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OFFICE NOTE.

To W.

Supt: Engineer, 1st Circle, sends w/o an appeal from Wm T. D. Harris, Ex: Engineer, Vizagapatam, in charge of Potinghy Ghats, for the permanent grant of the increased travelling allowance sanctd in C.T.a. Code for the Agency Tracts of Northern Circars - that is that he should receive the Rs. 10 a day fixed independently of the number of days spent on the Ghat.

The L.E. makes out a very strong case & is supported by S.E.

The grant of the allowance asked for would involve a reference to the Govt of India who, I very much fear, would not listen to any recommendation on the subject. The case, however, seems a very hard one & the Regt recommends himself, considering the hardships & dangers incurred. ——→

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D. O. W.

For orders.

There appears to be no doubt that the Patuxent that is included in the "Agency Tracts of Northern Circuit"

The question remaining for consideration is Mrs Harris' claim to the extra allowance all through the month, irrespective of the number of days he may actually be on the Post.

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and I would therefore hereby to recommend that the case be submitted to the P.O.D. with the Postmaster's Commn

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Respectfully returned to the Postmaster for case specified.

Jos. M. Scott

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

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No. 84.

READ—the following letter from D. C. GORDON, Esq., Examiner of Public Works Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 3rd May 1882, No. 20 W. :—

I have the honor to request the favor of being informed, with reference to the ruling contained in paragraph 673, Public Works Department Code, whether it is intended that the 50 per cent. on salary and ordinary travelling allowance should be allowed to only those officers and subordinates who are *employed* in the Wynaad and on the Potinghy Ghât, *i.e.*, for the periods they may have in these places their head-quarters, permanent or temporary, or also to other officers and subordinates who have their head-quarters elsewhere, but may have occasion to travel in the Wynaad or on the Potinghy Ghât on inspection or other duty—in the latter case for the periods actually passed in these places.

2. In my opinion the additional allowances appear to be admissible only to those who are habitually employed in the Wynaad or on the Potinghy Ghât and have their head-quarters there, similarly as Presidency allowance and house-rent are admitted to only officers and subordinates stationed in the Presidency Town, while to others who may have to visit the Presidency Town only temporarily no extra allowances are permissible.

No. 85.

ORDER—dated 15th May 1882, No. 1224 W., Public Works.

The allowances admissible under paragraph 673 of the Public Works Code are intended to cover the additional cost of living and travelling in the Wynaad and on the Potinghy Ghât, and are therefore claimable by all officers and subordinates whose permanent head-quarters are at those places, as well as those who travel within the defined limits, so long as they may be there on authorized duty.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Examiner of Public Works Accounts.
„ Superintending Engineer, First Circle.
„ „ „ Fourth Circle.

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Dated May, 15*th*.

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G.O., 15th May 1882, No. 1224 W.

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Nos. 84-85.

Special Allowances.

Orders as to the admissibility of the — under paragraph 673 of the Public Works Code.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

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READ—the following papers :—

Office Note from the Examiner of Public Works Accounts, dated Madras, 11th April 1883, No. 47.

As the rules for special rates of travelling allowance for special localities authorised under Chapter XIII, Section 66, Rule 1, of the Civil Travelling Allowance Code, supersede the rules in Public Works Department Code, paragraphs 682 *et seq.*, I beg to request that Government will favor me, for guidance in audit of travelling allowance bills, with instructions regarding the localities mentioned in the Public Works Department Code to be included in those mentioned in the new rules.

2. For facility of reference I annex a statement giving in juxta-position the localities in question. No special rates appear to be now admissible for items 8, 9, 10, and 11. Most of the others are, I presume, included in item *a*, *e.g.*, items 1 to 7 and 13.

3. To prevent all question, I should be glad if Government would declare what localities are comprised in items *a* to *g*.

4. In regard to the special rates in force for the officers of the Railway Surveys, I presume they remain in force, having been so recently approved by the Government of India.

ENCLOSURE.

Special localities given in Public Works Code, paragraphs 682 et seq.	*Special localities given in Civil Travelling Allowance Code, Section* 66, *Rule* 1.
1. Ganjam Hill Tracts.	*a*. Agency Tracts of Northern Circars.
2. Vizagapatam Hill Tracts.	*b*. Kollegál Taluk.
3. Do. Potinghy Ghât.	*c*. Satyamangalam Taluk above the ghâts.
4. Yernagudem Hill Tracts.	*d*. Anaimalai Hills.
5. Bhadráchalam do.	*e*. Wynaad Taluk of the Malabar District.
6. Rékapalle do.	*f*. South-East Wynaad.
7. Rumpa Country.	*g*. Nílgiris.
8. Hill Country west of Pápanasám.	
9. Palni Hills.	
10. Malabar.	
11. South Canara.	
12. Nílgiri Districts.	
13. Upper Godávari Districts.	

Memorandum from the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Ootacamund, 11th May 1883, No. 145.

The Committee recommended that special rates of travelling allowance should be granted for—

G.O., No. 1446, 30th September 1881.

1. Agency Tracts of Northern Circars.
2. Kollegál, Hill Satymangalam, Anaimalais. } Coimbatore.
3. Nílgiris (for subordinates only).
4. Wynaad and South-East Wynaad.
5. Malabar and Canara (for subordinates only).

The Government recommended—

(i) intact;
(ii) do.;
(iii) subordinate and *superior* officers;
(iv) intact;
(v) subordinate and superior officers.

The Government of India disposed of these recommendations by the new Code and passed special rates for—

(i) intact;
(ii) do.;
(iii) at a lower rate than double and for officers of the second and lower classes only;
(iv) intact;

and they omitted (v) altogether of intention as appears from paragraph 26 of the commentary which accompanied the draft Code. The Madras Committee showed no reason but mamool for including these tracts, but did not consider that the special rates hitherto drawn could be withheld. The Government recommended a 50 per cent. increase to subordinate and superior officers.

The special rates there are as shown above, and as the Code cancels existing orders at variance with it, for the Revenue as for all other departments the Honorable Member's query must be answered in the negative.

ORDER—dated 22nd May 1883, No. 1478 W., Public Works.

The Examiner of Public Works Accounts will, for the present, audit claims to special travelling allowances in accordance with the scales and for the localities specified in the new Code. In any case of doubt as to the limits of the localities for which special allowances are provided, a reference may be made to the Superintending Engineer of the Circle, whose decision in the matter may be accepted.

2. The Government of India will be addressed in regard to the exclusion of localities hitherto regarded as requiring special rates in this Presidency.

3. The views expressed in paragraph 4 of the Examiner's Office Note are concurred in.

(True Extract.)

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

To Superintending Engineers.
,, the Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
,, the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Exd. A. F. Goodall.
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Dated May, 22nd.

Read. *Encl.*

G.O., 22nd May 1883, No. 1478 W.

MAY.

Special Travelling Allowance

Laying down rules for the audit of claims for — in certain localities.

Extract from a letter No. 300 dated 7th May 1883 from the Executive Engineer Vizagapatam Division to the Supt. Engr. 1st Circle.

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8. I further beg to inform you that the Ghât allowance should be given me permanently quite independent of the number of days spent on the Ghât. I am always obliged to maintain a treble set of servants whether travelling on the Ghât or otherwise and pay them double wages and batta and treat them when they get sick. Unless I keep up such Establishment I shall not be able to do my work and do justice to State and people and the Ghât work will suffer much and remain as it was years ago. This is not all, I have to employ additional coolies for carrying my things in the hills whereas my carts & horses in the plains are to be maintained at an enormous cost.

9. Even in the South while travelling in Nursipatam I have had severe attacks of fever and suffered much from it and so also with my servants in fact every day I am troubled with cases of fever amongst my servants after each tour. The risks of life consequent on the continuous travelling in the Hill Tracts & malarious

places at my present age and time should not be forgotten I therefore trust you will recommend to Government and get the Ghât allowance sanctioned permanently I need say no more as you have seen & verified all things with your own eyes. I anxiously await the decision of Govt in the interests of State and people as my resources are exhausted.

I have &c^a &c^a

(Sd) J. D. Harris,
Esqr: Vizagapatam D^o.

(True Extract)

Offg Supt Engr 1st Circle.

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Enclosure
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Extract from letter No 300 dated 7.5.83 from Exve Engr Vizagapatam

Paras 8 & 9.

NO. 57/82

FROM, THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER
FIRST CIRCLE.

TO, THE CHIEF ENGINEER P.W. Department
~~FOR IRRIGATION.~~

DOWLAISHWERAM, 11th May 1883

SIR,

I have the honor to enclose extract from letter No. 300-7-5-83 from the Executive Engineer in charge of Vizagapatam Division asking that the Potinghi Ghât allowances may be given to him "permanently" whilst the work is in progress. It is expected that it will be finished in about a year.

2. I am sure from observation that the grant of such allowances merely on the days on which he may be on the work does not by any means nearly cover the great extra expense which Mr. Harris has to incur in order to be able to be always ready to visit the Ghât, & as he also deserves, I think, some recognition of the way in which he has pushed on this difficult & generally avoided work I trust it may be found possible to grant his request from commencement

of this official year.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

your most obedient Sv.

C. Rivett

Offr Supt Engr 1st Circle.

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No. 1203 dy 22 May/83
To C.

For remarks.

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No. 228 of 30.5.83.
Enc: 1.

To W. Potinghy Ghat Allowance can be granted only to those travelling within defined limitsso long as they may be there on authorized duty, vide G.O. No. 1224 W. dated 15th. May 1882.

2. Under para 684 of the P.W. Code, Potinghy Ghat Allowance was calculated on 50 per cent on salary and on the ordinary travelling allowance, but if this Ghat is contained in the districts enumerated under Rule I to Section 66 of the Civil Travelling Allowance Code, travelling allowance will have to be calculated from 1st. April 1883 with reference to the increased rates therein specified.

3. Any additional allowances in the shape of permanent monthly allowances require the previous sanction of the Govt. of India.

P.W.C.W. No. ~~240~~ 4563

From

The Supt of Engineer
1st Circle

To

The Chief Engineer
P. W. Department

Dated 11th
Despd 14th
Recd 21/31 } May/83

No. 57 V.Z.

Enclosure One

Executive Engineer Vizaga-patam Division - Potinghy Ghat allowance to — Recommending the grant of — may be given permanently to — whilst the work is in progress -

Vide No. 41 E of 23-1-83

B. Ord.

P. W. Department.

No. 1710 W.

Proceedings of the Madras Government,
Under date the 18th June 1883.

Read the following:-

Letter from the S.E. First Circle (A.E. No. 57 V.Z. d/ 11th May 1883)

Office Note from the Examiner P.W. Accts. Madras (No. 228 d/ 30th ——)

Ordered that the Government of India be addressed.

(A.E. No. 1711 W d/ 18th June 1883)

To,

The Secretary to the
Govt of India,
P. W. Department.

Sir,

Under the rules hitherto in force in this Presidency,

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officers and subordinates of the S. W. Department stationed on the Sotinghy Ghat drew 50 per cent on salary and ordinary Travelling Allowance, and all others travelling there on duty were entitled to the same allow-ances so long as they were within the Ghat limits.

2. The new Travelling Allowance Code which came into force on the 1st April last provides daily allowance at double the ordinary rates only while travelling on the Ghat. The Executive Engr of the Division, whose head-quarters are at Waltair, points out that under the Existing rules he is a consider-able loser. He Explains that he is always obliged to maintain a treble set of servants, whether travelling on the Ghat or not; that he has to pay them double wages and batta, and to treat them when they are sick; that additional cookes have to be engaged for transport of equipage on the hills, while carts and horses have in addition to be maintained in the plains. The rates allowed under the new rules are thus shown to be wholly inadequate to meet the Expence which has to be incurred, while the risk to life from the mala-rious character of the country are very great. Mr. Harris accordingly requests that he may be allowed permanent double

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travelling allowance.

3. His Excellency the Govr in Council considers that there is much force in the arguments adduced; and, as the Ghat work is quite an Exceptional one, is not likely to last more than a year more, and Mr Harris has surmounted considerable difficulties in carrying it on, His Excellency in Council strongly recommends the grant of the allowances asked for as a special case.

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All communications should be addressed to the Secretary.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

GENERAL.

To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras
Public Works Department.

Simla, 18th July 1883.

Sir,

In reply to your letter No 1711 W dated 18th ultimo, I am directed to state that the Government of India is unable to accede to the recommendation of the Government of Madras to grant the Executive Engineer, Potinghy Ghat Division, double the ordinary rates of mileage as a special case for a period of one year. It is considered that the allowances already given, viz 50 per cent on salary and double daily allowance, are sufficient to cover the expense of living and travelling on the Ghat.

I have the honor to be,
Sir
your most obdt. servant,

G H Walker

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