GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Establishment.

READ—the following papers:—

From Colonel W. H. BURTON, R.E., Officiating Superintending Engineer, V Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Chepâk, 29th September 1885, No. 2791.

In reference to a certain disallowance made by Examiner, Public Works Accounts, from a travelling allowance bill from South Arcot, I have the honor to invite your attention to Section 32, Exception 1, of the Civil Travelling Allowance Code. This section requires the "necessity of the journey" in excess of 20 miles, undertaken by ministerial officers, as lascars, clerks and others, "to be certified to" by the Executive Engineer, and Section 67 states "that the amount of mileage claimed by each is not to exceed the actual expenses incurred within the specified class rate." But the Examiner cannot tell whether the amount claimed has been spent unless the Executive Engineer certifies that it has been, and as the Executive Engineer cannot, as a rule, certify as to how a journey by a lascar, &c., has been performed, he cannot certify as to the expenditure incurred. Section 67 does not actually say that a certificate of the amount spent is to be given, and the Executive Engineer, South Arcot, in fact says he has no means of becoming acquainted with the actual expenses incurred by each lascar, peon, &c., in their journeys.

2. I have therefore the honor to request you to inform me what certificates the Executive Engineers should be required to give in respect to the journeys on duty performed by their clerks, lascars, &c.

Office note from the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 13th October 1885, No. 553.

The accompanying copy of disallowance list gives the disallowance referred to, with Colonel Prendergast's remarks, dated the 11th July 1885.

2. Ministerial officers, including menial servants, can exchange daily allowance for road mileage only on the conditions noted in Exception 1 to Section 32 of the Civil Travelling Allowance Code, when the head of the office has to furnish the certificate prescribed by that rule. The amount admissible, as mileage in the case of ministerial servants, is however limited to actual travelling expenses not exceeding the rate for the class (*vide* Section 67).

3. The invariable practice has been to claim the mileage rate for the class, *i.e.*, the maximum admissible, and a certificate is furnished to the effect that the actual expenses are equivalent to the mileage rate.

4. If Government approve, the accompanying certificate may be adopted to meet Section 32, Exception 1, and Section 67 of the Civil Travelling Allowance Code.

ENCLOSURE.

CERTIFICATE under Section 32, Exception 1, and Section 67 of the Civil Travelling Allowance Code.

I certify that was required to travel at a more rapid rate than 20 miles a day on the , and that I have satisfied myself that the amount claimed Rs. is the actual cost of locomotion paid by him for travelling on the days stated.

Executive Engineer.

NOTE.—The mileage rate for the class is not, however, to be exceeded.

ORDER—dated 22nd October 1885, No. 2492 W., Public Works.

The certificate suggested by the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, is approved for adoption.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, V Circle.
To other Superintending Engineers.
To the Superintending Engineer, Tank Maintenance Scheme.
" Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
" Consulting Architect to Government.
" Examiner, Public Works Accounts, with one enclosure.

Exd. J. Henricus.
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GENERAL.
ESTABLISHMENT.

Govt. of {1885} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated October, 22nd.

Recd. *Encl.*

G.O., 22nd Oct. 1885, No. 2492 W.

OCTOBER.

Travelling Allowance

Form of certificate suggested by the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, required under Section 32, Exception 1, and Section 67 of the Civil Travelling Allowance Code, approved for adoption.

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P. W. DEPARTMENT.

Current No. 8246

From

The Govt. of India
P. W. Dept.

ENCLOS.—

6. No. VII Public Works
Dated 5th October 1886
Received 22 — a —

SUBJECT.

Points out the necessity of exercising a stricter and more equal control over mileage charges of ministerial officers and menials.

DISPOSAL.

No. 372 Dated 23d Oct. 1886.

To 6

For favor of remarks as to the practice in this Presidency.

(Sd) J. H. W
22.10.86

(Sd) D. M. C.
22.10.86.

Desp. 23.10.86

C. A. P.

Will you kindly let me know whether you have received in this dept, Govt. of India Finance & Commerce Resolution No. 3073 of 13. 9. 86, - & if so, whether you are passing thereon orders which will be applicable to all depts of Govt.

We have received the Resolution through G. of I. P. W. Dept, but if you are issuing orders of general application, it would be well for us to hold our hands.

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6.11.86

+ Travelling allces of ministerial Offrs.

C. A. W.

This has been made a Finance Committee

matter - on which orders will issue in due course in the Financial Dept. It would therefore, I think, be premature for the S. W. Dept. to take action.

R. S.
6. 11. 86

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Proposed to await orders from Fin. Dept

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[*For Heads of Departments.*]

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Circular No. VII Public Works.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

GENERAL.

Simla, October 5, 1886.

The Governments of Madras, Bombay, Bengal, the North-Western Provinces and Oudh, and the Punjab.
The Chief Commissioners of the Central Provinces, Burma, 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 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 Director, Persian Gulf Telegraph.
The Superintendent of Works, Simla Imperial Circle.

The following is forwarded to the Local Governments, Administrations and Officers noted on the margin for information and guidance.

By order,

A B Sampson

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India.

No. 3073, dated 13th September 1886.

Resolution by the Government of India, Department of Finance and Commerce.

READ—

Extract (paragraph 26) from a Note by the Finance Committee on the subject of travelling allowance.

"In the case of ministerial officers, a further restriction is, we consider, required in the shape of the prescription, by the Local Government or other controlling authority, of scales of carriage which shall not be exceeded in the calculation of actual travelling expenses. The grant of the full mileage rates allowed for the respective classes is not, we understand, at all uncommon. These rates are sufficient to pay for two carts in most parts of the country for a clerk drawing more than Rs. 100 per mensem, and in some districts would cover the cost of four carts. It will probably be admitted that a man of this class in life would not think of employing more than one cart to convey himself and his baggage on tour, if he had to pay the cost himself. Similarly in the case of peons,—if even as many as four or five of them had to make a forced march, and had to pay cart hire themselves, it is safe to assume that they would take it in turns to ride, and so would manage to make one cart do for all. As the rule stands, they might in some districts engage a cart apiece on an anna a mile. It is not probable that they often, or ever, do so; but mileage is undoubtedly not unfrequently passed on the supposition that they have done so. We think the attention of the Local Governments or other controlling authority, should be drawn to the necessity of exercising a stricter and more equal control over these charges."

ORDER—Ordered, that this extract be communicated to the Departments, Governments, and officers mentioned below, with the request that they will give full consideration to the suggestions of the Committee and take such action as they may deem necessary to secure the object aimed at, reporting the action taken to the Government of India in the Finance Department.

1. All Departments of the Government of India, except the Legislative.
2. All Local Governments and Administrations.
3. The Director General of Post Office.
4. The Commissioner of Northern India Salt Revenue.

To The Secretary to the Govt. of Madras
P.W. Department

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25-10-86.

No. 3727 C of 23rd Oct. 86

To 6

For favor of remarks as to the practice in this Presidency.

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22/10/86. W.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

GENERAL.

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Circular No. VII Public Works.

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GOVT. OF MADRAS. } 1886. { P. W. DEPT.

EXAMINER, P. W. ACCOUNTS.

Madras, 4th November 1886.

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OFFICE NOTE No. 553

Enclosure

To

W.

Your O. N. No. 3727 C. dated 23rd. October 1886.

The practice in this Presidency has been to admit claims to actual expenses not exceeding the mileage rate for the class, preferred by ministerial Officers (Clerks and inferior servants) on a certificate from the Executive Engineer or other head of Office to the effect that the clerk$ or inferior servant$ was required to travel at a more rapid rate than 20 miles a day and that the Executive Engineer or Head of Office has satisfied himself that the amounts claimed are the actual cost of locomotion paid by them for travelling on the days stated, vide G. O. No. 2492 W. dated 22nd. October 1886. Mileage rates are never-theless frequently claimed as actual expenses and are admitted on the responsibility of the Executive

and Supg. Engineers, who sign the above certificate.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

GENERAL.

All communications should be addressed to the Secretary.

To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras
Public Works Department.

Fort William, 2nd February 1887.

Sir,

I am directed to request that the action taken on Public Works Department Circular No. VII, Public Works, dated 5th October 1886, regarding the necessity of exercising a stricter and more equal control over mileage charges of ministerial officers and peons, may be reported to this office on an early date.

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

G H Walker

Offg: Under Secy: to the Govt of India
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To the Secy. to the Govt. of India
P.W. Dept.

Sir,

In reply to your letter No. 244 dy dated 2nd February 1887, I am directed to forward a copy of the Pro. of the Govt. in the Finl. Dept. No. 1188 dated 16th November 1886, with endorsement-order thereon in the P.W. Dept. No. 3163 W dy 30th Nov. 1886. showing the action taken by the Govt. on Govt. of India Financial Resolution No. 3073 dy 13th Sept. 1886, commencing

with P.W. Circulars No
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