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Your office note No. 51C dated 8th January 1887.

Please see G.O. No. 2923 W dated 7 December 1885.

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Mr. H. Atkinson Sub Overseer 1st Grade - Requests to obtain sanction of Govt to draw Travelling Allowance to - for the time he acted as an Overseer in Western Dn.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 16*th February* 1876.

Read the following papers :—

No. 287. From T. D. HARRIS, Esq., Officiating District Engineer, Malabar, to Major-General G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Calicut, 22nd December 1875, No. 147 :—

I HAVE the honor to bring to your notice that owing to Overseer Vedamootoo's illness, Sub-overseer, 3rd-class, P. Kelan, was temporarily put in charge of Cherikul taluq, upon the recommendation of the Cannanore Range Officer, from 1st November.

2. In submitting the travelling allowance bill for November last, Lieutenant Dobson recommended double horse allowance for the Sub-overseer; but seeing that Government has ruled in G.O., No. 1,847, dated 2nd July last, that none but a Sub-overseer of the 1st-class should, when in temporary charge of a taluq, draw double horse allowance, I have only passed single horse allowance; but Lieutenant Dobson strongly urges that as Sub-overseer had actually kept up Overseer Vedamootoo's pony, and had to travel about just as an Overseer, recommends that the double horse allowance recommended by him should stand, or a deputation allowance granted. I am not aware whether I am empowered to allow either double horse allowance or a deputation allowance without the previous sanction from Government, but I would recommend that some allowance should be given in such cases, and would be obliged by your favouring me with your instructions on the subject.

3. Immediately a medical certificate was received from Overseer Vedamootoo, recommending him three months' sick leave, I have transferred Overseer Francis from Kotyam to the Cherikul taluq, and Overseer Lafrenais to the charge of the former taluq.

No. 41.

REFERRED to the Controller of Public Works Accounts for opinion, whether there is any objection to the proposal of the District Engineer.

FORT ST. GEORGE, (Signed) G. W. WALKER, Major-General, R.E.,
28*th January* 1876. *Secretary to Government, P.W.D.*

No. 287-A. From Captain L. CONWAY-GORDON, R.E., Controller of Public Works Accounts, to Major-General G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Fort St. George, 8th February 1876, No. 244 W.

IN reply to your endorsement, No. 41, dated 28th January 1876, seeing that Government, in their Proceedings, No. 1,847, dated 2nd July 1875, sanctioned the grant to a 1st Grade Local Fund Sub-overseer when in charge of a sub-division (or as it is locally called a taluq) of the travelling allowances laid down for the Overseers of the regular Public Works Department, Upper Subordinate Establishment, and that the Public Works Code, so far as travelling allowances are concerned, makes no difference between the several grades of Sub-overseer, I can see no reason why, for the present, the same travelling allowances should not be granted to a third-class Sub-overseer.

2. I am, however, doubtful whether, under the present orders, the travelling allowance laid down for *Upper* Subordinates can, under any circumstances, be granted to *Lower* Subordinates; a point which will press for a decision on the present Local Fund Sub-overseers being transferred to the regular Public Works Establishment. I will accordingly address you further on this point.

No. 288. ORDER THEREON, 16th February 1876, No. 424.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 17.

ON the Controller's report the travelling allowance asked for may be granted as an exceptional case; but neither it nor the case disposed of in G.O., No. 1,847, of 2nd July, shall be considered as precedents.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Major-General, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To all District Engineers.
,, the Examiner of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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PUBLIC WORKS.

To

ALL DISTRICT ENGINEERS,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated February 16th.

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Nos. 287-288

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

29th October 1879, No. 2,726 W.

General.
Establishment.

Read the following paper :—

No. 58. From the Superintending Engineer, Fifth Circle, dated 13th October 1879, No. 903 T. N.

No. 59. ORDER THEREON, 29th October 1879, No. 2,726 W.

THE Government are of opinion that, under the spirit of the rules, a Sub-Overseer in charge of a taluk is entitled to the travelling allowance that may, under similar circumstances, be claimed by an Overseer.

2. The Examiner is accordingly authorised to pass the double horse allowance claimed on behalf of Sub-Overseer Masilamoney, and will in future pass similar claims which are supported by the Superintending Engineer's sanction.

3. The Secretary, Public Works Code Committee, will see that a Standing Order is issued adding the words "or taluk" after "sub-division" in the rule of the new edition of the Public Works Code, corresponding to Rule IV A, paragraph 3, Section iii, Chapter IV of the 1877 Code, so as to provide specifically for a case of the kind now under consideration.

(True Extract.)

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

To Superintending Engineers.
To the Examiner of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
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Govt. of (1879) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEERS,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated October 29th.

Issued

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G. O., 29th October 1879, *No.* 2,726 W.

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Nos. 58-59.

Sub-Overseer Masilamoney—The Examiner authorised to pass the double horse allowance claimed on behalf of —.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

12th December 1879, No. 3,190 W.

General.
Establishment.

Read the following paper :—

Circular of the Government of India in the Public Works Department, (Establishment —General,) dated Simla, 26th November 1879, No. 82 P.W.

The Governments of Madras, Bombay and Bengal, in the Public Works Department, General, Irrigation and Railway Branches.
The Government of the North-western Provinces and Oudh, in the Public Works Department, Buildings and Roads and Irrigation Branches.
The Government of the Punjab, in the Public Works Department, General and Irrigation Branches.
The Chief Commissioners, Central Provinces, British Burmah and Assam.
The Resident, Hyderabad.
The Agents to the Governor-General for Central India, Rajputana and Biluchistan.
The Superintendent of Port Blair and Chief Commissioner, Andaman and Nicobar Islands.
The Accountant-General, Public Works Department.
The Inspector-General of Military Works.
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 Deputy Director, Persian Gulf Telegraph.

The following is forwarded to the Local Governments and Administrations and officers marginally noted for information and guidance.

Also to the Foreign Department for communication to the Chief Commissioner, Mysore.

(By order.)

(Signed) J. S. TREVOR, Major-General, R.E.,
Dy. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

Pay and Allowance.
Travelling allowances.

No. 3,302, dated 15th October 1879.

Resolution—By the Government of India, Department of Finance and Commerce.

The Governor-General in Council is pleased to empower Local Governments and Administrations, and Heads of Departments under the Government of India, to sanction, upon the following conditions, in exceptional cases, special travelling allowances in excess of the allowances admissible by rule :—

I.—The occasion must be special, such as, in the opinion of the Local Government or Head of Department, was not contemplated, and is not provided for by any existing rule.

II.—The occasion must be temporary; if any permanent or recurring circumstances are discovered for which, in the opinion of a Local Government or Head of Department, adequate or proper provision is not contained in any existing rule, an appropriate rule should be proposed for the sanction of the Governor-General in Council.

III.—From the nature of the case, therefore, the orders of the Local Government or Head of Department are not to have the weight of a rule or precedent, and must not be so treated. If a Local Government desires to create any rule or precedent, the sanction of the Governor-General in Council must be obtained.

IV.—The allowance should not be so calculated as to constitute a reward or profit, and therefore should never, designedly, exceed the cost of the actual locomotion of the officer and a reasonable following of personal attendants. The Government does not pay for the hotel accommodation or commissariat of its servants when journeying on public duty, or, ordinarily, for the journeys of their families. If the circumstances seem to require any provision of this kind, they must be met by a deputation or other special allowance which, usually, requires the sanction of the Government of India.

V.—The Accountant-General, or, in the Public Works Department, the Examiner of Public Works Accounts, or, in the case of a Head of Department, the Chief Departmental Account Officer, should invariably be consulted before the allowance is fixed.

VI.—The allowance should conform, as far as possible, to the principles and analogies, of the General Rules, from which no departure should be permitted, lightly or without obvious necessity. No allowance must be granted in contravention of any rule.

VII.—If the Accountant-General, or Examiner of Public Works Accounts, or Chief Departmental Account Officer considers that the proceedings of the Local Government or Head of Department, in any particular case, should be reviewed by the Government of India, the Local Government or Head of Department shall be bound to forward them for the perusal of the Governor-General in Council. In such case, the papers may, usually, be sent in original.

2. The object of these orders is to relieve the Local Governments and Heads of Departments and the Supreme Government from routine correspondence, and facilitate the despatch of business. In giving effect to them, Local Governments and Heads of Departments should bear in mind that the intention is not that Local Governments and Heads of Departments should legislate, independently, on matters upon which it is, for obvious reasons, important, that the Rules of the Administration should be, as far as possible, uniform, but that they should forego references to the Supreme Government, which, though giving trouble and taking time, it may reasonably be assumed would, as a rule, result in the sanction of the proposal of the Local Government or Head of Department.

3. In short, in giving effect to this Resolution, Local Governments and Heads of Departments should consider themselves to be the Agents of the Governor-General in Council specially empowered to expound on his behalf what experience tells them would be his decision, and not authorised to make any concessions which they do not feel confident that the Governor-General in Council would approve.

4. It will be the duty of the Accountant-General, or Examiner of Public Works Accounts, or Chief Departmental Account Officer to exercise the check entrusted to him by Rule VII, whenever he considers that the orders of a Local Government or Head of Department involve any transgression of these principles; otherwise, he should not require any references of the Governor-General in Council without substantial reasons, or merely because, as a matter of discretion, he, personally, may not approve the orders of the Local Government or Head of Department.

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

Order thereon, 12th December 1879, No. 3,190 W.

Communicated to the Officers of the Department.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Officers of the Department.
„ Secretary, Public Works Code Committee.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
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All communications should be addressed to the Secretary.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

GENERAL.

To

The Secretary to the Govt. of Madras,
Public Works Department.

Simla 18th June 1880.

Sir,

In reply to your letter No. 1285W of 31st May last, on the subject of the grant of the travelling allowance of an Overseer, to a Sub-Overseer in charge of a Talook, I am directed to inform you that if there are special circumstances connected with the particular case to which you refer, which bring it within the provisions of P. W. Department Circular No. 82 of 1879, the local Government has

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the power to grant the allowance suggested.

P.W.D.
24 JUN 80
No 4033

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

your most obedt. servant,

A.W. Sampson

Under Secy: to the Govt. of India

No. 1546 W of 2d July/80

G.O. No. 2726 W. 29-10-79.
" " 3036 & 3037 W. 28-11-79.
" " 3190 W. 12-12-79.
" " 247 W. 14-2-80.

Commd. to the Ex. P.W.A. with reference to his letter of the 22nd Nov/79, No. 209 W.

2. Under this ruling, paragraph 2 of Pro: No. 2726 W of the 29th Octr/79, will stand, & each similar case will be decided by the Govt. on its merits under Pro: No. 3190 W of the 12th Decr/79.

3. Paragraph 3 of the Pro: of the 29th Octr/79 will be cancelled.

Cir. 26.6.80. 30-6-80.

Despd 2-7-80

Ex. P.W.A. 26/6

26/6/80

FROM MAJOR D.H. TRAIL R.E.,

OFFG. EXAMINER P.W. ACCOUNTS,

MADRAS.

TO THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

NO. 77 W MADRAS, 30 JULY 1880.

SIR,

WITH REFERENCE TO G.O. NO. 1546. W. DATED 2ND. JULY 1880, IN WHICH IT HAS BEEN STATED THAT THE SANCTION ACCORDED IN PARA 2 OF PROCEEDINGS NO. 2726. W. DATED 29TH. OCTOBER 1879 WILL STAND, I HAVE THE HONOR TO POINT OUT THAT THE LETTER FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA NO. 1279. G. DATED 18TH. JUNE 1880, COPY OF WHICH HAS BEEN RECEIVED WITH THE FIRST QUOTED G.O., DOES NOT APPEAR TO CONVEY SPECIAL SANCTION TO THE CHARGE IN QUESTION; IN THIS LETTER IT IS MERELY STATED THAT IF THERE ARE SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES CONNECTED WITH THE PARTICULAR CASE, WHICH BRING IT WITHIN THE PROVISIONS OF P.W. DEPARTMENT CIRCULAR NO. 82. OF 1879, THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT HAS THE POWER TO GRANT THE PROPOSED ALLOWANCE.

2. THE POWERS CONFERRED BY PUBLIC WORKS CIRCULAR NO. 82 OF 1879 HAVE BEEN GRANTED ON CERTAIN CONDITIONS, FROM WHICH THE LAST LETTER FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ON THE SUBJECT DOES NOT APPEAR TO EXEMPT THE PRESENT CASE. SOME

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OF THESE CONDITIONS ARE

(1) THAT THE OCCASION MUST BE TEMPORARY AND NOT RECURRING.

(2) THAT IF IT IS DESIRED TO CREATE A RULE THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA SHALL BE REFERRED TO

(3) THAT THE EXAMINER SHALL INVARIABLY BE CONSULTED.

3. IN THIS INSTANCE, THE SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH IT IS CONSIDERED BRING THE PRESENT CASE UNDER THE ABOVE QUOTED CIRCULAR HAVE NOT BEEN COMMUNICATED TO THE EXAMINER, BUT SO FAR AS IT IS KNOWN IT APPEARS LIKELY TO RECUR. I WOULD THEREFORE REQUEST A RECONSIDERATION OF THE ORDER OF THE 2ND. JULY. I WOULD ALSO SUGGEST THAT THE ENTIRE G.O. NO. 2726. W. DATED 29TH. OCTOBER 1879 MAY BE CANCELLED, AND NOT ONLY THE 3RD. PARA THEREOF, AS BEING AT VARIANCE WITH THE ABOVE MENTIONED CIRCULAR, QUOTED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, IN SO FAR THAT PARA I, EXPRESSES A GENERAL OPINION, WHICH IT IS PRESUMED IS INTENDED TO HAVE THE FORCE OF A RULE, AND IN PARA 2 THE EXAMINER IS AUTHORIZED TO PASS SIMILAR CLAIMS, NOT ON THE AUTHORITY OF THE GOVERNMENT BUT OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER. IT HAS NOW BEEN DECIDED THAT EACH CASE IN FUTURE WILL BE DEALT WITH BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ON ITS OWN MERITS.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE,
SIR,
YOUR MOST OBEDIENT SERVANT.

D. H. Trail
MAJOR R.E.
OFFG. EXAMINER P.W. ACCOUNTS.

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Mis No 1546 W of 2-7-80
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FROM THE EXAMINER P. W. ACCOUNTS,
MADRAS.

TO THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

NO. 77 W

DATED 30 JULY 1880.

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TRAVELLING ALLOWANCE TO SUB-OVERSEER MASILAMONEY.

Cir 6-8-80. Rlu 10-8-80

No 1937 W

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 12 Augt/80

Read the following :—

From The Examiner, P. W. Accts } (H.E. No 77 W of 30th July /80.)

G. O. No 2726 W of 29th October 1879 is cancelled.

2. The Examiner will pass the allowance claimed in the particular case in question.

3. Under the present conditions of the department the chances of such cases recurring are exceedingly small; should there be any such

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such they will be decided on their own merits in accordance with G. O. No. 3190 W of 12th December 1879.

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Cir 6-8-80. Att 10-8-80.

Ea P. W. D.
13-8-80

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,
~~MADRAS~~,

No. 2470

Bellary ~~Chepauk~~, 22nd March 1883.

From
Major S. C. Clarke R.E.
~~The~~ SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
III ~~1st~~ CIRCLE,

To
THE Chief Engineer
P.W.D.
Madras

SIR,

Enclosures.

I have the honour to request that authority may be given for Double Horse Allowance being passed for Mr Sabbaroya Mood.r, Sub Overseer 3rd Grade in the Kurnool Division, for the period of 15 days from 1st to 15th August 1882.

2. The Overseer in charge of Sirwell Taluq was by orders of the Executive Engr. employed on Special duty in the preparation of Surveys and Estimates for the Bellaverum tank, during which period the Sub Overseer in question was placed in temporary charge of the Taluq.

3. The allowance was claimed under G.O. No. 2726 W dated 29th October 1879; but

the Examiner states that the special sanction of Government is required agreeably to G. O. No. 1937 W. of 12th August 1880.

I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your most obedt. servant.

Major R.E.
Offg. Supdg. Engineer
3rd Circle

MR

No 993 W d/ 31st March/83

The Examiner is authorised to pass double horse allowance under the circumstances stated

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G.O. 1937. W. 12. 8. 80
" 2726. W 29. 10. 79

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To, The Supg Engr, Third Circle
" Examiner, P. W. Accts

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P.W.C. No 2577

From

The Superintending Engineer,

III ~~1st~~ Circle,

To

The Chief Engineer
P. W. Department
Madras

Dated 22nd }
Recd. 26 } March 1883.

ENCLOSURES.

No 993 W d/ 31-3-83

No. 2470

M. Sooleraya Moodr., Sub Overseer 3rd Grade Kurnool:—Requesting to sanction Double Horse Allowance to — assigning certain reasons.

Entd. in Receipt Regr.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Establishment.

READ—the following letter from Colonel W. S. TREVOR, R.E., Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department (General), to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Simla, 10th September 1884, No. 1071 G.:—

In reply to your letter, No. 1816 W., dated 25th July 1884, I am directed to state that the Government of India sanctions the introduction of a permanent establishment of sub-overseers for the Madras Public Works Department, the strength of which is under the control of the Government of Madras, under the Government of India Public Works Code, Chapter I, paragraph 25.

2. As regards the proposal to form a permanent graded establishment of maistries, I am directed to state that it has not been found necessary elsewhere to grade such men in permanent pensionable service, and the Government of India considers that men of this class should be employed as they are required, and be borne on the temporary or works establishment, and I am to request that this course may be followed.

ORDER—dated 24th October 1884, No. 2605 W., Public Works.

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

2. The pay and qualifications of the lower subordinate establishment to be now entertained are laid down in paragraphs 519 and 520 of the Public Works Code; but, as far as practicable, vacancies should be filled by men who have passed out of the Civil Engineering College, and who have had some practical experience.

3. The following will be the sanctioned scale:—

—	Sub-overseers, First Grade.	Sub-overseers, Second Grade.	Sub-overseers, Third Grade.	Total.
I Circle	2	2	2	6
II do.	1	1	1	3
III do.	1	1	1	3
IV do.	1	1	1	3
V do.	1	1	1	3
VI do.	2	2	2	6
Consulting Architect	1	...	...	1
Total ...	9	8	8	25

4. Appointments to the lower subordinate establishment may be made by Superintending Engineers within these limits, but they must be reported to the Chief Engineer—*vide* paragraph 163 of the Code.

5. Recommendation rolls submitted to the Chief Engineer may contain the names of such lower subordinates as may be thought qualified for promotion to the upper subordinate grades, as laid down in paragraph 62 of the Code.

6. Provision has been made in the current year's budget to meet the cost of the lower subordinate establishment now sanctioned.

7. Superintending Engineers will report the savings which can be effected in the temporary establishment in consequence of the present augmentation of the permanent establishment.

8. This sanction has been registered as Provincial No. 54 W. of 1884-85, and classified as "Establishment, Permanent."

(True Extract.)

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

To Superintending Engineers.
To the Consulting Architect to Government.
" Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
" Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
" Educational Department.
" Financial Department.

Exd. A. Grubert.
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ESTABLISHMENT.

Govt. of {1884} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated October, 24th.

Recd. *Encl.*

G.O., 24th Oct. 1884 No. 2605 W.

OCTOBER.

Sub-overseers for the Madras Public Works Department

Orders on letter from the Government of India sanctioning the introduction of a permanent establishment of —.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Establishment.

Read—the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel P. MONTGOMERIE, R.E., Superintending Engineer, I Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Chettipett, 29th September 1885, No. 1437 G.D. :—

I have the honor to submit, for the orders of Government, the documents, as per accompanying list, connected with the criminal misappropriation of lime from the works at the Tanuku taluk cutcherry, in the Attili section of the Eastern sub-division of the Western delta division, Godávari. The quantity of lime misappropriated, and which at first was estimated by Mr. Paul, the Executive Engineer, at about 5 garces, has been found, by subsequent detail measurements, to amount to 3 garces and 2 purras, valued at Rs. 45-8-0.

2. The following are the Public Works Department officials who have been employed in connection with this work :—

G. Venkata Row Puntulu, Temporary Assistant Engineer, in charge of Eastern sub-division.
S. Sesha Iyengar, First-grade Overseer, in charge of the Attili section.
K. Venkatasoobia, Maistry.
B. Venkaya, Gumastah.
M. Streeramulu, Store-watcher.

G. Venkata Row Puntulu came to the Western division of the Godávari in June 1884 as a Sub-Engineer, 3rd grade, and was in charge of the Attili section until 21st February 1885, when he handed over charge of the section to Sesha Iyengar; meanwhile he had assumed charge of Eastern sub-division in addition to his own section, on the 27th January 1885, from Mr. Lewis. He was promoted to Temporary Assistant Engineer on 30th March 1885. The record of his services is submitted with these papers.

S. Sesha Iyengar, after a varied career since 1876 in the Public Works and Local Fund Departments (as will be seen from the accompanying record), was appointed to this circle as an overseer in February 1885 and assumed charge of Attili section from the Puntulu on the 21st February 1885 as stated above.

The other individuals were appointed to the work when it was commenced in October 1884, and remained at it until the work was stopped in the beginning of April in favor of the canal works which had to be carried out during the limited closure of the canals; the maistry leaving the work on the evening of the 4th for the Nakkala outfall sluice, being followed on the 6th by the store-watcher, the gumastah being the only one remaining in charge.

3. On the night of the 8th April 1885, two bandy-loads of Government mortar were removed from the works and taken to the house of the village munsif of Tanuku, where a verandah was being constructed. This was reported on the next day by the gumastah to the overseer, who did not report the circumstance to his sub-divisional or divisional officer, and did not refer to the matter until the 7th May, after he was called upon for explanations. The overseer, however, states that as the gumastah had mentioned that a copy of his report had also been sent to sub-divisional officer, he took

no further notice of the matter; but that he had spoken to the Executive Engineer about it when Mr. Paul was at Bhímavaram, about the 12th April.

4. As soon as the removal of the Government mortar was publicly known, the munsif was prosecuted by the police for abetment of theft; but the sub-magistrate, before whom the case was tried, discharged the defendant for the reasons given in his judgment, copy of which is in No. 1 file attached. It, however, came out in the evidence that the munsif was in the habit of having his lime ground in the Government mill and the mortar stacked in the same shed as the Government mortar, by which gross irregularity the Government have lost 3 garces and 2 purras of lime, valued at Rs. 45-8-0. The munsif, it is understood, has since been dismissed from the Government service by his departmental superiors for his connection with this very disgraceful affair.

5. As it has been found impossible to convict before a duly constituted court of law the actual and admitted receiver of the stolen property, it is not likely that the theft can be brought home to any of the Public Works officials connected with the case. But the very grave irregularity of permitting private individuals to have their lime ground by Government mills, which are at the same time being worked for Government, and which has resulted in a loss to Government of Rs. 45-8-0, requires more severe punishment than that proposed by the Executive Engineer.

6. The maistry, the gumastah, and the store-watcher, all admit that they were aware of the fact that the munsif's lime was being ground in the Government mill, but state that they were under the impression that this was being done with the consent of the overseer, Sesha Iyengar, and the maistry further declares that the overseer did give the permission before witnesses, one of which, "Chendria," a carpenter, gave evidence before the Assistant Engineer when Assistant Engineer was inspecting the work in June.

The circumstance under which the overseer is said to have given his consent was when the munsif was paying the overseer a visit in the overseer's boat at the beginning of March, and when there were several work-people waiting round the boat for payment.

7. The overseer, while admitting that the munsif did pay him a visit as stated above, denies that he gave permission to the maistry to allow the munsif's lime to be ground in the Government mill, and endeavours to refute the maistry's assertion by stating that he, the overseer, being a Tamil Brahmin could not speak Telugu and could therefore not have communicated orally his consent to the maistry, a Telugu man.

The overseer, in his written defence, also states that as he has always given written orders to the maistry regarding the work (partly as he was unacquainted with Telugu), the maistry should not have accepted anything but a written order for the irregularity. He also points out that as the maistry had a brother employed by the munsif at the time as a mason, he would be much more interested in the Government mortar being supplied to the munsif's house than the overseer was, and more likely to permit the Government mill being used by the munsif.

8. From a careful examination of all the evidence forthcoming, the case resolves itself as follows :—

(*a*) That a gross irregularity has been committed in permitting private lime to be ground in a Government mortar mill and stacked in the same shed with the Government mortar, by which the Government have sustained a loss of 3 garces and 2 purras of lime, valued at Rs. 45-8-0.

(*b*) That a portion, if not the whole, of this lime must have been misappropriated, has been established by the trial before the sub-magistrate.

(*c*) That the responsibility for the irregularity rests either with the overseer or the maistry, or with both.

9. As already stated, it will be difficult, if not impossible, to prove anything before a court of law, and the case must consequently be dealt with departmentally. There is no doubt of the complicity of the maistry, whether with or without the consent of the overseer; he should not have allowed the munsif's lime to be ground in the Government mill without reporting the matter to higher authority, and as he has been proved to be an interested party, the inference is that he must have connived at

the misappropriation of the lime. The gumastah and the store-watcher are scarcely less culpable than the maistry, and I have consequently ordered all three to be permanently dismissed from the department.

10. As regards the overseer, if it could be sufficiently proved that he gave his consent either tacitly or openly to the grinding of private mortar in the Government mill, I would have no alternative but to recommend his immediate dismissal. The overseer was, however, in immediate charge of the work and he has been culpably negligent in not detecting the gross irregularity. I would therefore suggest that he be reduced to the 2nd grade of overseer, and further that he be severely reprimanded and made to make good the loss to Government of Rs. 45-8-0, and I have placed him under suspension pending your orders.

11. The sub-divisional officer, G. Venkata Row Puntulu, Temporary Assistant Engineer, bears an extremely good character, as a perusal of his record will show. He had only lately taken charge of a very heavy sub-division in the very midst of the working season, and was further handicapped by having, in charge of his other section, Overseer Coghlan, who has not turned out a very active overseer so far, and whose conduct I have already brought to your notice.

The delay of the sub-divisional officer in disposing of this case is, however, reprehensible; but, taking all the circumstances of the case into consideration, it will probably be sufficient to warn the Puntulu to be more careful in the future, especially in dealing with young and inexperienced subordinate.

Order—dated 5th November 1885, No. 2609 W., Public Works.

The action taken by the Superintending Engineer in respect to the maistry, gumastah, and store-watcher, as reported in paragraph 9 of his letter above recorded, is confirmed.

2. The Government agree with the Superintending Engineer that, at the least, Temporary Overseer Sesha Iyengar was guilty of culpable negligence in the matter, and accordingly direct that he be reduced to the second grade, and that he make good the loss of Rs. 45-8-0, as recommended by the Superintending Engineer. The overseer should be severely reprimanded, and warned that his retention in Government employ will depend on his future conduct.

3. The sub-divisional officer, G. Venkata Row Puntulu, will be informed that the Government notice with displeasure the delay that has occurred in the disposal of the case, for which he is mainly responsible. He will be warned to be more careful in future.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, I Circle, with twenty-five enclosures returned.
,, Examiner, Public Works Accounts.

Exd. J. Henricus.
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1885.

P. W. DEPARTMENT.

Current No. 10224.

From The S E I Circle

ENCLOS.—

No. 1714 G.D.

Dated 20-11-85

Received 26-11-85

SUBJECT.

T. Periah Naidu Sub-Overseer — forwarding for sanction copy of a letter from the Godavari Western Divn Officer recommending travelling allowance for —

DISPOSAL.

No. 27238 Dated 30th Nov/85

To C/ For favor of remarks.

Overseer Sesha Iyengars case was disposed of in G.O. No. 2609 W. 5.11.85.

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No. 290

Executive Engrs Office,
Godavari Western Division
7th November 1885

From,

The Executive Engineer
Western Dn Godavari.

To,

The Superintending Engineer
1st Circle.

Sir,

With reference to G.O No. 2605 W. dated 24th October 1884, I have the honor to recommend that Sub Overseer T. Periah Naidu may draw Travelling allowance, as if he were an Overseer, from the date of Overseer T.S. Sesha Iyangar's suspension 20-9-85 until Sesha Iyangar's case is settled.

2. Sub Overseer T. Periah Naidu has been in charge of works of the Undi and Venkiah canals and has been carrying out his duties satisfactorily

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(Sd) G. F. Handcock
Executive Engineer

No. 1714 G.D.

Copy submitted to the Chief Engr P. W. Department with the request that the recommendation made by the Godavari Western Division Officer may be sanctioned. The suspension of Overseer Sesha Iyangar has bee reported to the Chief Engineer in this office letter No. 1437 G. D dated 3d October. T. Periah Naidu is a Sub-Overseer 1st Grade.

No. 1 DEC 1885 ENCLOSURES P. W. ACCOUNTS

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W. Mathews Asstt Engr.
For Supdt. Engr. 1st Circle.

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20th November 1885. }

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No. 2723 D
Chepauk,
30th Nov/85

To C

R. No. 686
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For favor of remarks

Overseer Sesha Iyengar's case was disposed of in GO No. 2609 W d/ 5-11-85

27/11/85

No. 709. of 4th ~~Dec~~/85 DW

To W.

The duties of a Sub Overseer are almost similar to that of overseers, and under the circumstances, it is for Government to consider whether the grant to Sub Overseer T. Periah Naidu of the travelling allowance of an overseer is admissible. He has already been granted by the Superintending Engineer a conveyance or horse allowance of Rs. 15/. per mensem, under Section 29 Rule 6 of the Civil Travelling Allowance Code.

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2605 W / 24/10/85
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1935 W / 12/8/80
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FROM,

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER
FIRST CIRCLE.

Incl. ~~10224~~
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TO,

THE CHIEF ENGINEER
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

DATED 20th
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No. 1714 G. D.

ENCLOSURES.

T. Periah Naidu.— Sub Overseer — Forwards for sanction copy of a letter from the Godavari Western Division Officer recommending to draw Travelling allowance for—

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No. 2923 W

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 7th Decr/85

READ the following

From the Supdg Engr I Circle H. E. No. 1714 G. D. d/20th Novr 1885.
From the Examiner P. W. Accts .. No. 709 d/ 4th Decr 1885.

The Examiner P. W. Accounts is authorized to pass to Sub overseer T. Periah Naidu the travelling allowance of an overseer for the period during which he performed overseer T. S. Sesha Iyengar's duties

5.12.85

To
The Supdg Engr I Circle
" Examr P. W. Accounts

Despd 8-12-85.

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P. W. DEPARTMENT.

Current No. *68*

From

The Supdg. Engr. I Circle

ENCLOS.—

No. *2356 G.D.*

Dated *31st December 1886*

Received *3d January 1887*

SUBJECT.

Mr. H. Atkinson, Sub Overseer 1st grade Requests to obtain sanction of Govt. to draw Travelling Allowance to — for the time he acted as an Overseer in Western division —

DISPOSAL.

No. *51* Dated *8th Jany 1*

To
C.

For favor of remarks.

(Sd) W. L. C. B.
D. W.
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No. *2356 G.D.*

FROM

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER
FIRST CIRCLE.

TO

THE CHIEF ENGINEER
Public Works Department
~~FOR IRRIGATION.~~

DOWLAISHWERAM, *31st December* 188*6*
Despd. 3—1—87

SIR,

I have the honor to request that Sanction of Government may be obtained under G. O. No. 2608 W. dated the 24th October 1884 to Mr. H. Atkinson Sub Overseer 1st Grade now employed in the Godavari Western Division, drawing the Travelling allowance of an Overseer from the 23d June to 8th November 1885 he having been placed in charge of an Overseer's Section and duties during the above period; this arrangement the Western Division Officer found it absolutely necessary to make.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant
C. Tewall
CV. Superintending Engineer 1st Circle