P.W.DEPARTMENT.

NO. 214 W. MADRAS, 17th FEBRUARY 1882.

SIR,

I HAVE THE HONOR TO INVITE YOUR ATTENTION TO THE THIS OFFICE ENDORSEMENT NO. 60 W, DATED 5TH. JULY 1881. DO LETTER NO. 307 X, DATED 12TH. AUGUST 1881. DO NO. 502 X, DATED 7TH. OCTOBER 1881. DO NO. 548 X, DATED 25TH. OCTOBER 1881. DO NO. 175 W, DATED 6TH. DECEMBER 1881. SEVERAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THIS OFFICE NOTED IN THE MARGIN, AND REQUEST THE FAVOR OF A VERY EARLY REPLY THERETO.

I HAVE ETC. ETC.

D. C. Sandeman

EXAMINER P.W.ACCOUNTS.

8d 15-2-17-2.

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No 234. D. a/28/2/82

To Examiner P.W. Accts.
Madras.

Sir

With Reference Wzm No 214-W
of 17th February 1882 and
previous Communications I
have the honor to state in
reply that I am not aware
of having drawn any amount
Pay or allowances in excess
of what I was entitled to
whilst temporarily doing duty
with the Military Department
in 1878, 1879, 1880

(1) When ordered on Field Service
in 1878. I was told in
reply to enquiries made by
me personally at the Paying
Pay Office Fort St George
that whilst temporarily
doing duty with the Military

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Department should be entitled to the same amount of pay as 2 drums in my substantive appointment in the 10th Dn Inf. Rs 1082.10.0 — a subsequent study of the Pay Code of India convinced me that the information given me at the Presidency Pay Masters Office was correct. — I submit for confirmation of this view. I recommend that on Field Service in Afghanistan at Gundamuck in 24th May 1880 I may be allowed pay as per following Communication

1880

No 0/26-

Office of Controller of Military accounts
Dated 30th April 1880

From the Controller of Military accounts
To the Adjutant General

No 1682 of 14th March 1860 referring a letter from Lt Dobson RE against the Disposal of his Pay as Assistant to the Commissioner of Kaira & Commr to the Public Works Department

Return the papers referred to as per margin are returned with an intimation that the Pay Examiner has been authorized to admit to Lieut Dobson RE and other Officers of Royal Engineers Similarly Situated a Continuance of the Allowances they were in receipt of prior to withdrawal for Field and Foreign Service.

Sd/ J.W. Ridsdale Lt-Col
Controller of Military accts.

Lt Dobson RE was a Subaltern of the Detachment under my Command

1861 ?

Paras 627 of the Pay Code of India of 1881. 628

Clearly say down that an Engineer Officer withdrawn from his Substantive appointment for temporary Field or Foreign Service is not to be a Loser - Thereby, so far as pay is concerned.

Madras G.O. No 125 of 11th January 1882 publishing the decision of

The Government of India on the Case of Lieut- Digby RE. confirms the Letter and Spirit of the paras of the Pay Code Lieut Quoted above — Lieut- Digby was one of the Subalterns of the Detachment Had the Honr to Command on Service, and the Circumstances of his Case are precisely parallel to mine.

[redacted]

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Government of Madras

Military Department

6th October 1880, No 6297

Pay and allowances

Read the following papers:—

No 84 — From the Comptr of Civil Accts, dated 18th September 80, C.

Abstract — Reports overpayment of Staff Salary as under to certain officers withdrawn from their Substantive appointment for field & Foreign Service.

Rank & Name	Period and Rate	Amount	Remarks
Major Ross Thompson	13th Decr 78 to 30th Sept 79 at Rs 220-14-0 per annum	Rs. A. P. 2123-3-11	

18th September 1880 (Sd) J. P. Rideout, Colonel
Comptr of Civil Accounts.

No 86 — Order thereon, 6th October 80, No 6297.

This Correspondence shews that the Pay Department have erroneously paid to nine officers Sums aggregating to Rs 12,366-11-6- in excess of their dues — It is for the Department to adjust the matter with the officers Concerned— recovery being effected by instalments—

Sd/-

/True Extract/

/Sd/ L. Michael Colt.

Secy to Government

Office of Contr. of Mily Accts

Fort Saint George, 15th Oct/80.

No. 1957.

From The Contr of Military Accounts

To

The Pay Examiner.

Order of Government No 6297 of 6th October 1880, is forwarded for information and guidance.

2 — The Examiner is requested to cause recovery to be effected of the overpayments referred to by monthly instalments equal in amount to the monthly overpayments —

/Sd/ J. H. Rideout Colonel,
Contr of Mily Accounts.

No. H 9
2610.

— Forwarded to Major Ross Thompson RE with the request that under the orders of Government and the Contr of Mily Accounts

Accounts the sum of Rs [illegible] may be credited monthly to Government till the retrenchment of Rs [illegible] has been paid off. If desired the retrenchment may be paid off in one sum —

Pay Examiner Office
Fort St. Geo
18th October 1880

/Sd/ G. N. Sawyer, Captain.
Pay Examiner.

/True Copy/
J. Brendreth
Assistant Pay Examiner.

Military Account Department,
PAY EXAMINER'S OFFICE,
Fort Saint George, Madras,
Dated 29th June 1881.

No. KJM / 1321

From

THE PAY EXAMINER,

To

The Examiner,
Public Work Accounts,
Madras

Sir,

Acknowledging receipt of your endorsement No. 581 S, dated 18th June 1881, on letter from Major Ross Thompson R.E. No 1025 dated 18th June 1881, I have the honor to forward for your information a copy of this office letter No. KJ / 2610, dated 18th October 1880 to the address of Major Ross Thompson which contains the required information.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

S. Major,
Accountant
Pay Examiner.

E/A. 69 dt 2y. 5th July 1881

EXAMINER
No. 1937
30 JUN 81
P.W. ACCTS.

Forwarded in original to Lieutenant Colonel Ross Thompson RE. for information with reference to his letter No. 1025 dated 18th June 1881, with the request that he will state how he proposes to refund the over payment in the Military Department of Rs 2,123-3-11 is whether in one sum or by instalments of Rs 220-14-- per annum.

D. P. Cumming
Examiner P. W. Accts.

4/6/97

From
The Pay Examiner,
To
The Examiner
P.W. Accounts

Dated 29th June 1881
Read.

Enclosure 1

FROM THE EXAMINER P.W.ACCOUNTS,

MADRAS.

TO LIEUT.COLONEL ROSS THOMPSON R.E.

Read 7/8

NO.1137 MADRAS, 15th MAY 1882.

COPY OF THE ACCOMPANYING LETTER NO.450 DATED 12TH. MAY 1882 FROM THE CONTROLLER OF MILITARY ACCOUNTS FORWARDED TO LIEUT.COLONEL ROSS THOMPSON R.E.FOR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE.

D. P. Cumming

EXAMINER P.W.ACCOUNTS.

ENCLOSURE I.

E/A. 69 dt 2y. 15/6/82

REFERENCES TO FORMER CASES

I No. 166 MA dated 22-6 188 1 Draft
No. " 188
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Receipt General No. 21. C. Mst

Dated 22nd June 1882

REFERENCES TO LATER CASES.

I No. 197 X dated 23 6 188
I No. 18 6 MA " 1882
I No. 47 W " 188
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REMINDERS RECEIVED.

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KEEP-WITHS.

Public Works Department, Madras.

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EXAMINER, P. W. ACCOUNTS.

R. GENERAL No. 21. C. M. A

From Contr: of Mily: Accounts Madras

Dated 22. 6. 1882, No. 941.

No. of Enclosures. —

C.		Est. Branch.	
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A. C.		C. & R. Sec.	
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References to former Cases.

I No. 15 M dated 6 5 188 I
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Receipt General No. 49 M

Dated 19 . 6. 1882.

References to Later Cases.

I No. 159 X dated 20 6 1882
I No. 166 Ma " 20 6 1882
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Reminders received.

No. 1 dated 188 .
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EXAMINER, P. W. ACCOUNTS.

R. General No. 49 M.

From Pay Master Bengal Circle

Dated 12-6- 1882 No. 986-M.

No. of Enclosures —

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B. D. C.			B. and B. Br.
A. C.			C. & R. Sec.
Chief Aectt.			Corr. Branch.
			Code Bronch.

19/6 Complete case

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PUBLIC WORKS.

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Dated

Rect. Encl.

G. O. 21st April 1883, No 1204 to 1205

Nos.

Lt Col. Ros Thompson R.

Ordered that the Govt of India
be addressed re: the retire-
ment from the Railway Dept

Letter to the Govt of India re
retirement from the Dept
of Lt Col. Ros Thompson

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