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Letter, 17th September 1883,
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Travelling Allowances.

Forwarding further remarks in the Public Works Department on the subject of the mileage to be drawn by Public Works Officers of the 3rd and 4th classes, when employed in Malabar and South Canara.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers :—

From R. LOGAN, Esq., Under Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Finance and Commerce, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Simla, 7th July 1883, No. 1883.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt in the Public Works Department of letter from the Government of Madras in the Public Works Department, No. 1452, dated the 19th May last, and enclosures, in which it is recommended that Public Works Officers of the 3rd and 4th classes, employed in the Malabar and South Canara Districts, may be allowed to draw mileage at double the rates ordinarily admissible to these officers.

2. With reference to the case of the Overseer in the South Canara District, which is instanced as showing the insufficiency of the existing scale of mileage and on which the present recommendation originated, I am directed to observe that it is not understood why such officers should travel by manchil (which is believed to be a light litter) or by bullock bandy, instead of on horseback. An explanation on this point is requested.

3. As regards the merits of the proposal made by the Public Works Department, I am directed to invite attention to your letter, No. 1340, dated 27th September 1882, regarding the Draft Travelling Allowance Code. In that letter, the Government of Madras opposed any increase of mileage in Malabar and South Canara. The present proposal relates to 3rd and 4th Class Officers of the Public Works Department only; but if the increase is sanctioned in their case, it cannot be long withheld from officers employed in other Departments, who are now to be left to the operation of the ordinary rules.

4. Under the circumstances, I am to request that His Excellency the Governor of Madras may be moved to reconsider the question of the increased allowances proposed for these officers.

From Captain F. J. ROMILLY, R.E., Executive Engineer, Coimbatore Division, to the Superintending Engineer, 4th Circle, dated Coimbatore, 8th August 1883, No. 912.

In reply to your endorsement, No. 515, of 25th July 1883, paragraph 2, I have the honor to point out that if the Overseer, as explained in my letter, No. 113, of 25th April 1883, has to make forced marches of 25 and 30 miles, it is not possible for him to accomplish them on a single pony, and I believe that Overseers are not expected to keep up more than one pony.

2. Travelling by manchil and bandy the Overseer travels by night and is, therefore, able to spend the day in inspecting and measuring work. The truth of the case is that the Overseer in South Canara has a charge far in excess of what it was ever intended should form an Overseer's charges.

3. If Mr. Vas was in charge of only one Taluk, he could, of course, very easily inspect and measure all his works on horseback, but when his charge comprises not one but five taluks, he cannot possibly be expected to carry on his work in the ordinary way, viz., by riding from one work to another.

4. I would again strongly urge that the increased allowances recommended in my letter, No. 113, of 25th April 1883, should be granted to Overseers making forced marches in the West Coast Districts, or that these charges should be reduced, otherwise if a man does his work honestly, he does it at a considerable loss to himself, and this, I presume, is not at all what Government desire.

No. 336.

Endorsement on the above.

Forwarded to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, with reference to his No. 239-E, of 21st July 1883.

2. The case of Overseer Vas is a special one, and deserves the favorable consideration of Government.

DHARMAPURI,
14*th August* 1883.

(Signed) J. BEATTY, Colonel, R.E.,
Supg. Engr., 4th Circle.

No. 335-E.

The case of Overseer Vas is considered a special one, and it is recommended that, under the circumstances explained by the Executive Engineer, it may receive exceptional treatment. The exigencies of the service have necessitated the Overseer being placed in charge of an area much greater than that usually assigned to officers of his rank.

OOTACAMUND,
6*th September* 1883.

(Signed) J. SHAW-STEWART, Colonel, R.E.,
Joint Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Financial Department, with papers in original.

LETTER—to the Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, dated Ootacamund, 17th September 1883, No. 2051, Financial.

In reply to your letter of the 7th July last, No. 1883, regarding the mileage to be drawn by Public Works Officers of the 3rd and 4th classes, when employed in Malabar and South Canara, I am directed to forward further remarks on the subject in the Public Works Department.

2. As explained by the Superintending Engineer, the Overseer in South Canara cannot afford to keep more than one horse, and he is, therefore, frequently compelled to travel by manchil or bullock cart.

3. As it is not at present practicable to reduce the area of the Overseer's very extensive charge, it is recommended that his case be treated exceptionally in the manner already proposed.

E. F. WEBSTER,
Acting Chief Secretary.

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