

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Establishment.

READ—the following papers:—

From H. S. TAYLOR, Esq., Executive Engineer, Periyár Project Division, to the Superintending Engineer, VI Circle, dated Thekumalai, 26th September 1887, No. 3 P.P.

I have the honor to request that Government may be moved to allow some concession to be made with regard to the drawing of salaries of the officer and upper subordinates of this division.

2. The great inconvenience of drawing money at, and making remittances from, the next treasury, which is Periyakulam, nearly 50 miles away from our head-quarters, is so sufficiently obvious as hardly to require any further explanation of my reason for asking for some sort of concession under the special circumstances.

3. Under existing rules the salary cheque for the division must be drawn at Periyakulam; an officer having received his cheque has to send it 50 miles to the treasury. He then probably wants to remit most of the money elsewhere, as the current expenses are naturally not greatest on the spot. He therefore has to send a series of money orders, which entails the risk of constant carriage of money backwards and forwards besides the loss by commission.

4. As it would probably be most convenient to all to have their salaries at their disposal in Madras, I would suggest that a whole or a portion of the salary of each member of the officer and upper subordinate establishment who wished it, and of the clerks also if they wished it, be drawn in the Presidency division and debited in transfer to this division.

5. The simplest manner of doing this, which occurs to me, is for the salary bill to be made out on the first of each month in this division, bearing on it the amount to be paid locally and that to be paid in Madras. The latter, for convenience sake, might be a fixed proportion. The portion paid in Madras would be drawn by ordinary cheque and paid into the bank or to agents, or drawn by power-of-attorney by the representative of the payee.

6. In any case I beg that the proposal may be considered, and that, if possible, this constantly recurring inconvenience due to our isolated position may be removed.

No. 240 P.R.

Submitted to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, for favorable consideration.

2. I cannot too strongly urge the advisability of some such concession as that asked for by Mr. Taylor; personally I do not feel the inconvenience complained of, as I can draw my salary at any treasury in the circle, and my agents have representatives in Tanjore, Trichinopoly and Madura, to whom money can be paid, but I know from former experience how serious the inconvenience is.

3. In 1868-69 a similar request was preferred on behalf of the officers then employed on the Periyár investigations, but rejected on grounds which, if my memory does not fail me, amounted practically to no more than that compliance would entail a little extra trouble on the Account department. It is hoped that a different view will now be taken.

4. It must be borne in mind that the local expenditure of officers and subordinates in the Periyár valley is almost *nil*, even bread having to be obtained from a distance of 49 miles, and that some means for the transfer of money is therefore a necessity.

5. The arrangement suggested in paragraph 5 of Mr. Taylor's letter seems as convenient as any, but the exact details of the course to be followed could be settled without difficulty in communication with the Examiner, Public Works Accounts.

6. When a treasury is established at Ootamapolliam, the inconvenience now suffered will of course be diminished, but only to a very slight extent.

THECKADY,
8th October 1887.

(Signed) J. PENNYCUICK, Lieut.-Col., R.E.,
Superintending Engineer, VI Circle.

No. 693.

Orders of the Government of India will be necessary, and, if the proposal is approved, the simplest plan will probably be to give the Executive Engineer, Periyár, a credit at the Madras Bank Treasury.

MADRAS,
25th October 1887.

(Signed) C. H. P. CHRISTIE, Major, R.E.,
Examiner, Public Works Accounts.

ORDER—dated 7th November 1887, No. 2949 W., Public Works.

Ordered that the Government of India be addressed.

(Here enter No. 2950 W., dated 7th November 1887.)

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. O. HASTED, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineer, VI Circle
„ Examiner, Public Works Accounts.

LETTER—to the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department,
dated Fort St. George, 7th November 1887, No. 2950 W.

In forwarding, for the information of the Government of India, copies of the accompanying correspondence on the subject of the inconvenience experienced by the Public Works staff employed on the Periyár project in drawing their salaries from the nearest treasury, some fifty miles distant from head-quarters, I am to request that, under the circumstances represented, authority may be communicated to a certain proportion of the salaries being paid at Madras, the Examiner having reported that the arrangement requires the sanction of the Government of India.

(Signed) J. O. HASTED, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

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Dated November, 7th.

Recd.

Encl.

**G.O., 7th Nov. 1887, Nos. 2949,
2950 W.**

NOVEMBER.

Periyar Project

Salaries of the Public Works staff employed on the —. The Government of India requested to authorise a proportion of the — being paid at Madras.

23RD JANUARY 1888, No. 273 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

**General.
Account.**

READ—the following letter from Colonel A. FILGATE, R.E., Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department (Account—General), to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Calcutta, 17th January 1888, No. 17 A.G.:—

In reply to your letter No. 2950 W., of the 7th November 1887, I am directed to state that, under the special circumstances explained, the Government of India is pleased to approve of the Executive Engineer of the Periyar Project division being allowed a separate drawing account at Madras, to enable him to pay by cheques a certain proportion of the salaries of the Public Works staff employed in that division.

ORDER—dated 23rd January 1888, No. 273 W., Public Works.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer, Periyar Project, and the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, with reference to G.O., No. 2950 W., dated 7th November 1887.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

H. R. MEAD, Colonel, R.E.,
Joint Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineer, Periyar Project.
„ Examiner, Public Works Accounts.

Exd. J. Moses.
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Govt. of 1888 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated January, 23rd.

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 23rd Jan. 1888, No. 273 W.

JANUARY.

Periyar Project

Letter from Government of India approving of the Executive Engineer, Periyar division, being allowed a separate drawing account at Madras to enable him to pay by cheques a certain proportion of the salaries of the Public Works staff employed in that division, communicated to the Superintending Engineer, Periyar Project, and the Examiner, Public Works Accounts.

Copy of letter from the Superintendent of works Periyar Project, to the Examiner & W. Accounts, Madras, No 21 P.A. dated 7th April 1888.

With reference to your letter No 352 S.E. 6th dated 27th March 1888, I have the honor to state my opinion that the removal of Head Quarters to Madras for a couple of months or so during the year should not interfere with the grant of credit on the Bank of Madras as the ^{necessity} necessary for it still exists and it is most desirable that I should have it whether the Head Quarters of the Periyar Division is above or below the ghat, not only for the convenience of the establishment, but also in order to pay for goods supplied by firms in Madras.

/ True Copy

Wm. Allen
For Supt. Correspondence Branch.

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See the reason why the credit of at Madras should be with drawn, during the short time the Madras is the head quarters. It will doubtless be in convenient to them to be deprived of the concession for the two or three months they are without from the bill. For order.

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16.4.88

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OF MADRAS. }

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EXAMINER, P. W. ACCOUNTS.

Madras, 14 APRIL 1888.

OFFICE NOTE No. 1345

Enc: 1To
W.

IN FORWARDING HEREWITH COPY OF
LETTER NO. 21 P.R. DATED 7TH. APRIL
1888 FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF WORKS
PERIYAR PROJECT, I BEG TO STATE THAT
AS THE CREDIT AT MADRAS WAS SANCTION-
ED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ON THE
GROUNDS SET FORTH IN THE CORRESPONDENCE
PRINTED WITH G.O. NO. 2949 W. DATED 7TH.
NOVEMBER 1887, I CONSIDERED THAT THE
CREDIT SHOULD CEASE ON THE RETURN OF
THE ESTABLISHMENT TO MADURA AND IN-
FORMED THE SUPERINTENDENT OF WORKS
ACCORDINGLY, BUT HE CONSIDERS THAT FOR
THE CONVENIENCE OF THE ESTABLISHMENT
AND ABLE HIM TO PAY FIRMS IN
MADRAS, THE CREDIT SHOULD BE CONTINUED.

2. I SEE NO OBJECTION TO THE
CREDIT BEING STILL ALLOWED IF ITS USE
IS CONFINED TO THE LATTER PURPOSE, BUT
THAT IT SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED FOR PAY-
MENT OF ESTABLISHMENTS EXCEPT WHEN

KEEP-WITH

Genl. No.

dated

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Chas 3507

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order and allow to be
made on the credit to
stand in penail.

19.11.88

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273 W. 23-1-88

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WISH THE SPECIAL SANCTION OF THE
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA AS LONG AS THE
HEAD QUARTERS OF THE DIVISION IS AT
MADURA THERE IS NO OCCASION FOR
SPECIAL CONVENIENCES.

O.N.C. No. 25

[Signature]

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1210 W. d/23-4-1888
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20 Apr 1888

The Government see no
reason to withdraw the sanction
for the short period the
establishment may be at
Madura, nor do they consider
that a further reference to
the Government of India is
necessary, the sanction conveyed
in G.O. No 273 W. d/23-January
1888 being unconditional.

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No 1210 W. d/23-4-1888

by their stay with plans
in mind in & their with office
employed at a considerable
distance from Madras
that the execution and
not to return for the time
J.M.

B. Day

W.C.M.
17.4.88

24/4/88
18/4/88

The Suptt of Works, Periyar Project
Examiner P. W. Luthi

With Order

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