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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

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Read—the following papers:—

G.O., dated 18th October 1883, No. 5633, Military.

From Lieutenant-Colonel C. CARTER, Officiating Controller of Military Accounts, Fort St. George, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated 22nd November 1883, No. E.—Through the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

In reply to your memorandum, No. 2243 C., of 16th November 1883, I have the honor to state that Lieutenant-Colonel Ross Thompson actually drew Rs. 1,082-10-0 per mensem from the 13th December 1878 to the 30th September 1879, while the sum to which he was entitled was only Rs. 861-12-0 per mensem. The sum over-drawn was, therefore, Rs. 220-14-0 per mensem.

2. With reference to paragraph 2 of your memorandum under reply, I would beg a perusal of this office report as per margin. The Government of India, on the supposition that certain allowances to which Colonel Thompson was entitled had not been admitted to him, stated that, if such was the case, the retrenchment in question was not to be enforced. But as all allowances to which Colonel Ross Thompson was entitled were passed to him, as well as a further sum of Rs. 220-14-0 per mensem in excess of such allowances, the retrenchment must apparently be enforced.

C. of 4th October 1883, copy attached.

No. 6371, Military.

Forwarded.

Fort St. George,
23rd November 1883.

E. L. HANKIN, Colonel,
Secretary to Government.

Order—dated 3rd December 1883, No. 3467 W., Public Works.

Ordered that the Government of India be addressed.

(Here enter No. 3468 W., dated 3rd December 1883.)

(True Extract.)

Major, R.E.,
Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
" Military Department.

Exd. E. Fernandez.
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Dated December, 3rd.

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G.O., 3rd Dec. 1883, No. 3467 W.

DECEMBER.

Lieutenant-Colonel Ross Thompson, R.E.

Regarding the retrenchment from the salary of —, on account of allowances overdrawn in Afghanistan.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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LETTER—from
COLONEL J. SHAW-STEWART, 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 your letter, No. 1200 G., dated 7th September 1883, I am directed to forward the accompanying correspondence, from which it will be seen that the Military Account Department still hold that the entire salary and allowances to which Lieutenant-Colonel Ross Thompson, R.E., was entitled for the period of his service with the Sappers and Miners in British Burma, from 13th December 1878 to 30th September 1879, amounted to only Rs. 861-12-0,* as against Rs. 1,082-10-0,† the amount which, it is considered in the Public Works Department, should be admitted; and that therefore the retrenchment of Rs. 2,123-3-11, at Rs. 220-14-0 per mensem, should apparently be enforced.

Proceedings, Military Department, No. 5653, dated 18th October 1883.
Letter from the Controller of Military Accounts, No. E., dated 22nd November 1883, embodied in Proceedings, Public Works Department, No. 3467 W., dated 3rd December 1883.

		Rs.	A.	P.
* Pay as Major		640	14	0
Half staff salary		220	14	0
Total ...		861	12	0

		Rs.	A.	P.
† Pay as Major		640	14	0
Half staff salary		220	14	0
Compensation for forfeited moiety of staff allowance ...		220	14	0
Total ...		1082	10	0

2. I am, however, again to invite the favorable consideration of the Government of India to the arguments put forward in my letter, No. 1205 W., dated 21st April 1883, in support of the view that Lieutenant-Colonel Thompson, as an officer on substantive staff employment, was entitled to draw from the Military Department compensation for the forfeited moiety of his pay and allowances, and to express the hope of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council that the Government of India will see fit to direct the withdrawal of the heavy retrenchment resulting, in the first instance, from a misconception of orders on the part of the Military Account Department.

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

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
3rd December 1883.

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PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated December, 3rd.

Read. *Encl.*

3rd Dec. 1883, No. 3468 W.

DECEMBER.

Lieutenant-Colonel Ross Thompson, R.E.

Regarding the retrenchment from the salary of —, on account of allowances overdrawn in Afghanistan.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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Read—the following papers :—

From Captain G. W. SAWYER, Pay Examiner, to Major ROSS THOMPSON, R.E., Camp Gundamuck, Afghanistan, dated Madras, 5th June 1880, No. 1368 N.T.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter, without number, dated 24th May 1880, and in reply to inform you that, under a recent ruling of the Controller of Military Accounts, you are entitled to pay and allowance while in the Military Department to the extent of Rs. 1,082-10-0, the amount of pay and allowances drawn by you while in the Public Works Department previous to being withdrawn for field service, which amount per mensem has been drawn by you.

2. Although the total amount drawn is what you were entitled to, it should have been drawn as shown below; the items of Sapper allowance and extra remuneration should not have been drawn; a greater proportion of staff salary being drawn, make up the total admissible instead; to prevent, however, the inconvenience that would arise by disallowing these items and drawing the correct proportion of staff salary, bills for the amount of staff salary actually drawn by you are, however, forwarded, which you are requested to receipt and return in adjustment of similar amounts taken up on receipt from the Treasury, Rangoon.

3. Attention is invited to this office letter, No. 2490 N.T., dated 31st October 1879, which was a reply to your letter, No. 210, of 30th September 1879.

4. Letter No. 140 C. of the 22nd January 1880 is herewith returned for record.

	Rs.	A.	P.	
Pay	709	3	0	
Horse allowance	30	0	0	
Difference of staff salary to complete receipts in Public Works Department	343	7	0	
	1,082	10	0	per mensem up to May 1879.
Pay	759	3	0	
Horse allowance	30	0	0	
Difference of staff salary	293	7	0	
	1,082	10	0	up to September 1879.

G.O., dated 6th October 1880, No. 6297, Military.

Read—the following letter from Colonel J. W. RIDEOUT, Controller of Military Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Ootacamund, dated Fort St. George, 18th September 1880, C:—

I have the honor to report, for the information of Government, that, in consequence of a misconstruction of orders, staff salary in excess of that authorised under regulation, amounting to Rs. 12,366-11-6, has been passed to officers detached from their appointments for duty in the field, as particularized in the accompanying statement.

2. The over-payment was only discovered on receipt of a letter from the Controller of Military Accounts, Calcutta, calling for some explanation,—claims similar to those conceded by this department to Madras officers having been preferred by those of Bengal in a like position, but rejected.

3. A reference to the orders* under which officers so situated were viewed by this department as secured in the equivalent of their permanent salaries will, I think, satisfy Government that there were very good grounds for the action taken.

* Madras Pay Code of 1861, para. 8 (as amended by G.O.G., No. 205 of 1871), and para. 13, page 463.

4. In the old Pay Code of 1861 the former of the two paragraphs quoted authorises a continuance of full staff salary to an officer absent on any duty for which he is not remunerated, while under the latter, half salary, or so much of that moiety as will not exceed the full salary of his appointment, is authorised to an officer absent on field or foreign service. In the new Code for India of 1876 the provisions of both the old rules are amalgamated in one paragraph, and full salary authorised without distinction.

Pay Code of 1861, Section XIX, para. 8 (as amended by G.O.G., No. 205 of 1871), and para. 13.

Pay Code for India, para. 653.

Paragraph 653.

5. Although it is acknowledged that the Pay Code for India has been declared only authoritative when based on existing rules, I would submit that the vagueness of the terms employed in the former of the two paragraphs quoted, and the apparent inconsistency in the old code of securing full salary to officers detached on duty of one kind and denying it to those absent on other duty of equal importance for field or foreign service, were not unreasonably considered by this office as indicative of an authorised reconstruction of rule as exhibited in the new code, the apparent correctness of which was therefore admitted unquestioned.

G.G.O., No. 897 of 1876.

6. The Military Accountant-General has been written to with a view to the elimination of the words "or on field service" in paragraph 653 of the Pay Code for India, the introduction of which has led to the present over-payment.

Rank and Name.	Period and Rate.	Amount.	Remarks.
		Rs. A. P.	
Major Ross Thompson.	13th December 1878 to 30th September 1879, at Rs. 220-14-0 per mensem.	2,123 3 11	From October 1879 adjusted in Bengal Presidency.
Lieutenant C. C. Rawson.	10th December 1878 to 22nd January 1879, and from 9th June 1879 to 31st July 1880, at Rs. 77-2-0 per mensem.	1,168 9 2	
Lieutenant R. Hamilton.	16th December 1878 to 22nd January 1879, and from 9th June 1879 to 11th April 1880, at Rs. 125 per mensem.	1,415 11 7	Services replaced at the disposal of the Department Public Works from 12th April 1880.

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Rank and Name.	Period and Rate.	Amount.	Remarks.
		Rs. A. P.	
Lieutenant R. Langley.	29th January 1879 to 31st October 1879 at Rs. 127-2-0, and from 1st June to 31st July 1880 at Rs. 15-2-0.	1,186 10 10	Claim of difference from November 1879 to 30th May 1880 held in abeyance pending instructions.
Lieutenant A. R. Dorward.	December 1878 to 30th September 1879, at Rs. 177-2-0 a-month.	1,471 4 4	
Lieutenant A. E. Dobson.	February to October 1879, at Rs. 150 per mensem.	1,302 13 9	Died 20th July 1880.
Lieutenant O. V. Boddy.	15th January 1879 to 11th April 1879 at Rs. 127-2-0, and from 12th April 1879 to 31st July 1880 at Rs. 27-2-0.	794 10 1	
Lieutenant C. B. Henderson.	December 1878 to March 1879 at Rs. 125 per mensem, and from November 1879 to 15th May 1880 at Rs. 125.	1,312 8 0	Proceeded on sick leave 15th May 1880.
Surgeon C. Sibthorpe.	3rd December 1878 to 27th July 1879, at Rs. 203-13-5 per mensem.	1,591 3 10	
	Total ...	12,366 11 6	

18th September 1880.

(Signed) J. W. RIDEOUT, Colonel,
Controller of Military Accounts.

Read—the following report from Colonel J. W. RIDEOUT, Controller of Military Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Ootacamund, dated Fort St. George, 28th September 1880, A:—

In re staff salary of Royal Engineer Officers detached on field service.

In reply to your memorandum, No. 6000, dated 22nd September 1880, I have the honor to state that no retrenchments have been effected, but the admission of staff salary was discontinued after the 31st July 1880, pending an expression of the opinion of Government relative to the retrenchments of past sums.

Order—dated 6th October 1880, No. 6297, Military.

This correspondence shows that the Pay Department have erroneously paid to nine officers sums aggregating to Rs. 12,366-11-6 in excess of their dues. It is for the department to adjust the matter with the officers concerned,—recovery being effected by instalments.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. MICHAEL, Colonel,
Secretary to Government.

From the Controller of Military Accounts, to the Examiner of Public Works Accounts, dated Madras, 12th May 1882, No. 450.

Nos. 5 and 6 C.M.A., of 8th and 9th May 1882.

With advertence to your marginal letters, I have the honor to explain that the disallowance,* the recovery of which this office desires may be effected from the next issue of pay from Colonel Ross Thompson, is on account of half staff salary

* Rs. 2,123-3-11.

of Executive Engineer, 2nd Grade, at Rs. 220-14-0 over-paid to that officer from the 13th December 1878 to 30th September 1879. This disallowance has been issued under instructions from Government, who ruled that officers of the Public Works Department temporarily attached for duty in the Military Department were not entitled to more than half staff salary of their substantive appointments.

2. Any appeal or representation against this decision that Colonel Ross Thompson may desire can only be after payment of the disallowance.

3. The retrenchment of Rs. 2,032-12-10 on payments subsequent to 1st October 1879 was issued in Bengal, and a further communication will be addressed to you on receipt of reply to a reference which will now be made to that Presidency.

4. The retrenchment alluded to in paragraph 1 should, however, be enforced.

From Lieutenant-Colonel ROSS THOMPSON, R.E., to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Ootacamund, dated 22nd May 1882.

With reference to my letter to you, No. 599 D., of 6th May 1882, I have the honor to request that you will be so good as to lay my case with the Military Pay Department before Government for favorable consideration.

2. It is as follows:—The Controller of Military Accounts, Madras, seeks to recover from me a sum of Rs. 2,123-3-11, which he states has been over-paid to me. I contend that I have not drawn any money to which I was not fully entitled. The Controller states his claim as follows:—

"The disallowance, the recovery of which this office desires may be effected from the next issue of pay from Colonel Ross Thompson, is on account of half staff salary of Executive Engineer, 2nd Grade, at Rs. 220-14-0 over-paid to that officer from the 13th December 1878 to 30th September 1879."

3. The Controller's statement simply amounts to this, that from the 13th December 1878 to the 30th September 1879 I ceased to be an Executive Engineer of the 2nd Grade in the Public Works Department, and was during that period a purely Sapper Regimental Officer. I submit, in reply to this, that I never ceased for a moment to hold the substantive appointment of Executive Engineer, 2nd Grade, during the whole time I was doing duty temporarily with the Military Department, viz., from the 13th December 1878 up to 15th October 1881, the date of my return from Afghanistan to Bangalore. I think a fairly good proof of the accuracy of my statement is to be found in the fact that during the whole of that period the Public Works Department paid me half the staff salary of my appointment, viz., Executive Engineer, 2nd Grade, Public Works Department. If further proof were wanting that during my temporary employment with the Military Department I still continued to hold my substantive position in the Public Works Department, I might mention that I was promoted from 2nd to 1st Grade Executive Engineer in the Public Works Department from June 1880. At that time my occupation was blowing up towers and forts of the "Ut Kheyls" in the Lughuvan Valley, Afghanistan.

4. I rejoined the Military Department temporarily under the following circumstances. When the Afghan War broke out in 1878 I was ordered to join Sapper head-quarters at Bangalore for field service. The following are extracts from the *Fort St. George Gazette*:—

"*Fort St. George Gazette of December 10th*, 1878, *page* 720.

"The undermentioned Officers of the Royal Engineers employed in the Public Works Department are replaced at the disposal of the Military Department for field service:—

"Major Ross Thompson, R.E., Executive Engineer, 2nd Grade.
"&c., &c., &c."

"*Fort St. George Gazette of December 24th*, 1882, *page* 749.

"The services of the Royal Engineer Officers named in G.O.G., No. 977, dated 12th December 1878, are replaced *temporarily* at the disposal of the Acting Commander of the Forces, viz.:—

"Major Ross Thompson, R.E.
"&c., &c., &c."

5. I joined the head-quarters of the Sappers and Miners at Bangalore, and remained there under orders to join the Mooltan column with Colonel (now Brigadier-General) H. N. D. Prendergast, V.C., C.B., R.E., who commanded the Queen's Own Sappers at the time. It was subsequently decided that this column should not be formed; and war in Burmah with King Theebaw of Mandalay being imminent, I was sent from Bangalore to Burmah in command of Sappers to join the field force then collecting at Rangoon. Whilst there, Sir Louis Cavagnari was murdered at Cabul. The second phase of the Afghan War broke out 1879-80, and I was ordered off at once in command of Sappers from Rangoon to join the Kyber Line Force in Afghanistan, where I remained until the conclusion of the campaign. I returned to Bangalore in October 1880.

6. In December 1878, when I rejoined the Military Department temporarily for field or foreign service, my pay as 2nd-Grade Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, amounted to Rs. 1,082-10-0, and was composed of the following items, viz.:—

	Rs.	A.	P.
Civil staff pay	900	0	0
Military pay proper of Major, R.E.	182	10	0
Total ...	1,082	10	0

This amount I considered myself entitled to whilst with the Military Department under the following rules of the Pay Code for India, 1876, British Troops:—

653. An officer holding a permanent staff appointment, when detached on any duty for which there is no fixed salary, or on field service, retains the salary of his appointment if no officer is appointed to officiate in it during his absence; but if an officer is appointed, and becomes thereby entitled to half staff pay and the allowances of the appointment, the detached staff officer retains only the half staff pay as on leave, and *draws compensation for the forfeited moiety*.

654. When the staff pay fixed for the special duty on which an officer is detached is less than the staff pay or command money he was in receipt of, *he is allowed compensation for the difference*.

461*h*. The monthly rates of consolidated staff pay and salaries of army and garrison staff appointments are as follows:—

* * * * *

Field Engineer with a field force ... ... *Rs.* 240.

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635. An officer of Royal Engineers employed in the Public Works Department is entitled to compensation from the Military Department for the loss of any pay and allowances he may incur during absence from his appointment while performing duties at a camp of exercise.

120*f*. Half staff pay is continued to an officer holding a permanent appointment—when withdrawn to join a force on field or foreign service and an officer is appointed to act for him; but if the officer is nominated to a staff appointment or command with the force other than the command of a troop or company, *he is entitled as compensation to only so much of the half staff of his permanent appointment as with the staff pay he receives for his appointment, or command with the force will not exceed the full staff pay of his substantive appointment*; while returning he receives half staff pay.

652*a*. *Compensation for loss of staff pay or command money is admissible to a Staff or Regimental* Officer holding a permanent appointment of command—when detached from his appointment or corps by order on temporary or special duty to another station, for a period exceeding four weeks.

492. The rule which governs the allowances of staff officers temporarily withdrawn from their appointments for field service (Article 120*f*) applies to officers of the Royal Engineers similarly circumstanced.

655. Compensation is authorised only to the extent of the staff pay an officer would have drawn had he not been detached on field service or employed on special duty. If, being present at his proper post, he would have forfeited the staff pay, he cannot while detached claim compensation, except in the case of removal to another corps or station, when it is allowed till termination of the special duty.

Discontinuance of Staff Pay.

123*f*. An officer ceases to receive the staff pay of an appointment when, if withdrawn on field or foreign service or detached duty, he draws the staff pay of an appointment exceeding his own, from date of departure until date of rejoining.

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7. Paragraph 532 of the Madras Public Works Code is as follows:—

Commissioned, warrant, and non-commissioned officers and soldiers permanently attached to the department, who are temporarily withdrawn for military service in the field, are allowed half the staff salaries of their grades, or so *much of that moiety as together with any staff salary or command allowance shall not exceed the full staff salary of their substantive appointments, &c., &c.*

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8. From the above-quoted rules it appears to me that the desire and intention of Government is that an Engineer Officer in the Public Works Department temporarily attached to the Military Department for field or foreign service shall not be the heavy pecuniary loser he certainly would be if the views of the Military Pay Department were carried out. The ordinary, or rather extraordinary, expenses an officer in civil employment is put to when suddenly ordered on field service are extremely heavy for any man without private means. I need not enter into details about myself, but it has been proved to me beyond a doubt that proceeding on field service is a most expensive luxury, apart altogether from such retrenchments as the one now in question.

9. It is true that a liberal batta is sometimes given, but except in the case of officers of high rank, who are fortunate, at the time of going on active service, in having small establishments, the batta does not anything like cover the losses to be borne. I can at any rate vouch for the truth of this in my own case.

In G.O., No. 125, of 11th January 1882 (hereto attached), the Government were pleased to take an equitable and liberal view of the case of Lieutenant Digby, R.E., who was an officer of the detachment I had the honor to command in Afghanistan, and whose case was a parallel one to my own.

From Captain G. W. SAWYER, Pay Examiner, Military Account Department, Bengal, to the Paymaster, Punjab Circle, Rawulpindi, dated Calcutta, 5th June 1882, No. 116 (Staff).

Adverting to his memorandum, No. 133 D., dated 20th ultimo, and its accompaniments, has the honor to state that, with reference to the information now furnished, the objections, as per margin, against Lieut.-Colonel Ross Thompson, R.E., have been withdrawn.

				Rs.	A.	P.
No. 1286 S.,	dated 23rd March	1880	.. ..	398	8	10
,, 3 S.,	,, 17th June	,,	.. ..	403	8	0
,, 65 S.,	,, 26th ,,	,,	.. ..	201	12	0
,, 134 S.,	,, 17th July	,,	.. ..	363	12	0
,, 251 S.,	,, 16th Aug.	,,	.. ..	201	12	0
,, 391 S.,	,, 25th Sept.	,,	.. ..	231	12	0
,, 495 S.,	,, 6th Nov.	,,	.. ..	231	12	0

No. 986 M.

MEMORANDUM.

Forwarded to the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, Madras, with reference to his memorandum, No. 15 M., dated 6th May 1882.

12th June 1882.

(Signed) J. H. EYRE, Lieutenant,
Offg. Paymaster, Punjab Circle.

From the Officiating Controller of Military Accounts, to the Exam
Works Accounts, dated Madras, 22nd June 1882, No. 94

In acknowledging receipt of the accompaniment of your No. 1
21st June 1882, I would point out that the disallowance removed is
in paragraph 4 of my letter, No. 450, dated 12th May 1882.

2. The disallowance of Rs. 2,123-3-11 still holds good, and sho

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Order—dated 21st April 1883, No. 1204 W., Public Works.

Ordered that the Government of India be addressed in the Public
ment in regard to the retrenchment directed to be made from the sala
Colonel Ross Thompson, R.E.

(Here enter No 1205 W., dated 21st April 1883.)

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. H. SANKEY, Co
Secretary t

To Lieutenant-Colonel Ross Thompson, R.E.
,, the Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
,, the Military Department.

Exd. A. F. Goodall.

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Dated April, 21*st.*

Recd. *Encl.*

G.O., 21st April 1883, No. 1204 W.

APRIL.

Lieut.-Col. Ross Thompson, R.E.

Ordered that the Government of India be addressed *re* the retrenchment from the salary of —.

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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 the printed collection, as per margin, regarding a retrenchment, amounting to Rs. 2,123-3-11, which now for a considerable period has been outstanding against Lieutenant-Colonel Ross Thompson, R.E. (1st Grade Executive Engineer, Public Works Department), I am directed to submit the following observations for the consideration of His Excellency the Governor-General in Council.

G.O., No. 1204 W., dated 21st April 1883.

2. On the 10th December 1878 the services of Major Ross Thompson, then an Executive Engineer, 2nd Grade, were placed temporarily at the disposal of the Military Department for field service, the intention at that time being that he should be attached to the Madras Sapper Contingent, which was to have formed a portion of the South Afghanistan Expeditionary Field Force.

3. Subsequently, in view to certain eventualities in British Burma, he went in command of Sappers to Rangoon and remained there till on the murder of Major Cavagnari, when he proceeded in command of a company of Sappers to join the Kyber Force. At the conclusion of the war he rejoined the department, having, while absent, received promotion to Executive Engineer, 1st Grade.

4. Throughout the whole period of his duty with the Sappers he drew in the aggregate Rs. 1,032-10-0 per mensem, being the full pay and allowances which he was drawing in the department at the time of his temporary transfer, and, as will be observed, the correctness of this procedure on his part was concurred in by the Military Accounts Department—See letter, No. 1368 T.N., dated 5th June 1880.

5. At a subsequent period it was, however, ruled that there had been an overpayment of Rs. 220-14-0 per mensem, and disallowances were made as follows:—

	Rs.	A.	P.
(1) By Controller, Military Accounts in Madras, for overpayments between 13th December 1878 and 30th September 1879 (the amount now under reference) ...	2,123	3	11
(2) By Paymaster of the Punjab Circle for similar overpayments from 1st October 1879 till retransfer to the Public Works Department	2,032	12	10

6. Lieutenant-Colonel Ross Thompson contends that, judged by the letter and spirit of the Pay Code for India, he being an officer on substantive staff employment, was entitled to draw compensation for the forfeited moiety of his pay and allowances from the Military Department.

7. That he was so entitled was clearly the opinion of the Pay Department of this Presidency as indicated above, and, as he points out, a very nearly similar claim was admitted by the Government of India in the case of Lieutenant Digby, R.E.—See letter from Colonel W. M. Lees, No. 943 B., dated 23rd December 1881.

8. To this has been further added the fact that the second of the above retrenchments, amounting to Rs. 2,032-12-10, which was necessarily based on precisely the same grounds as that now under reference, has been withdrawn—See letter, No. 116 (Staff), dated 5th June 1882, from the Pay Examiner, Bengal, to the Paymaster, Punjab Circle, Rawulpindi.

9. If, as no doubt is the case, the validity of the withdrawal of the retrenchment, amounting to Rs. 2,032-12-10, has been placed beyond all doubt, it would appear to His Excellency in Council inconsistent to enforce that for Rs. 2,123-5-11, the conditions to all intents and purposes being the same; but when in addition to this, the amount now under reference was drawn with a warranty so complete as that of the Controller of Military Accounts, other and even stronger reasons exist for hesitating to enforce a measure of such severity.

10. It may further be added that, not only has Colonel Ross Thompson, by good service in Afghanistan (for which he received his brevet), established a claim for special and favorable consideration, but, as now vouched for by medical authority, by overwork in the late famine and the Afghan Campaign he appears to have laid the seeds of disease which has just now compelled him to leave India on emergent sick certificate.

11. His Excellency the Governor in Council is aware that the concession prayed for by Lieutenant-Colonel Ross Thompson may, if granted, lead to the cancelment of other similar retrenchments which have already been enforced against some of the officers whose names appear in the correspondence herewith sent up, one of whom, moreover, has appealed without result to Her Majesty's Secretary of State; but if deemed to be equitable and just in the one case, he has no hesitation in recommending that, in so far as the instances mentioned may be found to agree with the case under reference, they should meet with the same favorable consideration.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Signed) R. H. SANKEY, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

Fort St. George,
21st April 1883.

Exd. A. F. Goodall.
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Dated April, 21st.

Recd. *Encl.*

21st April 1883, No. 1205 W.

APRIL.

Lieut.-Col. Ross Thompson, R.E.

LETTER to the Government of India *re* the retrenchment from the salary of —.

Thro the Secretary to Govt Mily Dept

Office of Controller, Military Accounts,
Fort St. George, 22 November 1883.

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From Lt Colonel Chas. Carter,
Controller of Military Accounts,
Fort St. George,

To

The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Madras

Sir,

In reply to your Memorandum No 2208 C. of 16th November 1883, I have the honor to state that Lieutenant Colonel Ross Thompson actually drew Rupees 1082. 10. - per mensem from the 13th December 1878 to the 30 September 1879, while the sum to which he was entitled was only Rupees 861. 12. - per mensem. The sum over drawn was, therefore, Rupees 220. 14. - per mensem.

2. With reference to para. 2 of your memo. under reply, I would beg a perusal of this office report as per margin. The Government of India, on the supposition that certain allowances to which Colonel Thompson was entitled had not been admitted to him, stated that, if such was the case, the retrenchment in question was not to be enforced. But as all allowances

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to which Colonel Ross Thompson was entitled were passed to him as well as a further sum of Rs. 220. 14. - per mensem in excess of such allowances, the retrenchment must apparently be enforced.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
Chas Carter Lt Colonel
Offg Controller of Mily Accts

To
H. St. George Esqr
Secy to Govt
Mily Department
Fort William

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Military {1883} Department.

No. 6783

From

The Controller of Military Accounts,
Fort St. George,

To

The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department.

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Dated 22nd November 1883.
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Enclosures. 1.

In re retrenchment
against Lt-Colonel Ross
Thompson R.E.

No. 153 E d/25/5/82.
" 1170 W d/22.5.83.
" 1205 W d/21.6.83.
" 2077 SW d/30.7.83.
" 379 E d/19.9.83.
" 2243 C d/16.11.83.

Fort St. George, 4th October 1883.

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From Lieut Colonel Chas: Carter,
Offg Controller of Military Accounts,
Fort St. George,

To Colonel C. L. Maclean,
Secretary to Government,
Military Department.

Sir

In returning the paper
forwarded under your
docket as per margin, I
have the honor to report
that Lieut Colonel Ross Thompson was
adjusted by the Department
he has been allowed
Leave pay and allowances he was
to, and the same retrenched according
Represents over drawn allowances.

2. It is noted that under the w
that Colonel Ross Thompson had
been passed certain allowances to w
he was entitled, and which allowa
it was considered, would probab

Vide the Office
letter C dated 5th
May 1883 and
Correspondence
quoted therein.

Dear

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make up his receipts to Rs 1082-10-
per Measem; the Government of India
have authorized the removal of the
retrenchment referred to in the preceding
para.

3. But as above explained Colonel
Ross Thompson's dues have already
been fully adjusted. He has no allow-
ances due to him, and the sum retrenched
was the staff Salary over drawn by him
between the 13 December 1878 and 30 September
1879 at Rs 220-14-0 per Measem.

4. This retrenchment was similar to
those of other Officers employed in the
same Campaign, and the validity of
which was maintained by the Secretary
of State per Indian on Appeal.

Vide Pg Nº 6297
dated 6 Octr 1880
Pg Nº 6648
dated 16 December

5. I would, accordingly, beg that with
these facts before them, Government
may be pleased to move the Government
of India to reconsider their ruling in
the Public Works Department Nº 1220 B
dated 7 September 1883.

I have &c.

Signed J. C. J. Durand, Lt Col.
for Offg. Contr of Navy Accts.

A true Copy,

Thos Carter Lieut Colonel,
Offg Controller of Navy Accts.

Military {188} Department.

From

The Controller of Military Accounts,
Fort St. George,

To

The Secretary to Government,
Military Department.

Dated
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Proceedings of the Madras Government.
Under date the ~~November~~ December 3rd 1883.

Read the following:—

Proceedings in the Military Dept. (No. 5633 of Octr. 18th 1883)
Letter from the Controller of Military Accounts—Madras. (" " Encl. Nov. 22nd ")

Ordered that the Govt. of India be addressed.

(No. 3468 W of Nov. 23rd 1883)

To,
The Secretary to the
Government of India. I.W. Dept.

Dec 11/12

Sir,

To,
The Examiner P.W. Accts.
Military Dept.

With reference to your letter No. 1200 G dated 7th September 1883, I am directed to

forward the accompanying correspondence, from which it will be seen that the Military Account Department still hold that the entire salary and allowances to which Lt. Col. Rob. Thompson R.E. was entitled for the period of his service with the Sappers & Miners in Burma, from 13th December 1878 to 30th September 1879, amounted to only Rupees *861:12:—; as against Rs 1082:10:—, the amount which it is considered should be admitted; Colonel Robertson's contention is entitled to; and that therefore the retrenchment of Rs 212:3:11 @ Rs

Govt. Military Dept. No. 5653 dd 18/10/83
Letter from the Asst. of Military Secty. No. Estt. 11 83 enclosed in Proceedings
WD. No. 3467 W dd 3rd Nov. 1883

* Pay as Major Rs 640-14-0
Half staff Salary Pay - 220-14-0
Total Rupees 861-12-0

& Pay as Major Rs 640-14-0
Half staff Salary Pay - 220-14-0
Compensation for forfeited moiety of Staff allce } - 220-14-0
Total Rupees 1082-10-0

Rs 220:14:- per mensem should apparently be enforced.
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2. I am however again to invite the favourable consideration of the Govt of India to the arguments put forward in my letter No. 1205 W dd 21st April 1883 in support of the view that Lt. Col. Thompson, as an officer on substantive staff employment, was entitled to draw from the Military Dept. compensation for the forfeited moiety of his pay & allowances, and to express the hope of the Rt Honble the Govr in Council that the Government of India will see fit to

direct the withdrawal of
the heavy retrenchment
in the first instance,
resulting from a misconception
of orders on the part of
the Military Account
Department.

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G.O. 5 Dec. 1883, No. 3467 to 3468 to

Lt-Col. Ross Thompson

Regarding the retrenchment from the Salary of — on account of allowance overdrawn in Afghanistan

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Entd Rec'd Kept Desp.

EK