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Local Funds—Travelling Allowances.

Approving the proposals of the Board of Revenue in regard to the travelling allowance to be allowed to Messrs. Harington and Hinds, Local Fund Engineers of Madura and Bellary Circles, respectively, and deciding that all Local Fund District Engineers will be regarded as holding, for the purposes of travelling allowance, the rank of Assistant Engineer except in cases where special orders have been issued to the contrary.

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20TH JULY 1883, No. 1556, FINANCIAL.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper :—

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 5th July 1883, No. 1928.

ABSTRACT.—Submitting to Government, with remarks, correspondence regarding maximum rates of travelling allowance to be allowed to Messrs. Harington and Hinds, Local Fund Engineers of Madura and Bellary Circles.

ORDER—dated 20th July 1883, No. 1556, Financial.

The proposals of the Board of Revenue in regard to Messrs. Harington and Hinds are approved.

2. Except in cases where special orders have been issued to the contrary, all Local Fund District Engineers will be regarded as holding, for the purposes of travelling allowance, the rank of Assistant Engineer.

(True Extract.)

M. S. S. S.
for Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.

.. Accountant-General.

.. Public Works Department, with Board's Proceedings No. 1928.

Encl. T. O'Connell.

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Proceedings, 5th July 1883, No. 1928.

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Item 69, as a "similar officer" to an Assistant Engineer, and so be entitled to Rs. 4 a-day. The proposal to allow him more than this seems in no way admissible.

(Signed) J. A. DAVIES,
Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the Accountant-General, with (three) letters and their enclosures in original to be returned.

READ—the following letter from W. DONALD, Esq., Officiating Accountant-General, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Fort St. George, 16th June 1883, No. 26-L.F.D. :—

With reference to Board's Reference on General Register Nos. 1274, 1815 and 2488, dated 18th May 1883, I have the honor to state that, under the Civil Travelling Allowance Code, Sections 4 and 30 C, both Mr. Harington and Mr. Hinds can be granted Rs. 4 per diem, but I agree with the Board in holding that the former cannot be brought under the operation of the code, in consequence of the terms of his contract with the Madura Local Fund Board, long antecedent to the publication of the code.

2. From the foregoing, the Board will observe that the code introduces the element of rank in addition to that of pay, which under G.O., No. 1709, dated the 13th September 1881 (embodying Board's Proceedings, No. 1751, dated 16th August 1881), was alone to regulate the status of a Local Fund Officer, and it appears to me that while the Engineers above named are second-class officers in respect of their pay they are entitled to daily rate of Rs. 4, under Schedule F, in virtue of their rank, which is equal, if not superior, to that of an Assistant Engineer.

3. If the Board coincide with my views, it will be necessary that their proceedings in this case be reported to Government for sanction, as the terms of the Civil Travelling Allowance Code require that the Order of Government above quoted be to a certain extent modified.

RESOLUTION—dated 5th July 1883, No. 1928.

Submitted to Government, with the recommendation that the arrangement under which Mr. Harington has been drawing travelling allowance at Rs. 5 a-day since 1879 be allowed to continue.

2. To Mr. Hinds, the Local Fund Engineer of the Bellary Circle, no special rate of travelling allowance was promised at the time of his engagement, and the Board think that no deviation from the general rule, under which he is entitled to Rs. 4 a-day, is called for.

3. With reference to paragraph 3 of the Accountant-General's letter, the Board think it would be well that G.O., dated 13th September 1881, No. 1709, should be brought more into accordance with the new Civil Travelling Allowance Code by ruling that the Local Boards may (subject to superior control) fix the "daily allowance" of their officers either by their pay, or by assigning them an appropriate rank in accordance with Schedule F of the Code.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) H. M. WINTERBOTHAM,
Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the Chief Secretary to Government, Financial Department.

Copy to the President, Local Fund Boards, Bellary.
" " President, Local Fund Boards, Madura.
" " Accountant-General.

Exd. A. Raiff.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

EXTRACT from the Report of the Inspector of Local Fund Accounts, Madras, printed in the Revenue Board's Proceedings, No. 446, dated 16th February 1883.

Para. 29. *Travelling Allowance Bills.*—Like the Local Fund Engineer, South Arcot Circle, Mr. Harington has drawn halting allowance at Rs. 5 per diem, although his pay has been only Rs. 500 per mensem. The remarks in my report upon the South Arcot accounts in regard to Mr. Norfor's travelling allowance apply equally here.

Mr. Harington's agreement with the Madura Local Fund Board stipulates for travelling allowance at Rs. 5 per diem, but the terms of G.O., Financial, No. 1709, dated 13th September 1881, are against his drawing more than Rs. 4 per diem.

Reference on the above, dated 30th March 1883.

The President is requested to report if a written agreement was entered into between the Local Fund Board and Mr. Harington, and, if so, to furnish the Board with a copy of it.

(Signed) J. A. DAVIES,
Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the President, Local Fund Boards, Madura.

READ—the following letter from C. S. CROLE, Esq., President, Local Fund Boards, Madura, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 5th April 1883, No. 19 :—

In reply to Board's reference on General Register No. 1815, dated 30th March 1883, I have the honor to state that the only agreement entered into is evidenced in the letter * of the late President (copy enclosed).

* No. 491, dated 2nd December 1879.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From H. J. STOKES, Esq., President, Local Fund Boards, Madura, to W. S. HARINGTON, Esq., Madras, dated 2nd December 1879, No. 491.

Under Section 24 of the Local Funds Act IV of 1871, and in pursuance of the Proceedings of the Local Fund Board, Madura Circle, passed on the 17th November last, in No. 139, I have the honor to state that I have appointed you as Engineer for the Madura Circle, on a salary of Rs. 500 per mensem, with batta at Rs. 5 per diem while travelling.

2. Oblige me by stating whether you accept this appointment.

Reference on the above, dated 18th May 1883.

Referred to the Accountant-General, for favor of report as to the maximum rate of travelling allowance which can be granted to the two Local Fund Engineers referred to in the above papers, under the provisions of the new Travelling Allowance Code (*vide* proviso in the rule appended to Section I, Chapter I). It will be observed that, in the case of Mr. Harington, Local Fund Engineer, Madura Circle, the terms under which he was engaged stipulate for payment of a travelling allowance of Rs. 5 per diem, and the Board consider that the new Travelling Allowance Code cannot have retrospective effect so as to abrogate the terms of a contract previously entered into.

2. As regards Mr. Hinds, Local Fund Engineer, Bellary Circle, the original stipulation was for a travelling allowance of Rs. 4 per diem, but he was subsequently allowed, in addition to this, a special allowance of Rs. 45 per mensem, which has since been discontinued. Taking his salary alone into consideration, he seems to be entitled to no more than 3 rupees a-day, under Section 4 (Clause 6) and Section 30 of the Code, but looking at his rank, he may be considered to come under Schedule F (f),

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

READ—the following letter from H. P. GORDON, Esq., President, Local Fund Board, Bellary Circle, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 24th February 1883, No. 653 :—

In continuation of my letter, No. 633, of the 21st instant, I have the honor to forward herewith a copy of Local Fund Board's Resolution, No. 2, dated 15th February 1883, and to request that you will be so good as to obtain the sanction of the Board of Revenue to allow the Local Fund Engineer of this district travelling allowance at the rate of Rs. 5 per diem.

2. The rate hitherto allowed to the Engineer is Rs. 4 per diem besides an extra grant of Rs. 45 a-month sanctioned in G.O., No. 1898, dated 5th October 1881, and continued for the current year only as per paragraph 7 of Revenue Board's Proceedings, No. 2007, dated 11th August 1882.

3. As the Local Fund Works Code does not provide any rate of travelling allowance for officers drawing the pay which the Local Fund Board have proposed to give their Local Fund Engineer, viz., Rs. 500, the Board are of opinion that Rs. 5 per diem should be granted.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

PROCEEDINGS of the Local Fund Board, Bellary, dated 15th February 1883.

2. Read Local Fund Engineer's letter, No. 649, dated 11th November 1882, applying for higher rate of travelling allowance.

Resolution.—The Board observe that the Local Fund Works Code does not provide travelling allowance for officers drawing the pay which they have proposed to give their Local Fund Engineer. The Board is of opinion that Rs. 5 per diem should be granted.

READ—the following letter from C. S. CROLE, Esq., President, Local Fund Boards, Madura, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madura, 9th March 1883, No. 15 :—

In forwarding an extract from the report of the Inspector of Local Fund Accounts, regarding rate of travelling allowance to Local Fund Engineers, I have the honor to state that in the Government Order referred to by the Inspector, it is stated that the pay of the Engineer will determine the grade according to any of the establishment lists specified in the Public Works Department Code. It is also laid down that the Local Fund Engineers should stand in the place of District Engineers. The Local Fund Public Works Code (Section 28) expressly lays down that no officer will draw travelling allowance as Assistant Engineer unless he is specially designated as such. The Local Fund Engineers in this district are not so designated, and the provision of the code, in my opinion, would not apply to such cases. I would therefore recommend that the allowances (viz., Rs. 5 per diem) which the Local Fund Board fixed and Government originally sanctioned may be continued to be passed.

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Proceedings, dated 25 July 1882

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