Note.

In Section 2 of the Civil Travelling Allowances Code it is laid down that "if any Officer thinks that any "order not embodied in the Code "ought to be received, he should "refer the question through the "proper channel to the Govt. of "India."

Before the issue of the Code, I was entitled, as Consulting Engineer, to a daily allowance of £10 when on tour.

Since the 1st April 1883, the date from which the Code took effect, I find that my daily allowance has been reduced to £7½.

I cannot but think that this reduction has been made through inadvertence, as in the Commentary which accompanied Govt. of India Resolution dated 17-12-82 W. q 63, ~~it is stated~~ (page 17. para 34(ee)) the comparatively low allowances drawn by the higher officers in the P. W. D. are referred to, and it is stated that "there would be "no objection, if the P. W. Dept. "wished, to make £10 and

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"₹ 7-8 the rates for Chief
"Engineers and Superintending
"Engineers respectively."

In passing an opinion on the Draft Travelling Allowance Code, the Govt. of Madras recommended that Chief Engineers should draw a daily allowance of ₹ 10, and Superintending Engineers ₹ 7-8. These rates, it was remarked, are "above the existing rates, but they "are those suggested in the Commentary "para 34 ee."

Instead however of the rates for Chief Engineers & Superintending Engineers in the other branches being raised to the rates previously sanctioned in the Railway Branch, as was suggested & recommended, the opportunity has been taken of the issue of the new Code to reduce the rates hitherto drawn in the Railway Branch.

I cannot doubt that this has been done through inadvertence, as the fact has been placed on record that, as compared with other Departments, the higher Officers in the P. W. D. get low allowances.

Reference to Schedule F of the Code, as it stands, shows this only too plainly. "Chief Engineers" occupy place No. 46, after many Officials who come far below them in the scale of precedence, and whose duties are of a less important & less onerous nature. The perusal of Schedule F might lead to the conclusion that, as Secretaries to the local Government, the Chief Engineers in this Presidency would come under No. 6, and be entitled to a daily allowance of ₹ 10. This is however prevented, except by a special order of the Govt. of India. Vide Rule under Section 30, - page 17 of Code.

I trust therefore that the Govt. of India may be moved to raise the avowedly low rates of travelling allowance drawn by the higher Officers in the P. W. Dept., by giving effect to the suggestion made in the Commentary of the Draft

Travelling Allowance Code, namely, to place Chief Engineers among the list of officers entitled to a daily allowance of £10, and Superintending Engineers among those entitled to a daily allowance of £7½.

Mac Stewart

3-6-83.

To IV.

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For order

In submitting the annexed memo by Col H in Observance on the allowances to Chief Engineers under Schedule F of the new Civil Travelling Allowance Code it is hardly necessary for me to add anything to the arguments put forward

As stated by that Officer it has probably arisen through inadvertance that Chief Engineers should be placed in an inferior position as regards Travelling Allowances to Officers in Schedule F and

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and that it will not need a special reference to the G of I to exempt the aforesaid oversight

Refer matter for reference to Govt

4/6/83

Draft letter with the subject mentioned on Comml. and Genl. Dept.

Letter issued Comml. Genl.

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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, 11th August 1883

Sir,

In reply to your letter No. 1927 W dated 10th ultimo, recommending that Chief and Superintending Engineers may be placed on the lists of Officers in the Civil Travelling Allowance Code entitled to a daily allowance of Rupees 10 and 7 1/2 respectively, I am directed to state that, after a very careful consideration of the case, the Government of India has already ruled that it is not desirable to make any alterations in the Code in the direction indicated.

I have the honor to be,

Sir

your most Obdt. Servant,

G H Walker

Offg Under Secy to the Govt of India

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