

TELEPHONIC MESSAGE.

25 Bks. - 4-11-11.

Date, 26-1- 1912

3 Hours 10 Minutes.

From

The Insp.:-
Recd. Secy
O.W.D.

To



Kindly have it noted that
the following are put up in the
O.W.D. C. No 12614 of 94.

SO. No ~~1578~~ 1578 of 22-6-1886
" 2883 of 2-11-86 (copy)
" 535 of 18-2-90 (copy)

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would be useful for my own locomotion, and which description of conveyance, I believe, to be referred to in G.O., No. 2519 W., of 24th October 1885, referred to in circular No. 2.

No. 26.

Forwarded to the Examiner, in continuation of this office No. 21, of 29th January 1886 (sent through the Superintending Engineer). This is considered a most rational view of the case, and how any other opinion can be held it is hard to see.

2. But if rule 1, section 27, of the Travelling Allowance Code, is not to become a dead letter, it has still to be decided as to what is allowable for cost of upkeep of camp equipage. Meantime the sub-divisional officer will be instructed to engage his bandies by the day.

VIRDDHACHALAM,
3rd February 1886.

(Signed) J. C. LARMINIE,
Executive Engineer.

No. 682-S.E.V.

Forwarded to the Superintending Engineer, V Circle, for favor of disposal with reference to G.O., No. 2519 W., dated 24th October 1885.

MADRAS,
11th February 1886.

(Signed) D. C. GORDON,
Examiner, Public Works Accounts.

From Colonel H. L. PRENDERGAST, R.E. Superintending Engineer, V Circle, to the Examiner of Public Works Accounts, dated Chepāk, 15th February 1886, No. 4693.

With reference to your endorsement, No. 682, of the 11th instant, and in continuation of my endorsement, No. 4586, of the 6th idem, I have the honor to add that as regards G.O., No. 2519 W., dated 24th October 1885, there is an essential difference between maintaining a bullock-coach and bullocks, and keeping on monthly hire carts and bullocks for the conveyance of tents.

2. The former is private conveyance; the latter strictly camp conveyance for official use; and it is immaterial whether the official conveyance is paid for by the month or the day.

No. 692-S.E.V.

Endorsement on the above.

Forwarded to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, in continuation of this office endorsement, No. 678-S.E.V., dated 8th February 1886, for such action as he may deem necessary.

MADRAS,
19th February 1886.

(Signed) D. C. GORDON,
Examiner, Public Works Accounts.

No. 1031-C.

Referred to the Financial Department for consideration with advertence to G.O., in that department, No. 5, dated 7th January 1884.

2. In letter from the Government of India, No. 1865, dated 17th December 1883, it appears to be clearly ruled that the upkeep of private conveyance of any sort cannot be reckoned in "actual expenses" of keeping up camp equipage, but the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, holds the view that conveyance, &c., hired by the month, and from month to month continuously, is virtually private property, and that all boats

hired from Government by the month, and from month to month continuously, are private boats, and that the cost of keeping up such equipage during halts at headquarters should not be allowed to form a claim for actual expenses under section 27, rule 1, of the Civil Travelling Allowance Code.

3. Hitherto the Government, in the Public Works Department, have generally upheld the Examiner's views in this matter; but after further consideration they are inclined to doubt if those views are correct; and as in the Government of India letter above quoted a clear ruling is not given with respect to hired equipage, the question is in an unsatisfactory position, and constant references and remonstrances are being received from officers of the department with respect to disallowances made by the accounts department.

4. From paragraph 30 (b) of the commentary to accompany the draft Travelling Allowance Code, forwarded with Proceedings, dated 26th May 1882, No. 385, Financial, it appears to be clearly intended by rule 1 that the local Government should have power to sanction "actual expenses" for conveyance necessarily hired during a lengthened period, but, should this not be the case, it is suggested that the Government of India be moved, in the Financial Department, to decide, once for all, whether apparatus for moving camp, when hired by the month, should be classed as private conveyance, and whether claims for the upkeep of conveyance hired by the day only should be admitted under section 27, rule 1, of the Civil Travelling Allowance Code.

5. It would also be well if "actual expenses" were clearly defined, as is done in section 3 (e) in the case of "actual travelling expenses;" this would prevent the numerous references that are now received on the subject.

MADRAS,
13th March 1886.

(Signed)

J. SHAW-STEWART, Col., R.E.,
Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

To the Financial Department,
with papers in original (return requested).

ORDER—dated 12th April 1886, No. 325, Financial.

Ordered that the Government of India be addressed.

(True Extract.)

E. F. WEBSTER,
Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works Department.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

Gobt. of (1886) Madras.

FINANCIAL.

No. 1161 W d/ 8th May 1886

Recorded

(sd) J. S. S.

Issued

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 12th April 1886, No. 325.

No. 1161 W d/ 8th May 1886

APRIL.

Actual Expenses.

Making a reference to the Government of India as to the correct interpretation of the term — as defined in paragraph 2 of their No. 1865, dated 17th December 1883.

To.

Suptg. Engr. V Circle

Exr. P. W. Works.

Suptg. Engr. V Circle for inform.

with refence. to his 1979 J. J.

30-3-86

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29TH MAY 1886, No. 470, FINANCIAL.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper :—

From J. F. FINLAY, Esq., Officiating Under Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Finance and Commerce, to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George, dated Simla, 17th May 1886, No. 831.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 326, dated the 12th ultimo, and enclosures, regarding the interpretation of the term "actual expense" in rule 1, under section 27, of the Civil Travelling Allowance Code.

2. The Examiner of Public Works Accounts has held that conveyance, &c., hired by the month, and from month to month continuously, is virtually private property, and that no portion of the cost of its upkeep can be included in the computation of actual expense of maintaining camp equipage during halt at head-quarters. The Government of Madras are not prepared to adopt this view, and accordingly requests that an authoritative ruling may be laid down, as to whether apparatus for moving a camp, when hired by the month, should be classed as private conveyance, and whether claims for the upkeep of conveyance hired by the day only, should be admitted under rule 1, section 27, of the Civil Travelling Allowance Code.

3. In reply, I am directed to say that the Governor-General in Council concurs in the opinion that the view taken by the Examiner is incorrect. The cost of maintaining camp equipage hired by the month may be included in the actual expenses of rule 1, section 27, Travelling Allowance Code.

ORDER—dated 29th May 1886, No. 470, Financial.

Communicated to departments of the Secretariat and to the Accountant-General.

(True Extract.)

Justus McCarter

Chief Secretary.

To the Departments of the Secretariat.
,, Accountant-General.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

8-1-86

No. 1161 W. 8-5-86
 " 1326 W. 27-5-86
 " 2519 W. 24-10-83
 " 2492 W. 22-10-83
 " 2270 W. 30-9-83
 " 2950 W. 4-12-84
 " 2327 W. 22-9-84
 " 857 W. 29-3-84
 " 98 W. 14-1-86

Memo 4487

Govt. of (1886) Madras.

FINANCIAL.

No. 1578 W. d/ 22 June 1886

Command: to the
 Examiners of accounts
 and to Suptg. Engineers,
 in continuation of G.O.
 No. 1161 W of 8 May/86.

P.S.C.

Issued.

Recd. 10/6/86

Encl.

11/6/86

G.O., 29th May 1886, No. 470.

No. 1578 W. d/ 22 June 1886

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Examiners of accounts
 Chief Engr. for Srgu.
 Suptg. Engr. I circle (with copy of G.O. No. 1161 W of 8 May/86)
 do II circle (do do)
 do III circle (do do)
 do IV circle (do do)
 do V circle
 do VI circle
 Supt. of works. I.M. Scheme
 Comdg. Archt. to Govt. (with copy of G.O. No. 1161 W of 8 May/86)
 * G.O. No. 1161 W. commands on previous 8 May/86
 * do not communicated as copies not available in the Fin. Dept.

Civil Travelling Allowance Code.

Ruling that the cost of maintaining camp quipage hired by the month may be included in the actual expenses of rule 1, section 27, of the —.

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