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SEPTEMBER.

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

Re. 4th Circle
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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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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 Section 66 of the Civil Travelling Allowance Code, I am directed to forward a copy of the Proceedings of this Government, No 1451 W, dated 19th May 1883, and to recommend that mileage in the Malabar and Canara Districts may be increased, as regards third and fourth class officers, in the same proportion as daily allowance under Section 30, Exception 4 of the Code

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

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

OOTACAMUND,
19th May 1883

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PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated May, 19*th*

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19th May 1883, No. 1452 W.

MAY.

INCREASED mileage to officers employed in the Malabar and Canara Districts.

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

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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

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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,
14th 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,
6th 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,

Lad J Wright

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PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated May, 19*th*

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G.O., 19th May 1883, No. 1451 W.

MAY.

Mr. Vas, Overseer

Increased mileage allowance granted to —

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

General
Establishment

READ—the following papers —

From J P DAVIDSON, Esq, Executive Engineer Coimbatore Division, to the Superintending Engineer, Fourth Circle, dated Coimbatore, 25th April 1883, No 113

I have the honor to bring the following facts to your notice and to request—

(1) That the claims now made on behalf of Mr Vas, Overseer in South Canara District, may be forwarded for the orders of Government with your strong recommendation

(2) That you will further recommend that the mileage allowance of an Overseer in the South Canara and Malabar Districts be, as a special case, raised from Annas 2 per mile to Annas 4 per mile

2 My reasons for these recommendations I give below

3. Since the 4th February 1883, when Mr Timothy went on leave on sick certificate, Mr Vas has been the sole Overseer in charge of this district

4 The works going on in the districts are very scattered, viz —

At Mangalore —Improvements to Collector's Cutcherry Registrar's Office Military buildings

At Puthur, 31 miles south of Mangalore —The new District Munsif's Court

At Karkal, 33 miles north of Mangalore —Repairs to the Munsif's Court and constructing Sub-Registrar's Office

At Udipi, 24 miles west of Karkal, or 37 miles north of Mangalore —Improvements to the Taluk Cutcherry

At Coondapoor, 60 miles north of Mangalore and 46 miles north-west of Karkal —New District Munsif's Court Sub-Registrar's Office

5 To inspect each of these works in each month, measure up the work done, &c, it is absolutely necessary that Mr Vas should make rapid marches of over 20 miles a day

6 The mileage allowance of an Overseer is 2 annas per mile, and this, I can state from my own experience of eighteen months in the district, does not by any means meet the cost of conveyance in South Canara

7 The cost of a muncheel and two coolies is 3 annas 4 pies for the muncheel and 4 pies for each cooly per mile, making in all a total of Annas 4 per mile The authorised rate for bullock bandies (these are not generally used in the Udipi and Coondapoor Taluks) is 2 annas 8 pies per mile

8 It stands to reason, therefore, that on every rapid march of 20 miles and more Mr Vas loses as follows —

If he travels by muncheel, Annas 2 per mile
If he travels by bandy, Annas 1-8 per mile

In this latter case he must have baggage coolies at Pies 4 per mile each

9 I would strongly recommend that the mileage allowance of Overseers in the South Canara and Malabar Districts be raised, as a special case, to Annas 4 per mile

10 Under the old organization of the department, that is, previous to October 1878, an Overseer had charge merely of one taluk, and was consequently not required to travel rapidly over long distances, but under the present system, the charge of an Overseer in many cases corresponds to what was previously a range Mr Vas, for instance, has charge, under the Sub-division Office, of the entire district of South Canara, formerly divided into two ranges, with a Range Officer in charge of each, and Overseers in each taluk, with such a charge as already stated, Mr Vas must make long and rapid marches

11 That the claim for a higher rate of mileage is a just one, and its justice, moreover, is directly admitted by Government, is proved by the new Travelling Allowance Code

Section 30, Exception 4 of this Code, allows an officer of the third or fourth class, when travelling in the Malabar or Canara Districts, to draw double daily allowances An Overseer is an officer of the third class according to this Code

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ENCLOSURE

STATEMENT showing the Distances travelled by Mr A E C Vas, Overseer, Canara District, from 5th February to 31st March 1883

Month and Date	From	To	Distance travelled	Amount now proposed at Annas 4 per Mile	Amount already claimed at Annas 2	Balance due
				RS A P	RS A P	RS A P
1883						
5th February	Mangalore	Puthur	31	7 12 0	3 14 0	3 14 0
9th ,,	Puthur	Mangalore	31	7 12 0	3 14 0	3 14 0
19th ,,	Mangalore	Karkal	32	8 0 0	4 0 0	4 0 0
22nd ,,	Karkal	Udipi	25	6 4 0	3 2 0	3 2 0
24th ,,	Udipi	Coondapoor	23	5 12 0	2 14 0	2 14 0
1st March	Coondapoor	Mangalore	61	15 4 0	7 10 0	7 10 0
12th ,,	Mangalore	Puthur	31	7 12 0	3 14 0	3 14 0
14th ,,	Puthur	Peringapett	22	5 8 0	2 12 0	2 12 0
19th ,,	Mangalore	Udipi	38	9 8 0	4 12 0	4 12 0
21st ,,	Udipi	Coondapoor	23	5 12 0	2 14 0	2 14 0
22nd ,,	Coondapoor	Mangalore	61	15 4 0	7 10 0	7 10 0
25th ,,	Mangalore	Mudibidri	22	5 8 0	2 12 0	2 12 0
26th ,,	Mudibidri	Karkal and back	22	5 8 0	2 12 0	2 12 0
27th ,,	Do	Manny via Mangalore	44	11 0 0	5 8 0	5 8 0
28th ,,	Manny	Puthur and back to Peringapett	31	7 12 0	3 14 0	3 14 0
		Total	497	124 4 0	62 2 0	62 2 0

No 181

Endorsement on the above

Submitted to the Chief Engineer, with a request he will be good enough to authorise the Examiner to pass the claim of Overseer Vas as a special case, in consideration of the peculiar circumstances under which he was compelled to make forced marches

2 According to the new Civil Travelling Allowance Code, which came into force on the 1st of April 1883, the Overseers are classed as third-class officers Under Section 30, Exception 4 of this Code, officers of the third and fourth classes are entitled to double daily allowance when travelling in the Malabar or Canara Districts, but no mention is made as to whether this exception is applicable to the mileages drawn by the above officers To make the matter clear, this exception should be made applicable to mileages as well

(Signed) J BEATTY, Colonel, R.E,
1st May 1883 Superintending Engineer, Fourth Circle

Office Note from the Examiner of Public Works Accounts, dated 8th May 1883, No 145

For the specified claims during February and March 1883, amounting to Rs 62-2-0, the sanction of Government may be accorded under paragraph 566 of the Public Works Code

For the modification of rules applicable from 1st April 1883, the previous sanction of India is necessary—see Section 66, Civil Travelling Allowance Code From Rule 1 under this section it will be seen that "*daily allowances*" are increased, except in Kashmir, Nepal and Burmah, where "*mileage*" is increased in the same proportion as the daily allowance Exception 4 under Section 30 applies only to double *daily allowance* and not to *mileage*

ORDER—dated 19th May 1883, No 1451 W, Public Works

The Examiner, Public Works Accounts, is authorised to admit the claim, amounting to Rs 62-2-0, preferred on account of Overseer Vas

2 The Government of India will be addressed on the subject of paragraph 2 of the Superintending Engineer's endorsement above recorded

(Here enter No 1452 W, dated 19th May 1883)

(True Extract)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, Fourth Circle
" Examiner, Public Works Accounts

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