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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Establishment.

READ—the following papers:—

From Major J. L. L. MORANT, R.E., Officiating Consulting Architect to Government, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Chepâk, 7th June 1884, No. 370.

Resolution of the Government of India, Public Works Department, No. 376 G., dated 7th April 1884, communicated to us under Madras Public Works G.O., No. 1113 W., dated 5th May 1884, lays down certain concessions to upper subordinates who are made Honorary Assistant Engineers in the matter of travelling allowances. The concession states (close of paragraph 4) that Honorary Assistant Engineers "shall exercise the same option between subordinate allowances with horse allowance and Assistant Engineers' allowance as has been conceded to warrant officers in the foregoing paragraph," and in the foregoing paragraph it says:—"Horse allowance shall not be granted in addition to the higher allowances of Assistant Engineers," and adds, "if the Assistant Engineers' allowances are drawn horse allowance cannot be granted," and *vice versâ*. The whole order of the Government of India is to improve the travelling allowances, among others, of upper subordinates promoted to Honorary Assistant Engineers. It says no word about such subordinates electing, once for all, either scale. It merely says they cannot draw both.

2. There are two upper subordinates who are Honorary Assistant Engineers in this division. They wish to draw the subordinates' allowance as long as they remain in Madras. Whenever they may be ordered out of the presidency town they wish to retain the option of drawing the Assistant Engineers' allowance. Not both but either at option. This seems to agree with the spirit of the order of the Government of India. Otherwise it will be of little or no benefit to Honorary Assistant Engineers who are upper subordinates.

3. May I request that a ruling may be obtained on this point, as the Examiner seems to view the matter, and possibly very properly so, in another light.

Office Note from the Examiner of Public Works Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated 13th June 1884, No. 183.

Your office note, No. 1054 D., dated 10th June 1884.

Please see the last sentence of paragraph 128 of the Code. The option therein allowed has always been exercised once for all, and I consider that the option given in the resolution published with G.O., No. 1113 W., of 5th May 1884, should be similarly exercised.

2. It is not, in my opinion, inferred anywhere in the resolution that an officer may draw whichever allowance he chooses from time to time to elect; for, naturally, he would elect that which (as is now proposed) gave him the largest amount for the time being.

If the allowances were thus exchangeable there would scarcely be any room for "option."

ORDER—dated 18th June 1884, No. 1513 W., Public Works.

Ordered that the question raised in the foregoing correspondence be submitted for the consideration and orders of the Government of India.

(Here enter No. 1514 W., dated 18th June 1884.)

(True Extract.)

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

To the Consulting Architect to Government.
" Examiner, Public Works Accounts.

ENDORSEMENT—dated 18th June 1884, No. 1514 W., Public Works.

Forwarded to the Government of India.

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

Exd. E. Fernandez.
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Dated June, 18th.

Read. *Encl.*

G.O., 18th June 1884, No. 1514 W.

JUNE.

Honorary Assistant Engineers

Forwarding, for the consideration and orders of the Government of India, a question raised as to the travelling allowance of upper subordinates ranked as —.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Establishment.

READ—the following papers:—

Proceedings of the Government of India in the Public Works Department (General), dated Simla, 7th April 1884, No. 376 G.

Pay and allowances of Warrant Officers promoted to be Assistant Engineers on receiving honorary commissions, and of Civilian Upper Subordinates and Accountants promoted to be Honorary Assistant Engineers and Examiners.

Read again—

Public Works Department Circular, No. 76, dated 7th August 1867.
" " " " 110, " 1st November 1867.
" " " Resolution, No. 782—800 G., dated 1st June 1882.
Endorsement of the Department of Finance and Commerce, No. 2582, dated 17th August 1883.
Letter, No. 372 E.G., dated 4th March 1879, to the address of the Accountant-General, Public Works Department, ruling that the option allowed to Military Upper Subordinates promoted to the rank of Assistant Engineers between the pay of Upper Subordinate and that of Assistant Engineers, might be exercised at each step of promotion.

Read—

Letter from the Government, North-Western Provinces and Oudh, No. 1257 E.B.R., dated 30th October 1883, inquiring whether the option between the pay and allowances of Upper Subordinates and of Assistant Engineers could be exercised more than once.
Letter from the Government of Bombay, No. 410 E.—1561, dated 6th October 1883.
" " " " 414 E.—1572, " 11th "
" " " " 431 E.—1630, " 23rd "
forwarding representations from certain Honorary Assistant Engineers on the subject of their pay and allowances.

Resolution.—His Excellency the Governor-General in Council has had under consideration the question of the pay and allowances of Warrant Officers promoted to be Assistant Engineers on obtaining honorary commissions, and of Civilian Upper Subordinates promoted to be Honorary Assistant Engineers.

In Public Works Department Circular, No. 76, dated 7th August 1867, the promotion to the rank of Assistant Engineer of Warrant Officers who obtain honorary commissions was authorised. At the time this order issued, the staff pay of the three grades of Assistant Engineers was the same as that of the three grades of Sub-Engineers, so that Warrant Officers did not gain, in point of salary, by the promotion, unless they were in a grade below that of Sub-Engineer. In regard to their allowances, it was ruled at first that they were to draw the travelling allowance of Assistant Engineers, foregoing the sub-divisional allowance of Rs. 30 admissible by the Code to Upper Subordinates placed in charge of sub-divisions. It was pointed out, however, that by this ruling they would lose more largely than was anticipated, and, on a reconsideration of the matter, it was decided in Public Works Department Circular, No. 110, dated 1st November 1867, that, on promotion, they should be allowed the option between the allowances of Assistant Engineers or those they previously drew as Upper Subordinates. At the time that this order issued, it should be observed that the option lay between the *allowances* of Sub-Engineers and those of Assistant Engineers, and not between the *salaries* of the two classes.

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2. On the reorganisation of the Department in 1870, when staff salaries for Assistant Engineers were abolished, and consolidated salaries assigned, the option referred to above became applicable to the salaries of the two classes also, but in practice it would only be exercised in one particular case, namely, that of a Warrant Officer who happened to be at the same time a Sub-Engineer, 1st Grade, and Deputy Assistant Commissary, because, as shown by the comparative statement of the salaries of the two classes in the margin, this is the only case in which the election of the Assistant Engineer's salary would be advantageous. As the option between salaries was never intended to be exercised by the original order, and as the advantage of such option must affect a very small number, His Excellency the Governor-General in Council is pleased to decide that it shall be withdrawn.

	Upper Subordinates' salaries.			
	Deputy Assistant Commissary.	Assistant Commissary.	Deputy Commissary.	Assistant Engineers' salaries.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Sub-Engineer, 1st Grade.	430	475	550	450
Do. 2nd do.	380	425	500	350
Do. 3rd do.	330	375	450	250

3. With the exception of the single case just referred to, the option in the matter of allowances has hitherto been between the horse and lower daily and mileage allowances of Sub-Engineers on the one hand, with the Sub-divisional allowances permissible under the rules, and the higher daily mileage and Railway allowances of Assistant Engineers, without horse and Sub-divisional allowance, on the other. The order of the Department of Finance and Commerce, No. 2582, dated 17th August 1883, interpreted the rules of the new Civil Travelling Allowance Code so as to admit of Warrant Officers promoted to be Assistant Engineers drawing the higher daily mileage and Railway allowances of Assistant Engineers, but was silent in the matter of horse allowance. On a further consideration of the matter, His Excellency the Governor-General in Council is pleased to decide that horse allowance shall not be granted in addition to the higher allowances of Assistant Engineers, because such a concession would manifestly place Warrant Officers, promoted to the Assistant Engineer class on attaining honorary commissions, in a better position than Assistant Engineers. If, therefore, the Assistant Engineers' allowances are drawn, horse allowance cannot be granted; but any Warrant Officer may retain his horse allowance by electing the other travelling allowances of Upper Subordinates; and the Sub-divisional allowances of Upper Subordinates may be retained in any case.

4. Several applications have been received from Civilian Upper Subordinates who have been promoted to be Honorary Assistant Engineers under the provisions of Public Works Department Resolution, No. 782—800 G., dated 1st June 1882, for the grant to them of the same pay and allowances as Assistant Engineers, and for the change of their designation from Honorary to Extra Assistant Engineers. The principal argument brought forward in support of these requests is, that Military Upper Subordinates who obtain honorary commissions become at the same time substantive Assistant Engineers, and obtain, with the departmental rank, the improved pay and travelling allowance pertaining to it. In point of fact, however, the salaries of Military Subordinates have hitherto been affected by their promotion to the Assistant Engineer class only in one contingency, which would seldom occur, and under the ruling contained in this Resolution their salaries will no longer be so affected. There does not seem, therefore, to be any ground for raising the salaries of Upper Subordinates who are made Honorary Assistant Engineers. It is considered, however, that they may reasonably expect to be treated in the same manner as Military Upper Subordinates in the matter of travelling allowances; and it is accordingly ruled that they shall exercise the same option between subordinate allowances with horse allowance, and Assistant Engineer allowances, as has been conceded to Warrant Officers in the foregoing paragraph.

5. Similarly, it is ruled that accountants promoted to the rank of Honorary Assistant Examiner shall draw the mileage and railway allowances of Assistant Engineers.

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The Governments of Madras, Bombay, Bengal, the North-Western Provinces and Oudh, and the Punjab, in the Public Works Department.
The Chief Commissioners of the Central Provinces, British Burmah, Assam, and Coorg.
The Resident at Hyderabad.
The Agents to the Governor-General for Central India, Rajputana, and Biluchistan.
The Accountant-General, Public Works Department.
The Director-General of Railways.
The Consulting Engineers to the Government of India for Guaranteed Railways, Calcutta, Lahore, and Lucknow.
The Director-General of Telegraphs in India.
The Director-in-Chief, Indo-European Telegraph.
The Director, Persian Telegraph.
The Director, Persian Gulf Telegraph.
The Superintendent of Works, Simla Imperial Circle.

Order.—Ordered that this Resolution be communicated to the Local Governments, Administrations and officers marginally noted, for information and guidance.

Also to the Financial Department for information, and to the Military Department for communication to the Inspector-General of Military Works.

(Signed) A. B. SAMPSON,
Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

To the Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Public Works Department.

ORDER—dated 5th May 1884, No. 1113 W., Public Works.

Communicated to the officers of the Public Works Department, for information and guidance.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
" Consulting Engineer for Railways.
" Engineers-in-Chief, State Railways.
" Superintending Engineers.
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" Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
" Examiner, Railway Accounts.

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GENERAL.
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PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated May, 5th.

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G.O., 5th May 1884, No. 1113 W.

MAY.

Pay and Allowances

Resolution of the Government of India regarding — of Warrant Officers promoted to be Assistant Engineers on receiving honorary commissions, and of Civilian Upper Subordinates and Accountants promoted to be Honorary Assistant Engineers and Examiners, communicated to Officers of the Public Works Department.

To W

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In forwarding for your consideration proposed draft order regarding the allowances of upper Subordinates who are made Hony: Asst Engineers, I am not at all sure that para 2, which is based on C's view of the case, is correct or will meet the wishes of Govt. To me it seems hard that a man should be bound to elect once for all which allowance he will take, when he is liable to be shifted about frequently & in different stations the advantages of the two alternative allowances must vary considerably. I am inclined to think that when transferred from one Div. to another he should elect which allowance he would take in his new post, but without of course loss the option of drawing "whichever allowance he chooses from time to time to elect," as C suggests in such cases.

Perhaps the direction might be left altogether to S. of S.

The case given in para 128 of Code and quoted by C as a precedent to be followed has but a remote similarity to this.

CS
14.6.84

I have struck out para 2 of the draft.

16.6.84

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P. W. D.

Consulting Architect's Office,
Chepauk, Madras,
7th June 1884

No. 370

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From

The Consulting Architect to the Government of Madras.

To

The Chief Engineer, Public Works Department.

Sir,

Enclosures.

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servt.

Jas Morant.
Major R.E.
Offg: Consg: Archt. to Govt.

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From

THE CONSULTING ARCHITECT
TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

To

The Chief Engineer
Public Works Dept.

No. 370

Dated 7th June 1884

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Regarding the Travelling Allowance of upper Subordinates ranked as Honorary Asst. Engineers.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 18th June 1884

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Office note from the Examiner P. W. Accounts } H. E. No: 183 d/ 13th June 1884

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2. In the opinion of this Government, an option, such as that referred to should be prescribed once for all.

H. E. No: 1514 W d/

To
The Consg. Architect to Govt.
" Examiner P. W. Accts.

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30 Honorary asst Engrs

Forwarding for the consideration & orders of the Govt of India the question of the travelling allowance